

CHILD'S PLAY

(synopsis)

Twins—ALEX and his sister, LEXI—reunite on their 50th birthday after years of awkward separation. ALEX, disabled with emphysema, lives in Carmel with his young girlfriend, SAMANTHA, who is pregnant with his child. LEXI has flown cross-country from Vermont, where she lives a commune-type life under the guidance of a Chinese doctor, who is also her lover.

LEXI's motives for the sudden reunion are unclear. The occasion of their 50th birthday, in itself, seems insufficient. She expresses concern for ALEX's failing health and wants him to come to Burlington to be treated by her doctor-lover. Disdainful of SAMANTHA, she worries about the future of his unborn child. And she wants the both of them to make peace with their estranged mother, who is in an Eastern nursing home. ALEX, for his part, wants nothing more than to be left alone, living out the rest of his life writing and, as he puts it, "cleaning his slate" before he dies.

But beneath the surface of their lives, there lies an issue from their childhood that has plagued LEXI's entire adult life. When it emerges during their reunion, the twins have to confront sin, innocence, blame and forgiveness.

[43 pages, standard play format]

CAST

LEXI	50 years old
ALEX	her twin brother
SAMANTHA	ALEX's girlfriend; in her 20s

SETTING

ALEX's living room in Carmel

TIME

The present