

PROOF AUDITION - CLAIRE - CATHERINE

CLAIRE. Better. Much.

CATHERINE. Thanks.

CLAIRE. Feel better?

CATHERINE. Yeah.

CLAIRE. You look a million times better. Have some coffee.

CATHERINE. Okay.

CLAIRE. How do you take it?

CATHERINE. Black.

CLAIRE. Have a little milk. (She pours.) Want a banana? It's a good thing I brought food: There was nothing in the house.

CATHERINE. I've been meaning to go shopping.

CLAIRE. You didn't put on the dress.

CATHERINE. Didn't really feel like it.

CLAIRE. Don't you want to try it on? See if it fits?

CATHERINE. I'll put it on later.

CLAIRE. If you want to dry your hair I have a hair drier.

CATHERINE. Nah.

CLAIRE. Did you use that conditioner I brought you?

CATHERINE: No, shit, I forgot.

CLAIRE. It's my favorite: You'll love it Katie. I want you to try it.

CATHERINE. I'll use it next time.

CLAIRE. You'll like it. It has jojoba.

CATHERINE. What is "jojoba"?

CLAIRE. It's something they put in for healthy hair.

CATHERINE. Hair is dead.

CLAIRE. What?

CATHERINE. It's dead tissue. You can't make it "healthy."

CLAIRE. Whatever, it's something that's good for your hair.

CATHERINE. What, a chemical?

CLAIRE. No, it's organic.

CATHERINE. Well it can be organic and still be a chemical.

CLAIRE. I don't know what it is.

CATHERINE. Haven't you ever heard of organic chemistry?

CLAIRE. It makes my hair feel, look, and smell good. That's the extent of my information about it. You might like it if you decide to use it.

CATHERINE. Thanks, I'll try it.

CLAIRE. Good. If the dress doesn't fit we can go downtown and exchange it..

CATHERINE. Okay,

CLAIRE. I'll take you to lunch.

CATHERINE. Great.

CLAIRE. Maybe Sunday before I go back. Do you need anything?

CATHERINE. Like clothes?

CLAIRE. Or anything. While I'm here.

CATHERINE. Nah, I'm cool.

CLAIRE. I thought we'd have some people over tonight. If you're feeling okay.

CATHERINE. I'm feeling okay, Claire, stop saying that.

CLAIRE. You don't have any plans?

CATHERINE. No.

CLAIRE. I ordered some food. Wine, beer.

CATHERINE. We are burying Dad this afternoon.

CLAIRE. I think it will be all right. Anyone who's been to the funeral and wants to come over for something to eat, can. And it's the only time I can see any old Chicago friends. It'll be nice. It's a funeral but we don't have to be completely grim about it. If it's okay with you.

CATHERINE. Yes, sure.

CLAIRE. It's been a stressful time. It would be good to relax in a low-key way. Mitch says hi. He's really sorry he couldn't come.

CATHERINE. Yeah, he's gonna miss all the fun.

CLAIRE. He wanted to see you. He sends his love. I told him you'd see him soon enough. We're getting married.

CATHERINE. No shit.

CLAIRE. Yes! We just decided.

CATHERINE. Yikes.

CLAIRE. Yes!

CATHERINE. When?

CLAIRE. January.

CATHERINE. Huh.

CLAIRE. We're not going to do a huge thing. His folks are gone on too. Just City Hall, then a big dinner at our favorite restaurant for all our friends. And you, of course, I hope you'll be in the wedding.

CATHERINE. Yeah. Of course. Congratulations, Claire, I'm really happy for you.

CLAIRE. Thanks, me too. We just decided it was time. His job is great. I just got promoted ...

CATHERINE. Huh.

CLAIRE. You will come?

CATHERINE. Yes, sure. January? I mean I don't have to check my calendar or anything. Sure.

CLAIRE. That makes me very happy.