

MARTY. Hey Lauren.

LAUREN. ... Hey.

MARTY. Are you excited about school starting in a few weeks?

LAUREN. Um.

I'm not sure.

*(Marty laughs a little.)*

MARTY. That's understandable. I guess school is a mixed bag.

*(A long pause while Marty smiles at Lauren. Then Marty walks over to her bag in the corner and starts rummaging through it.)*

LAUREN. *(Suddenly.)*

Hey.

Um.

I have a question.

MARTY. *(Looking up.)*

Yes.

LAUREN. Um ...

*(A long silence.)*

LAUREN. Are we going to be doing any real acting?

*(Another silence.)*

MARTY. ... What do you mean by "real acting"?

LAUREN. Um ...

*(Pause.)* Like acting out a play. Or something. I don't know.

*(Pause.)*

Like reading from a ...

*(Pause.)*

MARTY. Um. Well. Honestly? I don't think so.

*(Another silence.)*

LAUREN. Okay.

MARTY. Did you ... were you looking forward to that?

LAUREN. Um ... I signed up for this class because I thought we were gonna act.

MARTY. We are acting.

LAUREN. ... Yeah.

*(Pause. She sighs.)*

Okay. Thanks.