

(KATHERINE offers a compassionate nod then scoots out. SEÑOR O'BRIEN is stunned. MRS. LUCKENBILL is amused.)

DR. EHRIN

(shaking head)

Eight years till retirement!

(The TEACHERS exit. KATHERINE joins ELLIE in the hallway.)

KATHERINE

Thanks for listening to me in there.

ELLIE

You're welcome.

(ELLIE squeezes KATHERINE's hands. A momentary detente.)

Oh, how did the magazine interview go?

KATHERINE

The interview... uh, fine.

ELLIE

Okay... I can live with "fine."

(remembering her anger)

But, what were you thinking—skipping class?!

KATHERINE

Okay, wow, I thought we were just having a moment.

ELLIE

The moment is over! You can't skip class just because you feel like it. We have responsibilities in this world! And when you are back in this body, you're grounded for a month!

KATHERINE

Well, when you're back in this body, your pants are gonna feel tight because I ate a bunch of gluten!

ELLIE

(holds out hand)

Keys!

MS. MEYERS

(offstage)

Blake! Gym. Now.

(MS. MEYERS appears.)