

MOM #1

(Opening Monologue & Scene)

Danny’s House.
Anywhere in America.
Today.

The Kitchen.

Danny is a young boy (played by a girl) who is very likable, good natured, intelligent – with a big imagination. But he is not someone who is open to trying something new – and he can be rather stubborn about this. He has told his Mom and Dad that he does not like eating vegetables and he has no intention of even trying them.

Here, at the beginning of the show, Danny sits at the dinner table.

Danny’s Mom enters. It is obvious that Mom loves Danny.
She acts as our narrator.

Mom is enthusiastic, positive, patient, loving and understanding.

[FYI: Later, Mom & Dad will come up with a plan. Unbeknownst to Danny, Dad disguises himself in a monster costume. Danny has no idea that it’s his Dad. The monster approaches Danny and agrees to eat Danny’s peas on one condition: Danny must give up something in return. To this point in the show, Danny’s deals with the monster have cost him his soccer ball and his new bike.]

MOM *(to the audience)*

Our Danny is a great kid. He gets good grades at school. Always does his homework. You should see him out on the soccer field. And of course he's best friends with Ralph...*(explains)*...Oh, that's our dog. Yes, I'd say – Danny is just about perfect... Well,... not quite. There's one ... 'small' problem. And it always seems to happen right at the end of dinnertime.

(calling straight out)

...Oh Danny, don't forget...Eat your peas, or you won't get any dessert.

DANNY

Peas? ... Sorry, but before I eat peas, I'd rather eat dirt.

MOM *(to the audience)*

See? That's how it goes almost every night at dinnertime.

(turns and crosses to Danny)

...All right, young man – you may leave the table...and go to your room.

DANNY

Mom!

MOM

You heard me.

DANNY

But I was going to kick my new soccer ball around the yard!

MOM

Not tonight.

DANNY

No fair.

MOM

That's the way life is sometimes.

DANNY

Oh!...I wish...I wish I had some kind of monster or something who could do stuff for me like eat my peas!

MOM

There is no such thing as monsters.

DANNY

Yes, there is!

Monsters? Really? MOM

It could happen. DANNY

It's not going to happen. Now march. MOM

Oh. DANNY

(Danny storms out.)

MOM
See? It seems a losing battle. But Dad and I consider it a challenge. And a challenge can be...(thinks)...well...sometimes it can be kind of fun.

END OF SIDE.