

The Parcel

Romantic comedy · Two-hander · 2 min · Female role · Young adult · Beginner

(A landing. She knocks. He opens, a parcel in his arms.)

ELLE

Hi. It's for me again. The courier's been mixing up our doors for a month.

LUI

I know. I've got a whole wall of your parcels. I've learned things about you.

ELLE

...Like what?

LUI

Last week: watercolours. Before that: a book about lighthouses. And yesterday: a teapot for a single cup. You live alone and you paint lighthouses.

ELLE

You open my parcels?!

LUI

No! The labels. I read the labels. Very intently. Without meaning to.

(A beat. She takes the parcel, doesn't leave.)

ELLE

There are two cups in this one. I upgraded.

LUI

Then I'll keep my afternoon free. In case the second cup is looking for someone.

What you can do with it

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