

**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.