

**WHAT'S WRONG, LILY MACK?**

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**INT. AUDITION ROOM - DAY (RECORDING)**

CHLOE KIANI (12), stands motionless in front of an unseen camera. Her face is void of passion -- hollow, empty, vacant. A little scared too.

She clutches the hem of her shirt nervously.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Action.

And in the blink of an eye...

YOUNG CHLOE

(bright and cheerful)

Hi! My name is Chloe Kiani, I'm twelve years old, I'm with Starlink Talent, and I'm auditioning for the role of Lily in *What's Up, Lily Mack?*

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

And how tall are you, Chloe?

YOUNG CHLOE

Umm...I'm gonna guess like--?

DELARA (O.S.)

(Persian accent)

Five-foot-one.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

What'd she say?

ASSISTANT (O.S.)

Uh...five-foot-one, I think?

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Five-foot-one. Perfect.

(slightly amused)

Mom always knows best, huh?

Chloe's forced smile wavers for a moment. She steals a glance toward her mom, off-camera.

DELARA (O.S.)

(Farsi)

*On the camera.*

Chloe adjusts immediately, snapping her focus back to the lens.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)  
Can you show me your right profile,  
Chloe?

Chloe turns, but her posture is slightly off. Delara clears her throat and Chloe stiffens instantly, snapping her shoulders upright as if on command.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
And now your left.

Chloe pivots to her left.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Good, good. Now, let's get started.  
You ready?

Chloe hesitates, glancing toward her unseen mother for permission.

DELARA (O.S.)  
She's ready.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)  
Alrighty. You're good to go.

Eyes closed, Chloe takes a deep breath. Her lips move silently: *Get it done, Chloe. Get. It. Done.*

STAGE MANAGER (PRE-LAP)  
In five...four...three...two...

### **TITLE SEQUENCE - WHAT'S UP, LILY MACK?**

A bright, upbeat pop-rock song kicks off a colorful montage, introducing the world of *What's Up, Lily Mack?*. Think *iCarly*.

- Lily (CHLOE, 17) races down a school hallway on roller skates, swerving around teachers and students with a bubbling science project. Outta the way! Outta the way!

### **WHAT'S UP, LILY MACK?**

- Lily "bakes" a cake, only for it to hilariously overflow and coat her in flour.

### **STARRING CHLOE KIANI**

- Lily and her best friend, Maya (BELLA, 17) team up in dodgeball. Lily makes a dramatic catch, tossing it to Maya, who takes out the last opponent. They high-five and break into an over-the-top victory dance.

**BELLA NAVARRO**

- Lily and her friend, Leo (ETHAN, 17), sit side by side, faces smeared as they furiously compete in a pie-eating contest.

**ETHAN SHAY**

- Lily and her older brother, Scoot (NOAH, 20s), engage in a playful pillow fight that explodes into war-like chaos.

**NOAH DUFFY**

- Lily and Maya rock out on guitar, classmates cheering as Leo hammers the drums in a mini concert.

- In a superhero daydream, Lily strikes a heroic pose, cape fluttering in the wind! Down with teachers! Down with school! Down with homework!

- Back in the real world, a disapproving teacher taps on Lily's desk, jolting her awake. Oops!

**CREATED BY BRAD MOZIER**

- CARTOON LILY, sassy and fully of attitude, pops onto real-life Lily's shoulder.

- She whispers something goofy in Lily's ear. Lily smirks, winking at the camera.

**END TITLE SEQUENCE****INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA (LILY MACK)**

Lily, Maya, and Leo walk together, zig-zagging through the bustling hallways of hell...high school.

Maya is busy on her phone while Lily balances cups of Jell-O like a circus act, walking on tiptoes for dramatic effect.

LILY

And for my next trick, I will defy  
gravity with a single stack of  
mediocre, ultra-processed gelatin!

Cue the sitcom laughter - ha ha ha ha.

CHLOE (V.O.)

Ugh! I hate this episode.

**FREEZE FRAME.**

TANYA (V.O.)  
 Wha-how?! You're like so pretty in  
 this one. Honestly, you're the  
 prettiest person on the show. Even  
 more than Bella.

CHLOE (V.O.)  
 Yeah, yeah sure. You sound like my  
 manager.

The show and sitcom laughter resume...ha ha ha....

LEO  
 Gravity-defying? Lily, please. I've  
 seen you trip over air.

LILY  
 What are you talking about? I  
 never--

Just then, a cute student walks past, flashing Lily a quick  
 smile.

CUTE BOY  
 Hey, Lily.

TANYA (V.O.)  
 He's hot.

CHLOE (V.O.)  
 He's gay.

TANYA (V.O.)  
 Typical.

Lily's face flushes bright red as Cartoon Lily appears on her  
 shoulder, dramatically fanning her with a tiny cartoon fan.

CARTOON LILY  
 Stay calm, Lily! Stay calm! Stay--!

BOOM! Right on cue, Lily trips, sending her Jell-O flying as  
 she crashes to the ground. Oof. Pure social humiliation.

We hear Tanya laugh.

CHLOE (V.O.)  
 It took half a day to shoot that.

Meanwhile, back in TV Land...

MAYA  
 (deadpan; to Leo)  
 Did you hear something?

Leo points to the ground. Lily, sprawled out on the floor, covered in Jell-O.

Cartoon Lily reappears, this time wearing a referee uniform. She blows a whistle and holds up a "1/10" scorecard.

CARTOON LILY  
(alarm blaring)  
Abort mission! This is not a drill!  
Full-blown social meltdown!

LILY  
(panicky)  
What's the damage, Maya? How bad?  
How bad?!

MAYA  
Well, on a scale of one to "please transfer schools," it's pretty high up there.

LILY  
Oh no! Hide me, hide me!

Leo kneels down and casually swipes some Jell-O off Lily, tasting it. Yuck!

LEO  
Jell-O's still good though.

LILY AND MAYA  
Leo!

More sitcom laughter -- ha ha ha ha. Lily and Maya stare at him, horrified. We hear Tanya laugh again. Ha ha ha ha...ugh!

The laughs never stop, do they? Unless...**FREEZE FRAME**

TANYA (V.O.)  
Hey, I was watching that!

# **INT. BEDROOM, HOLLYWOOD MANSION - NIGHT**

As *Lily Mack* stays frozen in TV Land, Chloe hurls the remote across the room. *THWACK!*

CHLOE  
Come on.

And like the good little hanger-on she is, TANYA (18) takes Chloe's lead off the bed, out of the bedroom, and...

**INT. HALLWAY, HOLLYWOOD MANSION - CONTINUOUS**

...into a hellscape of lust, greed, and treachery. Welcome to Hollywood.