



Emily

The Brainy Underdog

Backstory

Emily is a 24-year-old heterosexual female. She is a PHD graduate student and academic researcher (studying Kinesiology and Physical Education) at the university in Middleburg. She is the hardest worker of the researchers. Her research focuses on physical factors, such as exercise, sleep, diet, etc. She has a middle-class background; her parents are together, and are supportive of her work, as they are both academics as well.

Personality Traits

Emily is extremely intelligent and sees the world through her brain. She is dedicated to her work, with a deep conviction for her own views. She is compassionate, and sometimes shows her playful side. Within the dynamics of the research team, she is an underdog worth rooting for. However, she tends to over-intellectualize. She is reactive and panicky, and allows herself to be overwhelmed easily. She lets the others get the better of her (especially her long-time rival, Lexa), and can be an awkward speaker.

Development

As the story progresses, Emily is panicky at the obstacles in their way, and looks to Patricia for guidance. Once she gathers her wits, she seeks rational solutions. She is bothered by her rivalry with Lexa, of whom she is also envious, but not afraid to assert her own views. Her inexperience with men displays itself as she begins to interact with Lewis. She rationalizes to herself that romance is unnecessary for personal fulfillment -- intellectual pursuit is all that is needed. She gradually falls in love with Lewis, and comes to accept this love as a new avenue for personal fulfillment.

Key Relationships

- **Patricia, Lexa, Alex:** Strong friendship and camaraderie with the other researchers
- **Lexa:** Friendly but heated rivalry (Emily envies that Lexa doesn't have to work as hard)
- **Lewis:** A like-minded worrier, and eventual love interest

Songs (Soprano vocal range: B3 - F5, occasionally to G5)

- Where Are We Bound? (Prologue)
- Give Me Something (Solo Parts)
- Measure Up! (Solo Parts)
- Bound and Determined (Solo Parts)
- Is Research How I'll Get Ahead? (Solo Parts)
- If I Could (Lead)
- Why Must I Hide How I Feel?
- Just What You Need
- Move Mountains For You - Reprise
- Bound to Figure Out (Solo Parts)