

ROB - EX HUSBAND TO CHARLOTTE & FATHER TO ELIZABETH

CHARACTER STUDY

Rob is Elizabeth's father and ex husband to Charlotte. In the last couple years he managed to cheat on his wife, got caught at it, ended up in a nasty divorce and paid for his girlfriends' divorce who lives with him; and, even though he is very irresponsible financially and as a parent, his daughter Elizabeth thinks he's the greatest man to walk the earth and really misses him since he's not allow to see her because of being behind in his alimony.

Rob is unemployed when he was caught falsifying production records in order to gain work bonuses so that he could keep up with his alimony and look financially stable to his girlfriend that he is at the edge with, since she doesn't completely trust him by reasons that of course are valid; he did after all cheat on his wife to date her.

Because Rob and Charlotte never got along, he sought emotional refuge through his girlfriend and resultantly cost him his home and his relationship with his daughter. The latter has caused his daughter to end up with a home life that is quite disturbing and dysfunctional with a mother who is out to bring pain to him for hurting her and the two of them constantly arguing over visitation rights and alimony.

He is at or below average intelligence but easily attracts girls who he has always used to achieve his personal goals. To say he is a user is an understatement but presently finds himself in a somewhat uncomfortable surrounding where he is now living off his girlfriend who is disturbingly about to dump him and unable to see his daughter who he cares about at least more than moderately, although not enough to pursue employment to satisfy the divorce decree and re-establish visitation rights, but instead is pleased to blame it all on Elizabeth's mother and enjoy his freedom from work, parental responsibility, and marital relationship.

SCENE READ STUDY

In the scene below, Rob has received a phone call from Charlotte, Elizabeth's mom, who is first inquiring about their daughter then later begins accusing him of the one thing he wouldn't do, that is see his daughter without the right to do so, simply because doing so places all the blame and pressure on Charlotte the mother. He does not follow Charlotte's conversation and is confused as to what is transpiring as she makes her accusations.

SCRIPT FOLLOWS.....

Charlotte is on her cell driving. She is talking to Rob.

CHARLOTTE

Rob. Did you pick up Elizabeth? I called home and she's not picking up.

ROB

Is this a joke?

CHARLOTTE

Do you think I'd call you if it was? Just answer the question.

ROB

No. Why would she be at home anyway? You pick her up right?

CHARLOTTE

Forget it. It's nothing.

ROB

If you're calling me it's not nothing.

CHARLOTTE

Look; the school had a water break and that new notification system supposedly called my cell and got me, which is a bunch of malarkey, but anyway she isn't at the school and so I thought the thing might have called you and you picked her up even though you shouldn't. Charlotte reasons. But then you would have called me right?

ROB

Right. And I never got a call.

CHARLOTTE

You're not feeding me a line are you? She's not with you is she?

ROB

I'm not in the habit of lying to you Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE

Really? I recall plenty of lies.

ROB

Not about Elizabeth.

CHARLOTTE

Ok. I'll give you that one.

ROB

Maybe your mom?

CHARLOTTE

Already called.

ROB

I will be right there.

CHARLOTTE

No. There is no cause for alarm.

ROB

Really? My daughter's not at school, she's not picking up at home, and my ex is calling me to see if she's here, obviously not knowing where she is, and it's no cause for alarm? I think the court would challenge that.

CHARLOTTE

Look you keep trying at home and I'll go to her friend Julie's she might have gone home with Julie.

ROB

Done. Call me if you find out anything.

CHARLOTTE

Ok. Bye.
Before he responds she hangs up.