

Sydney

SYDNEY AUDITION SCENE

Scene #2

INT. KITCHEN - DAY
(SYDNEY, HAYLEY)

SYDNEY, 16, ENTERS, CARRYING A KNAPSACK. HAYLEY, 12, HER YOUNGER SISTER IS DOING HOMEWORK AT THE KITCHEN TABLE.

SYDNEY

START

I am so screwed. I have this science paper due tomorrow and I can't make any sense of it. It's like I've never been to the class.

HAYLEY

What are you studying?

SYDNEY

I'm not sure. I've never been to the class. (OFF HER LOOK) It's an elective. They're optional.

HAYLEY

That's not what an elective means!

SYDNEY

Look, if I get a bad grade, Mom and Dad won't let me go to the Fifty Cent concert. So, I thought maybe, you could write it for me?

HAYLEY

I can't do your work for you. It's dishonest.

HOPE & FAITH

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SYDNEY

I know, and that troubles me, too.
But look, I'm probably never going to
become a scientist, right?

HAYLEY

Really? You don't think?

SYDNEY

Come on, please. This would be so
easy for you, you're so smart and
brainy and nerdy... in a coolish way.

HAYLEY

Forget it.

SYDNEY

Come on, if you do this for me, I'll
do something for you. There must be
something you want. Like a...
microscope or a pocket protector.

HAYLEY

(BEAT) Well, there is this really
nice Mother's Day present I was going
to get, but I don't have enough money.
How about I write your paper and you
chip in, and we say it's from both of
us?

SYDNEY

No way, my teacher will freak out if
both our names are on it.

Hope & Faith

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HAYLEY

(PATIENTLY) The present.

SYDNEY

Oh, right. Sure, that's cool.

Listen, I won't forget this.

SYDNEY REACHES INTO HER KNAPSACK AND TAKES OUT A TEXTBOOK, STILL WRAPPED IN PLASTIC. HAYLEY REACTS, SCANDALIZED.

HAYLEY

You haven't even opened it?!

SYDNEY

What is it about "never been to the class" that you don't understand?

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