

INT. SANTIAGO HOME - LIVING ROOM - EVENING

Lucy and Maria sit at the dining room table. They dine on plates of salad and raw steak. Lucy frowns as she eats.

MARIA

What's wrong, sweetie? Do you want your steak warmed up a little?

Lucy washes her food down with a glass of water.

LUCY

No ma'am. This is just not as good as the real thing.

MARIA

I know. You say that all the time. And what do I always say back?

LUCY

Dead cows are easier to explain away than dead people.

MARIA

Exactly. I know human blood is more filling, but we have to do what we have to do. Don't forget we have some B-Neg in the freezer. I can make sundaes for dessert.

Lucy smiles.

LUCY

Mmm... You make the best sundaes.

Maria smiles.

MARIA

So was school a complete disaster?

LUCY

Kind of.

MARIA

Did you meet anyone new? Any friends?

LUCY

No. I heard them calling me weirdo. Some of them, anyway. Well, I met this one girl, who might have seen me levitate, but I didn't get her name.

Maria drops her fork onto her plate, startling Lucy.

MARIA

Lucy! Why were you levitating in public?

Lucy slides down in her chair.

LUCY

Sorry, mom... I didn't mean to. It just... happened.

MARIA

Sit up.

Lucy sits back up in her chair.

MARIA (CONT'D)

You know we have to keep a low profile, sweetie.

LUCY

I know. It won't happen again - promise.

Maria smiles.

MARIA

Okay.

A beat.

LUCY

Oh, I did meet a boy...

MARIA

Really! And who is this boy?

Lucy fights a smile.

LUCY

His name is Johnny.

MARIA

Johnny, huh? And where did we meet Johnny? Is he in your class?

LUCY

Yes, but I met him in the nurse's office.

Maria looks confused.

MARIA

Oh...

LUCY

He had a nosebleed, and I wanted to bite him in the face.

Maria inhales sharply.

MARIA

Oh, Lucy...

LUCY

I didn't do it, mom... I wanted to, but I ran to the bathroom instead.

Maria exhales and clutches her chest.

INT. SCHOOL - GIRL'S ROOM - MORNING

Lucy exits the stall and washes her hands. She stares at herself in the mirror for a beat.

Katie walks into the bathroom. She sighs once she sees Lucy.

Lucy turns to leave. Katie blocks her way.

LUCY

Excuse me.

KATIE

Get out of my way, weirdo.

Lucy doesn't look her in the eyes.

LUCY

I'm trying to get by.

KATIE

What's the matter with you? Why are you so weird?

Katie shoves Lucy against the sink. Lucy takes a deep breath and attempts to leave again.

KATIE (CONT'D)

Answer me, freak!

Katie pushes Lucy again. Lucy pushes Katie against the wall and looks directly into her eyes.

LUCY

Leave me alone. I'm warning you.

Katie tries to push back but Lucy has her pinned against the tile.

KATIE

Let me go! I'm not afraid of you!  
My daddy taught me how to fight!

LUCY

Really? My daddy taught me how to  
do this!

Lucy backs away from Katie. She raises her hand and Katie slides up the wall.

Katie screams, but her voice is cut off as Lucy points a finger at her.

LUCY (CONT'D)

Be quiet. I told you to leave me  
alone.

Lucy lowers her hand and Katie slides down the wall.

Katie trembles, speechless.

LUCY (CONT'D)

Don't mess with me, Katie. Tell all  
of your friends to leave me alone,  
or this may happen again. If anyone  
else bothers me, I come for you.  
Got it?

Katie nods. Tears stream down her face.

Lucy exits. Katie sobs.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Mindy and Lucy walk home from school. Mindy taps her cell phone furiously as they walk.

LUCY

Mindy, were you popular when you  
were in school?

Mindy looks up from her phone.

MINDY

Um, yeah, I guess. I was a  
cheerleader, and popularity kind of  
goes along with that. Why do you  
ask?

LUCY  
Just wondering. The popular people  
don't talk to me.

MINDY  
It's just because you're new. Give  
it time - they'll come around.

Mindy goes back to texting.

A school bus passes by. Lucy looks up to see Johnny waving to her from the back seat. Lucy smiles and waves back.

MINDY (CONT'D)  
Who's that? He was a little cutie.

Lucy tries to conceal her grin.

LUCY  
That was Johnny. He's in my class.

MINDY  
Is he popular? He seemed to like  
you.

LUCY  
I think so. I see him with a lot of  
people in the hall.

MINDY  
Let me give you some advice, Lucy.  
If a popular boy likes you, hang  
out with him. You'll be popular in  
no time.

Lucy ponders the advice.

LUCY  
I'll try that.

MINDY  
Okay. What do you want for snack  
when we get to your house?

LUCY  
I think we have some steak left in  
the fridge.

Mindy grimaces.

MINDY  
You guys eat a ton of meat...