MEGAN
But you understand how painful the
whole thing is for me, and how it’s
probably not so fun to have to tell
the story from the beginning because
it’s like, re-living it.

WILL
Yeah, but --

MEGAN
And now is not the best time for me
to re-live it, since I’m experiencing
a whole new nightmare with her at
this very moment.

WILL
You don’t have to get mad --

MEGAN
I’m not mad, I’m just sort of shocked
that you’re making this about you.

WILL
That’s not what I’m doing.

MEGAN
That’s what it feels like.

A tense moment. Neither one is sure how to proceed.

MEGAN (CONT’D)
I’m gonna be late for this interview.

WILL
Yeah. Okay. Good luck.

MEGAN
We’re still on for tonight, right?
Double date?

WILL
Sure. Pick you up at 7.

He walks out, no kiss on the thing. Mom being in town is
officially ruining everything...

TNT. RITZY CAFE - DAY

Megan sits with her notepad in hand as VICTORIA TAYLOR, late
20s, beautiful and coiffed, the epitome of high-class
socialite, sits across from her.
VICTORIA
... So, every year you have to donate a certain percentage of your money towards charities, otherwise you get killed on taxes, right?

MEGAN
Do those supermarket voucher things count? Because I always buy those. Usually the five dollar ones, too.

VICTORIA
I'm not sure. I can ask my lawyer. Anyway, two years ago, I decided to donate three million towards the lung cancer unit at Mt. Sinai.

MEGAN
That's a lot of vouchers.

Victoria smiles; she's a sweet girl and very patient.

VICTORIA
But when I visited, I realized that I was putting my money in the wrong place. By the time a lot of these people get to the hospital, it's too late. So I thought - how can I be part of the prevention? Which is how I came up with Butt Out.

MEGAN
Butt out. Like the cigarette butts. Very catchy.

Megan continues to scribble furiously, she's a little out of it right now. Not totally on her game.

VICTORIA
Thanks. We're hoping to raise awareness the way M.A.D.D. did for drunk driving and D.A.R.E. did for drug abuse.

MEGAN
Uh-huh. And how did your dad react when you started this whole thing?

VICTORIA
My dad?

MEGAN
He must have been pretty pissed, right? You gotta love that.
Victoria is thrown for a moment.

VICTORIA
Um, he was very supportive, actually--

MEGAN
Come on. A tobacco heiress spending her extra cash shutting down the very industry her father built his fortune upon? That's Freudian stuff. You must really hate the guy.

VICTORIA
Actually, we're very close --

MEGAN
I'm not judging! Believe me. No one hates their parents more than I do right now. I totally get it.

VICTORIA
No, I don't think you do.

Victoria rises, officially ending the interview.

VICTORIA (CONT'D)
I'm sorry, but this isn't the kind of article I want to participate in. It was nice meeting you.

MEGAN
Victoria, wait. Vicky? Vickster?

But she's already gone. Off Megan... can the day get worse?

INT. LES ANGES - MAIN ENTRANCE/ FANCY PATIO - DAY

Megan walks in the front door and is surprised to find her Dad sitting out on the patio, overlooking the ocean.

MEGAN
How long have you been sitting here?

He turns, taken by her "business-y" look.

ARCHER
Not too long. You're all dressed up.

MEGAN
I had an interview for an article I was trying to write. Unfortunately, it fell apart because that's how it's gone ever since you-know-who showed up.