

# GIRL Wrestling

INT. LIVINGROOM - AFTERNOON

CARLA is sitting on the couch when LAURA walks in the door. Carla looks over at her.

CARLA

And where exactly have you been?

Laura looks a little guilty.

LAURA

Um, I was at school.

Carla looks down at her watch.

CARLA

It's almost 5 o'clock.

LAURA

I know, sorry.

She starts heading towards her room. Carla stops her.

CARLA

We're not done talking.

Laura turns around.

LAURA

What do you want me to say?

CARLA

I want you to tell me where you were.

Laura looks nervous.

LAURA

Fine. Promise not to be mad?

CARLA

That all depends.

LAURA

I joined the wrestling team.

Carla is stunned by the admission.

LAURA

You know how you always tell me I should get into extra curricular activities at school? Well I took your advice.

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CARLA

By joining the wrestling team? Are you nuts?

LAURA

No, it's perfect! There's nobody my size so I will always win. I've already won 3 meets.

Carla stares at her for a moment.

CARLA

I can't have you doing that anymore. What if you get hurt?

LAURA

There's no way. Even if there is someone my size to wrestle, they aren't going to want to wrestle a girl. It's perfect.

Carla laughs.

CARLA

You think you've got it all planned out don't you?

Laura nods.

LAURA

Yeah, pretty much. Come on Mom, you have to admit. It's pretty clever.

CARLA

You always were a clever girl.

Laura smiles and starts to walk away. Carla stops her again.

CARLA

Just one thing. How long did you think you could get away with this without telling me?

LAURA

I don't know. Actually I wanted to surprise you when I won the national championships. I thought you and Dad would be proud.

CARLA

Oh, so you were going to go all season long without telling us? What if we wanted to come to one of your matches?

LAURA

Oh, I wouldn't bother. Like I said, I never wrestle anyone so it's not like you would see me doing anything. It's pretty boring actually.

CARLA

Well if that's how you feel...

LAURA

Thanks for understanding.

She turns again.

CARLA

Oh Laura, one more thing.

LAURA

Yes?

CARLA

Your coach called. Looks like they found someone your size who is not opposed to wrestling girls. Guess he's a real killer. He wanted me to tell you that you have extra practice all next week to get prepared.

LAURA

He what?

CARLA

Yeah, and he even gave your Dad and I front row seats to the match. He thought it was important that parents support their child's choices. I couldn't agree more.

Laura is left stunned.

CARLA

Better get your homework done. Looks like long hours all next week getting sweaty.

Laura, mouth opened, walks out of the room. Carla grins as we...