

## SCRIPT EXCERPT: ZOE

**DIRECTOR'S NOTE:** We'd love to see you improvising Zoe's vlog intro. You can attempt smoothie-making or choose something else. For the purposes of your self-tape it's not necessary for the person reading Michelle's part to appear in the frame with you (though they can if they want!).

**CONTEXT:** ZOE (15) is filming a Vlog in the kitchen. She's making a smoothie, adding ingredients, and giving her insight into how she feels about each ingredient. Her Mum, MICHELLE, interrupts and tries to have some fun with her in front of the camera.

MICHELLE

[Calling] That you Zo?

ZOE  
Yep.

MICHELLE (she enters frame)  
How was school?

ZOE  
I'm just... I'm just doing a video.

MICHELLE  
Huh? (she realises) Oh (she jumps out of frame), it's not live, is it?

ZOE  
Haha no, I'll edit you out.

MICHELLE  
In that case –

*She makes weird noises and dances around.*

Ha ha!

ZOE  
Mum, that's so lame...

(A BEAT)

MICHELLE  
Want a choccy? [MICHELLE offers a box of chocolates]

ZOE  
[Hunting around for her favourite] Thanks. Where'd these come from?

MICHELLE  
Dad.

*ZOE puts the chocolate back.*

MICHELLE  
You don't want one?

ZOE  
Nah.

MICHELLE  
What's wrong?

ZOE  
Nothing. Not hungry.

MICHELLE  
Oh okay. Well, all the more for me.

ZOE  
What's for dinner?

MICHELLE  
You said you're not hungry.

ZOE  
Not hungry for chocolate.

MICHELLE  
Dad's going to pick up some Thai. That alright?

ZOE  
Thai?

MICHELLE  
Yep, from Mon's.

ZOE  
Dad hates Thai food.

MICHELLE  
Yeh, it's not his favourite. You like it though? Pad See Ew?

ZOE  
Yeah.

MICHELLE  
That makes two of us then.

*(This all starts to drift from framed vlog to a combo of seeing the action and only hearing it.  
The shot stays still on the tripod on the kitchen bench)*

ZOE  
I'm just surprised, that's all.

MICHELLE

He's just doing a nice thing.  
What happened at school? Anything interesting?

ZOE

Hm, not really. Got to dissect a rat in science.

MICHELLE

Yuck. I hope you washed your hands.

ZOE

Oh no, I knew I forgot something [*She dangles her hands in front of MICHELLE*].

MICHELLE

Zoe, yuck!

ZOE

[*Laughing*] Of course I washed them.

*She goes to leave, stops and thinks and then turns back.*

Hey mum.

MICHELLE

Yep?

ZOE

What broke?

MICHELLE

Hm?

ZOE

Last night. What broke? I heard some big smash.

*MICHELLE looks panicked for a moment.*

MICHELLE

You heard that?

ZOE

It woke me up.

MICHELLE

Sorry, sweetie. I just, um, I knocked that vase off the coffee table. You know that one with the blue and green glass. I got up to go to the loo and walked right into it. It was dark.

*A pause. They are both silent.*

ZOE

Oh, okay.

MICHELLE

Real shame too, that was my favourite. Your grandma gave that to me on my 21st birthday.

ZOE

Yeah, it was nice.

MICHELLE

Never mind. These things happen. Sorry for waking you up.

ZOE

It's alright.

*A long pause.*

*Zoe then turns on the blender.*

*Awkwardness while it blends.*

*It stops.*

MICHELLE

Okay. I'll call you when it's time for Pad See Ew.

*Zoe tries the smoothie. She doesn't want it. She tips it out into the sink and turns off the camera.*