

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

RACHEL faces off against her daughter, LUCY.

RACHEL
Come on, Lucy. Mom's tired. Can you please just clean your room?

LUCY
I don't want to.

RACHEL
(to herself)
Of course you don't. Just like Fran won't cover for me at work and your father won't pay alimony...

LUCY
What's alimony?

RACHEL
It goes on a sandwich.

LUCY
No! That's baloney.

RACHEL
Room, Lucy.

LUCY
If I clean it, I won't have time to do my homework. My teacher says it's important to maintain a singular focus.

RACHEL
(amused)
Is that so? So I guess that means soccer practice is out of the question. And you can't possibly go with your friends to the movies.

LUCY
She also says that leisure time is important for children at my age.

RACHEL
Okay, I'll clean your room.

LUCY
Great.

RACHEL

And I guess I'll accidentally
misplace your laptop. And get your
favorite sweater lost in the wash.
I'm quite clumsy.

Lucy gauges her mother. Sighs and goes upstairs.

RACHEL (CONT'D)

I should try that on my ex...