

In Her Shoes

Maggie

I should have used fresh vegetables
instead of frozen.

Ella

I don't think so. They were great....
really delicious. They were good.

Maggie

Really?

Ella

Yes.....So, have you heard from Rose?

Maggie

No.

Ella

So she hasn't gotten back to you.

Maggie

About what?

Ella

You were going to invite her down,
Maggie.

Maggie

I don't know where you got that idea.

Ella

Maggie, I specifically asked you to.

Maggie

So? Just because you specifically asked
doesn't mean I'm going to.

Ella

You shouldn't smoke. You have a family
history of lung cancer.

Maggie

I have a family history of car wrecks too.
Does that mean I shouldn't drive?

Ella

That is not funny.

Maggie

It wasn't supposed to be.

Ella

All right, what is the problem between you and Rose?....Why don't you want her to visit?

Maggie

Why do you? I mean, am I not good enough for you?

Ella

This has nothing to do with you.....She's my daughter's daughter and I want to get to know her too.....What was Caroline like with you girls? I mean, as a Mom, how do you remember her?

Maggie

Why don't you ask Rose?

Ella

Maggie, please grow up.

Maggie

She was special. Different than the other moms....She used to surprise us....One time I opened up my lunch box and there was a tiara inside.

Ella

A tiara. With your sandwich?

Maggie

Instead of a sandwich....What was she like as a daughter?

Ella

No tiaras. But I loved her so much....But loving her in the right way was difficult, for me, anyway.

Maggie

I didn't know there was a right way and a wrong way.

Ella

Neither did I.....I had ideas...I had unwelcomed ideas about how to keep her safe.

Maggie

Like?

Ella

Like, I thought she should have been on her medication all the time. I thought that her relationship with you father was far too passionate for her to handle and as far as children were concerned, she was in no condition, no condition at all.

Maggie

So you wish she never had me.

Ella

You know what I wish, Maggie? I wish I'd kept my big mouth shut long enough to hear what she wanted out of life.