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SCENE 1**EXT. STEPS OF THE MET – LUNCH HOUR**

Jenny walks down the street alone. She comes across Kati, Is, Penny and Hazel, heading up the steps to have lunch.

JENNY

(sheepish)

Am I still welcome? I was just leaving.

Jenny turns to exit, but Hazel grabs her arm.

HAZEL

Sit down.

Jenny doesn't know what to do. Blair glares at Hazel.

BLAIR

(seething)

Maybe you'd like to join little Jenny for lunch with the rest of the greasy spoon crew?

HAZEL

Given you can barely manage your own messy affairs, surely you're not in a position to tell anyone where they can and can't eat.

BLAIR

Have you lost your mind? Do you realize who you're talking to? Not that it's anyone else's business, but I'm not pregnant.

HAZEL

(sarcastic)

By Chuck or by Nate?

BLAIR

What are you talking about?

HAZEL

Nate was spotted leaving Chuck's suite pretty pissed off.

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PENNY

The boyfriend and the best friend.

HAZEL

So low rent.

Blair looks to Kati and Is, who quickly look away.

HAZEL

Consider yourself dethroned, Queen B.

Penny and Hazel walk away. The rest of the girls follow, leaving Blair alone, shocked, and mortified.

SCENE 2

EXT. UES STREET

Hazel walks down the street with Penny, Kati, Isabel, Jenny, and another freshman, ELISE, nerdier, younger in spirit than her idol, Little J. Had Elise not come along, Jenny would still be the most junior member of this girl-pack.

HAZEL

Who's up for a Sax drive-by, then lemon drops at The Palace.

PENNY

Over the Palace. Hot sake at Decibel.

ISABEL

I don't think so. I break out if I cross 75th.

HAZEL

Which means Kati gets the same rash. What about you, Little J?

JENNY

Can't. I have about a thousand books to return to the library.

HAZEL

Elise will return them for you, won't you, E?

Jenny notices Elise smiling at her, arms out, way too eager to please. Jenny can't help but recognize her (old) self in this moment.

ELISE

I'm going there, anyway. Let me know if you need anything else.

Jenny hesitates a beat – is this really happening? But off Elise's smiling face, Jenny slowly digs in her bag and pulls out several books. Elise eagerly reaches for and takes them. Elise flashes a big, happy to be at the party smile. Elise runs off with the books, nearly skipping with glee. Hazel, Penny, Kai and Is watch her with dark delight.

HAZEL

(to Jenny)

Too bad we had to drop Blair. She'd be really proud of you at this moment.

The crew continues down the street.