SCENE 7 — The Hospital

An EKG with "Lucy T. Slut" across the bottom. As the heart rate moves across the screen, it looks rather like two breasts.

Princeton stands by Lucy's bed.

PRINCETON

Lucy, can you hear me?

Kate rushes in.

KATE MONSTER

Princeton! I heard your friend had an accident! How is she?

PRINCETON

Her head fell off in the ambulance. The doctors spent all night sewing it back on, but the prognosis is good.

KATE MONSTER

What happened to her?

PRINCETON

Some idiot threw a penny off the Empire State Building.

A moment.

KATE MONSTER

Shit.

PRINCETON

What are you doing here?

KATE MONSTER

Why didn't you bother to say you weren't coming?

PRINCETON

Huh?

KATE MONSTER

I told you in my note —

PRINCETON

What note?

KATE MONSTER

The one I left with —

She looks at Lucy, realizing.

Oh. I feel better now.

PRINCETON

How are you, Kate?

KATE MONSTER

Honestly?

PRINCETON

Of course!

KATE MONSTER

I'm working at Barnes and Noble. I miss my students. I work all day and I'm poorer than ever.

PRINCETON

What about your monster school?

KATE MONSTER

Some people's dreams come true, but I don't think I'm one of those people.

PRINCETON

Don't say that!

KATE MONSTER

But that's the way life is, Princeton. Nobody teaches you that when you're a kid, because if you knew, no one would ever dream. Or want to grow up. But you can't stop growing up.

A moment.

I'm late for work.

Princeton stops her.

PRINCETON

Kate, I wish you were happy, and I wish I had it together but I don't and I'm not sure when that's gonna happen. I'm sorry about hurting your feelings, because I think you're so special.

(Beat.)

Sorry that wasn't more articulate.

KATE MONSTER

You were perfectly articulate.

(Beat.)

I really do have to go.

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She exits. He looks after her.

On the video screen, Lucy's EKG flatlines. A heavenly choir sings, and the EKG picks up again.