SCENE 6 – Empire State Building / Street Corner

#16a – Empire State Crossovers

The action crosscuts between Princeton and Lucy on a street corner, and Kate Monster atop the Empire State Building.

KATE MONSTER

All those people look like ants down there. And their hearts look about as tiny as the ones inside the men I've dated.

(to the audience)

Princeton gave me this penny once. He said it was the symbol of his hopes and dreams. And he never called like I asked him to, and I don't see him anywhere, and pretty soon he'll be an hour late. If he comes at all.

On the street. Princeton sees Lucy, and runs over.

PRINCETON

Hey – Lucy! Where'd you go this morning? I've been looking all over for you.

LUCY

Oh, man. Why do I always get the 'clingy' guys?

PRINCETON

Clingy? You left this morning without even saying goodbye!

LUCY

Listen, kid, sorry to be honest, but look at me. I can have my pick of the litter. If I want a relationship, I'll find a guy with a good job, who has a future and a ton of money, and not some well-hung, baby-faced kid who leeches from his parents and can't get his act together.

PRINCETON

I think I heard a compliment in there somewhere –

On the Empire State Building.

KATE MONSTER

Well, that's how it feels to be stood up. I'm gonna get rid of this stupid penny. And I'll make a wish! I hope – more than anything, I hope I find someone who I love, someone who loves me back.

(She tosses the penny.)

Yaahhh!

(Beat.)

Somehow I don't feel any better.

On the street ...

PRINCETON

But I'm only waiting for my purpose, Lucy! My break! My big revelation!

LUCY

You know the only revelation people have in life, kiddo? They're not special. You're not special. You're no luckier or more gifted than anyone else.

PRINCETON

You don't think so?

LUCY

No!

PRINCETON

Now whenever I pass by this place, I'll think about what you said just now.

LUCY

What's so special about this place?

PRINCETON

You mean here, on 34th and Fifth, right next to the Empire State Building?

We hear a whistling sound, and a "thunk" as Lucy's body goes limp.

A long moment.

Lucy?