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EXT. CENTRAL PARK, THE GREAT LAWN - DAY

Blue skies. Picnickers and sunbathers abound.

On a blanket, JESSICA, pulls a bottle of wine from her tote bag.

BRITTANY scrolls through her iPhone.

JESSICA  
Did you bring the corkscrew?

BRITTANY  
Hm.

Brittany rummages in Jessica's bag.

BRITTANY (cont'd)  
It's not here.

JESSICA  
I told you to bring it.

BRITTANY  
You never told me to.

JESSICA  
(exasperated)  
I said we're celebrating. Bring a corkscrew.

Brittany flips her bag inside out and dumps out: tangled earphones, gum wrappers, receipts. No corkscrew.

BRITTANY  
Your coworkers can bring one.

JESSICA  
They're not coming. Buy one from that bodega.

Brittany rolls over onto her back. Not getting up.

BRITTANY  
Why don't you do it?

JESSICA  
Just go buy it!

BRITTANY  
You know most people celebrate promotions at restaurants?

Brittany looks pointedly at the empty blanket.

BRITTANY (cont'd)  
With their friends.

JESSICA  
Can you just go buy the corkscrew  
already?

Brittany takes the bottle and studies the label.

BRITTANY  
Oh look. Imported from Italy.

JESSICA  
Don't.

BRITTANY  
So wine from Italy, but I can't study  
there?

JESSICA  
Lose the attitude.

BRITTANY  
Mom would have let me go.

JESSICA  
Well, she's not here anymore.

Brittany stands up.

BRITTANY  
I'm going home.

JESSICA  
Sit down. Let's just celebrate my  
promotion.

BRITTANY  
(with venom)  
You're only an assistant.

Jessica refuses to take the bait.

JESSICA  
Maybe a knife will work.

She searches for an utensil to open the wine bottle.

BRITTANY  
There is a corkscrew at our  
apartment.

Jessica ignores her.

Brittany kicks the blanket in frustration. Dirt hits Jessica's face.

JESSICA  
(dangerously calm)  
I told you. Italy is not an option.

She searches for a reason.

JESSICA (cont'd)  
Going to another country alone is dangerous.

BRITTANY  
Are you kidding me?

JESSICA  
Maybe next year. You still have time.

BRITTANY  
Newsflash! Barnard doesn't let seniors study abroad.

Jessica tries to pry the cork out with her fingers.

BRITTANY (cont'd)  
You just don't want me to go!

Jessica's nail breaks on the bottle.

JESSICA  
(exploding)  
This happened because you didn't get a corkscrew!

BRITTANY  
Tell me. When do I get to go?

JESSICA  
Just a corkscrew. It was one simple job.

BRITTANY  
Well, I never asked for this job.

Jessica stands up too. The wine bottle clinks on the ground, forgotten.

JESSICA  
I never asked for this job either.