LEILA, an aspiring teacher, consults her best friend, CAMRY, about preparing for her interview tomorrow.

The call begins.

Camry
Where are you right now?

Leila
I’m in the bathroom. I need your help.

Camry
I don’t know if I can help you there.

Leila
Gross. I need your help picking out eye shadow for tomorrow.

Camry
Okay. What’s happening tomorrow?

Leila
I have my interview.

Camry
With the school?

Leila
Yeah.

Camry
Why didn’t you tell me you got an interview?

Leila
They were able to fit me in last minute. I just found out.

Camry
Congratulations! That’s amazing. What grade?

Leila
Second grade.
Camry
Leila, that’s perfect!

Leila
I know! That’s why I need your help. Everything has to be perfect.

Camry
Okay, what are your options?

Leila
Eye shadow number one. (On her left eye) It says I’m a young, hip, professional, teacher who doesn’t tolerate any sass.

Camry
Is this eye shadow or your dating profile?

Leila
Eye shadow number two. (On her right eye) I’m a sweet, comforting, and approachable teacher who gives the best hugs.

Camry
I see your dilemma.

Leila
Right?

Camry
Both are important.

Leila
I know. What should I do?

Camry
There’s only one thing you can do. You have to wear both. Exactly like you are now.

Leila
One on each eye?

Camry
Exactly. Just change personas for each question they ask. So like, if they ask you, “How do you incorporate differentiation into your classroom?”
Leila
That’s a very professional question, so I’ll be like (Turning her head to eye shadow one) I think every type of learner deserves to have their preferred learning style incorporated into every lesson. That’s why all my curriculum includes auditory, visual, and kinesthetic instructions and activities.

Camry
Holy shit.

Leila
That was good, right?

Camry
I got chills.

Leila
This is some good eye shadow.

Camry
Okay next question, “How do you create a safe and comfortable learning environment for students?”

Leila
(Turns her head to eye shadow two)
I want my classroom to be a second home for students. I want them to each feel like they have their own space to learn, make mistakes, and grow comfortably. That’s why I write each of my students a personalized letter every month, I have daily check-ins with every student, and let each student get a chance to choose the book of the week.

Camry
Damn. Hashtag Mother Goose.

Leila
See what I’m saying? The eye shadow changes everything.

Camry
Okay, is there a happy middle?

Leila
Like something in the middle of both of these colors?
Camry
Yeah. You know, some kind of compromise? A little of this. A little of that. That way you have both! A professional badass Mother Goose!

Leila
Professional badass Mother Goose?! I’m going to get that printed on my business card.

Camry
I get half your profits.

Leila
Deal. So… what about this shade? (holds up new eye shadow color)

Camry
Yes! That’s it. That’s your professional badass Mother Goose!

Leila
You think so?

Camry
Definitely. If they don’t hire you from eye shadow alone… I’ll be shocked.

Leila
Okay done. That’s what I’ll go with.

Camry
And what are you going to wear?

Leila
I don’t know, I’ll figure it out in the morning.

Camry
What?!?

Leila
What?

Camry
We just spent however long picking out eye shadow and you haven’t even picked out your outfit?

Leila
Everyone knows your supposed to build your outfit around your eye shadow.
Camry
That might be the most ridiculous thing I’ve ever heard.

Leila
It’s an interview. We’ll be sitting at a table. They’re going to be looking at my eyes… not my outfit. The eyes are the windows to the soul. Look into my windows, Camry.

Camry
You’re a weirdo.

Leila
Why thank you.

Camry
Do you have everything else ready?

Leila

Camry
And your outfit…

Leila
Tomorrow morning.

Camry
Right. Right. And your hair?

Leila
I was thinking of wearing it like this.

Camry
Like that?

Leila
Yeah, what do you think?

Camry
I think you don’t have to worry about your outfit, your eye shadow, or anything else if you wear your hair like that.
Leila
I’m kidding! Relax. I was going to straighten it.

Camry
Okay good. You do some wacky things with your hair sometimes.

Leila
Oooh! What if I do a different eye shadow on each side and a different hair style on each side!? (Turns head and switches personalities) Hello, thanks for interviewing me today. (Turns) This is a fine institution for learning. (Turns head) Such a lovely school. (Turns head) I’m sure your standardized assessment scores are superior…

Camry
Are you trying to get the job or get a restraining order?

Leila
Either would lead to a good story.

Camry
You certainly have plenty of stories.

Leila
You think I’ll be okay?

Camry
Girl, you gonna crush it.

Leila
What if I get nervous and throw up all over them?

Camry
Is that a thing you do?

Leila
No, but I’m saying what if it happens?

Camry
If that happens… please take a picture.

Leila
What if I trip in the hall and as I’m falling, the only thing I can grab is the fire alarm, and I set off the fire alarm for the whole building, and the sprinklers go off, and the fire department shows up, and I…

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Camry
Leila, Leila, Leila!

Leila
Yeah?

Camry
You’re going to be amazing.

Leila
You think so?

Camry
I know so.

Leila
Can I call you after the interview?

Camry
You better!

Leila
Okay. I’m going to.

Camry
Okay.

Leila
I’m interviewing tomorrow.

Camry
I know.

Leila
I’m going to be a teacher.

Camry
I know.

Leila
I’m an adult.
Camry
If you say so.

Leila
Thanks for your help.

Camry
I’m always here.

Leila
The eye shadow is going to land me the job.

Camry
You are going to land the job. But… the eye shadow certainly helps.

Leila
I’m going to call you right after tomorrow.

Camry
Okay, I can’t wait.

Leila
Thank you!

Camry
You’re welcome.

Leila
Okay, byeeeeee.

Camry
Byeeeeee!

The call ends.

End of Scene.