

# **MOM FIGHT CLUB**

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INT. HOUSE #1 - BATHROOM - DAY

**FLASHFORWARD:** A fierce, caring mom, EMILIA SMITH (32), puts makeup on her bruised face. She glares at the mirror, slams the makeup on the counter.

INT. HOUSE #1 - KITCHEN - DAY

A kid drawing hangs on the fridge. Emilia rushes to cook breakfast. Her lively girl, JOLI SMITH (8), runs around, wearing pjs.

EMILIA  
(to self)  
Get Joli on the bus, run errands,  
clean, search for a job.

Joli watches her cook.

JOLI  
Need help!?

EMILIA  
No thanks, sweetie.

Emilia notices Joli's pjs.

EMILIA (CONT'D)  
Why did you put on pjs?

JOLI  
They're comfortable!

EMILIA  
Go get changed.

Joli runs out.

EMILIA (CONT'D)  
Wait, come eat!

Emilia grabs mail off the table, sees an envelope from a bank. Her heart drops. She pulls out a foreclosure notice. She covers her mouth as she reads, fighting back tears.

INT. HOUSE #1 - KITCHEN - DAY

Emilia searches "*chef jobs*" on a laptop. It dies. She tries to power it on. Nothing. She sighs, frustrated.

EMILIA  
Where's my break?

Someone rings the doorbell.

LIVING ROOM

Someone knocks playfully. Emilia opens the front door. Her humorous, lively bestie, DAKOTA GREENE (32), bounces in, sporting a black eye.

                    DAKOTA  
Sup, homie!?

                    EMILIA  
What happened to your eye?

Dakota touches her black eye.

                    DAKOTA  
I thought I covered it with makeup.  
I gotta be more careful.

Emilia balls up her fists.

                    EMILIA  
Did Brian hit you?

                    DAKOTA  
What? No. Never. I got this at --  
is anyone here?

                    EMILIA  
No.

Dakota shuts the door, points to her black eye.

                    DAKOTA  
I got this at Mom Fight Club.

Emilia stares at her, baffled.

                    EMILIA  
Mom Fight Club?

                    DAKOTA  
Yeah. It's a tag-team fight club.  
Mama Bear started it. People watch  
all over the world. We get paid a  
lot.

                    EMILIA  
How much?

DAKOTA

Depends on the fight. The more hype it has, the more money you get. I just fought. My split was one thousand two fifty.

Dakota takes \$1,250 out her purse, holds out \$400 for Emilia to take. Emilia shakes her head.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Hey, the mom I fought with just quit! You can be my new partner!

EMILIA

Do they have single matches?

DAKOTA

Nope. Just tag team.

EMILIA

I'll pass.

DAKOTA

Come on. You need the money. We both do.

Emilia thinks, looks at the foreclosure notice and bills on a center table. Dakota waves her money.

INT. HOUSE #2 - DINING ROOM - DAY

Emilia sits with a serious, fierce mom (MAMA BEAR, 35). Mama Bear's buff arms type on a laptop. Emilia sees a photo of a lively boy (10).

EMILIA

Is he your son?

MAMA BEAR

Yes. Archie.

EMILIA

He has a lot of energy. Like my daughter.

MAMA BEAR

Too much.

EMILIA

Why did you start a fight club? And why moms?

MAMA BEAR

Single mom, tough job market,  
bills. Fight clubs make a lot of  
money. Why moms? I know a lot of  
moms.

EMILIA

Won't people recognize me on the  
videos?

MAMA BEAR

No. I change the faces before  
uploading, and everyone gets a  
fight name... You're in.

Emilia sighs, relieved.

MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)

What's your fight name?

EMILIA

Solo.

MAMA BEAR

Ok, Solo. Rule #1: "*Fight to win,  
not injure.*" Rule #2: "*You must be  
tagged in order to fight.*" Rule #3:  
"*You win by knockout or tap out.*"

Emilia nods.

MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)

The last two rules. Rule #4: "*Don't  
tell anyone about Mom Fight Club  
unless you trust them.*" Rule #5:  
"*Don't tell people where I live.*"  
If you do...

Mama Bear puts up a fist.

EMILIA

Ok. When is my first fight?

INT. HOUSE #2 - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Big room. Colored lights flash. Cameras sit on furniture. The  
center table is gone.

## BATHROOM

Emilia boxes the air, wearing boxing shorts, boxing shoes, and "hook and loop" gloves (the kind she can put on and take off by herself).

Dakota swings a toilet brush, practicing for the fight. She wears a tee, sweat pants, and sneakers.

## LIVING ROOM

Mama Bear stands in the middle, dressed as a ref.

Emilia and Dakota stand on one side of the room. Two entitled, annoying moms, KAREN and KAREN (both 40), stand on the other side.

The Karens wear mom clothes.

**APPEARS ON SCREEN:** *"SOLO and WEAPON vs. KAREN and KAREN"*

DAKOTA  
(to Emilia)  
Five thousand dollars.

MAMA BEAR  
Solo. Karen Number One. You're first.

Emilia and Karen #1 approach each other.

KAREN #1  
We're going to win because we deserve to.

EMILIA  
I'm going to win because I need to.

MAMA BEAR  
Are you two ready?

Emilia and Karen #1 get in fight stances. Karen #1 is a kickboxer. They nod. The colored lights turn off.

MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)  
Fight.

Emilia jabs at Karen #1. Karen #1 dodges, punches at Emilia. Emilia avoids the punch.

DAKOTA  
We got this, Solo!

Emilia right hooks. Karen #1 ducks it. Emilia jabs Karen #1 a few times, uppercuts Karen #1.

KAREN #2  
That's unacceptable, Karen!  
Unacceptable!!!

DAKOTA  
Calm down, Karen!

Karen #1 kickboxes. Emilia blocks the kicks. Karen #1 hits her with a big kick. Emilia falls on a sofa, shakes her head.

Karen #1 hops on Emilia, pounds Emilia's face with punches. Emilia blocks, but punches get through.

KAREN #1  
That cash is ours!

Dakota reaches out to Emilia.

DAKOTA  
Tag me in!

EMILIA  
No.

Karen #1 KOs Emilia. Mama Bear checks Emilia.

MAMA BEAR  
(to a camera)  
The winners are Karen and Karen.

KAREN #2  
Of course we won.

Dakota shakes her head at Emilia.

INT. HOUSE #1 - BATHROOM - DAY

Emilia puts makeup on her bruised face. She glares at the mirror, slams the makeup on the counter.

LIVING ROOM

Emilia and Joli enter the house. Emilia reads the same foreclosure notice. Joli wears a school uniform and bookbag.

JOLI  
Mom, can I have ten dollars!? We're going on a field trip!

Emilia is distracted by the notice.

INT. HOUSE #2 - KITCHEN - DAY

Colored lights flash, and cameras sit on counters. Mama Bear stands in the middle, dressed as a ref.

Emilia and Dakota stand on one side of the kitchen. A big, intimidating mom, CRUSH (31), and a small, fierce mom, LIL CRUSH (30), stand on the other side.

Lil Crush is Brazilian. She looks like a teenager. Crush and Lil Crush's clothes match.

**APPEARS ON SCREEN:** "SOLO and WEAPON vs. CRUSH and LIL CRUSH"

DAKOTA  
(to Emilia)  
Ten thousand dollars! We can't lose!

MAMA BEAR  
Weapon. Lil Crush. You're first.

Dakota and Lil Crush approach each other.

DAKOTA  
Where's your parents, little girl?

LIL CRUSH  
(Portuguese)  
We're going to crush you and Solo.

DAKOTA  
I don't know what you said, but bring it.

MAMA BEAR  
Are you two ready?

Dakota and Lil Crush get in fight stances. Lil Crush does Capoeira, a Brazilian dance/fight style.

DAKOTA  
What's that?

LIL CRUSH  
Capoeira.

MAMA BEAR  
Are you two ready?

Dakota and Lil Crush nod. The colored lights turn off.



MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)

Fight.

Dakota dashes to a counter, snatches up a wood rolling pin.

LIL CRUSH

Can't fight without weapons?

DAKOTA

I can fight. A little. But weapons  
hit harder.

Dakota swings at Lil Crush. Lil Crush backs up.

Lil Crush kicks Dakota back. Dakota rushes to her, swinging  
the pin.

Lil Crush wraps up Dakota's leg with her leg, tripping  
Dakota.

Lil Crush kicks Dakota a few times on the ground.

Emilia reaches out to Dakota. Dakota scrambles to her, tags.

Emilia runs to Lil Crush, dodges Lil Crush's kick. Emilia  
lands a right hook, and Lil Crush stumbles.

Hit, hit, hit, hit, hit! Emilia unleashes a combo on Lil  
Crush. Dakota cheers. Crush grunts, stomps.

Lil Crush spin kicks. Emilia ducks it, uppercuts Lil Crush.  
Lil Crush crashes to the floor.

Crush reaches out. Lil Crush crawls over, tags.

Crush charges at Emilia. Emilia backpedals. They end up by  
Dakota.

Emilia pounds Crush's belly and ribs with hits. Crush laughs.

Emilia swings. Crush catches her fist. Emilia jerks her fist  
back, trying to break free.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Uh-oh.

Emilia tries to pull her fist free.

CRUSH

You think you can get free?

Crush laughs. Dakota looks around, grabs a pan. She rushes  
over, reaches out to Emilia.

DAKOTA

Tag!

Emilia ignores Dakota. Emilia pulls and twists, trying to get her fist free.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Tag, Solo!

EMILIA

I can do it!

Emilia yanks her fist, trying to break free of Crush. Crush thrashes her with hard, slow punches. Emilia guards with her free hand.

Dakota holds out a hand, near Emilia.

DAKOTA

Solo!

Crush pummels Emilia. Dakota puts her hand in Emilia's face.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Tag me in!

EMILIA

No!

Crush bear hugs Emilia. Emilia squirms, trying to wiggle free. Dakota jumps up and down by Emilia, waving.

DAKOTA

Tag! Tag! Tag!

Emilia punches Crush's face. Crush tightens her grip on Emilia's body. Emilia taps out. Crush lets go of her.

MAMA BEAR

(to a camera)

The winners are Crush and Lil  
Crush.

LIL CRUSH

(Portuguese)

Crush! Crush! Crush!

DAKOTA

(to Emilia)

Ten. Thousand. Dollars.

Emilia hangs her head.

INT. HOUSE #1 - JOLI'S ROOM - NIGHT

Emilia watches Joli sleep. Emilia leaves, moving slow and grimacing in pain.

MAIN BEDROOM

Emilia reads the foreclosure notice, rubbing her head worried. She dials on her phone.

EMILIA  
Hi, Mama Bear. This is Solo. I'm  
sorry to call so late.

INT. HOUSE #1 - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Someone knocks seriously. Emilia answers the front door. Dakota stomps in, glaring. Emilia shuts the door.

DAKOTA  
Why do you keep calling me?

EMILIA  
I asked Mama Bear for a big fight.

DAKOTA  
Who did she pick?

EMILIA  
Ranger and GB.

DAKOTA  
Ranger and GB!? They're the  
toughest moms in the club! They  
beat Crush and Lil Crush in  
seconds!

Emilia takes out the foreclosure notice. Dakota reads it.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)  
Oh no.

EMILIA  
The prize is fifty thousand. It's  
going to be a tough match, but --

DAKOTA  
Yeah, it's gonna be tough! GB  
stands for "Green Beret"! And  
Ranger is an Army Ranger!

EMILIA

But I have a plan. I'll beat one  
and keep her away from the other.  
That way she can't tag.

Dakota rubs her forehead, stressed.

DAKOTA

Tag-team fight club. I'm there to  
help you. You're there to help me.  
If you don't tag, we can't win. Not  
against them.

EMILIA

I can do it myself.

DAKOTA

Why can't you just tag me? It's  
easy.

EMILIA

It's not easy.

Dakota slaps Emilia's hand.

DAKOTA

Yes, it is. It's that easy.

EMILIA

No, it's not.

DAKOTA

Why?

EMILIA

Because.

DAKOTA

Because what!?

EMILIA

Because!!!

Dakota waits for her to say more. Emilia stares ahead,  
digging up an old, painful memory.

EMILIA (CONT'D)

Some man offered me a ride when I  
was fifteen. Right after I ran  
away. He attacked me, and I... I  
was almost...

Dakota gasps, horrified.

DAKOTA

No.

Emilia nods. She breaks down, sobs.

EMILIA

I should've never got in his car.

Dakota hugs her.

DAKOTA

I'm sorry. I'm so, so sorry.

They hug a while.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Not everyone who offers help is gonna hurt you.

Emilia slows up her crying, thinks.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

We need to win this fight.  
Especially you. Where will Joli live if you lose the house?

Emilia looks at the foreclosure notice in Dakota's hand.  
Emilia slowly holds out a hand.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

My homie!

Dakota slaps Emilia's hand.

INT. HOUSE #2 - ATTIC - DAY

Flashing colored lights fill the attic. Cameras sit on boxes and furniture. Mama Bear stands in the middle, the ref.

Emilia and Dakota stand on one side. Two vicious soldier moms, RANGER and GB (both 35), stand on the other side.

Ranger and GB wear army green tees, fatigue pants, and boots.

**APPEARS ON SCREEN:** "SOLO and WEAPON vs. RANGER and GB"

DAKOTA

(to Emilia)

Fifty thousand.

MAMA BEAR

Solo. Ranger. You're first.

Emilia and Ranger approach, glare at each other.

MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)  
Are you two ready?

Emilia and Ranger get in fight stances. They nod. The colored lights turn off.

MAMA BEAR (CONT'D)  
Fight.

Ranger uses military hand-to-hand combat. Emilia backs up, not sure how to react.

Ranger strikes Emilia with a two-piece. Emilia stumbles. Dakota holds out a hand.

DAKOTA  
Tag.

Ranger knees Emilia, flips Emilia to the floor. Emilia rolls as Ranger stomps. Dakota draws back her hand.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)  
Never mind.

Emilia gets to her feet. Ranger sweep kicks, but Emilia hops back, avoiding it.

Ranger unleashes a vicious combo on Emilia. Emilia blocks, but punches and kicks get through.

Dakota grabs a baseball bat out a box, holds out a hand.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)  
Tag!

Emilia looks at Dakota. **SLOW MOTION.**

DAKOTA (V.O.)  
(in Emilia's mind)  
Not everyone who offers help is gonna hurt you.

DAKOTA (V.O.)  
(in Emilia's mind)  
Where will Joli live if you lose the house?

**NORMAL SPEED.** Emilia, being struck by Ranger, stares at Dakota's hand.

DAKOTA  
Tag me!

Emilia runs over, tags Dakota. Dakota grabs a toy out a box. She races toward Ranger, screaming.

Dakota throws the toy as a distraction. Dakota swings the bat, hits Ranger's arm. Ranger nurses it.

Dakota swings. Ranger dodges, trips over a box. Dakota hits her leg with the bat. Ranger grimaces in pain. Dakota strikes her leg.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

I'm really sorry for hitting a veteran.

Ranger kicks Dakota. Dakota stumbles. Ranger gets up limping. Dakota swings wildly. Ranger dodges, getting hit a few times.

Ranger tags GB. GB charges at Dakota. Dakota swings. GB takes her bat, throws it.

Dakota runs to a box, looks in. GB chases her in circles. GB grabs her shirt. Dakota wiggles free.

Dakota finds a broom against a wall, thrusts it at GB. GB spins, avoids it.

GB kicks Dakota. Dakota drops. GB gets on top, uses military hand-to-hand combat. Dakota blocks, but it's no use.

DAKOTA (CONT'D)

Help! Help!

Emilia runs over. Dakota tags. Emilia knocks GB off Dakota with a hard hook. Emilia helps Dakota up.

EMILIA

Fast tag. Understand?

DAKOTA

Sounds straightforward.

Dakota picks up the broom. Emilia and Dakota face GB.

MAMA BEAR

Make sure whoever's fighting is tagged.

Emilia attacks GB with punches, tags Dakota. Dakota attacks GB with the broom, tags Emilia. GB blocks some hits.

Ranger rushes to GB, holds out a hand.

RANGER

Tag!

GB is too busy blocking to tag. Emilia and Dakota attack her in turns, tagging each other.

Emilia KOs GB. Mama Bear checks GB.

MAMA BEAR  
(to a camera)  
The winners are Solo and Weapon.

Emilia and Dakota bounce around the attic, celebrating.

INT. HOUSE #1 - KITCHEN - DAY

**CAPTION:** Three weeks later

Joli bounces at the table, coloring. Emilia brings her food.

EMILIA  
What are you drawing?

JOLI  
You! At your new job!

The drawing is Emilia in a chef outfit. Her phone rings.

DAKOTA (PHONE)  
Sup, homie!? We got another fight!

**END**