

Role: CHLOE

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They talk quietly together as Rex and Laney notice the attraction.

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Madison enters from her night out as Chloe enters.

START →

MADISON
You're still up?

CHLOE
Uh huh, I was waiting for you. Did you and Laney have a good time?

MADISON
(smiling)
We had a great time. I needed to get out. And I have a sneaking suspicion you and your brother had something to do with it...?

CHLOE
Well, maybe a little. We called Laney. You mad?

MADISON
No. I guess not. Is that why you're up so late...to check on your grown mother?

CHLOE
No, there's something I need to talk to you about.

MADISON
Ok...?

CHLOE
My teacher recommended me for a special opportunity.

MADISON
Really? What kind of opportunity?

CHLOE
Actually, it's a class, a photography class with Althea Avant. You know, Mom, *THE* Althea Avant, the world class photographer...?

MADISON
Yes, honey, I know who she is...

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Role: CHLOE

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CHLOE

(clearly excited and
talking fast)

Mom, she shoots all over the world.
Civil protests, disasters, police
brutality, humanitarian crisis. Her
portfolio documents the history of
our lives...in real time...

MADISON

Yes. Yes....but slow down.

CHLOE

Don't you see? She's it! She's a
warrior on the frontline of
injustice. That's what I want to
do! She only accepts 5 students
once a year and Ms. Parks
recommended me. Please, Mom...

MADISON

Ok. Ok. I see how much you want
this but when is this class...
during school hours? And is there a
cost?

CHLOE

Well, it's twice a week for 2 hours
after school. And...
(she pauses)

MADISON

And...?

CHLOE

It's \$300 a week for 5 weeks.

MADISON

Fifteen hundred dollars?

CHLOE

She's willing to let us put a down
payment on it then pay the rest at
\$250 a week. And I can help with
the money I've saved from my job
too.

MADISON

Oh honey, I wish I could say yes,
but this is a crucial time for you.
You need to be focused on your
grades right now.

Role: CHLOE

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CHLOE

But this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

MADISON

...and as it is we need to save every penny and pray those scholarships we applied for come through.

CHLOE

But Mom...

MADISON

Honey, don't you understand? We just don't have it.

CHLOE

(angry now)

I can't believe you! This sucks.

Chloe storms off to her room.

MADISON

(Calls after her)

You better watch your mouth, young lady!

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