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This is a true story told by an actress.

## **On Tinder with Mummy**

I swipe on Tinder with Mum and sometimes she asks me 'You think he's good?' I'm like 'Yuk, not him' if he has a horrible beard or something but sometimes they're alright.

Mum says you have to go through many frogs until you find the perfect prince.

Before Mum and Dad divorced they argued about normal things we'd be in a hurry and Mum would rush us.

She's a really speedy person, always something going on.

Mum gets up at 6 AM anyway to do stuff, she cleans or goes for a run. She goes to bed really early and reads something.

Dad stays up at night, when we go to bed he's doing work stuff on his computer. He's like a snail, slow. Mum says they are different.

When Mum said they're getting divorced, it was total chaos. (When they dicorced it was chaos) They were rude to each other and to us. They kicked each other and Dad broke something. My brother threatened them with his toy gun to stop.

When they started hitting and shoving each other we should have called the police, but we didn't understand then. You know adults sort out kids' fights, and police sort adults' fights, I don't know who sorts it out

when police fight.

In the end it was really quiet at home, like ghosts who can't speak, there were no sounds at all I was really sad and everyone was lonely. I sometimes tried asking 'Why do you want to divorce?' or 'Is everything ok?', but it was always the wrong moment.

I understood stomach pain can mean I'm tense and afraid. I was really worried, help, what's happening? I was scared I'd have to live with only one parent and never with the other one again.

The divorce club helped a lot There I drew a snake with a lump in its throat and we spoke about feelings.

Now they've moved apart it's no longer quiet at home If it's too quiet I put on the radio or scroll on TikTok then I'm not afraid.

I don't know if I wanna get married, it's hard to find someone suitable. Sometimes they need to do what I say, sometimes disagree.

I'm trying to find Mum a new prince on Tinder. Mum says if she's happy then the kids are happier too. I don't know about Dad he seems happy. He says you can be happy without being in love.