

The Girl Who Cried Wolf

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INT. JULIE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Julie Capshaw, 36, is working in a corner of her living room that has been converted into a living space with a large table and a swivel chair.

She is hard at work on a drawing.

INSERT - DRAWING

Theatrical stage. A full-sized rabbit is pulling a magician out of a hat. Julie is putting the finishing touches on the magician's face.

Finished, she puts the marker down and stretches. An ALARM sounds. She gets up and walks into the kitchen. The house is neat and tidy, if a little sparse.

INT. JULIE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN

A rather small, but cozy kitchen. Julie turns off the clock alarm above the stove, puts on her oven mitts and pulls a cooked chicken out of the oven. There is already a picnic basket on the counter, with a bottle of water, crackers, cheese and other food items laid out next to it.

The phone RINGS. Julie picks up the cell phone off the counter.

JULIE

Hello?

(listens)

James. How's it going?

JAMES

(On phone)

You sound stressed. Are you all right?

JULIE

Fine.

JAMES

You haven't been working on your book have you?

Julie is clearly uncomfortable answering this question. She pokes around the food stuff on the counter.

JULIE

No. You know I can't work when I'm taking--

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JAMES

Good. Keep taking them. They'll make you feel better.

JULIE

I'm going out for a while. I have to visit Grandma and bring her food. She's doing better, but she still can't cook for herself.

JAMES

I thought your uncle is looking in on her.

JULIE

He was, but he has choir practice tonight. So--

JAMES

Great. I'll drive you.

JULIE

Actually, I thought I'd ride over on the Vespa.

JAMES

I don't think that's a good idea.

JULIE

It'll do me good.

JAMES

I can't talk you out of it, can I?

JULIE

No.

JAMES

Will you call me when you get to her house?

JULIE

Sure.

JAMES

I love you.

JULIE

Don't worry.

She hangs up. She puts the chicken in a large container and packs everything into the picnic basket. She takes the basket to the foyer.