WHAT'S WRONG, LILY MACK?

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INT. AUDITION ROOM - DAY (VIDEO RECORDING)

CHLOE KIANI (12), stands motionless in front of an unseen camera. Her face is void of passion -- hollow, empty, vacant.

She clutches the hem of her shirt nervously.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Action.

And in the blink of an eye...

YOUNG CHLOE

(bright and cheerful) Hi! My name is Chloe Kiani, I'm twelve years old, I'm with Starlink Talent, and I'm auditioning for the role of Lily in What's Up, Lily Mack?

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

And how tall you are, Chloe?

YOUNG CHLOE

Umm...I'm gonna guess like--?

DANA (O.S.)

(matter-of-factly)

Five-foot-one.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Five-foot-one. Got it.

(sarcastic)

Mom knows best, right Chlo?

Chloe nods, her "smile" glued in place. She steals a quick glance toward her mom, off-camera.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Now, let's see that right profile.

Chloe turns, but it's slightly off. Dana clears her throat off-screen. Chloe quickly adjusts her posture.

CASTING DIRECTOR (CONT'D)

Terrific. And now your left.

She turns to her left.

CASTING DIRECTOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Fantastic. Now, what do you say we

get started. Ready?

Chloe nods, her smile wavering ever so slightly. She glances toward her unseen mother for reassurance.

DANA (O.S.)

Get it done.

We don't see her. But her presence is unmistakable. Get it done, Chloe. Get. It. Done.

STAGE MANAGER (PRE-LAP)

In five...four...three...two...

TITLE SEQUENCE - WHAT'S UP, LILY MACK?

As a bright, upbeat pop-rock song plays, we see a colorful montage of LILY (TEEN CHLOE) in her various wacky adventures:

- Lily races down a school hallway on roller skates, swerving around teachers and students with a bubbling science project.

STARRING CHLOE KIANI

- Lily "attempts" to bake a cake, but it hilariously overflows, bursting like a balloon and covering her in flour.
- Lily and her best friend, MAYA (16), have a pillow fight that escalates into a full-on, slow-motion feather explosion.

BELLA NAVARRO

- Dressed as a magician, Lily pulls a rabbit from her hat at a talent show. The rabbit bolts and she clumsily chases it.
- Lily and her friend, LEO (16), sit side by side, faces smeared as they furiously compete in a pie-eating contest.

ETHAN SHAY

- Playing guitar, Lily and Maya rock out as their classmates jump and dance with excitement. Leo plays the drums.
- Lily and her older brother, SCOTTY (20s), ride a laundry basket down the stairs like it's a roller coaster, laughing as they crash at the bottom in classic sitcom style.

NOAH DUFFY

- In a superhero daydream, Lily strikes a heroic pose, cape fluttering in the wind!
- A disapproving teacher taps on Lily's desk, jolting her awake. Oops!

CREATED BY BRAD MOZIER

A CARTOON LILY appears on her shoulder, offering "advice." Real-life Lily nods with a knowing smile, then winks at the camera.

The title "WHAT'S UP, LILY MACK?" flashes in bold, sparkly letters as the theme song wraps up.

END TITLE SEQUENCE

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - DAY (LILY MACK)

Lily, Maya, and Leo walk together, zig-zagging through the bustling hallways of hell...high school!

Maya is busy on her phone while Lily balances cups of Jell-O like a circus act, walking on tiptoes for dramatic effect.

LILY

And for my next trick, I will defy gravity with a single stack of mediocre, ultra-processed gelatin!

Cue the sitcom laughter - ha ha ha!

LEO

Gravity-defying? Lily, please. I've seen you trip over air.

More sitcom laughter - ha ha ha!

LILY

What are you talking about? I never--

Just then, a cute boy walks past, flashing Lily a quick smile.

CUTE BOY

Hey, Lily.

Lily's face flushes bright red as Cartoon Lily appears on her shoulder, dramatically fanning her with a tiny cartoon fan.

CARTOON LILY

Stay calm, Lily! Stay calm! Stay--!

BOOM. Right on cue, Lily trips, sending her Jell-O flying as she crashes to the ground. Oof. Pure social humiliation.

Maya, still texting, barely looks up.

MAYA

(deadpan; to Leo)
Did you hear something?

Leo points to the ground. Lily, sprawled out on the floor, covered in Jell-O. Sitcom laughter abound -- ha ha ha!

Cartoon Lily reappears, this time wearing a referee uniform. She blows α whistle and holds up a "1/10" scorecard.

CARTOON LILY

(alarm blaring)

Abort mission! This is not a drill! Full-blown social meltdown!

LILY

(panicky)

What's the damage, Maya? How bad? How bad?

MAYA

Um...well, on a scale of one to "please transfer schools," it's pretty high up there.

LILY

Oh god! Hide me!

Leo kneels down and casually swipes some Jell-O off Lily, tasting it. Yuck!

LEO

Jell-0's still good.

Lily and Maya exchange a cringy look, half-amused, half-grossed out. More sitcom laughter -- ha ha ha ha.

LEO (CONT'D)

(defensive)

What? My mom always says, 'never waste food, Leo. You're a growing young man!'

MAYA

I love ya, Leo. But do something useful and help shield us.

LEO

(salutes)

Aye-aye, captains!

Leo awkwardly tries to shield Lily from the rest of the cafeteria as Maya helps her to her feet, Jell-O still dripping from her clothes.

Just as they try to slip away, SIERRA (17), queen of the mean girls, struts up with her posse of lackeys, smirking as she soaks in Lily's humiliation.

Two of her friends hold up "Sierra for Homecoming Queen" posters like the good, little flunkeys they are.

SIERRA

Oh, Lily. Campaigning for Most Clumsy, I see.

Sierra's friends laugh. Cartoon Lily pops up again, now sporting boxing gloves, ready to go full-on Mike Tyson.

CARTOON LILY

Let me at her. Let me at her! One punch should do it!