

Our Finished Kitchen
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Prompt: Molly Henninghausen, “Home renovation: the kitchen renovation goes on for two extra months. That means two more months of eating take out. #tangentialcosts #needfreshfood #cantwaittocook #storyofmybrotherslife”

NANCY
One more bite, Fiona.

FIONA
But Nancy, I can't.

NANCY
For your strength!

FIONA
What does strength matter!
Nothing matters anymore!

NANCY
It has to! It must!

FIONA
But it's been four months, Nancy!
I simply can't go on.

NANCY
Just one bite! Please!

FIONA
No, I can't eat another bite of veggie lo-mein!

NANCY
Oh, Fiona!
ONE DAY WE WILL HAVE A KITCHEN AGAIN!
Don't you remember our dream?

They sing.

NANCY
I DREAM OF A KITCHEN
WHERE THE WORK'S DONE

AND THE LIGHTS WORK
AND THE COUNTERTOPS ARE EVEN!

I DREAM OF A KITCHEN
WITH A PAINT JOB
AND SOME FLOORBOARDS
THAT WE'D NEVER DREAM OF LEAVIN!

FIONA

DON'T YOU TELL ME THAT THINGS ARE ALRIGHT!
I WASH MY DISHES IN THE BATHTUB AT NIGHT!
I'M TIRED OF TAKE OUT FROM PIZZA BOLI'S!
THIS NEVER HAPPENED NEXT DOOR AT THE FOLEYS'!

NANCY

DREAM OF A FINISHED KITCHEN!

A break in singing.

NANCY

Chin up, Fiona!
Dream a little harder!

FIONA

I DREAM OF A KITCHEN
WITH A DOORWAY
AND DISPOSE-ALL
THAT CHURNS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

I DREAM OF A KITCHEN
WITH A STOVE TOP
AND A FREEZER
OH NANCY, IT'S PERFECTION!

NANCY AND FIONA

WE WON'T SURRENDER TO SELF-DESTRUCTION!
WE'LL SIMPLY SURVIVE TIL THE END OF CONSTRUCTION!
TIL THEN WE'LL KEEP DREAMING
AND WE WILL KEEP LOVIN!
AND ONE DAY WE'LL BAKE IN OUR KITCHENAID OVEN!
TIL AT LAST WE CAN DREAM
IN OUR FINISHED KITCHEN!

The End.