

Lights up. Beat of nothing but an empty stage, so long it's almost uncomfortable. CM finally walks across the stage to the other side of off stage. He comes back on with one or two metal folding chairs. He unfolds them and places them in the middle of the stage. He goes back and fourth a couple of times until there are five chairs lined in an open half circle. Forgetting something, he goes back off stage. A crew of cookies, OREO and CHIPS A'HOY, shuffle (or roll) on stage.

OREO

And then the bartender's like, "Why the long face?"

Both cookies crack up (not literally).

CHIPS

Boy, that one gets me every time.

OREO

What can I say, I'm on a roll.

CHIPS

Eh, I see what you did there. Punny man over here. Hey, where is everyone? Are we early?

OREO

I dunno. Guess so. What time is it?

CHIP pulls out a pocket watch.

CHIPS

Half past a morsel.

Suddenly, NILLA WAFER hurries on stage.

NILLA

Sorry I'm so late! Whoa, jk. Where is everyone?

OREO

I dunno. We were just saying that. Maybe it got canceled. I know it's supposed to be raining sour milk all week. Oh, there's a political statement in that.

CHIP

Stop being such an environmentalist, Chips. No one cancels anything because of a fridge malfunction. We're pantry goods. We're too good for that.

NILLA

Hey, that celebrity attitude's coming out again. We've been working on that, Oreo.

CHIP

Sorry. I didn't mean anything by that.

CM comes back with a glass of milk.

CM

Hi everyone. Let's gather around and take a seat.

Everyone does so.

NILLA

Hey, anyone know where Milano is?

CM

Nilla, you know the rules.

NILLA

Sorry.

CM stands up.

CM

Hi. Me name CM.

ALL

Hi CM.

CM

Me been sugar free for three months now. Me stop eating sugar for job. It's really hard, but me doing ok. Me trying vegetables. Vegetables not so tasty, but me starting to like cabbage and cauliflower and carrots. It's not the same, but it's a change for the better.

CM sits back down. Silence for a moment. OREO stands up.

OREO

Heya. Sure y'all already know, but name's Oreo.

ALL

Hi Oreo.

OREO

I've been sugar free for a month now. I've been doing ok. Not the roughest transition. I mean I've always had transitions, you know, mostly seasonal. Like Easter Oreos or Halloween Oreos. Yeah, lot's of changing. But it's been good for business. Opened up to a new market. You know, diabetics and all. And old ladies. Oh, they're the best. But, uh, yeah. You know, I'm dealing with a lot of phonies right now. Like all those grocery store knock offs. Like who do they think they are? And I can't even believe people think that they're me? So anyway, yeah.

He sits down. Moment of silence. NILLA stands up.

NILLA

Hi everyone. I'm Nilla.

ALL

Hi Nilla.

NILLA

I've been sugar free for three years. Yeah, it's been a really long time. Life's been doing really good. I'm in Paula Dean recipes now – shocking, isn't it. Like who would imagine Paula Dean going sugar free. (Honestly, though, she needs it.) And me and Jell-O are taking it steady. It's nice. Yeah.

She sits. Elongated moment of silence.

CM

Would anyone else like to go? (no response) Anyone? (still no response) Chips, why don't you go?

CHIPS

I'm ok.

CM

Chiiiiips...

CHIPS

Ok, ok, ok...

Stays sitting.

I've been sugar free for—

CM

Chips.

What? CHIPS

Name. CM

Do I really have to? CHIPS

CM glares at him.

Chips.

Hi Chips. ALL

I've been sugar free since Sunday. CHIPS

Gasps.

Yeah, I know I relapsed. Big deal. And you know what? It felt great. Yeah, it did.

How could you? NILLA

Nilla, shut up. Like, literally, there's nothing wrong with a little sugar every now and then. If anything, it's a good thing. That way people know they're getting the real thing instead of that fake shit. CHIPS

GASPS.

Oh come on. You all have heard these words before.

NILLA faints.

OREO
Oh my god! Nilla!

So anyway, just wanted everyone to know I'm dropping the program. Good luck to you all. CHIPS

No one pays attention. CHIPS exits.

OREO

(panicky) Uhhhh, what do we do? What do we do?

CM

You run and go get help. Doctor should be good. Me stay here and watch over her.

OREO

Ok. Ok. Ok.

OREO exits. CM looks to see if the coast is clear. NILLA starts to wake up again.

NILLA

What happened? Where is everyone?

CM

Everything is ok, Nilla. Everything is ok.

NILLA

Why am I on the ground?

CM

You faint.

NILLA

Do I look feint or did I faint?

CM

You faint.

NILLA

I'm sorry CM, but you need to work on your English.

CM

You hear wrong. You must've hit your head. Lie back down until Oreo come back for help.

NILLA

Is that the best thing I should do if I hit my head?

CM

Yeah. All ok. All ok.

NILLA

Ok.

She lies back down and closes her eyes. He creeps over to her.

NILLA

Thanks for taking care of me, by the way. That was super sweet of you.

CM

I bet you super sweet.

NILLA

What?

Blackout. CM roars. NILLA screams. There are munching sounds. Lights up. Empty stage. OREO reenters with a sugar packet hooked up to an IV.

OREO

I couldn't find any help, but I think this'll... CM? Nilla? Hello?

He checks both sides of off stage. No one. He gives up, disassembles the IV and snorts the sugar from the packet. Rejuvenated, he runs around the stage a couple time and sprints off.

Lights out.