

MOM and DANNY #2

(A Brand New You)

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.

Mom & Dad have come up with a plan. Unbeknownst to Danny, Dad disguises himself in a monster costume. Danny doesn’t recognize that the monster is actually 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’s happy because all she sees is Danny’s nice, clean dinner plate. Danny’s secret scheme is working.

However, in the middle of the show, Danny is beginning to feel guilty about this little trick he’s been playing on his Mom.

Mom is enthusiastic, positive, patient, loving, and understanding. It is obvious that Mom loves Danny very much.

MOM

(offstage calls out, then enters)

Danny! ... Dessert time! ... Your favorite! ... Hope by now you've finally finished eating all of those...

(crosses over to table)

... Oh look, once again you ate all those peas.

DANNY

Yeah, I ate all those peas.

MOM

Guess you really like them now, huh?

DANNY

Oh,...ah...yeah,... sorta.

MOM

You know Danny, your father and I are very proud of you

DANNY

You are? Why?

MOM

The way you've been so good lately about eating those peas.

DANNY

Oh.

MOM

You don't argue anymore - or complain - like you're a brand new you.

DANNY

Yeah but - Mom, you'd like me even if I were still the same old me, wouldn't you?

MOM *(smiles)*

Of course. But the new you is even better.

... So - dessert time?

DANNY

No. Suddenly, I don't feel so good.

MOM

Oh, I'm sorry. ... *(an idea)* ... Hey, I know – why don't you ride your bike? That always makes you feel better.

DANNY

No, thanks. I guess I'll ... I'll just ... go out and play.

MOM

OK...well, anything you want... *(Danny begins to exit)*

...Love you.

DANNY

Yeah.

(Danny exits.)

END OF SIDE.