

UP ALL NIGHT

LAUREN has been up all night studying for a test. Along with drinking a lot of coffee, she has also had an energy drink loaded with caffeine. As the caffeine starts to work, LAUREN speaks faster and faster, and becomes more and more wired. The actress should allow this to start gradually, and then increase the speed with which she speaks.

LAUREN: Are you ready for this test? I was up all night studying. All night – I’m not kidding. So driving here this morning, I thought I was gonna have a wreck – I couldn’t keep my eyes open, and my car kept swerving ya know? So I stopped at 7-Eleven and got their biggest cup of java. And then I see this packet that says “Liquid Energy.” The girl on the package has these bulging eyes like she’s been up for forty-eight hours straight. So I suck down, ya know? It’s really gross and tastes like coffee syrup. It’s really disgusting. But I think it’s starting to work. Now I have all these bazillion milligrams of caffeine coursing through my veins, and I am so ready for this test, I am so gonna ace this test, and afterwards If you want to, we can just skip out and go to the mall, reward ourselves, go shopping, and maybe go have some lunch or something although I’m not hungry at all, must be all the caffeine, but I definitely think we should give ourselves a treat because both of us have been working so hard, and I’ve been studying so hard and I thought I wanted to just go home and crash after the test, but I don’t feel tired at all – that stuff really works. I feel really great. *(Pause.)*

Why are you looking at me like that? *(Beat.)*

I’m not acting weird. Am I acting weird? I guess I just have a lot of energy that’s all – c’mon let’s go ace this test and get out of here!