

DOGS SOLVE EVERYTHING

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EXT. RESTAURANT PATIO - DAY

Two women are eating at a table.

JENNY

So, have you signed up for classes yet?

LUCY

Not yet. I still have to apply and-
Oh god. Isn't that Alyssa? From high school?

There's a girl leaving the restaurant with a drink and purse in her hand. She walks towards their direction.

JENNY

Oh, hell no. The last time she saw me, we had that fight at graduation.

FLASHBACK

Two girls are in graduation caps and gowns with friends surrounding them.

ALYSSA

It doesn't really matter what you think of me since I'm already preparing for my career and you're off to become just another basic college sorority slut.

JENNY

At least I'll be using my brain for money instead of my body.

They start pulling each other down to the ground and wrestling.

END FLASHBACK

JENNY

Shit...she's coming this way.

LUCY
Act distracted.

They both start touching the window awkwardly. She walks up to them smiling.

ALYSSA
Jenny? Lucy?

JENNY AND LUCY
Heeeey!

ALYSSA
It's been forever! How have you been?

JENNY
Pretty good, just busy with college.

ALYSSA
Where are you going?

JENNY
Pearland Community College.

ALYSSA
Oh, cool. I've been busy too. I'm an assistant to a snobby billionaire. Ew.

JENNY
Yuck.

ALYSSA
Oh well, at least I make enough to support my family.

Jenny rolls her eyes.

LUCY
Whats in that drink?

ALYSSA
Oh, it's like a kale power smoothie or something. I've been doing this detox cleanse. I feel amazing.

JENNY

Wow. Nice!

ALYSSA

Well, I wish I could stay and talk but I have to get going. The boss is blowing up my phone. Good to see you guys.

JENNY

Alright, you too. Bye!

ALYSSA walks away and Jenny mutters under her breath.

JENNY

Bulimic bitch.

Alyssa turns around.

ALYSSA

Um, excuse me?

JENNY

Hm? Oh, I was talking to her.

ALYSSA

Yea I know, and I heard what you said. You know if you really want to talk about me-

ALYSSA's cell phone rings. She picks it up.

ALYSSA

Hello? Hey mom. I uh....i'm just talking to a friend. Alyssa. Yea, well we just made up. She says hi. Hey, I got to get going, ok? Alright, love you too. Bye.

There is a long awkward silence.

JENNY

How...has she been doing?

ALYSSA

Oh, great. She has a little puppy now. It's keeping her from being lonely.

JENNY

Aw, that's great! Do you have a picture?

ALYSSA

Like, a hundred.

JENNY

I wanna seeeeee!

ALYSSA

Ok, ok. Her name is Fruity Pebble. She loves apples, and- wait, why should I tell you anything about my life if you think I'm a bitch?

JENNY

Excuse me? All I asked was to see a picture of your dog. I really don't care to know what you're up to.

ALYSSA

Alright, sweetie, then you just go on and live your life and continue to be fake all you want. Two can play that game. Just know that I still haven't forgotten what you said about me all those years.

Jenny fakes a smile. Her phone dings. She looks at her screen.

ALYSSA

Oh my god! She just sent a picture of Fruity Pebble on my bed! She misses me!

JENNY

No way!

JENNY gets up and looks at the picture on the phone.

JENNY

That is the most adorable dog i've ever seen! She looks like my dog, Coco Puff. I have a picture in

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JENNY (cont'd)

here.

ALYSSA

Show me! Show me! Show me! Wait-
You know what, no. I actually don't
care about your stupid dog. It's
probably uglier than mine, anyways.

LUCY

I'm gonna go.

Lucy walks off while they're still talking.

JENNY

Oh, you think so?

ALYSSA

I know so.

JENNY

Do you want to take this somewhere
private?

ALYSSA

Let's go.

EXT. DOG PARK - DAY

Words on screen: "15 minutes later"

Alyssa is surrounded by dogs licking her.

ALYSSA

This is the greatest place in the
world to be!

JENNY

I didn't know we were right by a
dog park! This place is amazing!
Wait- weren't we supposed to be mad
about something?

JENNY

Damnit!