

SCENE SEVEN

(A Harvard Law party.)

VIVIENNE

You do know that Whitney's father is next in line to be the Speaker of the House?

WARNER

So you've said.

VIVIENNE

Just think of it: Future presidents may be in this very room.

WARNER

Great.

(ELLE enters the party dressed as a bunny. She is the only one in a costume. Everyone is silent, stunned. Instantly she realizes she's been duped when she sees VIVIENNE and FRIENDS giggling hysterically at the sight of her.)

PADAMADAN

Whoa.

WHITNEY

Oh my God.

(ELLE holds her head high, searches for WARNER. His eyes just about pop out of his head when he sees her in costume.)

ELLE

Hi, stranger.

WARNER

Elle! Man!... What's with the costume?

ELLE

Can't a girl shake things up?

WARNER

I still can't get over the fact you're here at Harvard...

ELLE

Warner, I got into this school, too. And now we're here together, studying law. Maybe we'll both get Callahan's internship and work together...

WARNER

Whoa. Wait a second. Elle. You don't ACTUALLY believe you have a chance of getting the internship?

ELLE

(wounded)
Of course?

VIVIENNE

Elle. You're looking... fluffy. As usual.

ELLE

Hello, Vivienne.

WARNER

Pooh B— Elle... You have to ace his course to get that internship and he's not called "C-Minus Callahan" for nothing.

ELLE

Warner, I'm completely cognizant of both those facts.

VIVIENNE

You're not going to make it through the semester, let alone get Callahan's internship. Face it, bunny: Someday, we'll nominate Supreme Court justices... And you'll... tan.

ELLE

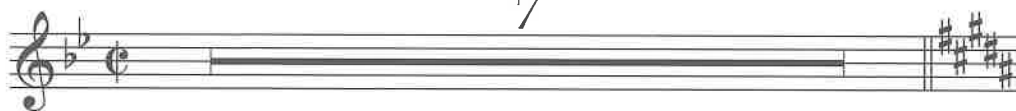
Thanks for your great tip on the "costume party." I see you came as Last Year's Sample Sale.

(#15 – CHIP ON MY SHOULDER (PART 1) begins. ELLE and VIVIENNE face off for a moment, then ELLE marches out. Once out of sight, she deflates. As she walks, giving into despair, she passes EMMETT. The scene shifts to outside.)

SCENE EIGHT

CHIP ON MY SHOULDER (PART 1)

EMMETT: *(shocked to see her bunny suit)* Whoa, Elle... What's up, Doc?



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Colla voce, slow

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Love! I put my faith in Love. I fol - lowed where it

EMMETT:

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(EMMETT:) Wait, go back.

Love led you here? You came

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— was just... "part of that plan?" Man, what rich — ro - man - tic

18 **ELLE:** Malibu? **(EMMETT:)**

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- ing out side — by the pool, You stalk some guy—

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— to an I-vy League school? That's the weird - est rea-son

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ELLE: 2
Well, why'd— you come?

EMMETT:
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nan— can fail.

37 I got through

39 Har - vard, I worked like a fool;— Worked two

41 jobs in ad - di - tion to school.— So for-give

43 — me for not weep-ing at your tale.

ELLE: Excuse me! Just because you've got some kind of chip on your shoulder—

EMMETT: (*interrupting*) You know what? You're right.

45 2 (EMMETT:) There's a

49 chip on my shoul - der,— And it's big as a boul-

52 - der.— With the chance I've been giv - en,

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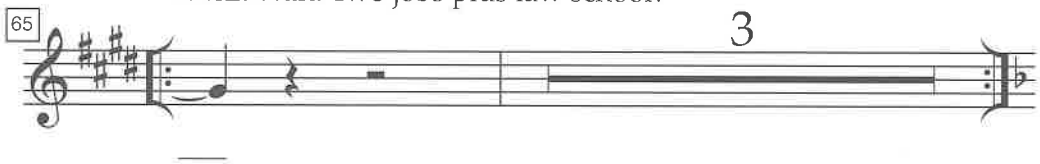
der;— You might wan-na get one as—well.

ELLE: I'm sorry, but that sounds highly negative...

EMMETT: Hey, I'm just being honest. When you weren't born into privilege, you gotta work twice as hard.

ELLE: Wait. Two jobs plus law school?

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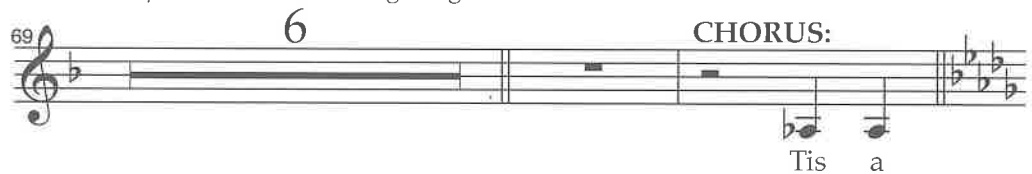
EMMETT: I haven't slept in six years!

ELLE: So, I just need to prove to everyone that I'm serious.

EMMETT: What you need is to get to work.

(ELLE and EMMETT head off to study, the CHORUS crosses and time passes to the Thanksgiving Break.)

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(Back in the dorm room, EMMETT sits patiently with a law book as ELLE waves out the door.)

ELLE: (calling out door) Bye, Warner! Have a great Thanksgiving! Say "hi" to your mom and dad for me! And Grandma Bootsie! (ELLE starts packing.)

EMMETT: Define Malum prohibitum.

ELLE: "Malum prohibitum" is...

EMMETT: (prompting) An act prohibited by...

ELLE: Prohibited by law! Like jaywalking! Or chewing gum in Singapore.

EMMETT: Therefore "Malum in se..."

ELLE: Is an action that's evil in itself! Assault, murder, white shoes after Labor Day...

EMMETT: Good. (noticing her packing) Where you going?

ELLE: Home, of course. Thanksgiving Break, remember?

EMMETT: Interesting.

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ELLE: What?

EMMETT: Well...

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ELLE:

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ELLE:

That's not fair!

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- ture your va-ca - tion plans can wait? —

(ELLE takes off her coat and returns to work. Time passes to the Christmas Break. The CHORUS crosses in cute holiday outfits, sprinkling snow.)

ELLE: Why do you always have to be right?

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115 CHORUS:

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(Elle's dorm room. EMMETT gives a gift to ELLE.)

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In ex-cel-sis De - e - e - o!...

EMMETT: For you. Not quite as good as going home for Christmas, but...

ELLE: You are TOO sweet!

(ELLE opens the gift.)

EMMETT: It's a real timesaver! It's shampoo and conditioner in one!

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ELLE: (horrified) Aaaaaaggghhhhh! (They laugh.)

Thank you. You are so adorable to think of me.

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