<u>SCENE 1/1: INT. LOCKER ROOM. DAY</u> <u>1. 13.10</u>

TAJ IS ON HIS MOBILE AS DANNY AND SEYMOUR COME IN .

TAJ

Oh, Monique, absolutement...

DANNY AND SEYMOUR LOOK AT EACH OTHER. WHO'S HE TALKING TO?

TAJ (SMILING)

Oui, oui, c'est magnifique

DANNY AND SEYMOUR NUDGE EACH OTHER.

TAJ

And au revoir to you too.

A SMILING TAJ ENDS THE CONVERSATION.

SEYMOUR

Sounding good, guy...

DANNY

So... (WINKS) Got yourself a German babe...

SEYMOUR

That was French you pencil neck! Who is she dude?

TAJ (CHUFFED)

Only marketing director of 'La Maison de L'Amour'.

DANNY

La what da what?

TAJ

The House of *Lurve*! They make perfume. I met Monique on an online conference, discovered they're bringing out this new fragrance aimed at the hip-hop generation and convinced her to advertise it on the Rudeboy website

SEYMOUR

What's the perfume called?

TAJ

Wings... (HE FORMS HIS HANDS INTO A PAIR OF WINGS AND FLUTTERS THEM ABOVE HIS HEAD)...of a dove

HIS HANDS FLY ABOVE HIS HEAD AS HE DEMONSTRATES.

TAJ

You now what this means don't you?

SEYMOUR AND DANNY

Yeah!

SCENE 1/2: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 1. 16.05

THERE'S A SIZEABLE QUEUE AT THE COUNTER BUT KAREESHA IS DOING HER NAILS.

BOY

Excuse me, I've been trying to order a burger for five minutes

KAREESHA

You should have a nice big appetite when I get to you then

SHE GOES BACK TO DOING HER NAILS.

CARLTON

Kareesha!

KAREESHA LOOKS UP.

KAREESHA (TO CARLTON)

Alright! Keep your wig on!

KAREESHA RELUCTANTLY TURNS TO THE QUEUE.

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LEON

Something came up

OMAR (PUZZLED)

Like what?

BEFORE LEON CAN ANSWER, A GROUP OF KIDS BREEZE IN (AROUND OMAR'S AGE). THREE OR FOUR COOL LOOKING GUYS AND TWO OR THREE PRETTY GIRLS. LEADING THEM IS BIG RALPH...

OMAR

Wow! It's Big Ralph and his crew. (IN AWE)

He is the man...

AS THEY SIT NEARBY, BIG RALPH HIMSELF LEANS ACROSS.

BIG RALPH

Leon...

LEON

Big R...

LEON AND BIG RALPH TOUCH FISTS. OMAR IS OPEN MOUTHED.

OMAR (SOTTO)

Big Ralph knows your name!

LEON LEANS IN, CONSPIRATORIALLY.

LEON (LOVING IT)

Better than that, I'm one of his crew.

OMAR (SCEPTICALLY)

No way...

LEON CASUALLY LOOKS ACROSS.

LEON

Yo, Big R... What's happening?

A BEAT, WHILE BIG RALPH SURVEYS THE SITUATION.

BIG RALPH

This place is bunk. We're going to roll...

BIG RALPH AND HIS CREW ALL STAND. LEON WINKS AT OMAR AND JOINS THEM.

LEON (TO OMAR)

Laters...

OMAR (HOPEFUL)

Can I come?

BIG RALPH TURNS, LOOKS OMAR UP AND DOWN.

BIG RALPH

When we need a dweeb for a mascot, I'll call you...

THEY ALL LEAVE AND OMAR IS LEFT SITTING TOTALLY ALONE. KART L

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KAREESHA

So what's it going to be? Milkshake for *one*, Billy No-mates?

CUT TO...

SCENE 1/3: INT. SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM. DAY 1. 16.15

TAJ, DANNY AND SEYMOUR ARE IN CONFERENCE BY THEIR LOCKERS. TAJ R

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TAJ

Oh man!

TAJ HURRIES AFTER ALEX...

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SCENE 1/4: INT. SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM. DAY 1. 16.18

TAJ IS BRINGING ALEX BACK OVER TO DANNY AND SEYMOUR – SHE'S STILL HOLDING HER PLACARD.

TAJ

I was tal

TAJ (FORCEFULLY)

But...

TAJ CUES DANNY...

DANNY

I don't like big buts

TAJ

And this is a *really* big but...

TAJ HOLDS HIS HANDS OUT TO ALEX.

ALEX (SMILING)

Oh, I see. So what is the but?

TAJ

Before she signs the contract, Monique wants us to boost the number of hits on the Rudeboy web site and at the same time make the site more... (SNEERY) *romantic*

DANNY

We can do that geez!

SEYMOUR PUTS HIS ARM AROUND DANNY.

SEYMOUR

Yeah, you are looking at the kings of romance

ALEX (TO TAJ)

And that'd leave you free to help me.

TAJ (CONCERNED)

To do what?

ALEX SPINS HER PLACARD ROUND, IT BEARS THE ACRONYM 'K.O.W.S'

TAJ

KOWS? The only farm animals I like come with a side order of fries.

ALEX POINTS TO EACH LETTER IN TURN.

ALEX

Keep Our Water Safe. I've joined an action group that fights pollution, we need volunteers to help clean out a stretch of the canal.

TAJ

The canal! But that's filthy man and like really, really, really smelly...

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SEYMOUR

Course it won't. Mister and Mister Loverman can handle it.

TAJ (POINTEDLY)

No, I *definitely* think this is too much for you two on your own.

TAJ WINKS AT DANNY AND SEYMOUR BUT THEY DON'T GET IT.

DANNY

No way! You run off and have fun in the canal.

ALEX LOOKS AMUSED.

TAJ (INSISTENT)

Guys! If you really think about this I'm sure you'll see I'm right...

TAJ NOW DESPERATELY INDICATING WITH HIS FACE THAT HE WANTS THEM TO AGREE WITH HIM.

FINALLY, THE PENNY DROPS WITH SEYMOUR.

SEYMOUR

Oh! You want... because... (SUDDENLY ASSURED) Yeah, you're absolutely right Taj, we need our leader.

DANNY (STILL NOT GETTING IT)

No we don't...

BEFORE DANNY CAN CONTINUE, TAJ SWINGS OPEN HIS LOCKER DOOR WHICH SMACKS DANNY ON THE HEAD AND STOPS HIM SHORT.

TAJ

Anything else to add?

DANNY (RUBBING HIS HEAD)

No, I'm cool.

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SHE LOOKS AROUND THE ROOM, OMAR DOESN'T EVEN STIR. SHE IS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF REACTION.

MUM COMES OUT OF THE KITCHEN

MUM

The audition went well did it?

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JAZMIN DISAPPEARS UPSTAIRS SINGING.

JAZMIN

There's no business like show business...

CUT TO...

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SCENE 1/6: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 1. 16.50

TAJ, DANNY AND SEYMOUR ARE SITTING AT A TABLE, EACH HAS THEIR HEAD IN THEIR HANDS. ALEX STEPS OUT OF A BOOTH WITH MICHAEL. TAJ SEES THEM, LOOKS CONCERNED.

MICHAEL

I'll see you later then.

ALEX (SWEETLY)

Ok Michael. Thanks again.

MICHAEL LEAVES. ALEX COMES OVER TO TAJ AND THE GUYS.

TAJ (SUSPICIOUS)

What's E

ALEX

It's not meant to be that painful.

SEYMOUR

We're still trying to figure out how to get more hits on the Rudeboy website.

TAJ

It's finding something romantic that's the problem.

ALEX SITS.

ALEX

What have you come up with so far?

TAJ

We thought about a competition.

ALEX

Sounds good.

SEYMOUR (CLICKS HIS FINGERS)

What about arm wrestling?

ALEX

That's not romantic!

DANNY (HELPFULLY)

Mixed arm wrestling?

ALEX SHAKES HER HEAD.

ALEX IS GLARING AT HIM.

TAJ (RESIGNED)

Alright, when do we start?) h

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SEYMOUR

SCENE 1/7: INT. SCHOOL CORRIDOR. DAY 2. 10.30

OMAR IS WALKING ALONG THE CORRIDOR WHEN HE SEES LEON WALKING THE OTHER WAY WITH BIG RALPH AND A COUPLE OF THE GANG.

OMAR

How's it going Leon?

LEON

It's all moko, dude.

OMAR (CONFUSED)

Moko?

LEON

It's the new word, all big Ralphs crew say it.

OMAR

What's it mean?

BIG RALPH LOOKS OVER.

BIG RALPH

Oi Leon, why you talking to that moko?

LEON TURNS TO OMAR.

LEON

You don't want to know.

OMAR (MIFFED)

Big R might be cTR.

BIG RALPH

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LEON

So you don't want to be part of his crew then?

OMAR (BACK TRACKING)

I didn't say that... (BEMUSED) I just don't get it, how come you're allowed in?

LEON (COCKY)

You've either got it, or you ain't.

BIG RALPH

Don't forget Leon. My brother's band's practicing round at yours tonight, ok?

BIG RALPH WALKS OFF AGAIN. OMAR LOOKS AT LEON.

LEON

And yes, ok, I let his brothers band practice round at mine.

OMAR

Don't your Mum and Dad mind?

LEON

Duh! If they knew about it!

OMAR SMILES TO HIMSELF.

CUT TO...

SCENE 1/8: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 2. 16.05

KAREESHA IS AT THE COUNTER FILING HER NAILS A GEEK, BRIAN, IN AIRLINE STEWARD'S UNIFORM, HOVERS BY HER. HE ADJUSTS HIS CLIP-ON TIE AS HE OPENS HIS MOUTH TO ASK HER OUT.

KAREESHA (WITHOUT LOOKING UP)

Not a chance. I'm on a strict geek-free diet. I'm a hunkatarian.

BRIAN (TRYING TO MAKE LIGHT AND SHOW OFF)

I've never had to serve one of *those* on our flights.

KAREESHA

Work on aeroplanes do you? Then let me put this in a way you'll understand (A LA STEWARDESS) This is Kareesha speaking. The exit doors out of my life are situated (POINTS TO DOOR) over there, over there and *over there*.

BRIAN SLINKS BACK TO HIS SEAT. JAZMIN WALKS IN FROM THE BACK. SHE IS WEARING SUNGLASSES AND A SHEER SCARF. SHE STANDS AND POSES FOR A FEW SECONDS.

KAREESHA

Oh knock it off Halle Berry, you're not fooling anyone.

KAREESH

SCENE 1/9: INT. LEWIS FAMILY LIVING ROOM. DAY 2. 18.00

OMAR COMES OUT OF THE KITCHEN CARRYING A BIG PLATE OF SANDWICHES. HE IS HEADING FOR THE STAIRS WHEN MUM COMES IN.

OMAR (SURPRISED)

Mum! What are you doing here?

MUM (PLAYFULLY)

I live here?

OMAR

I mean I thought you were on nights.

MUM

Next week. Why have you got twenty sandwiches on a plate?

OMAR

I'm a growing boy. Why don't you go to the pictures, you were saying the other night you haven't been for ages...

MUM

All I want is take off my shoes, sit down and have a nice bit of peace and quiet.

AS MUM FINISHES THE SENTENCE, FROM UPSTAIRS COMES THE DEAFENING SOUND OGp Tj0.3 Tc ()(S) Tj0.460 Tc (S) Tj0.U

OMAR LOOKS AT MUM AND GRINS SHEEPISHLY. HE SHOUTS OVER THE DIN....

OMAR (SHOUTING)

I bet I know what your next question's going to be...

CUT TO...

SCENE 1/10: INT. LEWIS FAMILY LIVING ROOM. DAY 2. 18.05

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE LAST MEMBER OF THE BAND, CARRYING A GUITAR, WALKS PAST MUM WHO STANDS WITH THE FRONT DOOR OPEN.

BEHIND HIM IS BIG RALPH, HE LOOKS AT OMAR.

OMAR (RESIGNED)

I know, I'm moko...

CUT TO...

<u>SCENE 1/11: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 2.</u> <u>18.10</u>

DANNY AND SEYMOUR ARE SAT IN A BOOTH, BOTH WITH A PAPER AND PEN.
AS SEYMOUR WRITES FuR62.96 TD 0 Tc (AS) Tj9.9 2

JAZMIN (AGITATED)

Now tell me this is a joke... I must have got the part...But you more or less promised it to me... Oh, so when you said you've never seen it played like that before that wasn't a good thing?... Hello, hello...

THE PRODUCER HAS OBVIOUSLY HUNG UP. JAZMIN PUTS THE PHONE DOWN. AN EXCITED KAREESHA COMES BACK BEHIND THE COUNTER. JAZMIN PUTS ON A BRAVE FACE.

KAREESHA

Look out Missy, Kareesha Lopez the third is about to hit L.A. Brian's just told me he can get me a freebie flight.

JAZMIN

Just like that?

KAREESHA

No, I have to go out with him.

JAZMIN

E-ugh!

KAREESHA

Listen, he might be the Lord Mayor of Geekville, (TAKES ANOTHER LOOK) Ok, King of Geekville, but he's getting me a one way ticket out of this dive, and for that I'd even date a Big Brother cast off. Who was that on the phone?

JAZMIN

Oh, the producer of the show...

KAREESHA

You've definitely got the part! Oh Jaz, that is brilliant.

JAZMIN

Well the thing is...

KAREESHA (BUTTING IN)

Mind you, like you said, there was never any doubt, you'd have to be a pretty bad actress not to get *that* part. Right?

JAZMIN (WEAKLY)

Yeah... right.

KAREESHA WALKS OFF. JAZMIN LOOKS TRAPPED.

CUT TO...

SCENE 1/12: INT.

TAJ

Omar, I haven't got time for your juvenile nonsense. Now scoot, I'm busy.

TAJ WALKS OFF. HE TURNS AND STARTS BACKING DOWN THE CORRIDOR... SO HE DOESN'T SEE ALEX BACKING DOWN THE CORRIDOR IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION (SHE'S ALSO FURTIVELY LOOKING AROUND)... THEY BUMP INTO EACH OTHER.

TAJ (SURPRISED)

Alex!

ALEX (SURPRISED)

Taj!

TAJ/ALEX (TOGETHER – BOTH LYING)

I was looking for you...

THEY BOTH LAUGH.

TAJ/ALEX (TOGETHER)

I can't make it down the canal this afternoon.

TAJ

I've got an urgent... appointment.

ALEX

Oh me too! We'll have to get together, compare diaries come up with another time we can both do.

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TAJ

Definitely. Can't wait to get my hands in that slime.

ALEX

Nor me.

TAJ AND ALEX TURN AND WALK IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, BOTH LOOKING RELIEVED LIKE THEY'VE HAD A CLOSE CALL...

OMAR REAPPEARS.

OMAR

Can we talk now Taj?

TAJ

Omar! Will you get lost!

TAJ WALKS OFF, OMAR LOOKS FED UP.

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SCENE 1/13: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 3. 14.00

JAZMIN IS ON HER MOBILE.

JAZMIN

I just wanted to say that I don't mind taking another part... anythingti

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KAREESHA

I'll rehearse with you. Come on, where's the play?

JAZMIN

Er... it's in my head.

KAREESHA

Well then let's hear a bit.

JAZMIN

Okay. Erm... (THEN SHE BREAKS DOWN) I lied! I didn't get the part, they said I wasn't convincing enough. .The part was made for me and I st24 Tc (I) Tj0.06 Tc 4pTc (a) Tj-0.36 Tc (n) Tj0.36 Tc (d) T

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JAZMIN

Thank you...

KAREESHA GIVES HER A HUG. JAZMIN LOOKS CLOSE TO TEARS.

<u>SCENE 1/14: INT. TAJ'S BEDROOM.</u> DAY 3. 17.00

DANNY AND SEYMOUR AND TAJ IN RUDEBOY SESSION.

TAJ (EXCITED)

It's all gravy guys! Monique says the advertising contract is ours...

DANNY AND SEYMOUR

Kerching!

TAJ

And she's picked the winning poem.

TAJ WAVES A COPY OF AN EMAIL.

DANNY

Alright, so which one of us won?

TAJ

Danny, there were five hundred entries to this competition, the chances of either of you winning is smaller than the smallest, small thing on the planet small.

SEYMOUR AND DANNY LOOK DISAPPOINTED.

TAJ

Which makes it even more amazing that one of you has won.

SEYMOUR JUMPS UP EXCITEDLY.

SEYMOUR

Yes! (TO DANNY) In your face Mister *Loser* man!

TAJ

Seymour...

SEYMOUR (IGNORING TAJ, SNEERING AT DANNY)

'I am the champion – neez'! Told you I was the man when it comes to poetry!

TAJ (INSISTENT)

Seymour!

SEYMOUR FINALLY STOPS DANCING AROUND.

TAJ

You haven't won, Danny has

SEYMOUR'S FACE IS A PICTURE.

SEYMOUR

What?! He can't have! What did he write?

TAJ GIVES HIM THE EMAIL. SEYMOUR TAKES IT AND READS.

SEYMOUR

'My heart is a chair / The sea lions weep / The sun starts to stare / My soul is asleep' (AGHAST) That doesn't even make sense!

DANNY

Of course it don't! It's poetry, it ain't supposed to!! (PATRONISING TO SEYMOUR) One day you might understand that my friend.

SEYMOUR IS SPEECHLESS. DANNY TURNS TO TAJ.

DANNY

When do I get my tickets for Paris?

TAJ

Tomorrow, by post.

DANNY

Excellent! (TO SEYMOUR) I'm going to
Paris, you're not geez, I am the champion (WITH EFFECT) neez!!

SCENE 1/15: INT. LEWIS FAMILY LIVING ROOM. DAY 3. 18.00

LATER. MUM IS DOING SOME COURSEWORK ON THE COMPUTER. OMAR COMES IN. HE'S A BIT HYPER.

OMAR

Mum, I have to use the computer.

MUM

I'm working.

OMAR (PLEADING)

But this is a matter of life or death. I have to get on the net, like now.

MUM (CONCERNED)

What's up?

OMAR

I've tried everything I know to get into Big
Ralph's gang and nothing's worked, so I've got
to get advice from the coolest guy on the planet
- Rudeboy!

MUM

And that's a matter of life and death?

OMAR

I'm twelve, what else is important to me?

MUM

Well you can't use this computer I'm too busy

OMAR

Oh mum!

MUM

Go and use Taj's.

OMAR

But I am so absolutely not allowed to.

MUM

You've got my permission, ok.

A THOUGHT SUDDENLY STRIKES OMAR.

OMAR

I don't know his password.

MUM

Try 'Mister Wiggles'.

OMAR

Who?

MUM

It was his favourite teddy when he was little.

He thinks I've forgotten, but mums never

forget.

OMAR RUNS UPSTAIRS, ALMOST RUNNING INTO JAZMIN WHO'S COMING DOWN. MUM LOOKS UP.

MUM

Jazmin, has anyone rung about the room yet?

JAZMIN

No Mrs L.

MUM

Strange, I thought it'd go really quickly. Maybe there's something wrong with your mobile.

Perhaps I should call the paper, ask them to add this number to the advert just in case.

JAZMIN (HORRIFIED)

That won't do any good!

MUM

Why?

JAZMIN

Because the problem is the market's flooded with rooms to let.

MUM

Is it?

JAZMIN

Oh yeah, don't be surprised if it takes weeks to go, maybe months.

JAZMIN'S PHONE STARTS TO RING. SHE LETS IT GO FOR A COUPLE OF RINGS. MUM LOOKS AT HER.

MUM

Are you not going to answer that?

JAZMIN

Oh it's probably no one special.

MUM

It could be someone wanting the room.

JAZMIN

Oh yeah...

JAZMIN PICKS UP THE PHONE AND LOOKS AT THE DISPLAY.

JAZMIN

No, it's Kareesha. Do you want a cup of tea,

I'm making one...

BEFORE MUM CAN ANSWER, JAZMIN IS OFF TO THE KITCHEN.

SCENE 1/16: INT. LEWIS FAMILY KITCHEN. DAY 3. 18.01

CONTINUOUS. JAZMIN WALKS INTO THE KITCHEN AND SPEAKS SOFTLY.

JAZMIN

Hi...Oh you're interested in the room... Yeah, it's still available... yeah, you could come round tomorrow. The man who's fumigating it said you should be able to breathe without a mask by then... what was in there? Oh, you know, fleas, lice, cockroaches, usual things. ... Hello, hello?

<u>SCENE 1/17: INT. TAJ'S BEDROOM.</u> DAY 4. 18.06

OMAR IS SAT AT TAJ'S COMPUTER.

OMAR (AMAZED)

Mr Wiggles works! Brilliant! (PONDERS FOR A SECOND) Mister Wiggles eh? That has got to be worth some blackmail points

OMAR STARTS TO TYPE.

OMAR

Dear Rudeboy, I desperately need to become cool. Have you got any advice? Signed,

Desperate...

HE SENDS THE E-MAIL. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE COMPUTER SAYS 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL'. OMAR CHECKS, LEOOKS AILCBA 0 A . IUTEICILNICE

SCENE 1/18: INT. LEWIS FAMILY LIVING ROOM. DAY 4. 19.30

OMAR IS STANDING IN FRONT OF TAJ.

OMAR

... You're Rudeboy

TAJ (SIGHS)

Alright Omar, it's a fair cop. I admit it, I am Rudeboy... And mum's really Beyonce.

OMAR

You can deny it all you like, but this time I am on to you *Rudeboy*.

TAJ

How many time e.

TAJ

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OMAR

TAJ (ANNOYED)

Mum!

OMAR

So you going to admit you're Rudeboy?

TAJ (CONCERNED)

Look, you mustn't tell anyone about this

OMAR

What? That you're Rudeboy or your password is the name of your favourite teddy?

TAJ

Both. Promise me.

OMAR

Why should I?

TAJ

Because I'm your brother.

OMAR

You weren't much of a brother when I came to you for help, 'get lost Omar,' I think was what you said.

TAJ LOOKS CAUGHT OUT.

OMAR

This is the best thing that's ever happened to me. Being Rudeboy's brother will make me numero uno in Ralph's gang.

TAJ

Dude, you can't rat me out just to hang out in a gang.

OMAR THINKS FOR A SECOND.

OMAR

You're right, I can't.

TAJ LOOKS RELIEVED.

OMAR

I'll form my own gang and Big Ralph'll be begging *me* to join.

TAJ

Please Omar, don't make me beg.

OMAR (ENJOYING HIMSELF)

I hadn't thought of that.

TAJ (DESPERATE)

You know why I do Rudeboy don't you? To make a million so mum can put her feet up and take it easy... I'm asking you as family, don't do this.

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OMAR

It didn't matter that I was family when you were keeping this big secret from me all this time! Like Gran says, you reap what you sow...

SCENE 1/19: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 4. 20.00

KAREESHA ENTERS WITH BRIAN TRAILING BEHIND. SHE GOES OVER TO JAZMIN, BRIAN SITS AT A TABLE.

KAREESHA (TO JAZMIN)

Another great date. Who would have thought a film about all the different types of pasta could be *so* interesting. (SHE SUDDENLY EYES A HUNKY CUSTOMER) Hellooo.

SHE GOES OVER TO THE HUNK.

KAREESHA (TO HUNK)

Can I get you anything? Food, drink... me? My card. Kareesha Lopez the third. The original three times a lady.

BRIAN COMES OVER IN TIME TO SEE THE HUNK HAND HIS

BRIAN

Kareesha! You're not interested in me at all are you? You just wanted to get your hands on my freebie tickets

KAREESHA

How dare you! (THEN) But now you mention it, when are you going to give me my ticket to LA? Two dates we've been on now, that's practically engaged!

BRIAN (DISAPPOINTED)

I thought you were different, Kareesha. But you're just like all the other girls I promised my ticket to. Oops

KAREESHA

Other girls? You mean... you've been playing girls off against each other? You?

BRIAN

So... you weren't honest with me either.

KAREESHA

I'm entitled! I'm fit, you're not!

BRIAN

That's it! We are over!

KAREESHA

Hello! Breaking news... We were never under!

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HE LEAVES.

KAREESHA

Men! I don't want anything to do with them ever again.

KAREESHA WALKS BEHIND THE COUNTER. THE HUNK COMES BACK IN.

KAREESHA

Starting first thing tomorrow...

<u>SCENE 1/20: INT. TAJ'S BEDROOM.</u> <u>DAY 5. 09.30</u>

TAJ, ALEX AND SEYMOUR LEAN AGAINST THE WALL LOOKING GLUM. TAJ LOOKS ESPECIALLY DOWN.

TAJ

The second Omar drops the word on me, we are dead...

SEYMOUR AND ALEX SHARE A WORRIED LOOK.

TAJ

Once it gets round that Rudeboy's a sixteen year old school kid confidence in the business is going to drop like a safe! We'll lose the Maison d'Amour contract for sure.

SEYMOUR

It could be worse you know.

TAJ

How?

SEYMOUR LOOKS STUMPED.

SEYMOUR

I'm thinking...

TAJ

Seymour! If you can't think of anything useful to say...

ALEX

Don't take it out on Seymour... I'm sure it's going to be alright. Omar's ...

<u>SCENE 1/21: INT. LOCKER ROOM. DAY</u> <u>5. 10.00</u>

OMAR IS IN THE LOCKER ROOM WHEN LEON COMES IN WITH BIG RALPH.

OMAR

Alright Leon, Big Ralph.

LEON

Sweet. So what's this really cool thing you've got to tell us?

OMAR

Well...

JUST THEN TAJ, ALEX AND SEYMOUR APPEAR IN THE DOORWAY. OMAR LOOKS AT TAJ.

BIG RALPH

Well what is it? I'm busy.

OMAR (TAKES A DEEP BREATH)

Well, the thing is, I know who....

A BEAT, TAJ CLOSES HIS EYES. OMAR SIGHS.

OMAR

...the President of America is.

BIG RALPH & LEON

What?!

OMAR

George Bush. Just in case it ever comes up, now you know.

TAJ OPENS HIS EYES LOOKING RELIEVED.

BIG RALPH

Is that it? You are double moko!

BIG RALPH LEAVES. LEON RUNS AFTER HIM.

LEON

Wait for me Big Ralph...

TAJ, ALEX AND SEYMOUR MOVE OUT OF THE WAY AS THEY LEAVE. TAJ WALKS OVER TO OMAR. THEY BOTH BREAK INTO A BROAD SMILE AND TOUCH FISTS.

SCENE 22: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 5. 12.00

JAZMIN ANSWERS HER PHONE.

JAZMIN

Hello... (WEARILY) Oh you want the room?
Listen, you wouldn't want to stay there love.
They've got gigantic rats. And as for the
landlady – she makes Cruella DeVille seem
like a puppy. She's got this humungous wart on
the end of her nose with enough hair coming
out of it to keep Victoria Beckham in hair
extensions for years...

SUDDENLY SHE'S CONFRONTED BY MUM ON HER MOBILE.

MUM

Is that right? Maybe you should say that to her wart ridden face!

JAZMIN

Mrs L!

KAREESHA COMES OUT OF THE BACK.

MUM

Jazmin, you haven't passed on any of the calls about your room have you?

JAZMIN SHAKES HER HEAD.

KAREESHA

What?! Why?

MUM

You're not leaving are you?

JAZMIN SHAKES HER HEAD AGAIN.

KAREESHA/CARLTON (OOV)

What?!

MUM

You didn't get the part did you?

JAZMIN SHAKES HER HEAD AGAIN.

JAZMIN

Sorry, I was too embarrassed to say. That part was me and I still couldn't nail it. Some actress I am.

KAREESHA (DELIGHTED)

You mean I'm not the only one who's dreams have been shattered? Sorry, I mean...there, there Jazmin.

MUM

I suppose you want your room back, if you can stand me and the giant rats.

JAZMIN

Thanks Mrs L.

CARLTON (OOV)

I'm pleased you're staying Jazmin.

JAZMIN

Oh, thanks Uncle Carlton. Would you miss me?

CARLTON

Oh yeah... I'd never find anyone who'd work as cheap as you!

<u>SCENE 1/23: INT. CORRIDOR. DAY 5.</u> 12.10

TAJ, ALEX AND OMAR ARE STANDING IN THE CORRIDOR. TAJ PUTS HIS ARM AROUND HIS BROTHER.

TAJ

Thanks bro, I really appreciate you not blabbing. Really means a lot.

OMAR

Well, like you said we're family and when it comes down to it, you've just got to do the right thing haven't you.

LEON COMES IN.

LEON (TO OMAR)

Fancy hanging out mate?

OMAR

Why aren't you hanging with Big Ralph?

LEON

I'm getting bored...

OMAR (INTERRUPTING)

He's kicked you out the possee, hasn't he?

LEON NODS.

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SCENE 1/24: INT. THE CHILL. DAY 6. 12.15

DANNY STROLLS INTO THE CHILL WITH A REALLY COCKY AIR, GIVING PEOPLE THE WINK AND A THUMBS UP AS HE WALKS UP TO THE COUNTER WHERE KAREESHA IS STANDING LOOKING BORED.

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