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(To audience, exasperated.) OK! All right! I'm dialing. It's ringing. *(Pause.)* Dad will be fine. He'll be ok with it. He's a rock. And Kim has known for years. But Mom? Of course she'll still love me but she will most definitely judge me.

(Into phone.) Hi Mom. No. Nothing's wrong. We didn't finish our last conversation on a positive note and I wanted to tell you that I love you. *(Pause.)* I know you do. *(Pause.)* Nope. That's it. That's all I called for.

(To audience, exasperated.) What? Alright. OK.

(Into phone.) Mom, listen, I've got to tell you something. Something important. I- *(Pause.)* No I...I don't have breast cancer. *(Pause.)* Yes, I know it runs in the family. *(Pause.)* Yes, I do that in the shower. *(Pause.)* I will. When I'm 35. *(Pause.)* I know that's just next year Mom. *(Pause.)* No I don't have ovarian cancer either. Mom! I don't have any kind of cancer ok? I just wanted to tell you... *(Deep breath.)* Mom...I'm gay. *(Long pause.)* Mom? Mom?

(To Audience.) I think she hung up. Oh, wait I hear her. I think she's crying.

(Into phone.) Mom? Oh Mom...please don't cry. *(Pause.)* What? *(Pause.)* Oh...it's a happy cry? *(Confused.)* You're so happy I'm gay that you're crying? Oh, *(Understanding.)* you're happy I don't have cancer.

(Whispering loudly to audience.) She's happy I don't have cancer.

(Into phone.) Me too. *(Pause.)* No Mom, I'm not talking to my gay lover in the background. *(Shrugs shoulders at audience.)* How long? As long as I can remember. *(Pause.)* Yes, I'm sure, Mom. *(Pause.)* 100 percent. *(Pause.)* I don't know, Mom. I was waiting for the right time. Yes, Kim knows. *(Pause.)* No! Dad doesn't know. You think he could have kept that from you? He's terrible with secrets. *(Pause.)* Who? *(Pause.)* No, I don't know Mrs. Ackerman's daughter Abigail. *(Pause.)* Mom! You've known I was gay for what...two minutes...and you're already trying to set me up? *(Pause.)* OK Mom...tell me about Mrs. Ackerman's daughter if you must. *(Pause.)* Really? Is she cute?

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