

THE SUMMER GETAWAY

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1 20-oz can of pineapple chunks, divided
¼ cup soy sauce
1 inch of fresh ginger, sliced thin
1 jalapeno, sliced
2 cloves garlic, smashed with the side of a knife
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
4 green onions, sliced
¼ cup fresh cilantro or basil
2 tbsp olive oil (if using a pressure cooker)
salt and pepper

Marinade: Combine pineapple juice with soy sauce. Stir in sliced ginger and jalapeno and smashed garlic. Place chicken in a glass dish and pour marinade over. Marinate for at least two hours but preferably 8 hours or overnight.

Pineapple Slaw: Cut pineapple chunks into pea-sized chunks. Stir in green onions and cilantro or basil. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Chicken: Remove chicken from marinade. Discard marinade. Liberally sprinkle breasts with salt and pepper. In the oven: Roast at 425 degrees for about 20-25 minutes, until the internal temperature registers 165 degrees. In a pressure cooker: On sauté mode, heat 2 Tbsp olive oil and brown on each side. Remove. Add 1 cup of chicken broth to the pan and deglaze. Place the chicken on a trivet and cook on high pressure for 8 minutes, with 10 minutes natural release. You can toss some whole baby potatoes on top of the breasts if cooking this way.

Serve with pineapple slaw.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Note: These questions contain spoilers. Lots and lots of spoilers. For the best reading experience, we recommend that you wait until after you have finished *The Summer Getaway* before reading the questions.*

1. Mother/daughter relationships can be difficult, even when both are lovely people. Why do you think that is? What makes the stakes so high between mother and daughter? What were some of the reasons that Robyn and Harlow's relationship was complicated?
2. Why do you think Robyn stayed with Cord even after he cheated? Would you have stayed?
3. Cord surprised Robyn with a house, a grand gesture supposedly made in apology for his infidelity. Would you be happy if your significant other bought a house for you that you'd never seen? Why or why not?
4. Robyn feels Harlow is too young to marry at 22, even though she (Robyn) married at 18. What's something you did as a young adult that you wouldn't want your kids to do? Do you think 22 is too young to marry?
5. When Mindy talked about having an affair with her tennis instructor, Robyn tried to warn her, but Mindy wouldn't listen. What did you think was going to happen? Were you surprised that Payne forgave Mindy? What would you do if a friend told you she wanted to cheat on her husband? How would you react after she followed through?
6. Mason spent 25 years in the army, including two as a drill instructor. How do you think this shaped him as a man? What made him so appealing to Robyn?
7. Family dynamics are infinitely complex, as Susan Mallery has demonstrated with one bestselling family drama after another. Each family is unique, and each relationship within that family is unique. How did Austin and Harlow's relationships with their mom and dad differ?
8. What would you do if you inherited \$250,000? What about \$10 million?
9. Were you surprised when Lillian died, or did foreshadowing lead you to suspect it?
10. Robyn was the heart of her family, as evidenced by the way everyone followed her to California. Who is the heart of your family?