

The Cosmic Law

Cast: Gabby, Kelly

Setting: A school hallway

Props: A backpack full of books, a set of keys

- 1 **GABBY:** (*Rummaging wildly through her backpack and*
2 *books*) I knew it! I just knew it! Where are they?
3 **KELLY:** What are you looking for?
4 **GABBY:** What am I always looking for?
5 **KELLY:** Ah. Your car keys. I can give you a ride.
6 **GABBY:** But then that would mean I would have to leave my
7 car in the school parking lot until I got off work. I don't
8 know, I think coming back here and finding my car
9 without tires, windows and radio would irritate my
10 parents. (*She dumps the contents of her backpack on the*
11 *floor.*) Where are they??
12 **KELLY:** You are always losing those things.
13 **GABBY:** Well, thank you, Kelly, for your helpful
14 observations.
15 **KELLY:** Sorry.
16 **GABBY:** Why? Because I am late, that's why. If I had plenty
17 of time to get to work, then they would magically
18 appear in my hand. The gods have decreed that my life
19 is miserable. It's some sort of cosmic law: Late? Keys
20 are lost.
21 **KELLY:** Cosmic law?
22 **GABBY:** Yes. You know, one of those things that seem to be
23 unquestionable rules of nature, unbeatable. Like ...
24 Prom night? Your hair frizzes.
25 **KELLY:** Oh, I see. Like camping somewhere without
26 plumbing facilities ... your monthly friend makes a
27 surprise appearance.
28 **GABBY:** Didn't study, pop quiz.
29 **KELLY:** Find the perfect guy, loves to shop, talk, cuddle.

- 1 **GABBY and KELLY:** Gay.
2 **KELLY:** Cosmic law.
3 **GABBY:** (*She shakes her bag.*) Do you hear jingling?
4 **KELLY:** I never thought of life like that. That there are laws.
5 Like these overwhelmingly natural laws that govern
6 our life over which we have no control.
7 **GABBY:** (*Shaking bag again*) I am sure I hear jingling.
8 **KELLY:** Does that mean there really could be a God?
9 **GABBY:** (*Shaking again*) Shhhh. Listen ...
10 **KELLY:** It makes you think, doesn't it? I mean ... there must
11 be a power higher than we are. Like, we could be some
12 little amoeba in a petri dish in someone's science
13 project in a universe higher than ours. We could be just
14 one step away from being flushed down some great
15 atmospheric toilet, an experiment of a seventh grader
16 gone bad.
17 **GABBY:** (*Standing*) Oh, wait!! (*She listens.*)
18 **KELLY:** It's almost frightening in the enormity of all that
19 could be out there. Don't you think?
20 **GABBY:** (*She begins to jump up and down.*) Listen! Jingling.
21 I knew I heard jingling. (*She pulls her keys from her*
22 *pocket triumphantly!*) Aha!!! OK, I have got to go.
23 **KELLY:** So, what do you think?
24 **GABBY:** About what?
25 **KELLY:** The universality of our existence.
26 **GABBY:** The what?
27 **KELLY:** What you were talking about ... the cosmic laws, the
28 things that move us.
29 **GABBY:** Honey, I just couldn't find my keys. OK, I'm outta
30 here. Meet me at Dylan's house at nine-thirty and we
31 are all going out dancing.
32 **KELLY:** If the powers that be allow it, I will meet you there.
33 (*She goes off, appearing to think deep thoughts.*)
34 **GABBY:** Your parents? What? Whatever. Just plan on being
35 there. Bye.