

It Ain't A Lie But It Ain't Right

A monologue by Dennis Bush
Selected from his collection,
“Life and Death, Laughter and Love”

Cast: 1 female

Length: 3 pages of dialogue (351 words)

Performance time: About 2 minutes

The Story

Tiffany, a young mother with five children, says she thought the newspaper reporter was going to write about her sick child, to help educate others about the disease. Instead the reporter takes pictures and writes that Tiffany and the children live in public housing with a boyfriend. What's that got to do with it? And it's not even the whole story. (drama)

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(Mid-20s, a young mother.)

I got a sick kid. She's got some rare disease the doctors ain't sure how to cure. She's my baby. I got five kids all together. The oldest two got asthma pretty bad but my little one, she got something way worse than that. A lady from the newspaper come out to my apartment and says she wants to do a story on my sick baby so we can raise 'wareness 'bout the disease.

I was all like that's a good idea 'cause I bet there's parents out there with kids who got what my kid got and think they the only ones dealin' with it. So, I talked to the woman from the newspaper. I invited her into my home and she looked around and axed a lot of questions and had a guy with her who took pitchers.

When the story come out in the paper, it hardly mention my baby's disease. The woman describe me as a "single mother with five kids living in public housing with a boyfriend who isn't the father of any of her children."

That ain't a lie, but what does where I live and whether my boyfriend is my kids' daddy got to do with my baby's disease? I got five kids. I love 'em and I do the best I can for 'em. I live in public housing because my husband — the man who is all five of my kids' daddy — left me when the

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