

MEAN GIRLS

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FADE IN:

INT. CADY'S ROOM. EARLY MORNING.

There are boxes around the undecorated room. The clock says 6:29 am.

CADY HERON, 15, lies in bed asleep. She is naturally pretty. Her long hair has never been dyed. Her eyebrows have never been plucked. She has a fantastic tan.

The clock hits 6:30 and the alarm goes off. Cady opens her eyes.

CADY
(groggy)
Okay, I'm up.

Cady closes her eyes for what seems like a second. When she opens them again, the clock says 7:15.

Cady screams and jumps out of bed.

INT. HALLWAY.- A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Cady rushes out. Now she's wearing khaki pants, a faded izod, and a khaki bucket hat. Her mom rushes by her.

BETSY
You're gonna be late. Come here.
I'll braid your hair.

INT. CADY'S KITCHEN. A FEW MINUTES LATER.

The kitchen is full of boxes. Cady (hair french-braided) pours two bowls of cat food. Two cats come running. They hiss at each other.

CADY
Cleo, be nice! Pamela! Stop it!

While the cats are fighting, a big droopy dog strolls in behind them.

CHIP (O.S.)
Come out front, Cady. I wanna get a photo.

Cady is still wrestling with the cats.

CADY
Stop fighting. There's enough for everybody.

Cady puts the cats by their bowls, but the dog has eaten all their food.

CADY
Why don't you fight with him?

The dog's slobbering face.

CUT TO:

EXT. FRONT OF CADY'S HOUSE. CONTINUOUS.

Cady's father CHIP, 43, a lanky professorial type, takes a picture of Cady and her mother BETSY, 43. (Betsy is attractive but not concerned with style. The kind of woman who would still wear a fanny pack.)

CHIP
That's good. Stay close.

Betsy bursts into tears.

BETSY
My baby's going to school.

Cady comforts her mother.

CADY (V.O.)
I guess it's natural for parents to cry on their kid's first day of school. But this usually happens when the kid is five.

Betsy has pulled Cady close and is hugging her.

CADY (V.O.)
I'm 15, and until today, I was home-schooled. That means my mom was my only teacher and my Dad was the only sub. I know what you're thinking. Home-schooled kids are freaks.

CUT TO:

INT. THE SCRIPPS HOWARD SPELLING BEE.

A spazzy-looking girl with thick glasses at the mic.

SPAZZY GIRL
X! Y! L! O! C! A! R! P! Xylocarp!

CADY (V.O.)
Or that we're weirdly religious or something.

CUT TO:

EXT. A YARD

A family of six in-bred-looking albino kids staring straight into camera.

8 YEAR OLD TOW HEAD KID
And on the third day God created the Remington bolt action rifle so that man could fight the dinosaurs. And the homosexuals.

OTHER TOW HEADS
Amen.

CADY (V.O.)
But it's not like that with us.

CUT TO:

SMILING FAMILY PHOTO OF CADY, HER PARENTS, THE CATS AND DOG.

CADY (V.O.)
My family's totally normal. Except
for the fact that both my parents are
Research Zoologists and we've spent
the last four years in a hut in
Namibia.

Pull pack on the photo to reveal they are completely surrounded by
lions, cheetahs, monkeys, snakes, birds, etc.

CUT TO:

EXT. AFRICA. - DAY. ONE YEAR AGO.

Gorgeous sweeping footage. "Out of Africa" type music.

Cady sits next to her father who is observing nearby cheetahs.

CADY (V.O.)
In my life so far, we'd lived in 9
countries on 3 continents. But it's
not like I didn't have structure
growing up. I'd spend all day in the
field with my parents.

CHIP
(into tape recorder)
Two large females and three cubs. The
females appear to be searching out
their late morning prey. They're
focused on something 10 to 20 meters
in this direction. Aaaaand... it's us.

Cady and Chip run for their jeep.

CUT TO:

INT. AFRICAN HOUSE. EVENING.

As Betsy tests Cady on her Spanish, Cady feeds a bottle to a baby
monkey.

CADY (V.O.)
And then at night I'd do schoolwork
with my mom.

Hablo, hablas, habla, hablamos.

The monkey burps.

DISS TO:

INT. AFRICAN HOUSE. ANOTHER EVENING.

Chip is cooking dinner. Cady hands him her math paper.

CADY (V.O.)
My favorite subject was always math.

CHIP
You're done with this chapter already?
Okay, let's start on those, um,
inverse functions. Jeez.

CADY (V.O.)
Cause with math you're either right or
wrong. There's no in between. Which
is comforting when you live in a crazy
place.

An ostrich walks through the room.

EXT. AFRICAN PLAINS. -DAY

Cady and Chip sit high in a tree.

CADY (V.O.)
It had always just been the three of
us. And I never thought we'd live any
other way. Then, it happened.

BETSY
I got it! I got it!

CADY
You really got it?

BETSY
We're going home.

Chip climbs down to give Betsy a hug and a kiss.

CADY (V.O.)
My mom's articles about the familial
patterns of large cats had earned her
a full professorship at Northwestern
University.

Cady is alone in the tree.

CADY (V.O.)
So it was goodbye, Africa.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. CADY'S FRONT YARD. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Cady and Betsy getting their photo taken.

CADY (V.O.)
Hello, Evanston, Illinois.

Photo flash.

DISS TO:

EXT. STREETS OF EVANSTON

Cady's parents drive her to school in their mud-covered Africa jeep.

CADY (V.O.)
Evanston was a lot like Africa.
Except in every single way.

They pull up across the street from Evanston High School.

CHIP
I know you'll make us very proud.

BETSY
Are you nervous? It's okay to be
nervous. I'm nervous for you. But
nervousness is perfectly nervous.
Nervous. Nervous. Nervous. Nervous.

CADY
Okay. I'll see you at home.

Cady starts across the street. She is almost hit by a big yellow school bus. She jumps back as her mother yelps.

BETSY
Aaah!

CADY
I'm okay. Sorry. I'll be careful.

Cady crosses the street. Hip hop blares from a car radio.

Cady passes the different groups outside the school. A group of black students sitting on the grass.

CADY
Hi.

They just stare at her. Cady keeps walking.

A bunch of jocks fake fighting. Some people getting high behind a tree. An overweight girl eating Egg McMuffins in secret in her car. Cady has nowhere to land.

CUT TO:

INT. HOMEROOM. A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Students are filing in. Cady approaches the teacher to introduce herself.

CADY
 Hi, I don't know if anyone told you
 about me. I'm a new student. My name
 is Cady Heron.

The woman is actually just a MATURE GIRL, who gives her a weird look.

MATURE GIRL
 Who cares?

The girl walks away. Cady is embarrassed. She hears 2 people
 laughing at her. They are...

JANIS IAN, a fleshy girl with punk hair and clothes, and her friend
 DAMIAN. Damian is possibly fat and definitely gay.

Cady goes to take a seat.

JANIS
 You don't want to sit there.

Cady looks at her.

JANIS
 Kristin Hadley'll sit there to be next
 to her boyfriend.

KRISTIN HADLEY a big thick athletic girl about six feet tall sits
 down. She immediately leans over and starts making out with the boy
 next to her who is very tiny and looks like Oliver Twist. They go at
 it hard.

Cady watches in horror for a second, then moves to a front row seat.

JANIS
 Don't sit there.

Cady looks at her.

JANIS
 Do you want to carry attendance sheets
 to the office every day?

Cady moves to a third chair.

JANIS
 No.

Cady stops. Janis points to the guy in front of Cady.

JANIS
 He farts a lot.

Cady looks at the guy. He looks like a guy who would fart a lot.
 She gets up and sits next to Janis.

CADY
 Thanks.

DAMIAN

Did you go to St. Ann's last year?

CADY

No.

DAMIAN

Cause you look like the girl who played Sandy in their production of Grease.

CADY

Wasn't me.

DAMIAN

Thank God. She had pitch problems.

JANIS

This is Damian. He's almost too gay to function.

Damian smacks Janis across the back of the head.

CADY

Nice to meet you.

A OBNOXIOUS GUY passes.

OBNOXIOUS GUY

(to JANIS)

Nice wig, Janis. What's it made of?

JANIS

(immediately)

Your mom's pubic hair.

MR. DUVALL, the African American 10th grade dean enters. He looks around for the homeroom teacher.

MR. DUVALL

Where's your teacher?

Their homeroom teacher, MS. SHARON NORBURY, enters. She is hip-looking, 32. Bright but maybe not the most organized teacher.

MRS. NORBURY

Okay, I'm late so I brought donuts.

(sees Mr. Duvall)

Oh, hi, good morning.

MR. DUVALL

(to class)

All right. I just want to let everyone know that we have a new sophomore with us. She just moved here from Africa...

Some students turn to look at a very tall dark skinned girl with a short fro. It must be her.

TALL BLACK GIRL
Don't look at me. I'm from Michigan.

MR. DUVALL
...so let's help her adjust to
academic life here at Evanston. Her
name is...
(reads from note card)
Caddy Heron. Where are you, Caddy?

CADY
Oh, that's me. It's pronounced like
Katie.

They all look at her, disinterested.

MR. DUVALL
My apologies. I have a nephew named
Anfernee and I know how mad he gets
when I call him Anthony. Almost as
mad as I get when I think about the
fact that his name is Anfernee.

MS. NORBURY
Well, welcome Cady and thank you, Mr.
Duvall.

MR. DUVALL
You gotta be on time this year,
Sharon.

Mr. Duvall exits.

JANIS
Where are you going first period?

Cady refers to her computer printed roster.

CADY
10th Grade Health. Room B14.

JANIS
(to DAMIAN)
I think that's in the back building.

DAMIAN
Yeah, that's in the back building.

JANIS
We'll take you.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY.- BEFORE FIRST PERIOD.

DAMIAN and JANIS lead Cady through the crowded hall.

DAMIAN
Watch out, please. New meat coming
through.

EXT. BEHIND SCHOOL. DAY

They walk her out of the building, across the football field. Damian lights a cigarette.

CADY
That's really bad for you.

DAMIAN
It keeps me thin.

JANIS and DAMIAN plop down on the grass.

CADY
Where's the back building?

JANIS
It burned down in 1987.

The late bell rings.

CADY
- Won't we get in some sort of trouble for this?

JANIS
If you show up late, yes.

DAMIAN
But if you just don't show up at all, they'll never even notice.

CADY (V.O.)
I guess I'll never know what I missed on that first day of 10th Grade Health.

CUT TO:

INT. HEALTH CLASSROOM.

A thick-set gym teacher with a thick blond moustache, Coach Farr, is in front of a class.

COACH FARR
Don't have sex. Cause you will get pregnant and die. Don't have sex in the "missionary position." Don't have sex standin' up. Don't have sex where the female is on top controlling the pace and the friction. Just don't do it, promise?
(beat)
Alright, everybody take some rubbers.

Coach Farr holds out a basket of Trojans.

CUT TO

EXT. FIELD BEHIND SCHOOL. A LITTLE LATER.

Janis is drawing something in a notebook.

DAMIAN

So you took all these tests and then what?

CADY

They placed me in all 10th grade classes, except for senior Calculus.

DAMIAN

(commiserating)

I'm repeating Freshman gym.

JANIS

How do you spell your name, Caddy?

CADY

It's Cady. C, a, d, y.

DAMIAN

I am so going to mentor you. What else is important that I can tell you about? The cafeteria is terrible. You're going to want to buy your lunch at the school store. I recommend the white cheddar cheezits. What else? Oh! Spring Fling.

JANIS

Spring Fling is not important.

DAMIAN

It is to me. At the end of every year, the graduating seniors throw a dance called Spring Fling for the underclassmen. Whomsoever is elected Spring Fling King and Queen automatically become head of the Student Activity Committee and since I am an active member of the Student Activity Committee, I would say, yeah, it's pretty important to me.

JANIS

Damian, you've out-gayed yourself.

Damian sees a gym class trudging out onto the field.

DAMIAN

In the name of all that is holy. Look at Karen Smith's gym clothes.

We see Karen Smith, 15, a tall stunning blonde with a vacant expression. Her gym clothes consist of the tiniest shorts ever forged by man, and a bandanna for a shirt.

CADY
Is that a shirt or a bandage?

JANIS (O.C.)
I don't know, Caddy. But I do know
that Karen Smith is one of the dumbest
girls you will ever meet. Damian sat
next to her in English last year.

DAMIAN (O.C.)
She asked me how to spell orange.

Next we see GRETCHEN, a puny little brunette. She is not "hot" but
has expensive clothes.

JANIS (O.C.)
And see that little one next to her?
That's Gretchen Wieners. She's rich
as shit cause her Dad invented Toaster
Strudel.

C.U. of Gretchen's sniveling whiny face.

DAMIAN (O.C.)
She is a little Gucci Hootchie.

CADY
What's a Gucci Hootchie?

DAMIAN
A girl with \$1,000 of designer clothes
on a \$2 body.

Janis, Damian and Cady start walking back toward the school.

CADY
Why do you hate them?

JANIS
What do you mean?

CADY
You seem to really hate them.

JANIS
Yes. What's your question?

CADY
Did they do something to offend you?

JANIS
They're plastic. There's nothing they
do that doesn't offend me.

Janis tears a page out of her notebook.

JANIS (CONT'D)
Here. This is for you.

Cady looks at the paper. At the top it says, "Cady's Map to Evanston H.S." It is a detailed map of the school saying who belongs where. Preps. Asian nerds. Etc. In one corner it says "Beware of the Plastics!!!"

Janis notices the P.E. teacher has left her bullhorn by the side of the field.

JANIS
Damian, on your left.

Damian snags the bullhorn as they pass. Right as they get to the door he turns it on.

DAMIAN
(through bullhorn)
Toaster Strudel causes cancer!

Gretchen looks around. Damian and Janis run into the building. Cady runs, too.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS, A LITTLE LATER.

Ms. Norbury is the teacher. Cady looks alert and interested. The guy to her left, BARRY, is completely asleep.

CADY (V.O.)
It was so weird to be in a real classroom, looking at a real teacher who wasn't my mom. Finally, I could focus fully on math excellence.

The guy in front of Cady turns to her.

AARON
Do you have a pencil I could borrow?

This is AARON, he is adorable.

CADY (V.O.)
Holy shit.

ROMANTIC MUSIC swells.

She hands Aaron her pencil. He smiles and turns back around.

CADY (V.O.)
I've only had two other crushes in my life. One on my Dad's godson who lives in Australia.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH.

A hot tan Australian guy on a beach in surf gear.

GODSON
(to camera)
Do ya like surfin'?

CADY (V.O.)
And one on Dr. Sanjay Gupta from CNN.

CUT TO:

Sanjay Gupta reporting from the field. He looks right to camera.

SANJAY GUPTA
What's up?

He winks.

CADY (V.O.)
Give me a break. I lived in Namibia.
I didn't get out much.

BACK TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS.

CADY (V.O.)
But this one hit me like a big yellow
school bus:

MS. NORBURY
Cady, what do you have?

People, including AARON, turn around to look at her.

CADY
Oh, um, a_n equals "n" plus 1 over 4.

MS. NORBURY
That's right. Good. Very good.

Aaron smiles at Cady. Cady looks down at her paper. When she looks up, Aaron is still looking at her.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA. THIRD PERIOD LUNCH.

Cady is wandering around nervously. She takes a tray and gets in line. JASON MANDORINO, 15, a cheesy little guy, and his friend approach Cady in line.

JASON MANDARINO
Hi, we're doing a survey of new
students. Can you answer a few
questions?

CADY
Um, okay.

JASON MANDARINO
Is your cherry popped?

Cady smiles politely. She has no idea what this means.

CADY
What?

JASON MANDARINO
Would you like us to assign someone to help you pop your cherry?

CADY
My what?

A girl intervenes. This is REGINA GEORGE, 15. Perfect looking, fast on her feet, intimidating. The queen of The Plastics. She is flanked by Karen and Gretchen (who is pissed, Jason is "hers").

REGINA
Is he bothering you?
(to Jason)
Jason, why are you such a skeez?

JASON MANDARINO
I'm being friendly to a new student.
(to Gretchen)
What? I can't talk to a new student?

GRETCHEN
You were supposed to call me last night.

REGINA
Jason. You do not come to a party at my house with Gretchen and then scam on some innocent girl in front of us two days later. She's not interested.
(to Cady)
Do you want to have sex with him?

CADY
No, thank you.

REGINA
Great. It's settled. Bye, Jason.

JASON MANDARINO
Shut up.

REGINA
Good comeback. You should do stand-up.

Jason leaves defeated. Gretchen mouths the words, "Call me."

CADY
Thank you.

REGINA
You're welc--

Music plays over the P.A. Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman."

REGINA (CONT'D)
Uh oh. That's me.

Two big athletic guys (SHANE OMAN and another dude) sweep in and pick Regina up onto their shoulders. Regina waves at people as they carry her toward a make-shift stage in the corner of the cafeteria.

MR. DUVALL
Everybody, please give a round of applause for last year's Spring Fling Queen. She kicks off her reign today as head of the Student Activities Committee. Miss Regina George!

Applause. Regina, now wearing a tiara, takes center stage and the mic. She's very comfortable. Cady is in awe.

REGINA
Thank you, Mr. Duvall. I just want to say that under my rule, the S.A.C. will do more than just sell candy canes and sponsor queer stuff like recycling.

A "crunchy" boy in an Earth Day shirt looks offended.

REGINA
I have plans for some sick parties. My mom knows the people that run the Lake Michigan Dinner Cruises, so...yeah.
(turns serious)
But also it's gonna be about building bridges. And being kind to the less fortunate. Where's that little girl I just met?

Regina spots Cady in the crowd.

REGINA
Come here.

Cady reluctantly goes to the foot of the stage. Regina puts a hand on her shoulder. Damian and Janis watch from the other side of the cafeteria, stunned and horrified.

REGINA
This girl is a new student and I'm going to make it my personal responsibility that by the end of the year, she thinks Evanston High School is totally rad.

Regina holds the mic up to Cady.

CADY
Thanks, Regina.

REGINA
You're welcome...girl.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA. A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Cady is sitting with Regina and her best friends Karen Smith and Gretchen Wieners. These are The Plastics.

CADY
And we only moved here two weeks ago--
Regina grabs Cady's arm to look at Cady's bracelet. It's a wide brown leather band with decorative holes punched in it.

REGINA
Where did you get that bracelet? I love it.

CADY
Africa.

GRETCHEN
It's so fetch.

REGINA
(disdainful)
What is "fetch?"

GRETCHEN
(withering)
It's, like, slang...from England...

Regina rolls her eyes.

KAREN
So, if you're from Africa, why are you white?

GRETCHEN
Oh my God, Karen. You can't just ask people why they're white.

REGINA
-Cady, could you give us some privacy for, like, one second?

CADY
Sure.

Cady makes eye contact with Janis and Damian as the Plastics confer.

REGINA
(breaking huddle)
Okay, let me just say that we don't do
this a lot, so you should know that
this is, like, a huge deal.

GRETCHEN
We want to invite you to have lunch
with us every day for the rest of the
week.

CADY
Oh, okay..

GRETCHEN
Great. So we'll see you tomorrow.

KAREN
On Tuesdays we wear pink.

CUT TO:

INT. GIRLS' BATHROOM. LATER.

Janis screams with laughter.

JANIS
You have to do it and tell me all the
horrible things they say.

CADY
I think Regina seems nice.

JANIS
(almost screaming)
Regina George is not nice! She is the
most plastic of all The Plastics.

A flush. Damian comes out of a stall.

DAMIAN
She is fabulous, but she is evil.

A SHORT DARK-HAIRED GIRL at the sink sees DAMIAN.

SHORT GIRL
Hey! Get out of here!

DAMIAN
(shrieking)
Oh my God! Danny DeVito, I love your
work.

Short girl storms out.

CADY
What would we even talk about?

JANIS
Josh Hartnett}

DAMIAN
The rising cost of abortion.

JANIS
Just do it, please!

CADY
Okay. Okay. Do you have anything
pink?

JANIS
No.

DAMIAN
Yes.

CUT TO:

EXT. PORCH OF CADY'S HOUSE.

Cady enters carrying a ton of books. Her mom and dad are on the porch reading the paper.

CHIP
How was your first day?

CADY
Fine.

BETSY
Were the people nice?

CADY
No.

CHIP
Did you make any friends?

CADY
Yeah.

Cady goes in the house leaving Betsy and Chip confused.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S ROOM. EVENING.

Cady is looking through her new textbooks. She finds her personalized map and lays on the bed to look it over.

We follow her gaze around the map. Janis' drawings are good.

A clump of trees is marked "preps."

By the bus-stop "Asian nerds."

The front steps "Cool Asians."

By the auditorium. "Band Geeks Zone of Confidence."

The back field. A cartoon version of JANIS and DAMIAN holding a sign that says "You Are Here."

The cafeteria. A cartoon of three girls. "Beware of the Plastics."

CUT TO:

INT. LUNCHROOM. - DAY.

Cady, wearing Damian's pink Celine Dion tour shirt, sits with Gretchen and Karen.

CADY (V.O.)

Having lunch with the Plastics was like leaving the actual world and entering "Girl World." And Girl World had a lot of rules.

GRETCHEN

We only wear jeans or track pants on Friday. You can't wear a tank top two days in a row. You can only wear your hair in a ponytail once a week. So, I guess, you picked today. And if you break any of these rules you can't sit with us at lunch. I mean, not just you, any of us. Like, if I was wearing jeans today, I would be sitting over there with the art freaks.

Gretchen points to Janis and Damian's table. They are having a contest to see who can stick more popsicles in their mouth. It looks fun.

GRETCHEN (CONT'D)

We always vote before we ask someone to eat lunch with us, because you have to be considerate of the rest of the group. I mean, you wouldn't buy a skirt without asking your friends first if it looks good on you.

CADY

I wouldn't?

GRETCHEN

Right. It's the same with guys. You may think you like someone, but you could be wrong.

KAREN

Have you seen anyone that you think is cute yet?

CADY

Actually, there's a guy in my Calculus class. Never mind, it's stupid--

Gretchen and Karen pounce on this information.

KAREN

Who is it?

GRETCHEN
It's a senior?

CADY
His name is Aaron Samuels--

GRETCHEN
No!

KAREN
No, no no.

GRETCHEN
No. You can't like Aaron Samuels.
He's Regina's ex-boyfriend.

KAREN
They went out for a year.

GRETCHEN
And then he broke up with her for no reason.

KAREN
Because she cheated on him.

GRETCHEN
Regardless. Ex-boyfriends are off limits to friends. Don't worry. I will never tell Regina what you said. It'll be our secret.

Regina enters with her food. (Cheese fries and two diet cokes)

REGINA
Ugh. There's gonna be a fire drill in, like, two seconds.

Fire alarm goes off. All the students around them go outside.

REGINA
I told Coach Farr we had to skip it cause Karen might be pregnant.

Regina waves at Coach Farr who is manning the door. He waves back.

KAREN
(laughs, then)
I'm not though, right?

CADY (V.O.)
I could see why it was good to have Regina as a friend.

Cady and the Plastics have the huge cafeteria all to themselves.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS.

Cady stares at Aaron. His eyes, his lips, his hands. Aaron looks over and smiles. He makes a face as if to say, "This quiz is hard." Cady nods in agreement.

CADY (V.O.)
But even if I wasn't allowed to like
Aaron, I could still look at him.

The bell rings. The guy next to Cady, BARRY, 17, a tall, skinny, good-natured guy drops something as he passes Cady. As Cady picks it up, KEVIN GNOR, a completely American "Asian Math Nerd" comes up to her.

KEVIN GNOR
Hey, you're the Homeschool girl,
right?

CADY
Yeah.

KEVIN GNOR
I'm captain of the Evanston Mathletes.
We participate in math challenges
against other high schools around the
state. And we can get twice as much
funding from the school if we have a
girl. You should think about joining.

MS. NORBURY
You'd be perfect for it.

CADY
Yeah, definitely.

KEVIN GNOR
Great. Let me give you my number.

Kevin pulls out a pre-printed business card that reads "Kevin Gnor-Math Enthusiast/Badass MC."

KEVIN GNOR
Think it over. Cause we'd like to get
jackets.

Cady hands the bag she found to Ms. Norbury.

CADY
Ms. Norbury, Barry dropped his
medicine. I have a question--

MS. NORBURY
Hold on--

Mrs. Norbury looks at the pills in the baggy. She chases Barry down.

CUT TO:

INT. EMPTY STAIRWELL. - A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Ms. Norbury is having a private conversation with Barry. Cady is listening from the flight above.

MS. NORBURY
Barry, you cannot function at school
on ecstasy.

Barry is licking the binding of his textbook.

BARRY
I didn't take it. I found it at a
club.

MS. NORBURY
Barry, I used to work the night shift
at a diner. I'm really good at
telling when people are high. If you
come to my class high again, I will
know.

Barry reaches out to touch Ms. Norbury.

BARRY
Shhh...don't be scared.

MS. NORBURY
Barry, Ew. Stop touching my hair.

BARRY
Are you gonna turn me in to the dean?

MS. NORBURY
Barry. I don't want you to get kicked
out of school. I want you to
graduate.

CADY (V.O.)
Ms. Norbury and Barry made a deal that
if he didn't come to school high
anymore, she wouldn't tell the dean.

Ms. Norbury leaves the stairwell. Cady watches unnoticed as Ms. Norbury goes to throw the baggy in the trash, then realizing someone will find it, she goes into her class, throws it in her desk drawer and locks it.

CADY (V.O.)
But she did call Barry's parents.

CUT TO:

INT. THE KITCHEN OF BARRY'S HOUSE.

Barry's defensive mom on the other end of the phone.

BARRY'S MOM
Excuse me. I think I'd know if my
child was on drugs!

Reveal Barry on the other side of the kitchen in a neon half-shirt, sucking on a baby bottle dancing wildly to music on his headphones.

CUT TO:

EXT. EVANSTON H.S. PARKING LOT- FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL.

Cady and the Plastics (in jeans) walk up to Regina's lime green PT Cruiser.

CADY (V.O.)
I guess the Plastics liked having me
as a pet, cause by Friday I was
invited to Regina's house after
school.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. REGINA'S PT CRUISER CONVERTIBLE ON THE STREETS OF EVANSTON.
The girls are driving home singing to the radio.

KAREN
So how was your first week?

CADY
Good. I'm joining the Mathletes.

REGINA
No, no, no. You cannot do that. That
is social suicide. Damn, you are so
lucky you have us to guide you.

GRETCHEN
Oh my God, there's Jason!

We see Jason Mandarino walking down the street with another girl.

GRETCHEN (CONT'D)
He's with Taylor Wedell.

REGINA
(outraged)
Wait. Jason is not going out with
Taylor Wedell. No. He cannot blow
you off like that. He's such a little
skeez.

Regina rolls up her window.

REGINA
Gimme your phone.

GRETCHEN
Don't call him!

REGINA
Give me a f----- break.

A passing car horn naturally bleeps out the "f-word." Regina dials information.

REGINA
Wedell on South Boulevard.

GRETCHEN
Caller I.D.

Pushes a button on the phone.

REGINA
Not when you connect from information.
(into phone in a mature
voice)
Hi, may I speak to Taylor Wedell
please?

INT. TAYLOR'S HOUSE/INT. REGINA'S CAR.

Split screen with Taylor's mom on the phone.

TAYLOR'S MOM
She's not home yet. Who's calling?

REGINA
This is Susan at Planned Parenthood.
I have her test results, if you could
have her give me a call. Today, if she
can. It's urgent. Thanks.

Regina hangs up. The mother faints. Full screen restores.

The girls laugh in horror. Cady is wide-eyed.

REGINA
(laughing)
She's not going out tonight.

EXT. REGINA'S GORGEOUS LAKEFRONT VICTORIAN HOUSE. - A LITTLE LATER.

The girls pull up and get out.

CADY
Regina, your house is really nice.

REGINA
I know, right?

As Regina walks ahead, Gretchen whispers to Cady.

GRETCHEN
Make sure you check out her mom's boob
job.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S HOUSE. CONTINUOUS.

The girls enter. In the living room, Regina's 7 year old sister KYLIE is watching MTV and giving a large teddy bear a lap dance.

REGINA
(calling into the kitchen)
I'm home.

As the girls head upstairs, MRS. GEORGE, an energetic blonde, bursts out of the kitchen.

MRS. GEORGE
Hey Hey! T.G. It's Friday! You made it through the week!

GRETCHEN
This is Cady.

MRS. GEORGE
Hi, sweetheart.

Cady looks at Mrs. George's chest. Through her t-shirt we see two big grapefruit boobs with very long rock hard nipples.

MRS. GEORGE (CONT'D) ...
Welcome to our home.

MRS. George grabs Cady and hugs her.

CADY
(quietly)
Ow.

MRS. GEORGE
You want anything, don't be shy, honey. There's no rules here. I'm not like a regular mom, I'm a cool mom, right, Regina?

REGINA
(exiting)
Please stop talking.

MRS. GEORGE
I'm gonna make you guys a Friday treat.

Cady runs upstairs and joins the other girls in a cramped, plain bedroom. Regina is looking through a dresser drawer for something.

CADY
I like your room.

The girls laugh.

REGINA
This is my parents' room, Ass-kiss.

Regina pulls a bottle of rum out of her mother's underwear drawer and heads to the hall. The girls follow.

REGINA
This is my room.

Regina opens the door to her huge bedroom. It looks like something out of Cries. Four poster bed. Moroccan throw pillows, etc.

Cady looks at a bulletin board full of snapshots. They all feature Regina. One is a large picture of Regina and Aaron as last year's Spring Fling King and Queen.

Regina takes a swig of rum and passes the bottle to Karen who drinks and passes it to Gretchen who drinks and passes it to Cady who drinks.

CADY (V.O.)
Hmm, not bad.

It starts to burn, Cady coughs. Regina opens an armoire to reveal a kickass stereo. She puts on girly pop music.

GRETCHEN
I never should have bought these capri pants.

REGINA
How many times do I have to tell you?
The Gap is for old people.

GRETCHEN
I hate my calves.

KAREN
God, my hips are so huge.

REGINA
At least you can wear skirts. I'm so long-waisted.

CADY (V.O.)
Before I met the Plastics, I thought there was just fat and skinny. Apparently there's an infinite number of things on your body that can go wrong.

GRETCHEN
My hairline's weird.

REGINA
My pores are huge.

KAREN
My nailbeds suck.

The three girls look at Cady. It is her turn.

CADY
I have really bad breath when I wake
up in the morning.

Regina studies Cady for a beat.

REGINA
You know what, Cady? You're, like,
actually really pretty.

CADY
Thank you.

REGINA
So you agree?

CADY
What?

REGINA
You think you're really pretty.

CADY
I didn't say that.

GRETCHEN
The way I think about it, there's
ugly, there's pretty, and there's
average. You and me are average.

CADY (V.O.)
What just happened?

Mrs. George enters with a tray of frozen daiquiris. Little umbrellas
and all.

MRS. GEORGE
Four to six is happy hour!

The girls each take a drink.

GRETCHEN
Thanks, Mrs. George.

KAREN
Thanks, Mrs. J.

Regina cracks up.

REGINA
Mrs. J? Mrs. G. Oh my God, you are so
dyslexic.

Karen is embarrassed.

CADY
Is there alcohol in this?

Mrs. George picks up the family dachshund and holds it.

MRS. GEORGE
 No, honey! What kind of a mother do
 you think I am?
 (then conspiratorially)
 Why? Do you want a little? If you're
 gonna drink, I'd rather you drink
 here.

CADY
 No, I'm fine, thanks.

MRS. GEORGE
 Well don't be shy. Right, girls?

The dog chews on one of Mrs. George's nipples. She can't feel it.

REGINA
 Mom, go fix your hair.

MRS. GEORGE
 (exiting)
 You girls keep me young. I love ya so
 much.

Gretchen pulls a scrapbook out of the drawer.

KAREN
 Oh my God. I can't believe you still
 have this.

CADY
 What is it?

GRETCHEN
 It's our Burnbook. We cut girls'
 pictures out of the yearbook and wrote
 comments.

REGINA
 It's just a joke.

KAREN
 (reading)
 "Veronica Ryu is a grotsky little
 byotch."

REGINA
 Still true.

GRETCHEN
 "Madison Reilly is a fat virgin."

REGINA
 Still half true.

Cady takes the book and flips through it. She sees:

A school photo of the HEAVY SET GIRL from the beginning. "Emma Lynn
 Gerber- The future Mrs. Egg McMuffin."

A "HEAVY METAL" LOOKING GIRL. "Amber D'Alessio- masturbates with a frozen hot dog."

School photo of Janis. "Janis Ian- dyke."

CADY
This is so mean.

GRETCHEN
You should write something in it!

REGINA
Yeah, do one. We gotta find a picture of somebody.

CADY
No.

GRETCHEN
Nobody will ever see it.

CADY
I don't want to.

REGINA
Oh, why, cause you're so nice and we're-evil?

CADY
No.

Reluctantly, Cady looks at the book. She sees Ms. Norbury in the corner of a group photo. She writes a quote bubble over her that says, "I keep ecstasy in my desk!" Regina laughs.

REGINA
"I keep ecstasy in my desk!." That's hilarious. Is that true?

Cady nods sheepishly. Should she have done that?

CUT TO:

EXT. OLD ORCHARD MALL. SATURDAY NIGHT.

Damian and Cady walk up to the mall.

DAMIAN
Did you even have a mall in Africa?

CADY
Sometimes a guy in a truck would come by selling guns and computer parts. Does that count?

Damian laughs.

CUT TO:

INT. OLD ORCHARD MALL. -CONTINUOUS.

The mall in all its American Splendor.

CADY

Wow.

DAMIAN

I know. It's no Northbrook Court but it'll do.

Cady and Damian approach the mall's central fountain where tons of kids are hanging out.

Groups of girls are flirting with groups of boys. Other boys are goofing around, threatening to throw each other in the fountain. Girls drinking giant frappacinos. Reapplying make-up.

CADY (V.O.)

Something about that mall made me feel like I was back in Africa, by the watering hole...

Sfx: Jungle sounds.

All of a sudden, the boys start strutting around like peacocks.

A couple girls drink out of the fountain like cats.

CADY (V.O.)

...in the spring, when all the animals were in heat.

A lanky, giraffe-like boy starts to "mate" with a tall lanky girl, humping her from behind and she looks detached, chewing potato chips. Even her chewing looks like a giraffe.

Cady rubs her eyes, everything goes back to normal.

CUT TO:

INT. BATH AND BODY WORKS. - A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Janis is behind the counter, working. Her hair and make-up choices do not look appropriate with her hunter green B&BW apron.

CADY

And they have this book, this "Burnbook" where they write mean things about the girls in our grade.

JANIS

What does it say about me?

CADY

(lying)
You're not in it.

JANIS
Those bitches.

Damian brings over some skincare product.

DAMIAN
Will this make my skin better?

JANIS
No.
(to Cady)
Caddy, you've got to steal that book.

CADY
No way!

JANIS
We could publish it and then everyone
would see what an ax-wound she really
is.

CADY
I don't steal.

Damian approaches with a bottle of Rosemary-Mint Foot Spray.

DAMIAN
Rosemary Mint Foot Spray?

JANIS
It makes your feet smell like a salad.
(to Cady)
There's two kinds of evil people,
Caddy.

CADY
It's Cady.

JANIS
People who do evil stuff. And people
who see evil stuff being done and
don't do anything to stop it. If you
can get that close to Regina George,
you have a responsibility to mess with
her.

CADY
Unh-unh. I'll observe, that's it.

JANIS
Fine. Call me when you grow some
balls.

CADY
Fine. I will.

Damian comes back again.

DAMIAN
Does this cellulite creme work?

JANIS
No.

DAMIAN
I'll take it, anyway.

Damian gives Janis a ten dollar bill. She gives him ten singles as change. (This is all unacknowledged.)

CADY
Hey, isn't that Miss Norbury?

Ms. Norbury is browsing on the other side of the store. She is wearing jeans and a t-shirt. She is with a handsome man.

DAMIAN
And she appears to have a lover.

JANIS
God, I love seeing teachers outside of school. It's like seeing dogs walk on their hind legs.

Ms. Norbury sees them and comes over.

MS. NORBURY
Hi, do you have any massage oil that's edible?

JANIS
Um, I could check...

MS. NORBURY
Janis, I'm messing with you.

They all laugh.

MS. NORBURY (CONT'D)
This is my friend Pete.

They say hi to her date.

MS. NORBURY
Cady, I hope you join the Mathletes. We start in October and I would love to have a girl in there. Just, you know, even so it would smell better.

CADY
I think I'm going to do it.

MS. NORBURY (CONT'D)
Good. Okay, well. This has been sufficiently awkward. I'll see you guys Monday.

Ms. Norbury and her date exit.

DAMIAN
You can't join Mathletes.

JANIS
It's social suicide.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S KITCHEN. EVENING.

The phone rings. Cady answers it.

CADY
Hello?

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM/CADY'S KITCHEN.

Split screen. Regina is on the phone from her bedroom.

REGINA
I hear you like Aaron Samuels.

Cady is terrified.

CADY
What are you talking about?

REGINA
Gretchen told me that you like Aaron.
I mean, I don't care. Do whatever you
want. But let me tell you something
about Aaron Samuels. All he cares
about is school and his mom and his
friends.

CADY (V.O.)
Is that bad?

REGINA
But if you like him, that's fine. I
could, like, talk to him for you if
you want.

CADY
Really? You would do that? I mean,
nothing embarrassing, right?

REGINA
Trust me, I know exactly how to play
it. But wait. Aren't you so mad that
Gretchen told me about this?

CADY
No.

REGINA
You can tell me if you are. It was a
bitchy thing to do.

CADY
Yeah, it was pretty bitchy. But I'm not mad. She's just immature.

REGINA
See, Gretchen? I told you she wasn't mad at you.

Gretchen, on the phone in her room, slides into frame. The screen is now split in thirds.

GRETCHEN
I can't believe you think I'm immature!

REGINA (CONT'D)
(sweetly)
Okay, luv ya! See you tomorrow!

They all hang up. Cady slumps against the wall.

CADY (V.O.),
I had survived my first 3-way calling attack.

CUT TO:

INT. SENIOR CALCULUS CLASS. THE SPAN OF A FEW WEEKS.

CADY (V.O.)
Aaron Samuels and I started talking more and more. On October 3rd he asked me what day it was.

CADY
It's October 3rd.

Aaron smiles and turns back around.

CADY (V.O.)
Two weeks later we spoke again.

AARON
It's raining.

CADY
Yeah.

- CADY (V.O.)
But I wanted things to move faster, so I followed my instincts.

Two weeks after that, Cady leans forward and whispers to Aaron.

CADY
I'm totally lost. Can you understand any of this?

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CADY (V.O.)
But I wasn't lost. I knew exactly
what Ms. Norbury was talking about.

AARON
It's a factorial so you multiply each
one by n.

CADY (V.O.)
Wrong.

CADY
Is that the "summation"?

AARON
Yeah, they're the same thing---

CADY (V.O.)
Wrong. He was so wrong.

Cady smiles.

CADY
Thanks. I get it now.

AARON
Any time.

CADY (V.O.)
It worked! He talked to me and he
smiled at me and up close he smelled
like fabric softener and shaving
cream.

Aaron leans over and whispers to Cady.

AARON
We're having a Halloween party at my
friend Chris's tonight. You should
stop by. It's a costume party.
People get pretty into it.

Cady is elated.

CADY
Grool.
(winces)
I meant to say cool, then I started to
say great.

AARON
Right, well, grool. See you tonight.

CUT TO:

INT. MATH ROOM. - AFTER SCHOOL.

Ms. Norbury and Kevin Gnor hosts the Mathletes meeting. It's all
nerdy boys. Cady peeks in the window. Thinks about going in, then
skips it.

CADY (V.O.)
I was so excited, I blew off the first Mathletes meeting, to go home and work on my costume.

DISS TO:

INT. CADY'S ROOM. EVENING.

Cady frantically trying to put together a Halloween costume.

CADY (V.O.)
In the regular world, Halloween is a holiday when children dress up in costumes and beg for candy. In Girl World, Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut and other girls can't say anything about it.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM -SAME TIME

Regina costume is a fuzzy bikini and bunny ears. Regina's smiling mom takes a picture while her father, a big red-faced Irish guy, looks on horrified.

CADY (V.O.)
The hard-core girls just wear lingerie and some form of animal ears.

INT. GRETCHEN'S BEDROOM -SAME TIME

Gretchen is wearing a low-cut cat suit, heels, and cat ears.

EXT. KAREN'S HOUSE. NIGHT

Regina and Gretchen pull up to pick up Karen. Karen is wearing a bikini top, a micromini, thigh high boots, tons of make-up, and mouse ears.

GRETCHEN
What are you?

KAREN
(points to her ears)
I'm a mouse.

EXT/INT. CHRIS'S HOUSE. FRIDAY NIGHT.

Loud music.

CADY (V.O.)
Unfortunately, being new to Girl World, I did not know this.

The door opens on Cady who is wearing her mom's over-sized wedding dress, monster teeth and bloody zombie make-up.

The place is packed. Cady passes...The group of black students from before.

CADY

Hi.

They stare at her.

A crowd of guys watching in amazement as two sloppy drunk girls (in animal ears) make out on the stairs.

Cady sees Aaron in the kitchen talking to Regina.

CADY (V.O.)

This was it. Regina was hooking me up. How could Janis hate Regina? She was such a good--

Regina gives Aaron a long kiss on the mouth. Cady freezes in shock.

CADY (V.O.)

Slut!!!!

The room spins.

CADY (V.O.)

My heart started racing. My stomach felt like it was going to fall out my butt.

Aaron sees Cady.

AARON

Hey, Cady!

CADY

Hey...

Regina flashes Cady an infuriatingly fake apologetic look.

REGINA

Hi.

AARON

(referring to her costume)
So what are you?

CADY

I'm an ex-wife.

Aaron laughs.

AARON

That's funny.

CADY

(still fake smiling)
Yeah. Bye.

Cady heads for the door. She looks back and sees Regina kiss Aaron again. After Cady exits, we hear Aaron say to Regina...

AARON
What are you doing?

REGINA
I just felt like kissing you. I've been thinking about you a lot lately.

AARON
Really? Does Shane know?

REGINA
Shut up. How's your mom?

Aaron softens. Regina is successfully spinning her web.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHRIS'S PARENT'S HOUSE. CONTINUOUS.

Cady walks out of the house with a crazed look on her face.

JOCK GUY
.. (looking at Cady)
Bro, that is a scary mask.

CADY (V.O.)
I had food-poisoning once in Costa Rica. I got so sick I thought I was going to die. The thought of Regina and Aaron back together, was churning in my guts like emotional food poisoning.

CUT TO:

INT. JANIS' BASEMENT. - A LITTLE LATER.

Janis and Damian are watching Sleepaway Camp on the VCR. Cady bursts in the basement door. Damian screams, frightened by her costume.

DAMIAN
Aaaagh! Aaaagh! Aaaagh!

CADY
I grew some balls.

DAMIAN
Aaaagh! Aaaagh! Aaaagh!

CADY
(falling apart)
She took him back. Regina took Aaron back.

JANIS
We can fix this, Caddy. Follow me.

DISS TO:

INT. "TOY CORNER" OF THE BASEMENT. - A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Janis writes in colored chalk on a little kid's chalkboard. Damian is wearing a toy army helmet he's found.

JANIS
Regina George is an evil dictator.
How do you overthrow a dictator? You
cut off her resources. Regina George
would be nothing without her
technically "hot body," older
boyfriend, provocative clothing and
ignorant band of loyal followers.

Janis points to these words on the board.

- 1) "hot" body
- 2) older boyfriend
- 3) skanked-out clothes
- 4) army of whores

JANIS
Caddy, you're gonna have to keep
hanging out with them as if nothing's
wrong.

CADY
(wallowing)
I can't!

DAMIAN
(into toy walkie talkie)
You're gonna have to. Roger and out.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA - LUNCHTIME

Regina is hanging all over Aaron to make Cady jealous.

CADY (V.O.)
I felt like Regina was dangling Aaron
in front of me on purpose. I knew how
this would be settled in the wild.

Cady leaps over the table like a cheetah, knocking Regina onto her back. As Cady and Regina wrestle and growl at each other, Aaron runs daintily in a circle like a gazelle.

CADY (V.O.)
But in Girl World, all the fighting
had to be invisible.

Snap back to reality. None of this has actually happened.

CUT TO:

INT. EMPTY SCHOOL HALLWAY. - LATER

Cady and Gretchen have a heartfelt talk.

GRETCHEN
...and Regina wanted me to tell you
that she was trying to hook you up
with Aaron, but he was just interested
in getting her back, and that's not
Regina's fault.

CADY
No, I know.

GRETCHEN
So, you're not mad?

CADY
Oh my God, no.

GRETCHEN
Good. Regina wanted me to give you
this.

Gretchen hugs Cady. Cady makes a face like "Gross!"

CUT TO:

INT. SENIOR CALCULUS CLASS

Cady leans over to Aaron for help. Aaron leans close to show her.

CADY
I just don't get it.

Ms. Norbury hands Cady and Aaron their quizzes.

MS. NORBURY
Very nice, Cady.

Cady's paper says "98" in big print. Aaron's says "77." Aaron looks surprised.

AARON
It kinda seems like you get it.

CADY (V.O.)
If I was going to keep this going, I
was gonna have to really commit to it.

DISSOLVE TO:

A WEEK LATER.

Ms. Norbury hands them papers.

MS. NORBURY
Cady, you're killing me.

Aaron's says "81." Cady's says "68." Kevin Gnor looks over her shoulder.

KEVIN GNOR
Damn, Homeschool. What happened?

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY.

Janis gets something out of her overstuffed locker.

JANIS
You're telling me you're messing up
your grade on purpose.

CADY
What do I care what my grade is? As
long as I pass. I mean, learning
isn't about grades, it's about
knowledge. I have all the information
right here.
(points to her head)
So what does it matter if I pretend
not to know it on some test?

JANIS
Right. Right.
(beat)
That's retarded.

INT. CADY'S HOUSE. -THE NEXT DAY

Cady mopes around the house (which is now a little more decorated in an eclectic nerdy way.) Betsy is going over her lecture notes. Cady comes in.

CADY
Hey, mom.

BETSY
Mmm-hmm.

CADY
Why do boys like girls who wear a lot
of make-up and show their boobs better
than real girls?

BETSY
I don't know, why?

CADY
What?

BETSY
Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were
telling a joke.

CADY
I was. Never mind.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S KITCHEN. LATE AT NIGHT.

CADY (V.O.)
We had our first breakthrough in our
plan late one Sunday night.

Janis is drawing on a plate with mustard. Damian is rummaging for
food. Betsy enters in her pajamas, annoyed that these two won't
leave.

BETSY
Okay, it's a school night, so...

Damian and Janis don't get the hint. They stay put.

DAMIAN
Goodnight.

JANIS
Yeah.

Betsy shakes her head and leaves. Damian finds something to eat in
the cupboard.

DAMIAN
What are Kälteen bars?

CADY
They're these weird Swedish nutrition
bars that help you gain weight. My
mom used to give them to the African
kids.

Damian shrugs and keeps eating it. Janis and Cady look at each other.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA. - DAY

The cafeteria is decorated for Thanksgiving.

CADY
They're these weird Swedish nutrition
bars my mom uses to lose weight.

REGINA
Gimme it.

Regina takes a bite, looks at the wrapper.

REGINA
It's all in Swedish.

CADY
Yeah. They're high protein.

REGINA
So, it's Atkins?

CADY
No, you have carbs for breakfast, the protein for--

REGINA
--So it's the Zone.

CADY
Except these have some weird ingredient in them that's not legal yet in the U.S. It's kind of like--

REGINA
--Ephedrine?

CADY
No.

REGINA
Phentermine?

CADY
Yeah.

REGINA
I wanna lose three pounds.

The girls realize too late what they're supposed to say.

GRETCHEN/KAREN/CADY
Oh my God? What are you talking about? You're so skinny... Etc.

Regina is insulted and bites into the bar again.

PAN TO:

OTHER SIDE OF CAFETERIA.

Damian and Janis watch from their table. Janis shakes her head.

JANIS
Regina's gonna figure this out. She probably weighs herself every five minutes.

DAMIAN
Wait. There's this trick I learned at fat camp. You pop the top off the scale, and you take some dental floss...

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S HOUSE. -FRIDAY

The Plastics head into Regina's room. Cady ducks into--

INT. REGINA'S BATHROOM./HALLWAY OUTSIDE

Cady shuts and locks the door. She takes a screwdriver out of her bookbag and pops open the back of Regina's scale. She pokes a hole in the cardboard dial with a safety pin. She takes some dental floss out of her bag.

Regina knocks on the door. (We cut back and forth between the bathroom and the hall.)

REGINA

Cady!

CADY

One second.

Cady threads the dental floss through the hole. She ties it off so that the floss is taught when the scale reads 112.

REGINA

When you come out I'm gonna pluck your eyebrows, okay? And Gretchen wants to give you bangs.

GRETCHEN

It's gonna look so "fetch."

Regina rolls her eyes.

REGINA

And Karen brought some make-up for you.

CADY

Okay.

Cady pops the top back on the scale. She steps on it, it stops at 112. She puts her backpack on. It still reads 112.

She picks up a large potted plant and holds it while on the scale with her backpack on. It still reads 112.

REGINA (O.C.)

Hurry up!

Flustered, Cady opens the door and tries to look nonchalant.

CADY

Let's do it.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY.- DAY

The Plastics, including Cady with new bangs, etc, walk the halls in slow motion, looking like a "Sex and the City" commercial.

CADY (V.O.)
When you were with the Plastics, it was like being famous. People looked at you all the time. And Everybody just knew stuff about you.

Montage of students speaking straight to camera about the Plastics.

PRETTY BLACK GIRL
Karen is the tall one. She doesn't have a boyfriend right now--

WHITE GIRL W/ GLASSES
But she hooked up with my cousin. Twice.

COACH FARR
Last year her hair was a bob, but this year she's growing it out into long layers.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
Gretchen's favorite movie is Varsity Blues.

KESHAWN, A HUGE BLACK GUY
Her cat's name is Peanut.

TWO GIGGLY GIRLS
That new girl moved here from Africa.

KESHAWN
Her cat's names are Cleo and Pamela.

CHUBBY HISPANIC BOY
Regina is 5'4 1/2." She's a Leo.

SHORT GIRL
She just got back together with Aaron Samuels.

DISS BACK TO:

INT. HALLWAY

Girls walking in slo-mo. Aaron comes into frame and puts his arm around Regina.

COACH FARR (V.O.)
Yep, she's back with Aaron Samuels.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL (V.O.)
It's so great that she's back with Aaron Samuels.

Cady trips on her high heels and takes an embarrassing slo-mo fall.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY. DECEMBER.

Christmas Music plays. The student center is decorated for the holidays. Janis, Damian, and Cady (now dressed more fashionably) are in line. They discuss their plan in hushed tones without looking at each other.

JANIS

We have to crack Gretchen. She's the keeper of all secrets. If this gets Gretchen to crack, we'll have cracked the lock on Regina's secrets.

DAMIAN

Say crack again.

JANIS

Crack. Let's reconvene tonight.

CADY

I can't. I have to go to Regina's to practice for the Talent Show. We're doing a dance to--

JANIS

Jingle Bell Rock. I know. They do it every year.

DAMIAN

Sweet mother of God, you're doing Jingle Bell Rock?

Regina approaches.

CADY

Uh oh. Go.

Janis and Damian scatter.

REGINA

Why were you talking to Janis Ian?

CADY

She's so weird. She just came up and started talking to me about crack.

REGINA

She's so pathetic. Let me tell you something about Janis Ian.
(as if this is shocking)
I was best friends with her in middle school. I know, right? It's so embarrassing, I don't even...whatever.

(MORE)

REGINA (cont'd)

Then, in eighth grade, I started going out with my first boyfriend, Kyle, who was totally gorgeous but he moved to Indiana, and Janis was, like, weirdly jealous of him. Like, if I blew her off to hang out with Kyle she would be like, "Why didn't you call me back!?" And I would be, like, "Why are you so obsessed with me?" So then my birthday was an all-girls pool party and I was like, I can't invite you, Janis, because I think you're a lesbian. I mean, I couldn't have a lesbian there. Girls were going to be in their bathing suits. I mean, right? Then her mom called my mom and was, like, yelling at her. It was so retarded and then in the fall when we started high school all her hair was cut off and she was totally weird and now I think she does heroin.

A girl, LEA EDWARDS walks by wearing a plaid kilt.

REGINA

Oh my God, I love your skirt. Where did you get it?

LEA EDWARDS

It was my mom's in the 80's.

REGINA

Vintage! It's so cute.

LEA EDWARDS

Thanks.

Kilt Girl smiles and leaves.

REGINA

That is the ugliest f---ing skirt I've ever seen.

(The late bell perfectly bleeps Regina's swearing.)

Cady touches her wide leather bracelet and realizes that Regina was making fun of her that first day.

CADY

Are you sending any candy canes?

REGINA

I don't send them. I just get them.

(leaving)

You better send me one, byotch.

Cady is now in the front of the line.

CADY (V.O.)

Oh I was sending her one, all right. I was gonna use 3 candy canes to crack Gretchen Wieners.

CADY
Three, please.

She starts to fill out a candy cane order slip.

CUT TO:

INT. ENGLISH CLASS. - LATER

ENGLISH TEACHER
Okay, your homework is to take a passage from Julius Caesar and translate it into modern day English. Starting with line 142. "Why, man, doth he bestride the narrow world like a Colossus--"

Damian enters wearing a Santa Hat and carrying a sac.

DAMIAN
Ho, ho, ho! Candy Cane Grams!

ENGLISH TEACHER
Okay, hurry up.

Damian starts passing out candy canes to some people.

DAMIAN
Taylor Zimmerman? Two for you. David Westervelt? One for you. You only need one to find love. Caddy Heron? Is there a Caddy Heron?

CADY
It's Cady.

DAMIAN
One for you. And none for Gretchen Wieners. Bye.

Damian leaves. Cady unfolds the paper attached to her Candy Cane.

GRETCHEN
Who's it from?

CADY
"Thanks for being a great friend. Love, Regina." That's so sweet.

Gretchen spirals. She has never gotten one of these.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

The place is packed for the Winter Talent Show. Mr. Duvall emcees.

MR. DUVALL
Welcome to the Evanston High School
Winter Talent Show. Y'all ready for
this?

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM. BACKSTAGE

Cady, Gretchen, and Karen are putting on make-up. They are in red and white outfits and Santa Hats for their "act."

GRETCHEN
What do you mean you got one, too?

KAREN
It's just a candy cane. Maybe yours
got lost.

GRETCHEN
Is she mad at me? Has she said
anything to you about me?

KAREN
Nothing unusual.

GRETCHEN
What do you mean? What's the "usual"
stuff she says?

KAREN
I don't know. Just that you talk a
lot...

Gretchen is reeling with panic.

INT. AUDITORIUM. ONSTAGE.

Damian sings to poorly played piano.

DAMIAN
I AM BEAUTIFUL
NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY

A sneaker hits Damian in the neck. He doesn't flinch.

DAMIAN (CONT'D)
WORDS CAN'T BRING ME DOWN.

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM GIRL'S BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Regina is putting on her red and white outfit.

REGINA
You didn't really have to send me a
candy cane, I was just kidding.

CADY
Well, you've been so nice to me.

Regina's shorts don't fit.

REGINA (CONT'D)
What the hell?

CADY
They don't fit?

REGINA
They should fit. I weigh 112.

Cady holds up a pair of red pants.

CADY
You want these? They're my mom's.
They're too big for me.

Rage flashes through Regina's eyes. Cady smiles innocently.

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM. ON STAGE.

Kevin Gnor is freestyle rapping. The other Mathletes are his "sidemen."

KEVIN GNOR
All you sucka emcees got nothing on
me. From my grades to my lines, you
can't touch Kevin G. I'm the Asian
persuasion, so truly amazing. I drop
the bomb rhymes on any occasion. It
ain't no trick, I am this slick, all
the ninth grade ladies tryin' to suck
my--WHAT? Chill, Mr. Duvall, I didn't
swear, after all. I'm a Mathlete, so
nerd is inferred, but forget what you
heard, I'm like James Bond the Third,
shaken not stirred. I'm Kevin Gnor.
The G is silent when I sneak in your
door. Make love to your woman on the
bathroom floor. I don't play it like
Shaggy. You'll know it was me. Cause
the next time you sex her she'll be,
like,
(imitates a woman having
an orgasm)
"Uuunnh, Kevin G!"
(spoken)
Happy Holidays, everybody!

Violently mixed reaction from the crowd.

INT. BACKSTAGE.

Cady and Gretchen watch from the wings. Gretchen is still obsessing.

GRETCHEN

(to Cady)

It just seems weird to me. I mean, no offense--

CADY (V.O.)

Oh yeah. Something else I've learned, when a girl starts a sentence with "no offense," she's about to offend you.

GRETCHEN

I mean, no offense, but why would she send you a candy cane? She doesn't even like you that much.

Cady does a "See what I mean?" take to the camera.

INT. ON STAGE.

Janis takes the stage in a long, home-made, white robe. She is banging on tupperware with a wooden spoon. She chants rhythmically and does an interpretive dance.

JANIS

I feel mis-er-a-ble! Mis-er-a-ble!
Mis-er-a-ble! I feel mis-er-a-ble!
Mis-er-a-ble! Mis-er-a-ble!

The crowd boos. Janis whips out a camera and takes photos of the booing crowd. Mr. Duvall emcees.

MR. DUVALL

Thank you, Janis. Next, give it up for Santa's Helpers doing "Jingle Bell Rock."

Cady and the Plastics enter and take their positions. Cady puts the boombox downstage and hits play. The girls start a simple, cheesy dance routine to "Jingle Bell Rock." It is the same routine they have done every year since sixth grade, but this year they have deigned to let Cady join them.

Janis and Damian watch from the wings.

DAMIAN

Does it bother you that they still do your original choreography?

Janis punches him.

On stage, the girls continue. As they do a turn, Cady accidentally kicks the boom box and the CD starts to skip.

The Plastics try to keep dancing as Cady rushes over to the boombox to fix it. In rushing over, she accidentally kicks it off the edge of the stage. It falls into the orchestra pit and smashes.

Time seems to stand still as Cady looks back at Regina and Gretchen, who are furious, at Damian and Janis laughing in the wings, then out at the vicious audience who are ready to eat her alive.

Not knowing what to do, Cady resumes the dance, singing a Capella.

CADY
WHAT A BRIGHT TIME, IT'S THE RIGHT
TIME....

The Plastics look at her like she is crazy. Aaron joins in from the audience.

AARON
TO ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY.

A girl near Aaron joins in.

GIRL
JINGLE BELL TIME IS A SWELL TIME

More people in the audience sing along. The Plastics resume their dance.

AUDIENCE
TO GO RIDING IN A ONE-HORSE SLEIGH.
GIDDYAP JINGLE-HORSE PICK UP YOUR
FEET. JINGLE AROUND THE CLOCK.

Everyone's into it now. The girls do their big finish.

AUDIENCE
MIX AND MINGLE WITH A JINGLING BEAT.
THAT'S THE JINGLE BELL, THAT'S THE
JINGLE BELL, THAT'S THE JINGLE BELL
ROCK.

The audience cheer for themselves.

BACK TO:

INT. BACKSTAGE.

The girls run off stage, elated. Aaron comes in a side door.

KAREN
That's the best it ever went.

AARON
That was outstanding.

Regina kisses Aaron. Aaron puts one arm around Regina and one playfully around Cady. Kevin Gnor passes by.

KEVIN GNOR
Hey, good job, Homeschool.

CADY
Thanks.

GRETCHEN
Cady's blushing. Oh my God. You
totally have a crush on that guy!

Everyone, especially Aaron, looks at Cady.

CADY

Shut up!

They all laugh and assume that's a "yes."

GRETCHEN

That's why you wanted to join the Mathletes.

AARON

Mathletes? You hate math.

KAREN

Look how red she is.

GRETCHEN

You love him! And he totally complimented you! That is so "fetch."

REGINA

Gretchen, stop trying to make "fetch" happen. It's not going to happen.

Gretchen's face twists up in a frighteningly hateful expression.

CUT TO:

INT. ENGLISH CLASS.-MONDAY

With the same hateful expression on her face, Gretchen reads her Julius Caesar assignment to the class.

GRETCHEN

Why should Caesar get to stomp around like a giant while the rest of us try not to get smushed under his big feet? What's so great about Caesar? Brutus is just as cute a name as Caesar. Brutus is just as smart as Caesar. And when did it become okay for one person to be the boss of everybody? That's not what Rome is about. We should totally stab Caesar!

CADY (V.O.)

Gretchen Wieners had cracked.

CUT TO:

INT. GIRLS' BATHROOM.- AFTER CLASS.

Cady is listening to a teary-eyed Gretchen go off.

GRETCHEN

I mean, if you even knew how mean she really is. You know I'm not allowed to wear hoop earrings, right?

(MORE)

GRETCHEN (cont'd)

She told me two years ago that hoop earrings were "her thing" and I wasn't allowed to wear them anymore. And then my parents got me a pair of really expensive white gold hoops for Hanukkah and I had to act like I didn't like them. It was so sad. And you know she still cheats on Aaron. Every Thursday she hooks up with Shane Oman in the alcove behind the auditorium. And I never told anybody that cause I'm such a good friend!

Cady tries to mask her outrage.

CUT TO:

INT. ALCOVE BEHIND THE AUDITORIUM. THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY.

Regina and Shane Oman are making out in a forgotten vestibule where old marching band flags and theater flats are kept. Regina pulls Shane's t-shirt off. He is buff. She is in jeans and her bra.

Damian bursts in wearing a mask and starts snapping pictures.

DAMIAN
Yearbook candids!

Regina screams and grabs for her shirt. Shane lunges at Damian.

SHANE
Get out of here, you ass.

Damian takes off running.

DAMIAN
I know you are, but what am I?

Shane tries to chase him but trips over Regina.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL DARKROOM. A LITTLE LATER

Janis is developing Damian's photos. Janis' hair and lipstick glow in the dark.

DAMIAN
Oh my God, I'm still shaking.

The first photo comes out. It's just the very tops of Regina and Shane's heads.

JANIS
(referring to photo)
No.

DAMIAN
You should have seen their faces.

The second one develops, it's just their knees.

JANIS
Ugh! This is the last one.

Damian watches over her shoulder. The third one develops. Shane's body is turned in a very flattering position and his face has that open-mouthed startled look that models have.

DAMIAN
Oh my God, that is awesome.

JANIS
Damian!

DAMIAN
What?

JANIS
She's not in the picture.

All we see is Regina's arm in the corner of the frame.

DAMIAN
Aw, farts.

JANIS
You suck.

Janis storms out. Damian takes the picture.

DAMIAN
(whispers to photo)
You're coming home to my house to live
under my bed with the Abercrombie
Catalog.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOUSE.- A SATURDAY NIGHT.

CADY (V.O.)
By Spring break, something had
changed.

The Plastics are picking Cady up to go out. They're dressed to kill. Betsy seems a little intimidated.

CADY (V.O.)
I could see my parents clearly for the
first time. And it was kind of making
me sad.

BETSY
Where are you going?

CADY
To a party.

BETSY
Oooh! You want me to braid your hair
for you?

CADY
No!
(then feels guilty)
Thank you.

REGINA
We'll have her back by eleven, Mrs.
Heron. I love your earrings, by the
way.

Betsy clutches her dangly African earrings, flattered. (Regina has charmed her.) Cady winces. She knows what Regina really means.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA.

Regina is eating a Kälteen bar while everyone else eats normal food. She has a zit.

REGINA
I don't think these things work.

CADY
What are you talking about?

REGINA
I've been eating them for months and I
still weigh 112.

CADY
That's because the protein builds
muscle--

GRETCHEN
And muscle weighs more than fat.

REGINA
It's making me break out.

KAREN
It's probably your toxicness coming
out.

CADY
Yeah, your toxins. I have this really
good skin stuff I'll bring you.

CUT TO: -

INT. BATH & BODY WORKS.

Cady watched as Janis empties a bottle of "Facial Cleansing Gel" and refills it with "Intensive Moisturizing Foot Creme." She hands the bottle to Cady.

CUT TO:

INT. ART ROOM.- AFTER SCHOOL.

Janis has taken the photograph of the audience booing her at the talent show and is turning it into a large painting. Cady is checking herself out in a wall mirror. She has started wearing more make-up.

CADY (V.O.)

If all I could think about was Aaron,
all I could talk about was Regina.

CADY

She's not even that good looking if
you really look at her. Especially
now that she's getting fat.

Janis takes this in. "Fat" Regina is still much smaller than Janis.

JANIS

I don't know. Her tits are getting
bigger.

CADY (V.O.)

I could hear people getting bored with
me. But I couldn't stop talking about
Regina. It just kept coming up like
word vomit.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY- CONTINUOUS

Janis and Cady head home.

CADY

I have this theory that if you cut off
all her hair, she would look like a
British man.

JANIS

I know. You've told me that before.
What is that smell?

CADY

Regina gave me some perfume.

JANIS

You smell like a baby prostitute.

A group of CUTE SENIOR GUYS says hi to Cady as they pass.

CUTE SENIOR GUY

Hey, Cady, what's up?

CADY

Hi.

JANIS

Who was that?

CADY
(laughs)
I don't know.

Janis hands Cady a flier.

JANIS
The 28th is my art show. Take a night
off from your double life. I want you
to see it.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY. DAY.--A FEW WEEKS LATER. AN HOUR AFTER SCHOOL.

At the student center there is now a banner that reads, "Coming Soon--
Spring Fling! Nominate Your King and Queen!"

Damian counts ballots for "Spring Fling King and Queen" nominations.

CADY (V.O.)
To get nominated for Spring Fling King
and Queen you either had to be very
good-looking, very popular, or have
enemies in high places. Like the
Student Activities Committee.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOMEROOM. THE NEXT MORNING.

Damian, Janis, and Cady are anxiously listening to morning
announcements. Ms. Norbury enters late.

MS. NORBURY
Damian, did you take attendance?

Damian hands Ms. Norbury the attendance sheets.

DAMIAN
Two absent and Janis was late.

Janis kicks Damian. Ms. Norbury kisses Damian on the head.

MS. NORBURY
I love you. You're my favorite.

Ms. Norbury goes to her desk.

JOAN THE SECRETARY (V.O.)
...and finally the nominees for Spring
Fling King and Queen are as follows.
Regina George...

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S HOMEROOM. SAME TIME.

People in her homeroom applaud. Regina acts like she doesn't care.

JOAN THE SECRETARY (V.O.)
Gretchen Wieners...

Regina is startled. She quickly regains her composure.

CUT TO:

INT. GRETCHEN'S HOMEROOM.- SAME TIME.

Gretchen is completely surprised.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOMEROOM.- SAME TIME.

Janis, Damian and Cady are trying not to laugh. Ms. Norbury is watching them..

JOAN THE SECRETARY (V.O.)
Janis Ian...

Janis stops laughing. She punches Damian in the arm.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S HOMEROOM. SAME TIME.

REGINA
What?

JOAN THE SECRETARY (V.O.)
And Cady Heron.

Regina is confused and annoyed.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOMEROOM. SAME TIME.

CADY
Damian! You shouldn't have put my
name in there. It's gonna mess
everything up.

DAMIAN
I didn't.

CADY
I'm really nominated?

Damian nods. Cady is flattered. Damian and Janis imitate Cady's flattered expression behind her back.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS.

Cady is taking a quiz. Barry sits next to her. He seems like a different person. Stone cold sober and incredibly grouchy about it.

MS. NORBURY
Time's up.

CADY (V.O.)
Meanwhile, even playing dumb in
Calculus required some math skills. I
had to figure out how many questions I
could blow without actually failing.

Cady passes her paper up.

MS. NORBURY
How you doing over there, Barry?

Barry grunts. Ms. Norbury laughs.

MS. NORBURY
Good. That's how I like to see you,
Barry.

AARON
How did you do?

CADY
About a "71." I'm gonna have to get a
tutor.

AARON
I'll help you, if you ever want to get
together after school or something.

CADY
Do you think Regina would mind?

AARON
No, you guys are friends.

He thinks about this for a second.

AARON (CONT'D)
Well maybe we just won't tell her.

CUT TO:

INT. CLASSROOM.-AFTER SCHOOL.

The Student Activities Committee (which includes Aaron, Regina and
Damian) are meeting with their advisor, Mr. Duvall.

DAMIAN
The caterers say they can prepare the
food right there in the gym--

REGINA
That's so boring! Why can't we have
Spring Fling on a boat?

AARON
Regina, a lot of people can't afford a
\$150 dinner cruise.

REGINA

Ugh, Aaron, I'll buy our tickets.

Aaron is offended. A jockey guy, SHANE OMAN, chimes in.

SHANE OMAN

I think a dinner cruise sounds balls out.

REGINA

(flirtatious)

Thank you, Shane.

CUT TO:

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - LATER.

Aaron is playing soccer with some friends. Cady waves. Aaron waves back, picks up his backpack and heads over.

CADY (V.O.)

Sometimes when I was around Aaron, it was like I didn't even know who I was. I couldn't remember how I normally walk...

Cady walks-swinging her arms with her legs instead of opposite them. She catches herself.

CADY (V.O.)

I started talking in this weird high voice.

CADY

(in a "girly" voice)

Thank you so much for tutoring me.

Cady looks embarrassed and clears her throat.

CUT TO:

INT. AARON'S HOUSE. TWENTY MINUTES LATER.

Aaron and Cady enter. Aaron's house is much more modest than Regina's. Aaron throws his stuff on the couch.

AARON (CONT'D)

I just have to do one thing before we start.

Aaron opens the cellar door and goes down to the laundry room. Cady follows him tentatively.

AARON

It's just me and my mom so...I try to help out.

Cady sits on the basement stairs and watches as Aaron loads the washing machine. The basement is a mess.

AARON
So do you miss living in Africa?

CADY (V.O.)
He was holding his mother's underwear.

CADY
Sometimes, but, I think I didn't
realize how lonely it was.

AARON
I would love to see Africa.

CADY
I'll take you sometime.

Cady cringes. That was queer. Aaron smiles and starts the washer.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER.

Aaron and Cady work at the dining room table.

CADY
What did you get for this one?

AARON
Well, the first time I did it, I got
zero...

CADY (V.O.)
(lovingly)
No, that's wrong.

AARON
But when I checked it I got 1.

CADY (V.O.)
There you go.

CADY
You have two different colored eyes.

AARON
Yeah. Most people don't notice.

She moves her face close to his.

CADY
Yeah, because that one is brown but
this one is kind of hazel.

They kiss for a second. Then Aaron breaks away.

AARON
Man. I can't do this. It's not fair
to Regina. I'll take you home.

CADY
Why do you like her?

AARON
Listen, I know Regina can be really mean but---

CADY
Then why do you like her?

AARON
Why do you?

CADY
But--

AARON
She's just insecure. I mean, there's good and bad in everybody. Regina's just more up front about it--

CADY
But--

CADY (V.O.)
(nauseous)
Oh no. It was coming up. The word vomit. I didn't mean to say it--

CADY
(blurts it out)
She's cheating on you.

AARON
What?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DAMIAN'S BASEMENT.

C.U. of Janis' hand at the chalkboard crossing off the phrase "older boyfriend."

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM.

Regina is laying on her bed sobbing with the other three consoling her.

KAREN
Did he say why?

REGINA
Somebody told him about Shane Oman.

GRETCHEN
Who?

REGINA

He said some guy on the baseball team.

Gretchen and Cady share a look of relief. Regina sobs.

REGINA (CONT'D)

I gave him everything. I was half a virgin when I met him.

KAREN

You wanna do something fun? You wanna go to Taco Bell?

REGINA

(screams)

I can't go to Taco Bell! I'm on a carb-protein diet! God, you're so stupid, Karen.

Regina storms out of the room. Gretchen runs after her.

GRETCHEN

Regina, wait. Talk to me.

CADY

You're not stupid, Karen.

KAREN

No, I am, actually. I'm failing almost everything.

CADY

There must be something you're good at.

KAREN

Blow jobs?

CADY

Okay. Anything else?

KAREN

I was in Orchestra in seventh grade. I played the drums.

CADY

Why did you stop?

- Karen picks up two pencils off the nightstand and starts drumming with them. *

KAREN

There was this closet where we kept the instruments, and me and this trumpet player used to go in there after practice and take our pants off?

CADY

Uh-huh.

KAREN
So eventually I just started skipping practice and going straight to the closet. God, I never should have quit that.

CADY
You should get back into it.

KAREN
Yeah...It's just so hard to find a big enough closet.

Karen does her own "rim shot" on a nearby lampshade.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS.

Aaron slumps into class and sits down. He looks very depressed and doesn't even say "hi."

CADY (V.O.)
I have to admit, I was mildly horrified when Aaron didn't immediately ask me to be his girlfriend. Sure. Break-ups are painful, but how much time did he need? Regina had moved on.

FLASH TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM. AFTER SCHOOL.

Regina making out with Shane Oman. Mrs. George enters. They don't even look up.

MRS. GEORGE
You guys need anything? Some snacks?
A condom? Lemme know. God love ya.

Mrs. George takes their picture.

CUT TO:

INT. OLD ORCHARD MALL- DAY

Karen, Gretchen and Cady are in a dress store, waiting for Regina to come out of the dressing room.

CADY (V.O.)
In January, Regina had put a Spring Fling dress on hold at a store called "1,3,5." But being Plastic, she needed our advice before she could actually buy it.

Regina comes out in a strapless dress that is way too small.

REGINA
Can you zip this for me?

Karen tries to zip the dress, but there's no way. Karen dreads what she has to say...

KAREN
I think you need a bigger one.

REGINA
What?

KAREN
Ma'am, do you have this in the next size up?

SALESGIRL
Sorry. We only carry sizes 1,3, and 5. You could try Sears.

Regina is horrified.

CUT TO:

INT. JANIS'S BASEMENT.

C.U. Of Janis' hand at the chalkboard crossing off the phrase "skanked out clothes."

CUT TO:

INT. SHOE STORE-DAY

Cady and Betsy shop for her Spring Fling outfit.

CADY (V.O.)
My mom insisted on going with me to pick out my Spring Fling outfit. But somehow we couldn't say two words to each other without it being weird and tense.

CADY
(holds up sexy heels)
These are on sale.

Subtitle: "I want these."

BETSY
(holds up ballerina flats)
These are well made.

Subtitle: "You must stay a baby forever."

CADY
Those are hideous.

Subtitle: "If I wear those, everyone will know that I am a virgin and a loser."

BETSY
Well, I don't think those are appropriate.

Subtitle: "Those are "hooker" shoes. Those shoes will get you pregnant!"

CADY
Mom, why are you being so mean?! I want these.

BETSY
No.

CADY
Aaagh!

Cady throws the shoes across the store and storms off.

CADY (V.O.)
Spring Fling was blossoming into Full Tilt Drama.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY AND REGINA'S HOUSES.

Split screen. Cady and Regina are on the phone from their respective homes. Regina's skin is looking pretty bad.

CADY
Gretchen thinks you're mad at her because she's running for Spring Fling Queen.

REGINA
Oh my God, I'm not mad at her, I'm worried about her. I think somebody nominated her as a joke or something and when nobody votes for her she's gonna have a total meltdown. And who's gonna have to take care of her? Me.

CADY
You don't think anyone will vote for her?

REGINA
Cady, she's not pretty. I mean, that sounds bad, but, whatever, the Spring Fling Queen is always pretty. The crazy thing is, it should be Karen, but people forget about her cause she's such a slut. I gotta go. I'm going to bed.

Regina hangs up and disappears.

CADY
Well, she's not mad at you.

The screen splits again from the other side to reveal that with 3-way calling, Gretchen was on the line the whole time. Her eyes are full of tears.

CADY
Are you okay--

Gretchen hangs up on her. Cady looks surprised as she slides off screen. Gretchen sobs for a second as she dials the phone.

Split screen as Karen answers.

KAREN
Hello?

GRETCHEN
If someone said something bad about you, you'd want me to tell you, right?

KAREN
No.

GRETCHEN
What if it was someone you thought was your friend?

KAREN
What are you ---? Hold on, that's my other line.

Karen clicks over. The screen splits in thirds. It's Regina. We still see Gretchen holding on the other line.

KAREN
Hello?

REGINA
Let's go out.

KAREN
Okay. Hold on. I'm on the other line with Gretchen.

REGINA
Don't invite her. Those other two are driving me nuts.

KAREN
Hold on.

REGINA
Hurry up.

Karen clicks back over to Gretchen. While she waits, Regina eats a loaf of french bread.

KAREN
It's Regina. She wants to hang out
with me tonight but she told me not to
tell you.

GRETCHEN
Do not hang out with her!

KAREN
Why?

GRETCHEN
You don't want me to tell you.

KAREN
Okay. You can tell me. Hold on.

Karen tries to click over to Regina but it doesn't work.

KAREN
Oh my God, she is so annoying.

GRETCHEN
Who is?

KAREN
Who is this?

GRETCHEN
Gretchen.

KAREN
Right. Okay. Hold on.

Karen clicks over again. This time she gets Regina. While Gretchen
waits, she studies her face in the mirror.

REGINA
Hello?

KAREN
Oh my God, she is so annoying.

REGINA
I know, right? Just get rid of her.

Karen clicks over to Gretchen.

KAREN
Okay, what is it?

GRETCHEN
Regina says everyone hates you because
you're such a slut.

KAREN
She said that?

GRETCHEN
You didn't hear it from me.

Karen clicks over.

KAREN
I can't go out. I'm sick.

REGINA
(joking)
Boo! You whore.

CUT TO:

INT. DAMIAN'S BASEMENT.

CU. of Janis's hand at the chalkboard crossing out the phrase "Army of whores."

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA. LUNCHTIME. - DAY

Cady watches Regina eat two baked potatoes, some bacon, and a Kälteen bar. Regina looks fat, zitty, and bad. Karen and Gretchen approach with their trays.

GRETCHEN
Regina, we have to talk to you.

REGINA
Is butter a protein?

CADY
Sure.

GRETCHEN
Gina, you're wearing sweatpants.
It's Monday.

REGINA
So?

KAREN
So that's against the rules. You
can't sit with us.

REGINA
Whatever. Those rules aren't real.

KAREN
They were real that day I wore a vest.

REGINA
Because that vest looked disgusting.

GRETCHEN
You can't sit with us.

REGINA
 (quietly)
 These sweatpants are all that fits me
 right now.

Karen says nothing. Regina grabs her tray to leave.

REGINA
 Fine. You can walk home, bitches.

As Regina walks away, she collides with the heavysset Egg McMuffin Girl. Food spills all over the both of them.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
 Watch where you're going, fatass.

Regina is stunned speechless. Everyone around her laughs.

CUT TO:

INT. DAMIAN'S BASEMENT.

CU. of Janis's hand at the chalkboard crossing out the phrase "hot body."

CUT TO:

EXT. EVANSTON HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER SCHOOL.

Gretchen and Karen treat Cady like she's the new Queenbee.

KAREN
 So. What are we doing this weekend?

GRETCHEN
 Yeah. What are we doing?

CADY (V.O.)
 They were asking me?

CADY
 Well, I'm supposed to go to Madison
 overnight with my parents.

They stare at her.

CADY (CONT'D)
 We have tickets for this thing...

They stare at her.

CADY (CONT'D)
 But maybe I could get out of it...

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOUSE.- DINNERTIME

Cady and her parents at the dinner table.

CADY
...cause I have so much homework.

BETSY
But you love Brazilian jazz.

Cady whips ups some tears.

CADY
I'm just so overwhelmed with all these assignments!

CHIP
Oh, honey.

Betsy looks suspicious.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS.

The bell rings. Cady stops Aaron as he leaves.

CADY
Hey. I'm having a "small get together" at my house tomorrow night.

AARON
Is Regina going?

CADY
No. Aaron, why don't you just come over and hang out with me?

AARON
(blankly)
Okay.

He leaves.

CADY (V.O.)
What had just happened? I had asked Aaron Samuels out and he said yes. This was the greatest moment of my life.

MS. NORBURY
Cady?

Ms. Norbury hands Cady her quiz. Cady's paper says "71" with a letter grade of "D"

CADY
Wait a minute! A "71" is a "C."

MS. NORBURY
These are graded on a curve.

CADY
On a what?

CADY (V.O.)
Being homeschooled really came back to
bite me in the butt on this one.

Ms. Norbury explains it rapidfire on the board.

MS. NORBURY
So many people got the extra credit
right that the highest grade was
105... The average grade was
89...therefore a "C" would range from
78-88. 71 is a "D."

Cady is paralyzed.

CADY
Aren't curves supposed to help people?

MS. NORBURY
Not in A.P. classes. But you know
what's weird about your quizzes, Cady?
All the work is right. Just the
answers are wrong. I hope he's worth
it.

CADY
Huh?

MS. NORBURY
I'll need your parents to sign that so
they know you're failing.

CADY
Is there anything I can do for extra
credit?

Kevin Gnor looms in the background.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY- MOMENTS LATER

Cady comes out of class and runs into Janis.

JANIS
Do you need a ride to my art show
tomorrow night?

Cady freezes for a moment, then chooses to lie.

CADY
I can't go. I have to go to Madison
with my parents. I'm so sorry.

CUT TO:

EXT. CADY'S HOUSE.- SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Cady's parents kiss her goodbye and drive off.

CADY (V.O.)
My parents left for Madison at 4 PM.
By 4:12, Gretchen and Karen were
getting things ready.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOUSE.- A LITTLE LATER.

Gretchen is setting bowls of Doritos around the living room.

CADY (V.O.)
Aaron Samuels was going to be in my
house. Everything had to be perfect.

Karen is in the kitchen pouring Everclear into jello.

CADY (V.O.)
This time, when Aaron saw me, I
wouldn't be in some ridiculous
Halloween costume.

Cady comes down the stairs. She has on too much make-up. Too sexy
clothes. Her hair is huge. It does look like a ridiculous costume.

KAREN AND GRETCHEN
You look awesome!

CADY
I got enough cheese and crackers for
eight people. Do you think that's
enough?

Gretchen and Karen look at each other.

GRETCHEN AND KAREN
Yeah.

The doorbell rings. They light up with excitement.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. CADY'S LIVING ROOM. -AN HOUR LATER.

The place is packed.

CADY (V.O.)
It was not enough. Somehow the word
had gotten out about my "small get
together."

Gretchen and Karen in the hall.

GRETCHEN
(freaking out)
Jason is here with Taylor Wedell!

KAREN
He's just using her to make you mad.

Cady answers the door. It's four huge guys with brown paper bags.

CADY
Do I know you?

The guys recognize someone across the room.

HUGE GUYS
Deek! What up, dog? Etc.

They enter. Cady heads back toward the kitchen. She can't walk so well in the heels. She passes...

A group of people going through her parents' CD collection.

GUY
Dude, put on "The Ramayalan Monkey Chant."

Crazy jungle music with monkey sounds over it plays.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S CAR - SAME TIME.

Regina and Shane are heading over to crash Cady's party.

REGINA
She thinks she's gonna have a party
and not invite me? Who does she think
she is?

SHANE OMAN
You're right, hon.

REGINA
I, like, invented her. You know what
I mean?

CUT BACK TO:

INT. CADY'S HOUSE.

Aaron enters, looking for Cady.

In the kitchen, someone has brought a "pony keg." Cady gets herself a cup of beer.

As Aaron makes his way to the kitchen, Cady circles around to Karen in the hall. They watch Gretchen confront Jason.

GRETCHEN
(very drunk)
I have to talk to you!

Cady passes a group of senior girls. They purposely speak so Cady will hear them.

SENIOR GIRL
This place is crawling with
sophomores.

SENIOR GIRL 2
Yeah, I hope I don't have to kick
anybody's ass.

Cady quickly leaves the room. Someone hands her a shot. She downs it.

CADY (V.O.)
Was Aaron blowing me off?

Aaron enters the hall, looking for Cady as Cady enters the dining room. Some guy has picked up a piece of her mom's African pottery and is goofing around with it.

CADY
Put that down!

As Aaron heads for the dining room, Cady enters the kitchen carrying several vases. She hides them under the sink.

Cady heads into the hall and comes face to face with Kevin Gnor.

KEVIN GNOR
What's up? Your friend came to talk
to me.

CADY (V.O.)
Oh no.

KEVIN GNOR
I don't want to hurt your feelings,
but, I only date women of color.

CADY
I have to pee.

Cady is now visibly drunk. She pushes her way through the crowd and heads up the stairs. She grabs one more jello shot and downs it.

Aaron enters the kitchen. He looks for Cady on the back porch.

Cady, now upstairs, opens the bathroom door and finds Gretchen kneeling in front of Jason. (Fully clothed. Nothing graphic.) Gretchen and Cady shriek.

CADY AND GRETCHEN
Aaagh!

Cady slams the door. She walks into her parents' bedroom and goes in their bathroom to pee.

Regina and Shane enter the party. Regina is looking for Cady.

Aaron sees Regina and goes upstairs to avoid her. He goes to a door that looks like a bedroom. He opens it and finds Karen and KeShawn, the huge black guy, in the closet with their pants off.

KAREN

Hey!

Karen pulls the door closed.

Aaron goes into the master bedroom and sits on the bed. From the bathroom, there is a loud flush. Then hand-washing. Then a pause. Then a loud commotion like she has knocked a shelf over.

CADY (O.S.)

Ow.

Cady comes out of the bathroom. She gasps with embarrassment.

AARON

Hey, I've been looking for you for an hour.

CADY

Me, too.

AARON

You look, um...are those new clothes?

CADY

Thank you.

AARON

You wanna go downstairs?

CADY

No. Let's stay in here.

Cady sits on the bed.

CADY (V.O.)

I knew I was looking smooth and sexy.

Cady smiles at Aaron. She looks drunk and askew.

AARON

Thanks for getting me to come out tonight.

Cady puts her leg on Aaron's lap.

CADY

Yeah, no problem..

AARON

I know I've been acting weird, but it's just embarrassing when you think you know someone and you find out they've been lying to you the whole time. She cheated on me before, I don't know what I was thinking.

CADY

I would never lie to you.

AARON

No, I know.

CADY

Although, okay, listen, okay, I did lie to you a little bit, but only for cute reasons.

AARON

What do you mean?

CADY

I pretended to be bad at math so you would help me. But I'm not bad at math. I'm really good at math. You're kind of bad at math, but, anyway, now I'm failing. Isn't that funny?

She leans in to kiss him.

CADY (CONT'D)

I love it that you wash your mom's underwear.

AARON

Wait. You're failing on purpose? That's stupid.

CADY

No, not on purpose. I couldn't talk to you cause you were with Regina. And Regina's so scary...she's so bossy..that I had to.....

CADY (V.O.)

Uh-oh. It was coming up again. Word vomit. Nope. Wait a minute.

Regina bursts into the room.

REGINA

What is this?!

CADY (V.O.)

Actual vomit.

Cady vomits all over Aaron.

CUT TO:

EXT. CADY'S STREET.- MOMENTS LATER

Cady runs out the door. Aaron strides out in the other direction.

As Cady walks down the quiet street, a car pulls up alongside her. Janis is sitting in the sun-roof. She is pissed. Damian drives.

CADY
Oh no. I'm sorry.

JANIS
You shitty little liar.

CADY
I can explain.

JANIS
Explain how you forgot to invite us to your party?

CADY
You know I couldn't invite you. I have to pretend to be plastic.

JANIS
You're not pretending anymore! You're plastic! Solid, durable, molded plastic!

Damian is freaking out about his curfew.

DAMIAN
(to Janis)
I have a curfew.

JANIS
You're the worst. At least Regina George knows she's mean. You act like you're so innocent.
(imitating Cady)
"I used to live in Africa. With the birds and the monkeys"

CADY
Shut up, Janis.

DAMIAN
Curfew. 1 a.m. It's 1:10.

JANIS
Did you have an awesome time? Did you drink awesome jello shots and listen to awesome music and soak up each other's awesomeness?

CADY
Shut up! It's not my fault you're,
like, in love with me or something.

JANIS
Wwwwwwwhat?!!!!!

That car stops short.

DAMIAN
Oh no she did not.

JANIS
In love with you? I don't even like
you. And you know who else isn't in
love with you? Aaron Samuels. He
broke up with Regina, and guess what?
He still doesn't want you. So why are
you still messing with Regina, Cady?
I'll tell you why, cause you're a
bitch.

Janis takes out a small canvas and hurls it at Cady..

JANIS
You can have this. It won a prize.

Janis gets in the car and Damian drives away.

Cady looks at the canvas. It is a very cool painting of her and
Damian and Janis from the first day of school.

INT. CADY'S KITCHEN. - SAME TIME.

Shane is having a beer. Regina is angrily chomping on a Kälteen bar.

REGINA
--it's like I can't trust anybody
anymore!

SHANE OMAN
(laughs)
Why are you eating a Kälteen bar?

REGINA
I'm starving.

SHANE OMAN
I hate those things. Coach Farr makes
us eat those when we wanna go up a
weight class.

REGINA
(steely calm)
What?

SHANE OMAN
They make you gain weight like crazy.

Regina figures out she's been tricked.

REGINA
Motherf--

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S HOUSE. -THE SAME TIME.

Regina runs in and up the stairs. In the living room, Mrs. George is asleep on the couch. Kylie is watching a Girls Gone Wild Infomercial, lifting up her pajama shirt and dancing.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM.- CONTINUOUS.

Regina is in a rage. Her face is red from crying. She takes a photo of her and Cady off her bulletin board and cuts the photo in half.

Regina pulls out the "Burnbook." She flips through and finds a section of blank space in the middle. *

Regina takes a pink pen with a heart on top and writes the following* in the book. We focus in on the underlined words.

"This girl is the nastiest whore bitch I ever met. Do not trust her! She is a fugly slut!"

She wipes her tears away. Takes half the picture. Applies glue stick to the back and presses it in place. It is her own picture.

Under it Regina writes "Regina George."

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. MONDAY MORNING.

Regina is fake crying to MR. DUVALL. He is reading the "Burnbook."

REGINA
I found it in the girls' bathroom.
It's so mean, Mr. DuVall.

MR. DUVALL
Good Lord.
(next item is illegible)
What does that say? Kaitlyn Caussin
has...

REGINA
Vadge odor.
(fake sobs)
It's so mean.

MR. DUVALL
Okay. Calm down, Miss George.

REGINA
Why would somebody write that? It's
so mean.

MR. DUVALL
Okay, take a breath. We'll find out
who did it.

REGINA
(suddenly ice cold)
There's only three girls in the whole
grade who aren't in it.

CUT TO:

HOMEROOM. MOMENTS LATER.

A student enters and presents a note to Ms. Norbury.

MS. NORBURY
Cady, they want you in Dean Duvall's
office.

The other students murmur. Oooh, etc. Janis looks at Cady coldly.

CUT TO:

INT. OUSTIDE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. - MOMENTS LATER.

As Cady enters, Mr. DuVall walks Regina out of his office.

MR. DUVALL
In here, Miss Heron.

Regina and a mystified Cady look eyes as Mr. Duvall ushers Cady into
his office.

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. - CONTINUOUS

Gretchen and Karen are already seated. They look nervous.

CADY
What's going on?

MR. DUVALL
You ever seen this before?

CADY
No. I mean, yes, I've seen it before,
but, it's not mine.

MR. DUVALL
You better get your story straight,
Miss Heron, cause I'm not messing
around here.

GRETCHEN
It's not ours, it's Regina's. She's
trying to make it look like we wrote
it, but she wrote it.

MR. DUVALL
Miss Wieners, why would Regina call
herself a-
(refers to book)
"Fugly whore bitch."

Karen laughs.

MR. DUVALL
Ms. Smith, this is no time to be
laughing.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - SAME TIME.

Regina takes xeroxed pages out of her bag and drops them in the hall. She slides them under classroom doors. They are copies of the Burnbook pages. She hands them to anyone she passes. She throws them like confetti.

INT. DEAN DUVALL'S OFFICE. - CONTINUOUS

GRETCHEN
Maybe we're not in that book because
everybody likes us. I don't wanna get
punished for being well-liked. And I
don't think my father, the inventor of
Toaster Strudel, would be too pleased
to hear about this.

INT. HALLWAY. -SAME TIME

Students are reading the Burnbook pages and girls are freaking out.
A group of boys read as two girls pass.

BOY
"Liza Cowell made out with Coach
Farr!"

LIZA COWELL
(hitting her best friend)
I told you not to tell anybody!

A girl at her locker reads about herself.

BRITTANY LANCE
"Brittany Lance has a huge nose?!"
Who would write that?!

She turns sideways and we see that she does have a huge nose.

A group of black students sitting on the grass. LEA EDWARDS hangs on her boyfriend. Another boy reads.

BOY #2
"Lea Edwards had sex with Derrick
Thomas to piss off Shawn Brooks."

DERRICK AND ANOTHER GUY
(angry)
Who is Shawn Brooks?

Lea smiles sheepishly.

AMBER D'ALESSIO reads about herself.

AMBER D'ALESSIO
"Masturbates with a frozen hot dog?!"
Oh my God, that was one time!

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. CONTINUOUS.

GRETCHEN
I can't answer any more questions
until I have a parent or a lawyer
present.

MR. DUVALL
Ms. Smith?

KAREN
I didn't think anybody would ever see
it.

MR. DUVALL
You better hope nobody else ever does
see it.

INT. HALLWAY. CONT.

Complete chaos has ensued. Girls are crumpled on the floor in tears.

One girl throws another girl onto a card table that says "Spring
Fling Tickets" and smashes it.

A SCRAWNY BOY (Kristin Hadley's boyfriend) on a cell phone.

SCRAWNY BOY
Mom, can you come pick me up? I'm
scared.

Janis and Damian read the page that says, "Janis Ian-dyke." Janis
groans.

DAMIAN
It might be your shoes.

Pan down to Janis' Frankenfurter boots.

Teachers are wandering the halls trying to stop the fights.

MS. NORBURY
Hey. Hey. Calm down.

Ms. Norbury gets hit in the head with a large purse.

MS. NORBURY

Ow!

Doubled over from pain, she sees a Burnbook page with her picture and "I keep ecstasy in my desk!"

MS. NORBURY

Oh no.

She makes a dash for her classroom. When she gets there, Joan the Secretary is confiscating the drawer from Ms. Norbury's desk with the ecstasy in it.

MS. NORBURY

No, Joan. Those aren't mine...

Joan brushes by her with cold efficiency and heads back into the hall. Everywhere you look, there are shouting matches.

GIRL 1

That was a secret!

GIRL 1A

We are so not friends anymore!

GIRL 2

Did you write this?!

GIRL 2A

No! I swear!

GIRL 3

Then you told somebody.

GIRL 3A

She told.

GIRL 4

You little bitch.

GIRL 4A

You're a bitch.

4 and 4A start punching each other. A group of boys cheer them on.

JASON MANDARINO

Yeah! Take your top off!

CUT TO:

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. CONTINUOUS.

JOAN the SECRETARY runs in flustered, carrying the drawer.

JOAN

Mr. Duvall. Come quick. They've gone wild. The girls have gone wild.

Joan runs back to her phones which are ringing like crazy. We hear a parent's voice yelling through the phone.

PARENT (O.C.)
I mean, what the hell is going on down there?

Mr. Duvall runs out and sees the chaos. Coach Farr has two angry girls pinned to a wall.

COACH FARR
I pulled these two off each other.

MR. DUVALL
Coach Farr, get away from them!

Around the corner a girl is hanging from a door jam trying to kick another girl in the head. Mr. Duvall tries to pull her down.

KICKING GIRL
Get off me.

MR. DUVALL
Aw, hell no. I did not leave the south side for this.

Mr. Duvall smashes a fire alarm box and the sprinklers kick in. The girls are momentarily stunned.

RANDOM GIRL
Oh, crap, my hair.

Mr. Duvall crosses to the P.A. system and announces:

MR. DUVALL
All sophomores please report to the auditorium immediately. Immediately.

CUT TO:

INT. MR. DUVALL'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

A soaking wet Mr. Duvall holds up the baggy of pills to Ms. Norbury.

MR. DUVALL
What are these?

MS. NORBURY
Ecstasy pills.

Mr. Duvall holds up a page of trippy looking stickers.

MR. DUVALL
And what the hell are these?

MS. NORBURY
Those are stickers I put on tests.

Mr. Duvall is embarrassed. He thought they were L.S.D.

MR. DUVALL
Good. That's what I thought. Where'd you get this stuff?

MS. NORBURY
I confiscated it from a student. Don't ask me to tell you who, Mike. I can't.

MR. DUVALL
Sharon, you're giving me no other choice here.

CUT TO:

INT. THE AUDITORIUM. - A FEW MINUTES LATER.

The students are all soaking wet and the teachers are circling them mistrustfully like prison guards.

Mr. Duvall, now wearing just his undershirt and slacks, addresses them.

MR. DUVALL
Never in my 14 years as an educator have I seen such behavior. And from young ladies! I mean, I got parents on the phone asking did somebody get shot. I ought to cancel your Spring Fling.

Mixed cries of "No!" And "Who cares?" Damian gasps!

MR. DUVALL (CONT'D)
Now I'm not gonna do that... cause we have already paid the caterer. But don't think I'm not taking this book very seriously. One of your teachers, Ms. Norbury, has already lost her job over it.

Cady is shocked.

MR. DUVALL (CONT'D)
And Coach Farr has fled school property. This is serious stuff, folks. The young women in this grade need an attitude makeover. And they're going to get it. From me. I got the Latin Kings out of Marshall High School, I can handle a bunch of little suburban girls. There will be a full day workshop for every tenth grade girl this Saturday. And anybody who doesn't show up, won't be allowed to go to Spring Fling.

Again someone yells "Who cares?"

MR. DUVALL
Janis Ian, I know your voice. And I
will see you on Saturday. 10am. In
the gymnasium.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S HOUSE. THAT EVENING.

Cady and her parents are eating a tense silent dinner.

BETSY
Everybody done?

CADY
No--

Betsy takes the plate anyway and dumps it in the sink.

CADY
Mom, I didn't do it!

BETSY
I don't know what to believe anymore.

CADY
Believe me. I'm your daughter.

Betsy opens the cupboard to get dish soap.

BETSY
Why are my vases under the sink?

CADY
Huh?

BETSY
My pottery vases. Why are they under
the sink?

CADY
I don't know.

BETSY
Did you have people here when we were
gone?

CADY
(sarcastic)
Yeah, I had a huge party and I hid
your vases cause I didn't want anyone
to see how ugly they were.

BETSY
Who are you?!

Betsy storms out in frustration. Cady puts her head on the table.

CADY
She's so happy. She wanted me to hate school to prove what a great teacher she is.

CHIP
You're really stretching with that one, Cady.

CADY
Dad, I think it be would best, um...maybe I should go back to being homeschooled.

CHIP
Well, I don't think so, honey. We homeschooled you so you could see the world. Not so you could hide from it.

CADY
I can't go back there.

CHIP
Look. You know. If lions can live together as family units, I'm sure you can figure out how to get along with these girls at school.

CADY
Lions also tear warthogs apart with their teeth.

CHIP
Yeah, well, you're not a warthog. You're a lion.

CADY
Dad...Can you sign my Calculus test? I'm failing.

Chip is even more disappointed.

CUT TO:

EXT. EVANSTON HIGH SCHOOL.- SATURDAY. 10AM.

The parking lot is full of girls being dropped off.

INT. HALLWAY.-CONTINUOUS.

Cady passes her homeroom. She sees Ms. Norbury inside packing up her personal effects.

INT. GYMNASIUM. - CONTINUOUS

Girls are milling in, sitting on the floor.

CADY (V.O.)
Have you ever walked up to people and realized they were just talking about you?

They all glare and whisper about Cady as she passes.

CADY (V.O.)
Have you ever had it happen 60 times in a row? I have.

Cady approaches a very small nerdy looking girl.

CADY
Can I sit here?

TINY NERD
(in a tiny voice)
Eat me.

Cady keeps looking. She catches Janis' eye and waves sheepishly.

Janis smiles excitedly and waves, then gives her the finger and looks away. Janis whispers something to the girl next to her who's wearing a sweatshirt with the hood up. The "girl" peeks over her sunglasses at Cady. It's Damian. He shakes his head and looks away.

Mr. Duvall addresses the girls. He is dressed for golf.

MR. DUVALL
Alright, ladies, settle down. I don't want to be here on a Saturday any more than you do. So the faster we can get through these exercises and fix your self-esteems, the sooner we golf. I read part of this book last night.

Mr. Duvall holds up a book and talks.

CADY (V.O.)
Mr. Duvall had gone out and bought himself a book called "Mean Girls" all about how if girls didn't learn how to get along with each other, they'd all end up getting date-raped. Or something like that. He didn't explain it very well.

Mr. Duvall writes the word "Clique" written on a chalkboard.

MR. DUVALL
Let's talk about cliques. What is a clique?

A group of skater girls. They all look exactly like Avril Lavigne.

SKATER GIRL
It's a bunch of people who all conform. They all dress alike and act alike.

FOUR OTHER SKATER GIRLS
(in perfect unison)
It's pathetic.

Ms. Norbury is carrying a box of her stuff. She stops in the open gymnasium door and watches.

MR. DUVALL
That's right. Cliques are bad. Wait.
(checks book quickly)
Yes, cliques are bad. We have to get
rid of cliques.
(breaks down the word on
the chalkboard)
I say, if you "c" a "clique," you
gotta "lique" it.

Girls stare at him. Over by the door, Ms. Norbury laughs to herself.

CADY (V.O.)
I got so caught up in the Plastics
that I thought they were the whole
school. But there were tons of
cliques I had completely forgotten
about.

A group of butch jock girls argue.

JOCK GIRL 1
You've been acting really stuck up
ever since you switched to short
fielder. And Dawn agrees with me.

JOCK GIRL 2
Dawn?

JOCK GIRL DAWN
Don't drag me into this. I'm pitching
tomorrow!

A clique of 4 beautiful Vietnamese girls argue heatedly in Vietnamese.

VIETNAMESE GIRL 1 (SUBTITLE)
Why are you always cockblocking me?

VIETNAMESE GIRL 2 (SUBTITLE)
You're just jealous because guys like
me better.

VIETNAMESE GIRL 1 (SUBTITLE)
Nigga, please.

A clique made up of a girl who uses a wheelchair, (JESSICA LOPEZ, 15)
a girl with crutches, and a little person.

LITTLE GIRL
I know you and Caitlyn and Bethany
talk about me behind my back.

JESSICA LOPEZ
Ugh! You're such a drama queen!

DISSOLVE TO:

A FEW MINUTES LATER.

Mr. Duvall is leading a trust exercise. A girl stands on the edge of a table. The other girls crowd around.

MR. DUVALL
You fall back and trust that we will catch you.

The Girl takes a deep breath and falls backwards. The girls catch her. They all giggle with relief.

The next girl climbs onto the table and falls backwards. The girls catch her.

MR. DUVALL
Good. Next.

Gretchen is next. She climbs onto the table and nervously looks down at the "catchers." Over by the door, Ms. Norbury is worried.

MS. NORBURY
Uh-oh.

MR. DUVALL (CONT'D)
See what you can do when you work together?

The girls look at Gretchen coldly. They know she is one of the people behind the Burnbook. Gretchen falls backwards and the girls let her fall with a loud thump. Ms. Norbury runs in to help.

GRETCHEN'S P.O.V. AS SHE "COMES TO."

Regina, Mr. Duvall, Ms. Norbury, girls looking down at her.

MR. DUVALL
Stay here. I'll get some ice.

Mr. Duvall exits. Ms. Norbury helps Gretchen up.

MS. NORBURY
Walk it off.
(to the other girls)
See that, you guys. Your actions have consequences.

GRETCHEN
Yeah. If someone falls, and you don't catch them, they get hurt!

MS. NORBURY
 (to Gretchen)
 Yeah, and if you piss people off, they
 won't catch you.
 (to other girls)
 Everybody take out a piece of paper.

CADY (V.O.)
 Ms. Norbury had us write out apologies
 to people we had hurt in our lives.

A FEW MINUTES LATER.

The girls read written "apologies" out loud.

PIE-FACED GIRL
 Alyssa, I'm sorry I called you a gap-
 toothed bitch. It's not your fault
 you're so gap-toothed.

BRACES GIRL
 Laura, I don't hate you because you're
 fat.. You're fat because I hate you.

CRYING GIRL
 I just wish we could all get along
 like we used to in Middle School. I
 wish I could bake a cake made out of
 rainbows and smiles and we'd all eat
 it and be happy--

Damian calls out from the audience.

DAMIAN
 She doesn't even go here.

MS. NORBURY
 Do you go to this school?

CRYING GIRL
 No. I just have a lot of feelings.

MS. NORBURY
 Okay, go home.

REGINA
 Ms. Norbury, I'm sorry you lost your
 job. I wouldn't have given Mr. Duvall
 that book if I knew you really had a
 drug problem.

MS. NORBURY
 Regina George. Every girl here is
 afraid of you. I'm afraid of you half
 the time. But I've met girls like you
 before and I can tell you, if you
 don't change your life, you're about
 ten years away from being a divorced
 Real Estate agent with chipped nail
 tips.

REGINA
Excuse me?

MS. NORBURY
And don't think Regina is the meanest girl in this school. I have never met anybody as mean as Jessica Lopez.

Wheelchair Girl (Jessica Lopez) raises her hand and laughs.

JESSICA LOPEZ
Busted.

MS. NORBURY
I've seen Jessica Lopez make a girl cry just by looking at her. Do it, Jessica.

Jessica shoots an unbelievably dirty look. People recoil.

MS. NORBURY
You guys wear your tiny little t-shirts that say "Princess" and "Diva" and you act like you've got it all under control, but I know you're freaking out inside. You feel like everybody else has some kind of secret guidebook on how to be perfect and cute and you're just a goon. That's cause you're still changing. Not everybody looks their best at 15.
(to an awkward girl.)
Annika. You're gonna hit your peak in five years.
(to another awkward girl.)
Emily, it's all gonna happen for you in your thirties. You're gonna be, like--
(sexy voice)
"I teach yoga in Los Angeles."

Emily smiles. Ms. Norbury points to Karen.

MS. NORBURY
Karen, you are at your peak right now. Take a lot of pictures. Wear your bathing suit whenever possible. This is it for you.

KAREN
(happily)
Thank you.

To Cady.

MS. NORBURY
Cady, do you have anything you want to apologize for?

CADY
No.

MS. NORBURY
Really? You haven't done anything bad?

CADY
No.

MS. NORBURY
You really disappointed me this year, Cady. When I met you, you were unique. You were talented. Now it's like you went from being a sunflower, to being a picture of a sunflower on a box of Kleenex.

To Gretchen.

MS. NORBURY
And Gretchen Wieners. You are so desperate for someone to tell you you're pretty. Tell yourself. Say one positive thing about the way you look. Right now.

GRETCHEN
You are not officially leading this workshop--

MS. NORBURY
Do it!

GRETCHEN
I have a nice smile.

MS. NORBURY
Was that so hard?
(to the group)
Stand up. Every one of you is gonna say one positive thing about the way you look.

Mr. Duvall re-enters, but he hangs back and watches.

MS. NORBURY (CONT'D)
And don't say "I have nice eyes" cause that's the oldest trick in the book.

Quick shots of girls struggling to do this.

LEA EDWARDS
I have... I don't know. I have strong legs?

RED HAIRED GIRL
I have pretty hair.

The heavysset "Egg McMuffin Girl" from the beginning.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
I have good penmanship.

MS. NORBURY
Something about your body.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
I'm nice to animals.

MS. NORBURY
Doesn't count.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
I love Christmas!

MS. NORBURY
Your body.

EGG MCMUFFIN GIRL
I have big juicy lips!

MS. NORBURY
Thank you!

LONG NECKED GIRL
I have a long neck like a ballerina.

LITTLE HISPANIC GIRL
(makes a muscle)
My arms are really strong.

JANIS
I have a gorgeous bunghole.

MS. NORBURY
Something true, Janis.

JANIS
Are you saying that's not true?!

MS. NORBURY
Janis, I know you care about the way
you look. You cut your hair every
three days. Pick one thing.

JANIS
My ear wax is delicious.

MS. NORBURY
Don't make me do it for you.

JANIS
I have nice skin.

MS. NORBURY
Yes, you do.

REGINA
(under her breath)
Uh-oh. Lesbian crush.

People laugh. This pisses Janis off.

JANIS
Ms. Norbury, I have an apology.

MS. NORBURY
Go.

JANIS
Okay, I have this friend who's a new student this year--

Janis stands to the right of Cady. Regina on the left.

JANIS (CONT'D)
-and I convinced her that it would be fun to mess up Regina's life. So I had her pretend to be Regina's friend and then she would come over my house and we would just laugh about all the dumb stuff Regina said. And we tricked Regina into eating these candy bars that would make her gain weight...

Gretchen and Karen are shocked and excited..

JANIS (CONT'D)
...and we turned her best friends against her...

Other girls look impressed.

JANIS (CONT'D)
... And Cady, you know my friend Cady, she made out with Regina's boyfriend--

Cady can't watch this anymore. She dives in with a genuine apology.

CADY
Wait! Fine. I'll tell the truth. Regina...I kissed Aaron while he was still your boyfriend. And I'm the one that told him you were cheating on him. And I gave you foot creme instead of face wash. And I rigged your scale so it would always say 112. And I'm so sorry, Regina. I wish I could take it all back, cause it makes me feel sick inside.

JANIS
(still sarcastic)
Yeah. Sorry Regina. I guess we were just jealous of you.

Everyone applauds. Regina storms out of the gym. Cady follows.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET. CONTINUOUS.

Cady stops Regina in the street. (In the background, the other girls and Ms. Norbury and Mr. Duvall have run out to watch.)

CADY
Regina. Wait. I didn't mean for that to happen.

REGINA
For me to find out that everyone hates me? I don't care. You wanna know what everyone says about you? They say you're a home-schooled jungle freak who's a less hot version of me. Yeah. So you can take your fake apology and stick it up your hairy--

Regina is hit by a big yellow school bus and thrown through the air. (It's the same spot where Cady was almost hit on her first day.) *

FADE TO BLACK.

CADY (V.O.)
And that's how Regina George died.
(beat)
No, I'm totally kidding. But she did get hurt. Some girls say they saw her head go all the way around, but that's just a rumor. I made a promise right then and there that I would undo all the bad stuff I had done.

CUT TO:

EXT. BACK FIELD. - MONDAY

CADY (V.O.)
I would be an honest person. I would do the right thing. And I would never talk bad about anyone again.

Cady looks at her map. She sees "You Are Here" and the drawing of Janis and Damian.

Cady walks up to Janis and Damian.

CADY
Are we still in a fight?

JANIS
Are you still an asshole?

CADY
No, I don't think so.

JANIS
Then I guess we're all right.

DAMIAN
 (sings to them)
 Everywhere you look,
 Everywhere you look,
 There's a heart,
 There's a hand to hold on to...

JANIS
 Are you singing the theme from Full
 House?

DAMIAN
 No it's that Janet Jackson song.

JANIS
 No that's--
 Everywhere I go,
 Every smile I see--

DAMIAN
 --There's a heart,
 There's a hand to hold onto.
 Oh my God, they're the same song!!

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL - A FEW DAYS LATER

Cady walks up to Regina's door holding flowers. The room is packed with well-wishers and floral arrangements. She can't even get in.

CADY (V.O.)
 It seems like the more people fear
 you, the more flowers you get.

Regina is sitting up in bed. She looks like her old self except she is wearing one of those "spinal halos." Mrs. George is curled up on the foot of the bed, revelling in drama.

MRS. GEORGE
 You know, there was a couple hours
 there where I didn't think she was
 gonna make it.

Regina rolls her eyes behind her mom's back.

MRS. GEORGE
 She lost so much weight on the I.V.
 The doctor gave us these--
 (reads label)
 Kälteen bars to get her healthy again.

REGINA
 Mom! I want to watch tv!

Mrs. George starts ushering people out.

MRS. GEORGE
 Oh boy. Somebody's crabby. Thanks so
 much for coming.

Cady gets ushered out before she even gets in. She bumps into Mr. Duvall who was also visiting. They walk toward the elevator.

CADY
Mr. Duvall, I have to talk to you.
You gotta give Ms. Norbury her job
back.

MR. DUVALL
Miss Heron, there's nothing I can do
if she won't tell me where those pills
came from.

The elevator doors close on him. Cady is left behind.

CUT TO:

EXT. BARRY'S HOUSE.

Loud music is coming from inside.

CADY (V.O.)
There was only one person who could
help us save Ms. Norbury...

CUT TO:

INT. BARRY'S BEDROOM. - AFTERNOON

Barry is playing loud "house" music. He has a strobe light going. He is doing his homework.

The door flies open and Cady and Damian are there. She pulls the plug on the strobe and the stereo.

CADY
Barry, we have to talk.

CADY (V.O.)
I thought, "How would Regina handle
this?" She would "attack" and
"confuse."

Damian and Cady enter and flank Barry.

CADY
(Regina like)
Barry, I thought you like Ms. Norbury.

BARRY
I do, I love Ms. Norbury.

CADY
Then why did you get her fired?

BARRY
I didn't. Did I... wait, what?

CADY
Okay, let me explain to you what
you're going to do.

CADY (V.O.)
Thank you, Regina.

CUT TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS. - DAY

AARON
Hey, who are you going to Spring Fling
with?

CADY
I'm not. I'm going to state finals
with the Mathletes. Why? Who are you
going with?

Aaron gets up to leave. He smiles slyly.

AARON
I don't know. Nobody cool is
available.

He leaves.

CADY (V.O.)
Oh my God, was he going to ask me to
go to Spring Fling with him? And I
blew it again!? Being the new
"honest" me who "did the right thing"
sucked. It sucked out loud.

Cady plonks her head down on her desk.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES.

The school board meeting is underway. Ms. Norbury sits off to the
side with Mr. Duvall waiting to discuss her case.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES - SAME TIME

Cady and Damian nervously wait outside for Barry to show up.

DAMIAN
You told him 5:30, right?

CADY
Yes, and it's ten after six.

DAMIAN
Ugh, why do drugs make people so
stupid?

(MORE)

DAMIAN (cont'd)
 (taken with his own idea)
 Oh my God, that would be such a good commercial. You could get, Brooke Shields to be like, "Drugs make you stupid."

Mr. Duvall opens the door and calls to Cady.

MR. DUVALL
 You're up.

Cady heads inside. She turns to Damian.

CADY
 Bring Barry in as soon as he gets here.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. - A FEW MINUTES LATER.

A stern-looking school board lady announces the next item on the agenda.

SCHOOL BOARD LADY
 Next up we have a student, Cady Heron, who would like to speak on Ms. Norbury's behalf. Cady?

Cady sits at the table and talks into a microphone.

CADY
 Hi, how's it going?

The school board are stone faced.

CADY
 Um, first off I want to say that Ms. Norbury is an excellent teacher and our school would suffer without her.

SCHOOL BOARD LADY
 That may be true, Ms. Heron, but being in possession of illegal substances is an offense we simply cannot overlook.

CADY
 Well, okay. Well those pills are not hers and I know that because I'm the person that started the rumor that they were hers.

Ms. Norbury is surprised to hear this.

CADY (CONT'D)
 It was really stupid of me and I'm sorry. But the person they belong to is on his way here to tell the truth...

Cady looks at the door.

CADY (CONT'D)
And I'm sure he'll be here any second.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES.

Damian still waiting. A cab pulls up. Not Barry. Damian looks at a young mother and kids sitting near him at a bus stop. The little girl has on a bright pink backpack. The baby sucks on a pacifier. The mother wears a fly hat. He looks them over and approaches.

DAMIAN
Hi...

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOLBOARD MEETING.

Cady is stalling.

SCHOOL BOARD LADY
We can't wait indefinitely, Ms. Heron.

DAMIAN
I'm here, y'all!

Damian bursts into the room wearing the hat, the backpack and sucking on the pacifier. He looks kind of like Barry.

Damian takes the water pitcher off the conference table and starts drinking out of it.

DAMIAN
Whoo!

Cady, Ms. Norbury and Mr. Duvall react to the embarrassment of this. Damian speaks into the mic.

DAMIAN
My name is Damian Holbrook and I'm a former ecstasy addict. That's the part where you're supposed to say, "Hi, Damian."

SCHOOL BOARD LADY
(eye rolling)
Hi, Damian.

Damian "performs" this speech as if he's in a Lifetime movie.

DAMIAN
That woman, Sharon Norbury, saved my life. I was doing ecstasy 3, 4, 5 times a day. Do you know what ecstasy does to your body? It makes your spinal fluid come out. I was getting high off my own spinal fluid! My life was one big rave. I would listen to house music for hours!!

(MORE)

DAMIAN (cont'd)
Have you ever heard house music? It sucks. But I didn't know that. If Sharon Norbury hadn't taken those pills away from me and talked to me about the perils of drug use, I would not be here today. I would be dead. On the streets. I would be a dead homeless person listening to house music.

Barry enters. They all turn to look at him.

BARRY
Oh, hey, am I early?

Damian drops his act completely.

DAMIAN
Actually, it was this guy. Go 'head, Barry.

Barry comes in and takes a seat. He starts talking.

CADY (V.O.)
Barry told the truth. The whole truth, about how Ms. Norbury took his pills and how she called his mom and how he hadn't gotten high since September, all because he didn't want to let Ms. Norbury down.

The school board look genuinely interested and concerned.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES. - LATER

Everyone files out. Ms. Norbury hugs Barry.

CADY (V.O.)
And when it was over, I got two weeks of detention. Barry got sent to drug counseling. And Ms. Norbury got her job back.

Cady and Ms. Norbury shake hands at first. Then Norbury hugs her.

CUT TO:

INT. KAREN'S BEDROOM -EVENING OF SPRING FLING

Karen has put on her slinky prom dress and is almost ready to go. She is putting self-stick body crystals on her cleavage. She puts them in the shape of a "K" in the mirror, but in real life they are backwards.

CUT TO:

INT. GRETCHEN'S BEDROOM -SAME TIME.

Gretchen is dressing for the prom. She is waxing her eyebrows. She pulls the cloth off and accidentally removes one of her brows entirely.

CUT TO:

INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM - SAME TIME.

Regina is in her dress. Mrs. George (dressed up to chaperone) is decorating Regina's spinal halo with flowers.

CUT TO:

INT. DAMIAN'S ROOM. -SAME TIME.

Damian is wearing a black pageboy wig, a purple tux and a tie and cummerbund with pictures of playing cards on them. Janis enters wearing the exact same outfit.

CUT TO:

INT. CADY'S ROOM. -SAME TIME

Cady's prom dress hangs untouched in the corner. She is putting on khakis and a green izod shirt. The back says MATHLETES in big letters.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. KEVIN GNOR'S PARENTS' MINI-VAN

The mathletes are crammed in. Cady sits next to Kevin Gnor, who is driving.

KEVIN GNOR
We had our finals at "U of C" last year and it's kind of a tough room.

MATHLETE 1
The crowd gets pretty rowdy.

KEVIN GNOR
But we got your back.

Kevin turns up the CD player.

KEVIN GNOR
Oh hell! This is my jam!

Kevin cranks up some hardcore rap. The van heads down L.S.D.

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Mathletes step onto the "Hi-Q" type set. The opposing team is Marymount Prep, a group of private school students in blazers. }

KEVIN GNOR
(under his breath)
Marymount. You sons of bitches. You
no good sons of bitches.

Ms. Norbury greets them in the wings.

MS. NORBURY
It's all you. Make me look good out
there.

She grabs Cady by the shoulders like a boxing coach .

MS. NORBURY
You nervous?

CADY
Yes.

MS. NORBURY
Don't be. You can do this. There's
nothing to break your focus, cause not
one of those Marymount boys is cute.

A FEW MINUTES LATER.

The competition has begun. The HOST, a middle-aged man speaks in
quiet golf tones.

HOST
Evanston, A 555-mile, 5-hour plane
trip was flown at two speeds. For the
first part of the trip, the average
speed was 105 m.p.h. The remainder of
the trip was flown at 115 m.p.h. For
how long did the plane fly at each
speed?

The Mathletes start scribbling. Cady is way behind.

CADY
You make a box, right?

Kevin buzzes in.

KEVIN GNOR
Two hours at 105 and three hours at
115.

A "Correct" buzzer.

CADY (V.O.)
Yikes. I was really rusty.

CUT TO:

INT. PROM. SAME TIME.

People are getting their pictures taken. Shane Oman is posing with
Regina. Mrs. George creeps into the shot.

Damian is taking tickets at the entrance.

DAMIAN
Don't forget to vote for Spring Fling
King and Queen. These a-holes will
represent you for a full calendar
year.

2 guys write on slips of paper and drop them into a box.

GUY
I'm voting for that girl who pushed
Regina George in front of a bus.

GUY'S BUDDY
Me, too.

CUT TO:

INT. "U OF C"

HOST
Twice the larger of two numbers is
three more than five times the
smaller, and the sum of four times the
larger and three times the smaller is
71. What are the numbers?

MARYMOUNT BOY
14 and 5.

Correct buzzer.

HOST
Evanston, a shoe store uses a 40% mark-
up on cost. Find the cost of a pair
of shoes that sells for \$63.

The boys all look at Cady.

CADY
\$45?

Correct buzzer. She is relieved.

CADY (V.O.)
I won't bore you with all the math
details. It was geometry, blah, blah,
blah, trigonometry, blah, blah,
blah...

HOST
If blah equals blah, then what is the
cosine of Blah?

Both teams buzz in.

KEVIN GNOR
Blah, blah, blah?

HOST
No. Marymount?

MARYMOUNT CAPTAIN
Blah, blah, blah?

HOST
No. I'm sorry. The correct answer was blah, blah, blah. After 87 minutes of very competitive play, we have a tie.

Audience applauds.

HOST (CONT'D)
In the event of a tie, we move into a sudden death round. The judges have randomly selected one person from each team. From Marymount we'll take Mister Rajiv Pashtangi...

An Pakistani boy in a blue blazer comes out from behind the dais.

HOST (CONT'D)
And from the Evanston team...Miss Caddy Heron.

CADY
It's Cady. Oh my God, that's me.

The other Mathletes look nervous. Cady stands and goes out to one of two podiums at the front of the stage.

She looks out and sees her parents in the audience. They smile encouragingly.

HOST
Mr. Pashtangi will go first. Mr. Pashtangi, a driver has a license plate that reads "tan 90." What kind of car is she driving and why?

RAJIV
(chuckles)
She's driving an infinity because tan 90 goes to infinity.

KEVIN GNOR
That's not math. That's a novelty question! What the shit?

HOST
Miss Heron, the product of two consecutive negative even integers is 24. Find the numbers.

CADY
Negative 6 and negative 4.

HOST
Mr. Pashtangi, Find the limit of this equation.

An equation written on a dry-erase board. Rajiv works.

RAJIV
The limit is negative one.

HOST
Incorrect.

The crowd gasps.

HOST
We're in sudden death. If Miss Heron can complete the problem correctly, we'll have our winner.

All eyes are on Cady. She faces the board.

CADY (V.O.)
Limits. Why couldn't I remember anything about limits?

FLASH BACK TO:

INT. CALCULUS CLASS. - EARLIER THAT YEAR

Aaron's smiling face seems to be bobbing in front of the board like a big balloon.

CADY (V.O.)
Limits. That was the week Aaron got his hair cut. Oh God, he looked so cute. Focus, Cady. What was on the board behind Aaron's head?

Aaron's head melts away. We dissolve to:

INT. U OF C.

Cady works. Ms. Norbury watches nervously. Kevin sweats.

CADY (V.O.)
If the limit never approaches anything...

CADY
...The limit does not exist.

HOST
Our new state champions are the Evanston Mathletes!

The Mathletes rush forward as Cady shakes hands with Rajiv Pashtangi. Kevin Gnor grabs the trophy and holds it up to the crowd.

KEVIN GNOR
Yeah! How you like me now?!

Chip and Betsy cheer. Ms. Norbury jumps up and down.

CUT TO:

EXT. UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PARKING LOT. NIGHT. A LITTLE LATER.

The mathletes head for their van. They rap Fifty Cent to Cady.

MATHLETES
GO SHORTY, IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY
WE GONNA PARTY LIKE IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY
SIP BACARDI LIKE IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY
AND WE DON'T GIVE A F--- IT'S NOT YOUR
BIRTHDAY--

(The "chirp-chirp" of Kevin unlocking the van covers the "f" word.
Kevin takes a large box out of the back of the van.

KEVIN GNOR
I wanted to surprise you guys--

He pulls out "Evanston Mathletes" jackets and passes them out.

MATHLETE 1
Awesome. You went with the leather
sleeves.

Kevin gives one to Cady.

CADY
Thanks.

KEVIN GNOR
Good job. We're gonna look so kickass
when we roll into Spring Fling in
these.

CADY
Oh, no, I'm not going.

KEVIN GNOR
What are you talking about?

CADY
I'm not dressed right.

KEVIN GNOR
Oh no. I'm not trying to hear that.

CUT TO:

INT. GYMNASIUM- A LITTLE LATER.

Cady and the Mathletes enter the building. Cady ducks into the
bathroom to check her look. She walks in and is face to face with
Regina. They are alone. Regina is mellowed by her pain medication.

CADY
You look really pretty.

REGINA
(deadpan)
I'm wearing a spinal halo.

CADY
I'm really sorry about the bus. I
feel like it's my fault.

REGINA
Why? Are you a superhero? Do you
control the buses? Stop trying to
make this about you. I'm the one that
got hit by a bus.

CADY
No, I know, but I'm sorry about all
the other stuff.

REGINA
Okay, I'm going to forgive you.
Because I'm a very Zen person...and
also I'm on a lot of pain medication
right now.
(beat)
I'm sorry I took Aaron from you like
that. He really does like you, you
know. He was always talking about how
"unusual" you are. It pissed me off
so bad. It was, like, when I was 7, I
had this really expensive doll house
from Germany, but I never played with
it anymore so my mom wanted to give it
to my cousin. And even though I
didn't want it anymore--

CADY
--You begged your mom to let you keep
it?

REGINA
No. I threw it down the stairs.

Cady and Regina start laughing at this.

REGINA
I smashed it so no one could have it.
But that's just me...

Mrs. George sticks her head in the bathroom door and speaks in an
overly excited voice.

MRS. GEORGE
Regina, they're gonna announce the
queen!

Regina looks at Cady like, "Can you believe my effing mom is here?"
They head out to the auditorium.

CUT TO:

INT. AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

Mr. Duvall is on the stage at the mic.

MR. DUVALL

Do we have all our King and Queen nominees on stage? Well, I'd like to start by saying that you're all winners tonight and I could not be happier that this school year is ending. Here we go. Your Spring Fling King... is Shane Oman.

Applause. Shane Oman drops down and does "the worm."

MR. DUVALL

Congratulations, Shane. And your Spring Fling Queen...future co-chair of the Student Activities Board and winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Walker Brothers Pancake House is...Cady Heron.

Applause. Mr. Duvall holds out a tiara. Cady is surprised and embarrassed. Mr. Duvall puts the tiara on her.

CADY

Oh, wow, thanks. I've never been to one of these things before, but, when I think of how many people wanted this crown and how many people cried over it... it seems kind of ridiculous. I think everybody here looks like royalty tonight. Look at Jessica Lopez. That dress is amazing.

Jessica Lopez (wheelchair girl) in a sexy dress. She looks hot.

CADY (CONT'D)

And Emma Gerber, that hairdo must have taken hours.

The Egg McMuffin girl smiles. She has a very intricate hairdo that involves chopsticks and baby's breath. Cady takes her tiara off and looks at it.

CADY (CONT'D)

So why is everybody stressing over this thing? It's just a piece of plastic. I could really just...

Cady snaps it in half with her hand. Gretchen and Damian gasp.

CADY (CONT'D)

...share it.

Cady breaks off pieces and starts handing them out.

CADY (CONT'D)
I share this with Gretchen Wieners...

Cady tosses a piece of the tiara to Gretchen who looks horrified.

CADY (CONT'D)
...partial Spring Fling Queen, Janis
Ian...

She throws a piece to Janis who clutches it like it's an Oscar.

JANIS
(into the mic)
I'd like to thank God, my mother, the
incredible cast of Frasier--

CADY (CONT'D)
And a piece for Regina George. She
got hit by a bus and she still looks
like a rock star.

She tosses a piece to Regina who waves to the crowd.

REGINA
Thank you!

People applaud. Damian talks to the girl next to him.

DAMIAN
I'd look that good, too, if I was on
an I.V. for ten days.

Cady sticks the last little piece of tiara in her hair and turns to Mr. Duvall.

CADY
Can we dance now?

Mr. Duvall just shakes his head. Music starts. Damian pulls Janis and Cady onto the dance floor. We see all the different types of people dancing around them. All shapes, sizes, levels of coolness.

CADY (V.O.)
I guess the biggest thing I learned at
Evanston was that tearing other people
down will not make your life any
better. Calling somebody else fat
will not make you any thinner.
Telling someone they're stupid does
not make you any smarter.

Aaron approaches Cady, Janis and Damian from across the floor. He holds up the gift certificate.

AARON
On behalf of the senior class, I'd
like to present you with this \$25 gift
certificate to Walker Brothers Pancake
House.

Janis takes it.

JANIS
Thanks, sucker.

Janis and Damian dance away, leaving Cady and Aaron.

CADY (V.O.)
I didn't have to take something from
Regina to make my life better.

AARON
Congratulations on winning state.

CADY
I was so nervous. They made us do
"Limits." I thought I was gonna hurl.

AARON
How's your stomach now?

CADY
Fine.

AARON
You nauseous at all?

CADY
No.

AARON
Have you been drinking?

CADY
No.

AARON
Okay, grool.

He kisses her. As they embrace we can see the word "Mathlete" on the
back of Cady's jacket.

CADY (V.O.)
I mean, I was still gonna take her old
boyfriend. I'm not crazy.

It seems everyone is making out. Regina and Shane (through her
headgear.) Kevin Gnor and a Woman of Color. Mrs. George is coming on
to Mr. Duvall.

Janis and Damian look at each other. They kiss for a second.

DAMIAN
Ew.

No. JANIS

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. WALKER BROTHERS PANCAKE HOUSE. AFTER THE DANCE.

Through the window we see Cady, Aaron, Janis, Damian, Karen, and KeShawn are sitting inside eating pancakes and laughing.

CADY (V.O.)
So that's how I went from Homeschooled
Jungle Freak to Solid Plastic, to Most
Hated Person in the World, to Partial
Spring Fling Queen, to Actual Human
Being.

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

EXT. TRACK. THE FOLLOWING FALL.

Regina looks like her old self. She is lined up at the starting block with other runners.

CADY (V.O.)
Regina made a full recovery and took
up running as part of her physical
therapy. Something about the way her
spine healed made her crazy good at
track.

The start gun is fired and Regina immediately takes the lead.

SPFX: Regina moves super fast like a cartoon.

CADY (V.O.)
I don't know why, but she was a lot
nicer once she got into sports.

One of Regina's teammates tousles her hair, she almost gets angry out of habit, then laughs it off.

INT. GYMNASIUM.

Janis is decorating the place with skulls.

CADY (V.O.)
Janis used her status as 1/4 Spring
Fling Queen to join the Student
Activities Committee. She planned our
first ever "Day of the Dead" mixer.

A punk looking guy comes into frame. He and Janis make-out.

CADY (V.O.)
And she went with her new boyfriend.

CUT TO:

EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD. FALL.

Karen playing drums in the Marching Band.

CADY (V.O.)
Karen joined Marching Band and KeShawn
showed up to every game.

Karen licks her drumstick to tease KeShawn. KeShawn mouths the
words, "I love you."

CADY (V.O.)
Gretchen found herself a new clique
and a new Queenbee to serve.

INT. CAFETERIA. FALL.

Gretchen is now with the Hot Vietnamese girl clique from before. She
has her hair flat-ironed to look like them. She is talking to the
Queenbee in Vietnamese.

GRETCHEN
(subtitles)
You should hear what Trang was saying
about you.

INT. REHEARSAL HALL.

Damian is auditioning for American Idol 3.

DAMIAN
(singing)
Mocha choca latta ya ya--

CADY (V.O.)
And Damian made it all the way to
Hollywood on American Idol Three
before Simon told him he did not fit
the image.

Damian punches Simon Cowell in the face. It turns into a magazine
photo.

CADY (V.O.)
He got his picture in Us Weekly and he
hasn't shut up about it since.

CUT TO:

EXT. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. - DAY

Aaron is walking across campus with a bunch of friends.

CADY (V.O.)
 Aaron went on to Northwestern
 University.

Cady runs into frame. They kiss.

CADY (V.O.)
 And so did I, once a week, for college
 level algebra.

CUT TO:

EXT. EVANSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Cady, Karen, Janis and Damian are sitting on the grass having lunch.

CADY (V.O.)
 My first year of "real" school was
 like treading water in a shark tank,
 but now, I just float.

Damian says something and Cady laughs so hard that soda comes out her
 nose. ~~FREEZE-FRAME.~~

CADY (V.O.)
 Oh no, you're not gonna end on that
 are you?

THE END