

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Helen is laying on the couch with her computer on her lap designing her flyer.

Matt and the kids are sitting in a circle on the floor beside Helen.

MATT

Explain this to me,
again? What is this
game?

MARY

It's called "Honey I
love you but I just
can't smile". All you
have to do is point at
someone and say "Honey I
love you but I just
can't smile". But you
have to say it mad, sad,
silly or whatever but
you are NEVER aloud to
smile not even a little
bit or you lose and the
person that made you
smile wins. And you have
to be fast. If you
pause, you're a loser.

AL

I would win more but mom
and Mary cheat.

MARY AND HELEN

(together)

I do not!

ROBBY

(whispers to
Matt)

But they do.

MARY

(smiles sweetly
at Matt)

Wanna play?

Matt glances at Helen. She shrugs her shoulders.
Yeah, I cheat.

MATT

Sure. Who starts.

ROBBY

I will!

Robby points at Al with a sad face.

ROBBY (CONT'D)

Honey I love you but I
just can't smile.

Success!

Al points at his mom, hysterical and in dying
pain.

AL

Honey I love you but I
just can't smile.

Success!

The pace of the game is picking up quickly.

Helen points at Mary and is very suspicious.

HELEN

Honey I love you but I
just can't smile.

Success!

Mary points at Matt and is very wicked.

MARY

Honey I love you but I
just can't
(a tiny smile
breaks)
...smile.

Mary looks quite guilty.

MATT

You smiled!

MARY

I did not!

MATT

Yes you did!

MARY

(starting to
smile)
I did not!

Robby and Al are laughing. Enjoying this
"gotcha"moment.

MATT
Hmmm. Maybe I don't know
what your smile looks
like. Now how can I fix
that?

Matt looks curiously at Mary. He attacks her with
fierce tickling. Mary is laughing uncontrollably!

MATT (CONT'D)
Oh yeah. That is
different.

ROBBY
Tickle fight!

Robby attempts to jump Matt but he's too strong
for the both of them. Now he has both pinned and
laughing uncontrollably.

MARY
Stop!
(laughing)
Stop!

MATT
Did I win?

MARY
No!

MATT
What?

He keeps up the tickle torture.

MARY
No!

MATT
What?

ROBBY
Yes! Yes!

MARY
Yes!

HELEN

(to Al)

He's a man child.

Al chuckles.