

Caught in the Crossfire

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ACT I

Scene 1

A supermarket. LUCY and MEGAN, both in their late 20s, are walking together, sipping coffee when suddenly they notice someone in the distance. Their expressions change from relaxed to panic.

LUCY

That's Sam. We can't let her see us.

Lucy and Megan duck behind a fruit display. Sam rolls her cart down the canned meat aisle. Sam stops, and glances up, doing a quick check.

MEGAN

Has she seen us?

LUCY

I hope not. I just love seeing her get all that hate on social media. That's what she gets for turning her back on me when I needed her support.

MEGAN

You were dating a married man.

LUCY

(angrily)

He said he was separated. Sam was my friend. I begged her to see my side of it.

Sam leaves the canned meat aisle and disappears around the corners.

MEGAN

(quietly)

Do you think she did it?

LUCY

(snaps)

Of course. She stole all that money meant for the school's charity event.

MEGAN

She said her account was hacked.

LUCY

She is a liar. We need to get out of here before she sees us.

As they turn to leave, they stop, surprised to see Sam standing there. Lucy and Megan freeze, knowing they have been caught.

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SAM

(cheerfully)
Megan? Lucy? Oh my goodness.

LUCY

(fake enthusiasm)
Samantha! Wow, what a surprise.

MEGAN

(nervously)
Yeah, uh... didn't expect to run into you here.

SAM

I know, right? It's been ages since we last hung out.
I've missed you both. We should catch up sometime.

LUCY

(fake smile)
Oh, um... sure, sometime... Well, we were just on our way to... you know, an appointment. We are late, actually.

SAM

(surprised)
Oh, of course! I didn't mean to hold you up. It's just great to see you. Let's definitely make plans soon, okay?

LUCY

Sure. Sounds good.

Sam waves cheerfully as Lucy and Megan hurriedly walk away.