



SCENE 4

(Stage is set as a supermarket for two aisles, LILY and EMMA enter the stage. LILY has a grocery list in her hand.)

LILY

Okay so five pounds of beef, green bell peppers, four bag of potatoes—oh my god that's a lot of potatoes, and...

(Confused look)

...what the hell is za-key-nee?

EMMA

(Giggles)

What? Let me look at it.

(EMMA takes the paper out of LILY's hand and face palms.)

Lily, this says zucchini.

LILY

Yeah I know that's what I said.

EMMA

No. You said "zakeynee."

LILY

Oh same thing.

EMMA

No its not.

(Laughs)

LILY

Yes it is.

EMMA

You pronounce it zoo-key-knee not zakeynee.

LILY

So?

EMMA

You're pronouncing it wrong.

LILY

Who are you the pronounc-ing-ator police?

EMMA

I've never heard that one before.

LILY

Well-whatever-it's the same thing.

EMMA

How do you hear the same thing? Listen: ZOO, ZA, ZOO ZA ZOOZA ZOOZA.

LILY

If you say so.

(Grabs a zucchini from one of the aisles and stares at it.)

Ohh, it's a cucumber.

EMMA

No Lily, that's a cucumber.

(EMMA points to a cucumber.)

What you're holding is a zucchini—think of it like a squash.

LILY

Whatever I don't really need to know. I'm just buying the ingredients not like I'm cooking.

EMMA

How many people are gonna be at this thing anyways?

LILY

You know the usge, family, friends, more friends.

(LILY chuckles and then smirks)

It is a big deal.

EMMA

Mhm.

LILY

Well yeah anyways, you only turn 18 once. And I love Aimee's cooking. She said they will cook us all dinner at her restaurant as long as I get the certain ingredients for the meal I want.

EMMA

So then it is a big deal.

LILY

It's my birthday so of course!!

EMMA

Celebrating!

LILY

(Grins)

Then there's the party at Frescos.

EMMA

What Lil you said that was the following Saturday—

LILY

Well they got us an early reservation so you may call it.

EMMA

Lily, I can't be up all night.

LILY

Oh come on Em you'd be home 12, 1 tops.

EMMA

Lily, I can't. You knew-know I have my audition that day. Besides Natalia's gonna be there.

LILY

Whaat how would I know? And yeah but she all does is get drunk and go slut herself out, I can't uh—

EMMA

What? No she doesn't.

LILY

Of course she doesn't.

EMMA

But you just said—

LILY

Anyways—well you can't and wouldn't miss your best friend's party? Like I said you only turn—

EMMA

Eighteen once. Yeah. I got it.

LILY

Exactly

(Smiles)

EMMA

You know how important this is to me. I can't Lil. I'm sorry.

LILY

Don't be silly of course you can.

EMMA

No. I can't.

LILY

Yesss. You can. Besides I already don't have a boyfriend to share it with, I at least need my best friend. Can't have another empty chair at my party haha.

EMMA

Lily, there's gonna be at least 100 People at that party. And look yeah I'm sorry you and Matt broke up but last time I checked and by the looks of it you don't care. And besides I'll still go to the dinner.

LILY

No no you can't just go to the dinner and not the party. You know how bad that would make me look? I need you.

EMMA

Don't be so dramatic. I doubt you "need" me. And don't try to manipulate me Lily. That's honestly fucked up.

LILY

Whoa okay. What's with the attitude?

EMMA

It's not an attitude I'm just saying how selfish and manipulative you're being by trying to push me out of going to my audition.

LILY

I'm not "trying" to do anything. I'M JUST SAYING you're my best friend. And that I need you at my party.

EMMA

Getting into that school is my dream Lily, how can't you understand that over me going to some party.

LILY

Some party? No. Caitlin Sombers party is some party. This is MY party. The best of the best parties. Okay?

EMMA

OH PLEASE! You throw parties every two weeks when you're bored or feeling lonely.

LILY

(Scoffs)

Excuse me? I don't appreciate your tone of voice.

EMMA

Don't. Then.

LILY

I'm starting to think Natalia's influencing you, I don't like it.

EMMA

I can't believe you. For once in your life you can't think of anyone else but yourself. And influencing me? This isn't about her Lily. Can I not have a voice of my own? After all these years who do you think I am? Yours and Natalia's little obedient dog that as soon as you both say jump, I say how high and then get my special treat?

LILY

Dogs don't talk Emma.

EMMA

WHATEVER! You're being tremendously selfish. You can't manipulate me. This is very important to me and means a lot to me and I'd expect your support and luck. But I guess from you I can't get that, now can I?

LILY

Why wouldn't I be selfish or not think of anyone else on MY birthday?

EMMA

IT WOULDN'T EVEN BE YOUR BIRTHDAY ANYMORE!

LILY

AGAIN, with the shouting chill out.

EMMA

(Sighs)

You can't get it through your thick skull can you? This is probably my only chance to get into Juilliard. And (scoffs) you want to ruin it for me.

LILY

Ugh. Okay okay I'm sorry. Look they obviously have more dates, their fault for making it on my birthday, not yours. So...just get another date for it.

EMMA

Did you not get anything I just said?

LILY

Yeah that you need your audition, so just reschedule it see problem solved.

EMMA

Lily, I shouldn't have to change my date for you. I told you months in advance AND if you were a true friend to me you'd in fact reschedule your own god damn stupid party and come and support me, WHOM YOU CLAIM to be your best friend.

LILY

Reschedule?

(Laughs)

Good one.

EMMA

Everything's a joke to you is it?

LILY

Well, I am easily amused.

EMMA

Well I hope you find this funny. Get your own groceries and party goods by yourself, I'm out of here. Oh and have fun at your party, without me, bitch.

(EMMA storms out of the stage leaving LILY speechless. Curtains close.)