

Difficult People Spec

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INT. BROOKLYN BAGEL STORE - MORNING

JULIE and BILLY are in line at a crowded bagel shop.

BILLY

I don't know why I thought this guy would be any different. After all I met him in a Pret A Manger. There isn't a worse place in the entire world

JULIE

You're telling me. Was that date really that bad?

BILLY

All he talked about was his last threesome. And trust me he didn't spare me a single disgusting detail

JULIE

My idea of a threesome is using both my phone and laptop in bed at the same time

BILLY

Anyway, it doesn't matter. I'm single and alone once again

JULIE

I'm sorry the date was a dud

BILLY

It's okay. He's the kind of guy who tweets his horoscope

JULIE

Oh no

BILLY

I dodged a bullet

JULIE

You'll find the perfect guy one day. If it makes you feel any better I read online that Lifetime is producing a movie about the life of Ashley Judd

BILLY

Perfect, that will fill the gaping hole in my life

They move up one spot in line.

JULIE

Just take some time for yourself.
Have a mental health day! I do it
all the time

BILLY

Maybe that's a good idea. Besides I
haven't gotten a good night of
sleep since they announced the cast
of the Jumanji remake

They move forward another spot in line.

JULIE

This line is taking forever

BILLY

It's all thanks to that damn
rainbow bagel. You know what I say?
Fuck the rainbow bagel

The woman in front of them starts to order.

WOMAN

Can I get a cinnamon raisin
ba-gull?

Julie and Billy suddenly look up from their phones in
disgust.

JULIE

I'm sorry what did you just say?

WOMAN

(confused)

I just asked for a cinnamon raisin
ba-gull

BILLY

Oh my god

JULIE

No, you asked for a "ba-gull" not a
bagel

WOMAN

How is that any different?

BILLY

Are you insane?

WOMAN

I'm sorry, I don't understand what the problem is

BILLY

Of course you don't. Why don't you go enjoy your "ba-gull" with some "melk" while resting your head on a "pellow." You animal! I bet you voted for Trump!

The woman grabs her bagel and rushes away nervously.

JULIE

Yeah you better run!

BILLY

Fucking Brooklyn

CUT TO:

INT. MARILYN'S APARTMENT - NEXT DAY

Julie lets herself into her mother's apartment. She's holding a mixing bowl.

JULIE

Mom? Are you home?

MARILYN

I'm in the kitchen!

Julie walks into the kitchen to find her mom baking cookies.

JULIE

Why are you baking?

MARILYN

Trust me it's not by choice

JULIE

Someone's forcing you to bake? Are you being blackmailed by Mary Berry?

MARILYN

Is that a person?

Julie shakes her head disapproving.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

I was at an event for the American Psychological Association last week

MARILYN
 and had a glass or four too many
 and signed myself up to make
 cookies for a charity bake sale

Julie is now eating chocolate chips out of the bag.

JULIE
 Why don't you just get store-bought
 cookies and pretend you made them?

MARILYN
 They have to be homemade. Besides
 I'm already on thin ice with the
 association after my phone rang at
 a luncheon for PTSD awareness

JULIE
 What charity is this for?

MARILYN
 I wanna say dogs? or maybe it was
 daughters? Either dogs or daughters

JULIE
 Sounds important. (beat) Here's the
 extra mixer you asked for. Don't
 worry, it's clean. I haven't used
 it since the time Billy and I
 wanted to make brownies so we went
 out to buy it and just ended up
 just stopping for ice cream on the
 way home instead

MARILYN
 Great just set it down and grab an
 apron. We have to make 500 cookies
 by tonight

JULIE
 Oh you see, there's nothing I would
 love more then spending the day
 mother-daughter baking, but I have
 to go do literally anything else.
 Besides I'm having a me day.

MARILYN
 Oh please, everyday is Julie day. I
 can't do this on my own! I need
 help!

Julie sneaks a cookie from one of the trays into her purse.

JULIE

Well it looks like you've got this under control so I'm gonna head out

MARILYN

Wait how many did you take?

Julie is rushing out towards the door and yells back to her mom.

JULIE

Just one! Good luck!

CUT TO:

INT. RESTAURANT - SAME DAY

The restaurant is completely empty and Billy is folding silverware at one of the tables. DENISE and MATTHEW walk in wearing matching pink berets. They are laughing loudly as they enter.

DENISE

Why is the restaurant so empty?
It's lunch rush

BILLY

Maybe because everyone walking by sees the sad man inside pretending to fold silverware as he regrets every choice he's ever made

MATTHEW

Wow Billy, you've officially become pathetic

BILLY

Where have you guys been? I've been here alone for hours

DENISE

None of your business

MATTHEW

Yeah it doesn't concern you

Denise and Matthew straighten each other's berets and walk into the kitchen laughing. Billy finds himself alone again. He goes back to folding silverware. He folds up three knives into a napkin.

BILLY
My life is such a joke

An older man enters the restaurant.

BILLY (CONT'D)
We're closed

MAN
The sign says open

BILLY
Fine. Sit anywhere

MAN
Actually, I was just walking by
when I saw you in the window. Sorry
if this is forward but are you
about 6'2 and between the ages of
30 and 45?

BILLY
Oh god, you're going to kill me
aren't you? Oh well, I lived long
enough to see the female
Ghostbusters, there's really
nothing else worth living for

MAN
(laughing)
No, I'm sorry. My name is Richard
Colten. I'm an executive producer
on a new pop culture game show

Richard reaches out his hand and Billy shakes it hesitantly.

BILLY
I'm Billy Epstein.

MAN
And tell me, what do you do Billy?

BILLY
Other than work in this hell hole,
I'm a struggling comedian. It's all
very glamorous

MAN
I think you'd be a perfect
contestant on our show

BILLY

I'm not sure I'm game show material. I don't really show excitement, or joy, or have a likable personality

MAN

I'll tell you what, here's my card and if you change your mind give me a call

BILLY

Thanks

CUT TO:

INT. JULIE AND ARTHUR'S APARTMENT - DAY

Julie is fixing her hair in the mirror when ARTHUR walks in with the dogs.

JULIE

Hey Arthur

ARTHUR

Hello noodles, what are you getting ready for?

JULIE

Today is my mental health day

ARTHUR

Is it the second Tuesday of the month already?

JULIE

I'm spending today alone doing things that make me happy. Like laughing at romantic comedies, petting service dogs in Riverside Park, and cyber-bulling thirteen year olds on Instagram

ARTHUR

So I'm guessing you won't be attending my boss's dinner party this evening?

JULIE

Well I have reservations for one at Olive Garden. I'm going to starve myself all day so that I can fully take advantage of the unlimited breadsticks

Arthur looks disappointed.

JULIE

But I'll probably still be hungry afterwards so I can try to stop by

ARTHUR

How thoughtful of you

JULIE

Alright I'm off to the movies!

Arthur leans in for a kiss goodbye but Julie leans down to kiss the dogs instead.

CUT TO:

INT. MARILYN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Marilyn is mixing ingredients together. She is covered in flour.

MARILYN

(reading recipe)

Four cups of flour and two cups of sugar" I can't believe I got myself into this mess. I should really stop drinking after 1pm

The doorbell rings and she goes to answer it. She sees a group of Girl Scouts about 12 years old.

GIRL SCOUT

Hello Ma'am do you have a moment to--

MARILYN

(interrupting)

What ever this is I don't have time for it. I'm having a baking emergency

GIRL SCOUT

We are raising money for our fellow troop member who is in the hospital after--

MARILYN

Wait, you girls know cookies right?

GIRL SCOUT

That's not why we are here

Marilyn suddenly has a change of heart and starts smiling aggressively at the girls.

MARILYN

You know, my daughter Julie was a Girl Scout too. She sold tons of boxes of cookies but then ate them all so I had to pay for them twice. Then she called a girl in her troop a skank and was asked to turn in her vest. Anyway come in, come in!

The Girl Scouts look at each other nervously, but enter the apartment. Marilyn leads them to the kitchen.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

So here's what I need from you. 500 homemade cookies in three hours

GIRLS SCOUT

Ma'am we really don't have time. We are trying to raise money for our friend--

MARILYN

(interrupting)

How about you help me and I buy your little friend a brand new bike

GIRL SCOUT

She actually is in the hospital because she got hit by a car while riding her bike. She's paralyzed

MARILYN

Well, that's unfortunate. How about this, if you help me out I'll write your friend a big fat check

The girls form a little huddle to contemplate the offer.

GIRL SCOUT

(to the others)

Well, we *do* need to earn our help the elderly badge. I say we do it!

The other girls nod in agreement.

GIRL SCOUT (CONT'D)

We're in

MARILYN

Wonderful! These cookies aren't
going to bake themselves girls!
I'll be upstairs fixing my hair, if
you need anything call someone
else!

She leaves the girls in the kitchen and heads upstairs.

CUT TO:

EXT. NYC STREET - DAY

Billy is standing on the corner outside the restaurant after
his shift. He stares at the card the man gave him earlier.

BILLY

Fuck it

Billy pulls out his phone and dials the number.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Hi Richard? This is Billy Epstein,
I met you earlier--

RICHARD

Ah yes! Billy! Glad you decided to
call

BILLY

Yeah, I just wanted to let you know
that I'm in. I'll do the show

RICHARD

That's wonderful! We are actually
doing a run through in an hour if
you can get down to the studio

BILLY

Yeah sure I can be there

RICHARD

Wonderful!

BILLY

Wait this isn't one of those
Japanese game shows where I'll end
up in a diaper with someone force
feeding me baby food right? Because
I've been down that road before

RICHARD

Not at all. It will be a test of your pop culture knowledge. Nothing embarrassing

BILLY

Okay, I'll see you soon

Billy hangs up the phone and calls Julie. He gets her voicemail.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Hi Julie it's me. I got asked to be on some new pop culture game show. I don't know what it is but at least it's exposure. Anyway I was hoping you could come with and quiz me beforehand. Also remind me to tweet @midnight that they missed a huge opportunity by not airing one of my hundred tweets on their show. They ask everyone to make a celebrity winter themed and I tweet Sarah Jessica Parka, I mean c'mon! Call me back when you get this.

He hangs up and starts heading down the street.

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY TRAIN - DAY

Julie is riding a crowded F train. She is standing in the middle of the train holding onto the center pole. Suddenly the train comes to a harsh stop. The lights flicker on and off.

TRAIN OPERATOR (V.O)

Ladies and gentlemen we are momentarily being held by the dispatch due to an earlier incident at 42nd street, we are sorry for the inconvenience.

JULIE

Some dumbass probably dropped his phone on the tracks

A baby starts crying. An old man takes off his shoes and socks. A group of subway performers turn up the volume on their boom box and start their routine. Two tourists dressed in "I heart New York" gear and holding M&M store bags raise a selfie stick in the air to take a photo. Julie screams.

CUT TO:

INT. GAME SHOW STUDIO - DAY

Billy is in the hair and makeup room getting touched up before the rehearsal taping. He is on his phone sending Julie a "Where are you?" text. A production assistant enters.

PA

Mr. Epstein would you like some sparkling water?

The PA hold up three flavors of LaCroix sparkling water.

BILLY

I'll take the passionfruit now, the kiwi pineapple in 45 minutes, and the apple cranberry one should be destroyed because I'm not a barbarian. If I wanted the worst flavor I would have gone to Costco and bought a giant variety pack like a peasant.

The PA hands him the water and rolls his eyes before walking out. The makeup artist continues to touch up Billy's face.

BILLY (CONT'D)

(excited)

So that's what it's like to yell at a PA. I'm like Katherine Heigl on the set of 27 Dresses!

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY TRAIN - LATER IN THE DAY

Julie is now leaning her entire body against the middle subway pole. She is visibly sweating and fanning herself with her hand.

JULIE

Of course this is the one train without air conditioning, meanwhile there's a whole open space for people just because they're in wheelchairs.

A man in the handicap section of the train in a wheelchair glares back at her.

JULIE (CONT'D)
 (yelling towards him)
 Oh yeah sure, I'm a horrible
 person. You know a lot of people
 have disabilities, you just can't
 see them...with your eyes.

Julie lays her purse down on the dirty floor of the train
 and sits on it.

TRAIN OPERATOR (V.O)
 Ladies and gentlemen MTA would like
 to apologize for the delay and
 assure you that we will be moving
 shortly.

A man starts urinating in the corner of the train. Julie
 looks at her phone and sees "no service."

JULIE
 I'm like a modern day Anne Frank

CUT TO:

INT. MARILYN'S APARTMENT - DAY

The Girl Scouts are covered in flour and working hard in the
 kitchen. They have an assembly line going. Arthur enters.

ARTHUR
 Marilyn? Hello?

He walks into the kitchen and notices the girls baking.

ARTHUR (CONT'D)
 Oh, hi there

GIRL SCOUT
 Are you a pedofile?

ARTHUR
 No, why would you think that?

GIRL SCOUT
 Your glasses

ARTHUR
 What's wrong with my--

Marliyn enters the kitchen.

MARILYN

Don't worry girls he's not a pedofile, he's just an alcoholic. And my daughters boyfriend

ARTHUR

I'm not an alcoholic Marilyn we've talked about this

MARILYN

What can I do for you?

ARTHUR

I'm looking for Julie. She hasn't tweeted in three hours and I'm worried something happened to her. When I call it goes straight to voicemail

MARILYN

Did you check Olive Garden?

ARTHUR

Yes they said she never showed up for her reservation

MARILYN

I'm surprised they even still let her make a reservation there after she got caught hoarding breadsticks into her purse, twice

ARTHUR

Or that time she stuffed a whole plate of ravioli in her shirt and claimed it was stolen by a group of youths so she could get a free meal

MARILYN

Well, I'm sure she's fine. You know Julie, she can take care of herself. In fact she's a little too good at it

ARTHUR

I guess you're right. It's just not like her to ignore her phone

Marilyn is now watching the girls closely and inspecting the trays of cookies.

ARTHUR (CONT'D)

What exactly is happening here?

MARILYN

I've captured these Girl Scouts to help me make cookies for a charity event. I tried to recruit the UPS guy too but he got away

ARTHUR

It kind of seems like you're holding young girls hostage and forcing them to work

MARILYN

You're overreacting, then again you've probably been drinking

ARTHUR

I haven't but I do believe that you've kidnapped a bunch of Girl Scouts

MARILYN

I didn't kidnap them, I'm just keeping them here for my own benefit

ARTHUR

Yes, my point exactly

Marilyn watches as the girls work quickly trying to make the cookies. One girl wipes sweat off her face but gets flour all over. Another girl is inserting chocolate chips one by one into the cookies. Another girl is crying in the corner.

MARLYN

I've created a child sweatshop

CUT TO:

INT. GAME SHOW STUDIO - DAY

Billy is being led onto the set with the two other contestants. He tries to call Julie again.

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY TRAIN - SAME TIME

Julie is now laying on the floor of the train using her purse as her pillow. Her makeup is a mess. Children are crying in the background. Her phone starts buzzing. She looks at it confused.

JULIE

What? I have service!

Julie answers the phone.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Hello?! Billy?!

CUT TO:

INT. GAME SHOW STUDIO - SAME TIME

BILLY

Julie?! Where the hell are you?

CUT TO:

INTERCUT- PHONE CONVERSATION

JULIE

I'm on the F train!

BILLY

Lucky you

JULIE

No the actual F train. we're stuck and the train hasn't moved in hours

BILLY

Move over James Franco, this is your 127 hours. (beat) What stop are you closest to?

JULIE

I think I'm somewhere in between Herald Square and Bryant Park

BILLY

(gasping)

That's horrible. But hey, I have good news, I'm about to be on a ga-- show

Julie's cell service starts to cut out as Billy continues.

BILLY (CONT'D)
 (continued)
 It's going to be great and don't
 worry Carson Daley is no where to
 be seen

Julie starts to sit upright.

JULIE
 Wait, a gay show? what's that?
 Although makes since for Carson
 Daley to be laying low

BILLY
 No not a gay show, a ga-- show

JULIE
 My service is really shitty down
 here. Thanks a lot De Blasio. Hold
 on let me try to get to higher
 ground

Julie stands up and stares down an old woman who is sitting
 on one the seats asleep.

JULIE (CONT'D)
 (to the woman)
 I'm sorry ma'am but you're going to
 have to get up so I can stand on
 the seat and talk to my friend

The old woman doesn't wake up. Julie steps up onto the sides
 of the seat with one leg straddling each side of the woman.

JULIE (CONT'D)
 Billy?

BILLY
 Yes I can hear you

JULIE
 Thank god

A man notices Julie on the phone.

MAN
 Hey! Kathy Griffin over there has
 cell service! Give me that phone!

JULIE
 (to the man)
 Suck my dick!

Billy is escorted to his spot behind a podium.

BILLY
What's going on down there?

JULIE
It's chaos. Someone just called me
Kathy Griffin

BILLY
This truly is Trump's America

JULIE
This is a nightmare and I missed my
Olive Garden reservation! I'm
starving I haven't eaten all day!

BILLY
I hope you g-- and then you ca--

JULIE
Wait Billy you're cutting out
again. Billy?!

BILLY
Julie?! Hello?

JULIE
I don't know if you can hear me but
if I die down here please tell
everyone that I blocked Kevin
Spacey on Twitter, not the other
way around

Her phone clicks out and the call is dropped.

CUT TO:

INT. MARILYN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Marilyn is pacing in the kitchen.

MARILYN
This is bad, isn't it?

ARTHUR
It's not the worst thing you've
ever done

MARILYN
I'll just send them home and tell
them to lie to their parents about
where they've been. No one has to
know

Arthur takes a cookie off one of the trays and eats it. He immediately spits it out into his hand.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

What are you doing? those aren't for you!

ARTHUR

They're horrible. Way too much salt

MARILYN

What are you talking about?

Marilyn takes a cookie and bites into it. She immediately spits it into Arthur's other hand.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

What did you girls do?!

GIRL SCOUT

(terrified)

We followed the recipe just like you asked

MARILYN

Well obviously you didn't get a badge for reading because you can't tell the difference between the words salt and sugar.

Marilyn points to the two containers labeled salt and sugar. Another Girl Scout opens the containers and looks inside closely.

GIRL SCOUT

Um, ma'am? The containers are labeled wrong. The "sugar" is actually labeled "salt"

MARILYN

Well, I'm going to blame the day drinking because *I* don't make mistakes

ARTHUR

How am I the alcoholic?

MARILYN

This is a disaster. Thank god these are only for a dog charity

GIRL SCOUT
I thought it was daughters?

MARILYN
Who cares?!

In the background Arthur lurks awkwardly trying to figure out what to do with the half-chewed cookies he is still holding in his hands.

END OF ACT II

INT. GAME SHOW STUDIO - DAY

The game show is about to start taping. The stage manager approaches Billy's podium.

STAGE MANAGER
Alright we are just about ready to get started. The host is going to introduce you so make sure you look into camera 1 and wave

BILLY
Do I have to wave? It just feels so forced.

STAGE MANAGER
What would you rather do?

BILLY
I don't know, Joe Biden finger guns?

STAGE MANAGER
Whatever, I don't care. This show will never make it to air anyway

BILLY
Wait, what?

The host walks over to introduce himself to the three contestants. He turns and sees Billy. Billy freezes.

BILLY (CONT'D)
Oh shit, it's Pret A Manger guy

The host walks over to Billy.

HOST
Billy, good to see you again

BILLY

Yeah you too. When you said you were a performer I thought you meant very off-broadway or some horrible improv troupe that invites the audience onstage

HOST

I actually just got this gig. Pretty cool huh? Although I'm kinda surprised I haven't heard from you since our date. I thought we hit it off really well

BILLY

Really? I'm sorry but I didn't have a great time. But it's not just because of you, I'm a really miserable person

HOST

It's alright Billy, no hard feelings

BILLY

That's good to hear

The host returns back to his spot on the other side of the studio.

STAGE MANAGER

And we are on in 3,2,1...

HOST

Hello everyone and welcome to "Pop Goes the Culture"

Billy rolls his eyes and groans off camera.

HOST

Lets meet our three contestants

The host walks over to the contestants behind their podiums.

HOST (CONT'D)

Why don't you tell us your name and what you do

CONTESTANT 1

My name is Jenny and I'm a high school teacher

CONTESTANT 2

I'm Jacob and I write fan fiction
for Fuller House

Billy is staring at contestant 2 looking appalled when the camera cuts to him.

BILLY

Oh, I'm Billy and I'm a comedian

HOST

Really? why don't you tell us a
joke!

BILLY

I'd rather not

HOST

Well, some comedian huh? Seems like
you're the joke. Anyway it's time
for our first round "Who's that
actor?"

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY TRAIN - EVEN LATER

Things on the subway train have escalated. A woman is eating her hair. The tourists are still taking selfies. Julie is now standing up and her stomach is growling loudly.

JULIE

I've never been this hungry in my
life. I would do nasty things for
an Olive Garden breadstick right
now. Like "congratulate Casey
Affleck on his Oscar" nasty

Julie starts to feel around in her bag and suddenly her face lights up. She pulls out the crumbled chocolate chip cookie she stole earlier.

JULIE (CONT'D)

If I had cell service I would so be
tweeting hashtag blessed ironically
and then probably delete it later!

Julie suddenly notices a young girl crying to her mother.

MOTHER

I know you're hungry sweetheart,
we'll get out of here soon

Julie tries to hid the cookie and eat it without anyone noticing. The same guy who called her out for having a working phone notices.

MAN

Hey! Kathy Griffin has food!

Everyone on the train turns to stare at Julie.

JULIE

No I don't

MAN

Then what's that in your hand?

Before Julie can come up with a lie the mother and daughter approach her.

MOTHER

Ms. Griffin, please my daughter's blood sugar is very low

JULIE

I'm not--

Julie stops. A lightbulb goes off in her head.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Yes, I am Kathy Griffin and no your daughter cannot have my cookie. And remember I am Kathy Griffin

MAN

What kind of person would deny their food to a child?

JULIE

I'll have you know it's not mine, I stole this cookie

Everyone on the train glares at her. Panicking Julie shoves the cookie into her mouth. She immediately spits it out because it's too salty.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Mother---

CUT TO:

INT. MARILYN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Marilyn is walking the Girl Scouts out of her apartment.

GIRL SCOUT

Wait ma'am, you said you would
donate money to help our friend

MARILYN

That's before you tried to poison
me with salt. You didn't hold up
your end of the bargain

GIRL SCOUT

We could go straight to the police
and tell them that you kept us here
against our will and forced us into
child labor

Marilyn walks back into the kitchen and returns with her
checkbook.

MARILYN

Alright girls here's the money.
Give it to your little friend in
the hospital or use it to buy booze
and drugs I don't care. Just keep
your stupid little mouths shut.
Understood?

The girls all nod.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

Alright. Now out!

The girls all start walking out the door. Marilyn calls out
after them.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

You know, statistically at least 1
of you is going to have a baby in
the bathroom at your prom!

ARTHUR

If I wasn't dating your daughter I
would never believe that you're a
mother.

MARILYN

Thank you Arthur, that's very sweet

Arthur walks out the door. Marilyn goes back to the kitchen. It's a mess and there are trays of cookies everywhere. She opens up a bottle of wine and chugs right from the bottle. She looks at the cookies.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

Well, at least dogs like salt.
Right?

CUT TO:

INT. GAME SHOW STUDIO

We are mid game and the host is asking questions. The scoreboard behind the contestants shows that Billy has 35 points, Jenny has 450 and Jacob has 525

HOST

This next question is for Jenny.
The former celebrity couple
"Bradgelina" was made up of which
two people?

JENNY

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

HOST

Correct!

Her point score on the board behind them goes up.

HOST (CONT'D)

Jacob, which of the following
celebrities are not related? Miley
Cyrus and Billy Ray Cyrus, Bruce
Willis and Rumer Willis, or James
Franco and Sandra Bullock?

JACOB

James Franco and Sandra Bullock

HOST

Correct!

Jacob's points go up on the screen behind him.

BILLY

That was the easiest question ever,
why am I getting all the impossible
ones?!

HOST
Here's one for you, which Star Wars
movie is the best?

BILLY
The first?

HOST
I'm sorry the answer we were
looking for was the second one

BILLY
But that's just an opinion! Not a
fact!

Billy's points go down on the screen.

HOST
Alright, Jenny what is Meryl
Streep's last name?

BILLY
This show is obviously rigged and
you're giving me impossible
questions on purpose because you're
mad at me for not wanting to go on
a second date. You know what, I may
technically be "not working" or as
some call it "freelancing" right
now but I don't need this

Billy walks angrily off the set.

BILLY (CONT'D)
I'm Katherine Heigl, dammit!

CUT TO:

INT. SUBWAY TRAIN - NIGHT

Julie is sitting now with her head resting on an older man
next to her. He sneezes on her and she wakes up. Suddenly
the train starts moving. Everyone cheers, Julie starts to
cry tears of joy.

JULIE
I'm free. Kathy Griffin is free!

A young guy hits Julie in the head with his backpack as he
swings it onto his back.

JULIE (CONT'D)

I don't even care. I've never been happier

TRAIN OPERATOR (V.O)

The next stop is 42nd St Bryant Park

JULIE

(smiling)

Yes. Yes it is

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN ROOM AT STUDIO - NIGHT

Billy is gathering his stuff together and shoving the free food and drinks into his bag. Richard, the man he met earlier walks in.

RICHARD

Billy, I'm so sorry about what happened out there. That was very unprofessional. Don't worry we won't be airing your breakdown

BILLY

That was hardly a breakdown. I'm no Charlie Sheen

RICHARD

Well, how can I make it up to you? I'm casting a few other game shows if you want in

BILLY

Trust me I'm in no position to turn down a job but like I said earlier, I just don't think I'm game show material

RICHARD

Sorry to hear that. Good luck Billy

Billy sighs and walks out the door.

CUT TO:

EXT. BRYANT PARK 6TH AVE SUBWAY ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Julie is crawling on her hands and knees up the subway steps towards the street. Once at the top she kisses the ground and laughs crazily. People are staring. Billy appears, concerned.

BILLY

Julie? Are you okay? I've been waiting here for a half hour

JULIE

I'm great! I'm above ground! I've never felt more alive!

Julie's stomach growls loudly. Both her and Billy look down at it.

JULIE (CONT'D)

I almost forgot how hungry I was

BILLY

That's the first sign of starving to death

JULIE

I bet I lost at least 5 pounds down there

BILLY

At least. Here I stole you some food from the green room

He starts pulling it out of his bag.

JULIE

Oh yeah how was the gay show?

BILLY

Not gay show, game show

JULIE

Oh that makes more sense

BILLY

It was horrible just like everything else in the world

JULIE

Amen to that

Billy pulls out a napkin with a breadstick inside.

BILLY

Here, it's not Olive Garden but
it's stolen so it it will taste
even better

JULIE

Not always true

Julie takes a bite.

JULIE (CONT'D)

Oh my god this is the best thing
I've ever tasted. Very dry but
amazing

BILLY

Oh here I stole you a drink too

He pulls out a stolen LaCrox sparkling water and hands it to
Julie.

JULIE

Ugh, Apple Cranberry? I'd rather
die than drink this

BILLY

Right? it's the worst

JULIE

I really do need to drink something
I'm dangerously dehydrated

They both look around for some kind of bodega or pharmacy.
They both turn around and see that they are in front of a
Pret A Manger.

BILLY

(checking his phone)

There's a Duane Reade two blocks
away

JULIE

I can make it

They walk off down the street. Fade out.

END OF EPISODE.