# UNPAID INTERN

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#### OVER BLACK:

YUPPIE (V.O.) Tell me a little about yourself?

ROSIE (V.O.) Every time they ask me this, I have to pinch myself it's only my future at stake.

### INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - BACKROOM - DAY

ROSIE VASQUEZ (early 20s) stares directly into the piercing WHITE LIGHT of a webcam. Her laptop sits on top of a makeshift table made from boxes, buckets, etc.

Opposite her, on the computer, is a YUPPIE-type. She's in a Zoom interview. God help her...

YUPPIE (ON COMPUTER)

Uh...Rosie?

Rosie pinches herself...a little too hard.

ROSIE

Ow!

YUPPIE (ON COMPUTER)

Huh?

ROSIE (tries to be upbeat) Oh uh...d-do you want me to start from infancy? 2000 was a crazy first year. Y2K, hanging chads, the Backstreet Boys...

Not much of a reaction. Oof.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Just joking...uh-um so last year I graduated with a--

YUPPIE (ON COMPUTER) Where do you see yourself in five years?

Rosie hesitates. How the hell should she know?

ROSIE (doesn't believe herself) Well uh...I-I'm really excited about this position at the DSCC and in five years, I--

YUPPIE (ON COMPUTER) Why do you want this job?

Rosie's knee accidentally bumps the table. The mountain of boxes collapse -- her laptop included. Uh oh.

YUPPIE (O.S) (CONT'D) The hell was that?! Hello?! Rosie?!

Rosie stares blankly for a beat. She picks up her laptop and slowly closes it shut, resigned to her fate.

ROSIE (shrugs) On to the next one.

# INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - DINING AREA - DAY

It's a lively afternoon at Tepepas!, a small Mexican dive restaurant. Rosie zigs and zags, delivering one order after another.

Finished, she glides to the kitchen door.

#### INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Rosie performs a curtsy.

ROSIE All orders delivered.

The door opens and Rosie tumbles downwards.

Muffled applause from the busboy MAX COHEN (20s), a collegeaged kid who looks like puberty quit half-way through.

> MAX Bravo! Encore! Encore!

Rosie picks herself up.

ROSIE What can I say? I like to leave the audience laughing. And pity laughs are still laughs y'know. MAX Speaking of pity, how'd your interview go? Any pity job offers?

ROSIE Oh it was a scene, man. And no, no offer. The only person who's offered me a job outta pity is Señor Becerra.

BECERRA (50s), the chef/owner extraordinaire of Tepepas!, overhears this.

BECERRA Pity? I only hire the best! It's not my fault no one else applied. (gestures to door) Now back to work before I get my nephew to replace you.

MAX Oof. The nephew hire.

ROSIE The worst type of pity hire there is.

### INT. APARTMENT - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Tinder -- the ultimate game of 'Hot or Not.' MIA DANIELS (20s) swipes left, left, left...! None good enough.

ROSIE (0.S.) Tinder again?

MIA I've been swiping for half an hour and all I've got to show for it is one match.

Rosie rummaging through boxes of cereal. None good enough.

ROSIE Well how many have you swiped right on?

MIA One or two, but I'm playing with a weak hand here. This app needs to sign some new free agents or I'm taking my talents back to drunken one night stands. (another left swipe) (MORE) MIA (CONT'D) I hear you could use a drink too, Ms. Interview Killer.

ROSIE Does Max tell you everything?

MIA Of course! I'm practically his therapist minus the copays. (another left swipe) Y'know he actually had a fun little proposal to cheer you up tonight.

ROSIE Tonight? Oh no Mia...

MIA We're gonna get you drunk, Rosebud.

### INT. D.C. BAR - NIGHT

Your typical city bar. A little dingy, but that's part of the fun, right?

TWO CREEPS (40s) are playing a game of rock-paper-scissors. The first game ends in a draw. The second game ends with the TALL CREEP winning out.

> TALL CREEP I like the blonde! You can have the Mexican one!

BALDING CREEP Good! I like a little spice. Muy caliente!

Rosie overhears them from across the bar. She's sheltered away with Mia and Max in a corner.

#### ROSIE

I'm Puerto Rican you asshole.

Rosie downs a shot of whiskey. She's gonna need it.

MIA Damn. Maybe I shoulda stuck to Tinder.

MAX Hey when you gonna swipe right on me? I've been waiting for three months now.

MIA (shakes head) Oh Maximillian... The two creeps make their way to Rosie and Mia...bleh. TALL CREEP (to Mia) So-uh...do you like older guys? I make a lot of money. I have a condo. Mia puts her arm around Max. MIA I'm more into scrawny, broke college boys. MAX That's news to me. Mia lightly smacks the back of Max's head. MAX (CONT'D) Ow! BALDING CREEP (to Rosie) Hola! ROSIE No habla español. BALDING CREEP Oh I took French in high school. Oui, oui! Rosie rolls her eyes and puts her arm around Max. ROSIE It's Spanish for "we're a throuple." Rosie and Mia simultaneously kiss Max's cheeks. MAX I am no longer a boy. I am now a man. Rosie and Mia smile at each other and nod. Together, they

Rosie and Mia smile at each other and nod. Together, they push Max towards the two middle-aged creeps and run out.

# INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Rosie at her desk, laptop open. Mia lying on the bed, playing on Tinder. Left, left, left...she stops at Max. Fuck it! She swipes right -- it's a match!

> MIA I just swiped right on Max.

ROSIE Good for him!

MIA I know, right?

#### **ON COMPUTER SCREEN**

A job search website.

ROSIE "Fast-paced work environment." Hmm. I think that's code for work you to death.

The cursor clicks on the APPLY BUTTON.

ROSIE (CONT'D) "Entry-level job requires ten years experience."

MIA Ten years ago you were twelve.

ROSIE I'll just say I got a head start. Child labor laws my ass.

MIA Supreme Court just abolished those anyways.

ROSIE Thank god for Clarence Thomas.

The cursor clicks on the APPLY BUTTON.

ROSIE (CONT'D) (mocking voice) "Congressman Brian Meehan is seeking a congressional intern to join his dynamic team. The position is unpaid."

(MORE)

ROSIE (CONT'D) (normal voice) Where's Karl Marx when you need him?

MIA They love their unpaid interns, don't they?

ROSIE

Welcome to the new and improved Roaring Twenties. "A chicken in every pot!" As long as you can afford it that is... (looks back at Mia) What is it with politicians never paying their employees?

MIA Most of their lackeys are desperate like the rest you poli sci majors.

ROSIE Oh right! Desperation. That's why.

The cursor clicks on the APPLY BUTTON. Desperation's right.

#### INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - KITCHEN - DAY

Rosie uses kitchen utensils as a makeshift drum kit. She bangs them against the sink. CLANG, CLANG!

MAX Having fun there Ringo?

ROSIE Maybe I shoulda been a professional drummer? Look how good I am!

Rosie...uh..."demonstrates" her drumming. She's not exactly Keith Moon out there, but she's having fun at least.

> MAX Yeah. And maybe I should try out for the NBA.

Max takes a washcloth and...

MAX (CONT'D)

He shoots!

He hurls it towards a trashcan and...it misses. Badly.

He misses...

MAX Well there goes my career in basketball.

ROSIE I guess drumming ain't for me either. At least we still got each other, right Maxey?

MAX La di da. La di da.

Rosie's left pocket BUZZES. She takes out her phone. The notification is an email. She starts reading.

ROSIE

Huh... (beat) Today?

# MAX

What?

ROSIE This politician wants to interview me today.

MAX

Hey! Way to go! Gonna be tough balancing your career in the White House with your fantasy drumming lifestyle though.

ROSIE Meh. The job's unpaid. Intern shit.

# MAX

Hey Rosie.

Rosie looks up at Max..

MAX (CONT'D) Do the interview. Who knows what'll happen.

ROSIE I love ya Maxey.

MAX In the end, all girls say that to me. Rosie smiles and playfully slaps his cheek a couple times.

### INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - BATHROOM - DAY

Rosie models for herself in the mirror. She stares and pulls out a fake smile. Her smile's a little too enthusiastic.

> ROSIE (stops smiling) Oof. A little too much.

She smiles again, this time more subdued.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Much better. (practicing into mirror) Hi! Thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. Oh? My resume was so impressive you don't even need an interview? And you want to make this a paid position? (contemplating) Hmm. Well I have a few other offers so I'll have to get back to you.

Rosie fake laughs.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Oh I'd be happy to write a letter of recommendation for your nephew!

A toilet FLUSHES. Uh oh. A GIRL leaves the stall, eyeing Rosie worriedly. She starts washing her hands. Awkward...

> ROSIE (CONT'D) Oh I was uh...uh...just on the phone. I swear I'm not the kinda girl who talks to herself. I'm not a crazy person. Really. I'm not.

The girl backtracks from the sink.

GIRL IN BATHROOM I believe you! I believe you!

The girl runs out, terrified! Rosie shrugs then looks back in the mirror. Deep breath.

ROSIE

Relax, Rosie. Just another interview that will decide the fate of the career you've hedged your education on. Y'know...your average Monday.

Rosie playfully slaps herself. She's fucking ready.

ROSIE (CONT'D)

Go time.

Another FLUSH. Not again!

ROSIE (CONT'D) Uh...one more thing. What's your policy on private bathrooms?

### INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - BACKROOM - DAY

Everything's ready to go.

Rosie sits down and opens her laptop. A few clicks on the touchpad later and voilà -- Rosie on a Zoom call.

Opposite her is BRIAN MEEHAN (40s). He fits the archetype of the perfect politician -- attractive, confident...and just a little bit douchey. Can't forget the douchey part.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) Rosie Vasquez?

ROSIE For better or for worse!

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) Let's hope for better. God know I need it down here.

ROSIE I can't promise anything that's not on the resume.

Brian smirks.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) Y'know your resume's the only one that didn't brag about their quoteunquote Ivy League credentials.

ROSIE Well I went to College Park. They teach us to be humble. (MORE) ROSIE (CONT'D) That's why I just want to be vice president. Al Gore's sorta my hero.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) Oh well you can't get much lower than that.

They both laugh. So far so good...

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) (CONT'D) So let's avoid the BS. Why should you be my intern?

Rosie freezes. This is Brian Meehan?!

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) (CONT'D) Rosie...?

ROSIE

Oh uh...s-sorry. It's just that it's usually the boss's nephew who does these sorta things, y'know? Nepotism and all.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) Ha! Well my Uncle's retired, but I'll make sure to tell him I'm doing a good job for him.

Rosie relaxes a little. Crisis averted.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) (CONT'D)

...So?

Rosie ponders about the right thing to say. Fuck it.

ROSIE I've applied for hundreds of jobs since graduating. Of those applications, seventy-three have responded. Of those responses, twenty-six have asked for an interview. Of those interviews, zero have offered a job. All I can ask for is an opportunity. In return, well...I'll work my ass off. That I can promise.

BRIAN (ON COMPUTER) I know. I can tell.

### INT. D.C. BAR - NIGHT

Rosie, Mia, and Max in their usual corner. They each have shot glasses of Fireball whiskey. Already a little buzzed.

#### MIA

One, two, three!

They all down their shots. Max can't quite handle it.

ROSIE Doesn't fireball like...like taste like Christmas to you?

MIA Do you spend your Christmas's drunk or something?

#### ROSIE

I'm just saying it's got that Christmasy taste to it, y'know? Like uh...like, like all cinnamony and nostalgic, right?

MAX I'm too Jewish to understand any of this. L'chaim!

Max goes for a second attempt at the Fireball. He fails miserably, coughing it up.

MIA (shakes head) Oh Maximillian...

Mia snaps her fingers to the bartender. More Fireball!

MIA (CONT'D) I'm happy for you Rosebud, but never forget APAB. Can't trust 'em.

ROSIE "APAB?" The hell's that?

MIA All Politicians are Bastards. APAB.

ROSIE Oh c'mon Mia! He's nice. Sorta hot too.

MIA Well when you put it like that! The Fireballs arrive. Yay -- more alcohol!

MIA (CONT'D) So what we drinkin' to?

## ROSIE

Lindsay Lohan!

Mia and Max stare blankly. Um...

ROSIE (CONT'D) I just rewatched *Freaky Friday*. Her fashion game was on point. Hall of fame worthy.

MIA Huh. As good a reason as any I guess. (holds shot glass high) To Lindsay Lohan!

ROSIE AND MAX To Lindsay Lohan!

They tap glasses and gulp it down.

### INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - DAY

Rosie lumbers along one of the long hallways inside Congress. Plaques identify each Congressperson's office.

### ON PLAQUE

A plaque marked Representative Brian Meehan - Pennsylvania.

Rosie playfully smacks herself. Deep breaths. Here we go...

### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

STAFFERS hustle in and out. One of them bumps into Rosie's shoulder, ignoring her as he slides out...douche...

ED MEEHAN (late 20s) sits behind a desk adjacent to the doorway. He looks like he couldn't give less of a shit.

ED (going through motions) If you want to file a complaint or protest, you have to call in advance. ROSIE

Hi I'm--

ED Congressman Meehan is a strong advocate for immigrant rights. Anything else?

ROSIE

Actually I'm here for the internship, but thanks for guessing my race. A+! You guessed correctly.

ED Oh right! The new latina intern.

ROSIE New. Latina. Intern...

Office activity stops when Brian enters. Staffers fight for attention. Pure unadulterated ass kissing. Bleh!

BRIAN Ed get us some coffee. Rosie and I'll be in the office.

ED But Uncle Bri--!

ROSIE Ah. The mythical nephew hire. Sad.

### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

The office is a shrine to Brian's ego -- diplomas, awards, pictures. There's no shred of humility.

Rosie copies Brian's diatribes on a notepad.

BRIAN

Ignore the wackjobs and don't panic. We have scripts for all sorts of things. Just repeat 'em and they'll go away.

# ON ROSIE'S NOTE PAD

Rosie writing "Ignore the wackjobs and DON'T PANIC!!!!"

BRIAN (CONT'D) And Rosie.

#### BRIAN (CONT'D)

I don't want you thinking you're gonna be dishing out coffees all day. If you have an idea for a bill or whatever...just shoot it my way.

#### ROSIE

Really?

BRIAN Yeah. I didn't hire you just for your looks y'know.

ROSIE

Uh...

BRIAN You're an equal here. Work hard and you'll get ahead. That's how I got here.

Rosie smiles, already forgetting Brian's creepy remark.

#### ON ROSIE'S NOTE PAD

Rosie writing "President Rosie Vasquez :)"

#### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

RING! RING! Rosie picks up the phone. She's ready.

ROSIE Good afternoon. Congressman Meehan's off--

An ANGRY CONSTITUENT screeches from the other line.

ANGRY CONSTITUENT (V.O. PHONE) The American people will not stand for the Hollywood cabal trying to indoctrinate our children by infecting with them with...!

The hell?! Rosie looks at her notepad -- "Ignore the wackjobs and DON'T PANIC!!!" She hangs up. Oof.

RING! RING! Deep breath. Can't be much worse, right?

ROSIE Good afternoon. Congressman Meehan's office.

ED (V.O. PHONE) Hey uh...d-do you wanna go out with me sometime?

Rosie looks behind her. It's Ed. Yuck. He waves at her like a fool. She hangs up. It was worse...

RING! RING! Not again!

ROSIE (yelling at phone) Will you shut up for one second?!

Ed cowers.

ED Damn. Forget I asked...

Deep breaths. Here we go again...

ROSIE (somewhat irritated) Good afternoon! Congressman Meehan's office.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) What is Representative Meehan's position on lowering the costs of prescription drugs?

A look of relief washes over Rosie's face. Thank the gods -- a real question! She flips through a pack of scripts.

ROSIE (reading script) As a staunch advocate for the middle class, Representative Meehan has dedicated his career to--

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) --standing up to the pharmaceutical industry and making sure that every American receives the quality health care they deserve.

# ON DRUG SCRIPT

The caller finished the script verbatim. Uh...

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) (CONT'D) He had me read that load of crap too. Can't believe the schmuck still hasn't updated his BS.

Rosie's clearly freaked out. She hangs up in a panic.

## INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - SAME

SHEENA KEATON (late 20s) shakes her head as she picks up a leather flogger. She's wearing all-black latex.

SHEENA (whips flogger) Politicians and their damn intern fetish...

### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - SAME

RING! RING! Oh for fuck's sake! Rosie groans and buries herself in her arms...

### INT. APARTMENT - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

The door swings open. Rosie slogs inside. She looks like hell. Thank god it's not picture day.

#### INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Rosie sleepwalks to bed, stops for a beat, then flops face first into the mattress. Just one of those days...

SLAM! Footsteps scurry to Rosie's room. Mia opens the door, wearing nursing scrubs.

MIA I swear if they don't get some good food in the cafeteria we're gonna call a strike. They've had the same damn mac and cheese sitting there for--

Rosie GROANS into the cushion.

MIA (CONT'D) No need to say anymore. I'm no doctor, but even I can diagnose 'let me go to effing sleep' disease. Night, Rosebud. ROSIE (muffled) Night Mama Mia.

Mia exits as Rosie slumbers to sleep...

# INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - MORNING

Rosie mumbling in her sleep.

ROSIE Good morning...Congressman Meehan's office...good morn--

Mia SPLASHES a bucket of water on to Rosie.

ROSIE (CONT'D) (shrieks) Good morning! Congressman Meehan's office!

MIA Good morning to you too...

Rosie exhales. Damn!

MIA (CONT'D) (claps) That's it! We're going out tonight. We need you for Quizzo anyway.

ROSIE

I don't deserve you.

MIA Few do, but you come close enough I guess.

ROSIE Aw...love ya too.

MIA Quick! What was the title of Britney Spears' second album?

ROSIE Oops!... I Did It Again. Don't patronize me now.

MIA Arrogance like that ensures victory. Muhahaha! Rosie joins in with the evil laughter.

### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - DAY

RING! Here we go. Rosie wiggles her hand over the phone like she's in an Old West shootout. Move over Clint Eastwood.

> ROSIE Good afternoon? Congressman Meehan's office...?

FRIENDLY CONSTITUENT (V.O. PHONE) Hello! I'm curious about Representative Meehan's position on the minimum wage?

Rosie relaxes -- this guy sounds nice! She scours for the right script.

ROSIE (reading script) Uh...Congressman Meehan has always been a strong advocate for the working class. During his time in Congress, he's voted in support of raising the minimum wage and will continue to fight for this just cause until it's passed.

FRIENDLY CONSTITUENT (V.O. PHONE) That's great to hear! Tell him he has my full support!

ROSIE

Will do, sir!

Click. Rosie beams -- well that was an improvement!

RING! Go time. Rosie swipes the phone without fear. Bring your worst!

ROSIE (CONT'D) Good afternoon! Congressman Meehan's office.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) What is Representative Meehan's position on climate change?

Oh shit. Her again? Rosie panics.

#### INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - DAY

Sheena in her pajamas watching TV. Her phone's on speaker as she twirls her long, blonde hair. No black latex this time.

> SHEENA ...uh hello? As a lifelong constituent, I think I deserve at least a *response*...

### **INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION**

Rosie looks back at Ed. He's oblivious of course. She whispers into the phone anyway.

ROSIE What do you want?

#### SHEENA

An answer to the question would be nice.

Rosie doesn't know what to do. In desperation, she flips to the scripts.

ROSIE A-As a staunch advocate for--

SHEENA Oh god. Do all of his answers start with... (mocking voice) ..."as a staunch advocate blah, blah, blah, bullshit, bullshit, bullshit, blah, blah, blah."

Rosie looks to Ed -- still oblivious. Gripping the phone, she rushes out to the hallway.

# INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Rosie's striding -- her attention fully on Sheena.

ROSIE Can't you waste your rants on Facebook like every other nutjob in this country?

Sheena casually eating from a bowl of popcorn.

SHEENA Hey "nutjob's" one thing, but Facebook user's a bridge too far!

ROSIE Ha ha. Maybe you should spend more time researching his positions instead of calling me?

SHEENA

Research? I don't need to research to know BS. When I was the intern, he had me set meetings with every lobbyist east of the Mississippi. (beat) When I wasn't fetching coffees for him of course...

ROSIE Hey I'm no one's coffee girl!

SHEENA

Must be early days for you, huh? He still promising a life of beltway glory?

Rosie fidgets in irritation. Who the hell is she?

ROSIE W-well if you know everything, maybe you should run against him?!

WHAM! Rosie tumbles to the floor as she turns the corner.

SHEENA Congresswoman Sheena Keaton...?

Sheena ponders.

SHEENA (CONT'D) (shrugs) I can see it.

Rosie on the floor. She looks up. Oh shit...it's Brian!

BRIAN Run against who?

ROSIE

Oh uh-uh...

Rosie grabs the phone and disconnects.

### INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - SAME

Sheena looks at her phone -- disconnected.

#### INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - SAME

ROSIE Uh...uh...my friend! Yeah. My friend Max is in uh...uh...a race! So he's uh...gonna run...in that race. Yeah.

BRIAN Uh huh... (beat) Well good luck to him.

Brian continues to his office.

Whew -- well that was a close one! Rosie picks herself up...just as Brian turns back.

BRIAN (CONT'D) Oh by the way, I'm gonna need your help at a party I'm throwing tonight.

ROSIE

Tonight?

BRIAN If it's no trouble of course.

ROSIE

Well uh--

BRIAN Great! You're gonna meet a lot of important people. Big first step for you.

Brian continues. Rosie just stands there. Oy.

### INT. QUIZZO BAR - NIGHT

Quizzo -- the only trivia competition best done drunk.

Mia and Max at a booth. A phone's on the table -- Rosie on Facetime. Gotta love modern technology.

QUIZZO HOST Who starred as Sharpay Evans in the Disney Original Movie, High School Musical?

usical?

MAX

Oh shit! Disney's your field.

### INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - BATHROOM - SAME

Rosie huddled in the bathtub. We hear the muffled sounds of a party -- think more cocktails than ecstasy.

ROSIE Oh, oh! Ashley Tisdale! C'mon, that's a freakin' layup.

### **INTERCUT -- FACETIME CONVERSATION**

Mia jots "Ashley Tisdale" on a dry erase board.

MIA You and your damn Disney Originals...

ROSIE Your goddamn right me and my "damn Disney Originals!" It's grade-A cinema.

MAX I don't know...I kinda liked Camp Rock.

Mia gives him a look like she's saying "really?!" Max shrugs.

QUIZZO HOST Alright answers up!

Everyone throws up their boards. Some right, some wrong.

QUIZZO HOST (CONT'D) Ashley Tisdale is the correct answer!

ROSIE Woo! Disney's my shit, bitch!

### INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - HALLWAY - SAME

A confused partygoer recoils from Rosie's "celebration."

## INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - BATHROOM - SAME

KNOCK. Rosie looks to the door. Shit.

ROSIE Ah shit. Gotta go guys.

## INTERCUT -- FACETIME CONVERSATION

MIA You telling me I gotta depend on Max to carry us through?

MAX Hey! When have I ever failed you before?

MIA (shakes head) Oh Maximillian...

Another KNOCK. Rosie tip toes out of the tub, holding a pitcher of water.

ROSIE You guys better win this for me.

MAX Of course! We're like Bonnie and Clyde the two of us!

#### MIA

Didn't they end up dead in the middle of Bumblefuck?

Max shrugs.

Rosie smirks as she disconnects. She opens the door. The same confused partygoer from outside eyes her cautiously...

ROSIE ...What? I like Disney Originals. Sue me!

CONFUSED PARTY GUY I run the largest personal injury law firm in Northern Virginia.

ROSIE On second thought, don't sue me.

#### INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - SERVING AREA - NIGHT

Black tie affair. This is the type of party with caviar and cocktails. DC's most powerful.

Rosie waddles through the party, pouring drinks for one guest to the next. So much for "I'm no one's coffee girl..."

# BRIAN (O.S.)

Hey Rosie!

Rosie turns around. It's Brian. He's waves for her to come over. Towering over him is his father, FRANK MEEHAN (60s) -- commanding in stature and personality.

Rosie trudges to the two Meehans.

FRANK So this is the new intern, huh?

Frank extends a cup. Rosie starts filling.

FRANK (CONT'D) Not bad, Bri. Wish she was around when I was in Congress.

Frank grins. Brian laughs, indulging his father -- Ha ha! Sexism! Rosie responds with the death stare. These motherfuckers...

> BRIAN Rosie, this is my father, Frank Meehan.

> FRANK Oh now he starts respecting me. Only took 'em forty-five years.

Frank laughs. Brian follows -- a real Daddy's boy.

FRANK (CONT'D) Y'know you're already a better intern than he ever was. He spent most of his time getting high in the Speaker's office.

BRIAN

Hey!

FRANK Well it's true, no?

ROSIE You interned for your Dad? BRIAN Like GPA means anything.

More obnoxious laughter. Nepotism's a real bitch. Fuck. Rosie watches in contempt.

# INT. APARTMENT - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Hair frizzed. Makeup running low. Rosie slumbers inside. What a long, fucking night.

She spots an oversized t-shirt lying on the couch. She picks it up. Hmm...did Mia bring a guy over?

MIA (0.S.) We came in third. All they had were these big ass t-shirts. The price for winning bronze I guess.

ROSIE It's perfect.

MIA First place got you free drinks so next time you're comin' with.

ROSIE Of course! Like I'd miss getting drunk for free with you.

MIA That's a promise, Rosebud.

They smile.

### INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Rosie in bed -- staring blankly at the ceiling. She's wearing the oversized t-shirt. Beat.

ROSIE Coffee girl my ass!

She jumps up and sprints to the desk, opening her laptop. No fucks left to give.

#### **ON COMPUTER SCREEN**

A policy report on prescription drug reform.

#### QUICK MONTAGE:

1.) Rosie reading through the report. She jots notes down in her notepad.

2.) Rosie opens a word doc. She starts typing. The long night's getting longer.

3.) Twilight. Rosie types and types and types...and finally stops!

4.) Morning. Pages upon pages shoot out of a printer. Damn.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Coffee girl my ass.

The pages pile up...

#### INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - DAY

Steely-eyed. Gripping the bill. Rosie's on a fucking mission.

#### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Rosie makes a rush for Brian's office.

ED Hey can you get me a cappuci--

ROSIE (blunt) Fuck off.

ED

Huh?

#### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Rosie storms in.

ROSIE Did you know more than nine-in-ten voters believe prescription drug prices are too high? No response. Brian's uh...well...sleeping. Taxpayer's money hard at work. Rosie stares at him in disbelief.

Rosie SLAMS the report on the desk! Brian jumps up from his "break."

BRIAN I-I plead the fifth! (spots Rosie) Oh. Uh...hey. Pretty fun last night, right?

ROSIE No. But did you know more than nine-in-ten voters believe drug prices are too high?

BRIAN

What?

ROSIE So let's do something about it.

Rosie gestures to the report. Brian picks it up.

BRIAN

What's this?

ROSIE Oh y'know. A policy report. Legislation. The things we're supposed to be working on.

BRIAN

Uh...

ROSIE You asked for my help. Well there it is.

Brian skims through it. It's like he's never seen one before.

BRIAN This is...a lot.

ROSIE Well it takes work to do work.

BRIAN Hmm...I tell you what. I got a townhall up in Philly this weekend. I'll read it over, jot some notes, and we'll work on it next week. ROSIE You serious?

BRIAN What? You think they pay me to do nothing? C'mon it'll be fun!

ROSIE (cautiously) ...Alright.

Here's to hoping.

# INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Rosie walks out of Brian's office, closing the door.

ED About that cappuci--

ROSIE The "fuck off" still applies, Edward.

Ed stares into the distance. Blank stare for a blank man.

RING! It never stops. Rosie picks up the phone.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Good afternoon. Congressman Meehan's office.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE)

Hey.

ROSIE You again, huh? Beginning to think you got a crush on me.

### INT. SEX SHOP - SAME

Sheena looking through...well...sex toys. Whips, dildos, etc.

INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION

SHEENA Well I always had a thing for girls who yell at me over the phone.

ROSIE Guess I'm off to a good start then. Guess so.

#### ROSIE

You want me to read the script or do you wanna skip to the yelling part? I'm good with foreplay if you wanna start slow.

#### SHEENA

Ha! Well, no. I just wanna say...sorry. You shouldn't be blamed for someone else's dickery.

ROSIE

Oh. Well thanks I guess. Although you guessed right on the coffee girl thing.

Sheena strangles a dildo in anger. Thank god it ain't real.

SHEENA

That dick!

A guy stares at Sheena -- more than a little scared.

ROSIE No, no! Everything's settled I think.

#### SHEENA

Ah. Well I promise I'll limit my rants in person. Doesn't really hit quite as hard when you're yelling over the phone to the intern.

ROSIE

Well if it makes you feel better, your rants were always my favorite.

#### SHEENA

Aww! Hey maybe I'll call once in a blue moon? You know. For nostalgia's sake.

ROSIE Oh looking forward to it...

SHEENA So um-uh...hope your life goes amazing, blah, blah, blah. You know the deal. SHEENA See ya intern.

ROSIE See ya crazy phone person.

They disconnect. Sheena looks at the dildo.

#### SHEENA

Am I crazy?

The dildo doesn't respond.

SHEENA (CONT'D) That's what I thought.

#### EXT. QUIZZO BAR - DAY

Rosie dances her way to the bar entrance as Mia and Max follow behind.

MIA Save the dancing for after we win. You're gonna jinx it.

Rosie keeps up the goofiness. She starts humming "Pink Champagne" by Ariana Grande.

MAX The hell you doing?

MIA She always gets into an old-school Ari mood when she's happy.

Rosie grabs Mia and forces her to join in on the dancing.

#### ROSIE

Lemme hear you say, ooh, ooh. Can't keep it bottled up...

Mia can't help it. She loves Ari too. Max is visibly disturbed by his two friends.

ROSIE AND MIA (CONT'D) ...Make it pop, like pink champagne in the purple rain! We're gonna paint, paint, paint the city! We're gonna show off all our pretty. Pretty, in a pink champagne. (MORE) ROSIE AND MIA (CONT'D) Let 'em know our names! Screaming so loud, they'll hear us in L.A.--

Rosie's phone BUZZES. It's Brian. Shit.

MIA (CONT'D) --We're popping, like pink champagne. Aye, aye!

ROSIE Oh shit. Pause the karaoke there for a sec.

Rosie wanders to a quieter area.

MIA C'mon Max, join in! Ariana loves you too.

MAX

Uh...

### EXT. D.C. STREET - DAY

Rosie answers.

#### ROSIE

Hello?

BRIAN (V.O. PHONE) Hey Rosie! Gonna need you up in Philly tonight. Kind of an emergency.

Are you fucking serious?

#### ROSIE

...What?

BRIAN (V.O. PHONE) Don't ask questions. Please. Got no time for that. Just get here by 8:30. I'll text the details. See ya there!

Click! Oh he's fucking serious! Rosie glances at Mia. She's still singing. Goddamnit. Rosie starts dialing an Uber.

### EXT. QUIZZO BAR - MOMENTS LATER

Rosie lumbers back to Mia and Max.

MIA Thank god! Mr. Cohen over here's too shy for a duet. (back to singing) Make it pop, like pink champa--ROSIE I gotta go. MIA Oh c'mon! My singing ain't that bad. Max "coughs." Mia lightly pushes him. MAX Ow! MIA I barely touched you! ROSIE No I mean like I gotta go. Like really gotta go. Like get to Philly in four hours or I think my ass is fired gotta go. MAX Seriously? What kinda asshole is this guy? MIA The APAB kind it seems. The Uber arrives. ROSIE Mia, please. I'm trying to start a career here. Rosie jumps inside. MIA It ain't worth it if you're miserable and treated like shit. Ask my Dad. Rosie ignores her as the Uber drives off... INT. BUS STATION - AFTERNOON

Rosie running to the front desk. Huffing and puffing.

ROSIE Are there...anymore...busses...to Phila...delphia...today?

#### BUS CLERK

Uh...

Somehow Rosie finds renewed energy and starts SCREAMING.

ROSIE Are there anymore damn busses to Philadelphia today?!

Everyone stops to look at her. Uh oh. Was that too loud?

BUS CLERK (terrified) ...Y-Y-Yes!

ROSIE (innocent) I'll um...have one ticket, please.

The clerk hands her a ticket. He's scared shitless.

Rosie looks around -- a little embarrassed.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Uh...thanks...

Rosie runs off!

### EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

The bus rolls along I-95. It passes the skylines of Baltimore, Wilmington, and finally Philadelphia.

#### EXT. PHILLY BUS TERMINAL - NIGHT

And...she's off! Rosie runs out of the bus.

#### EXT. PHILLY STREET - NIGHT

Rosie jogs. She checks her phone. 8:23. Her jogging turns to running.

### EXT. UNIVERSITY - NIGHT

Rosie sprinting at full speed. She squeezes her way through a crowd and into a large college building.

### INT. UNIVERSITY - AUDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

A rather dreary showing -- just a few dozen scattered throughout. Rosie checks the time. 8:31. Close enough, right?

Brian pacing in the front of the room -- looking irritated. Rosie scrambles to him.

### BRIAN Jesus. Late much?

ROSIE

It's--

BRIAN Late is late. Forget the excuses. I need you on microphone duties.

Um...what?

ROSIE ...Microphone duties?

BRIAN Yeah. You believe this school cheaped out on getting a mic guy?

Rosie's face says it all -- unpaid for this shit?

# INT. UNIVERSITY - AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

Brian in politician mode. He's a natural born bullshitter.

BRIAN ...to be honest working in Congress isn't very fun!

The audience laughs. Ha ha ha...fools.

BRIAN (CONT'D) But I'm there every day 'cause I work for you. And I'll never stop fighting for the city I love.

Applause. They're eating his shit up. He revels in the glory. Rosie cringes.

### INT. UNIVERSITY - AUDITORIUM - MOMENTS LATER

A man raises his arm. Of course he's in the middle. Rosie trips attempting to step over someone's legs. *Silence...*
Faceplanted on the floor, Rosie extends the microphone to the man. He grabs it without much worry for her.

TOWNHALL MAN Um-uh...what is your favorite amendment?

Still on the floor, Rosie silently mouths "what the fuck?"

BRIAN Wow. What a great question. There's so many good ones, it's hard to pick just one.

Rosie cringes in disgust. She knows he's full of shit.

BRIAN (CONT'D) ...But if I had to pick, I'd go with numero uno. I mean without free speech, how could I hear all these great questions?

Applause. Seriously? Rosie silently mouths "bullshit."

On to the next one. Rosie spots a woman with her arm raised. It's Sheena. She's incognito -- wearing sunglasses and a Batman hat. Rosie grumbles and trudges her way to the back.

#### SHEENA

(swipes microphone) What is your position on lowering the costs of prescription drugs?

That voice. That question. Rosie's face says it all.

BRIAN As a staunch advocate for the middle class, I have dedicated my--

SHEENA --career standing up to the yada, yada, yada. Same old, same old Brian.

Sheena thrusts the microphone back to Rosie and storms out. Awkward beat.

BRIAN No more questions. Thank you for a wonderful evening.

# INT. UNIVERSITY - AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

Everyone's gone but Rosie and Brian. Brian paces back and forth -- Rosie watching in contempt.

BRIAN I shoulda known she'd show up. When I said "ignore the wackjobs", I meant people like her.

ROSIE D'you ever read my report?

Brian looks lost. Sounds like a "no."

ROSIE (CONT'D) ...nevermind.

Yep. That's a "no."

# INT. HOTEL - LOBBY - NIGHT

Rosie slogs herself to the elevators. Waiting with her is LARRY SCHECK (40s) and a little chubby. *Ding*. They go in.

## INT. HOTEL - ELEVATOR - CONTINUOUS

LARRY

Floor?

ROSIE

Six.

LARRY

Same.

# INT. HOTEL - FLOOR SIX - NIGHT

Larry gently knocks on Room 606. Rosie unlocks Room 605. Just as she's about to go in, 606 swings open...

SHEENA (O.S.) Took ya long enough. Jesus, Lar.

Rosie turns around. It's Sheena -- back in black latex. Rosie blushes a bit.

ROSIE

Y-You..

SHEENA Oh shit! The intern! The intern! He's a dick, right?

ROSIE Don't insult dicks. At least some of them provide pleasure.

SHEENA On occasion I suppose...right, Lar?

Larry shrugs.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Well 'least you realized it early.

ROSIE Even early's too late for him.

SHEENA I know. I wasted a year workin' for the schmuck.

ROSIE (depressed) Oh god I don't know if I can survive a year.

SHEENA Just quit. Trust me. Ain't worth his shit. I'm Sheena by the way.

ROSIE Oh-uh...Rosie.

LARRY

I'm Larry.

SHEENA No one asked Lar! Now get the hell inside before I send you back downstairs!

Larry obliges and deflates inside Sheena's room.

SHEENA (CONT'D) He likes it when I insult him. Sort of a dom-sub thing, y'know?

ROSIE ...I take it that makes you the dom?

SHEENA For him at least. I can play both.

Larry waves a bundle of cash inside. The door's still open.

LARRY Hey should I put this on the counter?

SHEENA (turns to him) Shut the hell up Larry! Talk when I tell you to talk! (to Rosie) It's fun being a dom.

Rosie blushes.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Gotta go to work now. But knowing him, this shouldn't take too long... (looks to Larry) Right Lar?

LARRY (O.S.) As always, Sheena!

SHEENA See ya Rosie.

Sheena winks and closes the door. Rosie looks on, a little shocked. She shakes her head and turns for her room...

## INT. HOTEL - ROOM 605 - CONTINUOUS

Rosie lumbers to bed, flopping backwards. She closes her eyes. Relaxation. Finally. Enjoy it while it lasts.

She opens her eyes. An idea's forming. Fuck it. She rushes for the door.

# INT. HOTEL - FLOOR SIX - CONTINUOUS

Rosie repeatedly knocks on Room 606.

SHEENA (0.S.) Quit your simping and let me answer the damn door!

Rosie backs off. Sheena answers.

ROSIE Run against him.

SHEENA This line again, huh...

ROSIE No, for real this time. Run against him.

Sheena looks back inside 606.

INT. HOTEL - ROOM 606 - SAME

Larry handcuffed on the bed.

## INT. HOTEL - FLOOR SIX - SAME

Rosie takes a peek inside.

ROSIE

Damn!

LARRY Hi again, Rosie.

SHEENA Uh...gimme like five minutes.

ROSIE

Five?

Sheena shrugs and closes the door. Rosie sits down against the wall. God knows what's going on in that room...

## INT. HOTEL - FLOOR SIX - MOMENTS LATER

Rosie still sitting...the door swings open. Rosie jumps up as Sheena and Larry exit. All professionally-dressed.

> SHEENA Any stocks I should pay attention to, Lar?

LARRY Clean Theory Tech. CTT. It's a good company.

SHEENA C-T-T. Got it. See ya next week. LARRY As always. Nice meeting you Rosie.

ROSIE Uh...yeah. You too, Larry...

Rosie waits for Larry to leave.

ROSIE (CONT'D) That sounded intense.

SHEENA

Ever since I watched When Harry Met Sally, my fake orgasms have intensified ten-fold.

ROSIE Huh. Thank god for Meg Ryan I guess. So uh...my room or yours?

SHEENA Well my room's a little mess--

ROSIE My room it is.

SHEENA

(nods) Good choice.

## INT. HOTEL - ROOM 605 - NIGHT

Sheena lying on the bed while Rosie paces in front -- a little manic. Revenge will do that to a girl.

ROSIE This asshole's on the fast track to the White House if we don't stop him.

SHEENA Of course. He's been groomed by Daddy ever since he spoke his first lie.

ROSIE

Ugh...

SHEENA Two Meehans. Two bullshitters. Gotta love nepotism. ROSIE So let's do this.

SHEENA Usually when people say "let's do this?" to me, they're trying to get me to do anal...not run for Congress.

ROSIE Revenge is better than anal.

SHEENA Bold claim, Rosie.

Sheena picks herself up, standing on the bed.

SHEENA (CONT'D) If we do this, we do it with no bullshitting, no asskissing. I ain't stooping to Meehan's level.

Rosie hops on next to her. Arm extended.

ROSIE No bullshitting, no asskissing.

Sheena thinks for a beat.

SHEENA You're one crazy bitch, Rosie.

Sheena claps Rosie's hand. And here they go...

## INT. HOTEL - ROOM 605 - MORNING

Rosie and Sheena lying next to each other in bed. They've been up all night...they look like it too.

SHEENA Run it by me again.

ROSIE All we need is a thousand signatures to get on the ballot.

SHEENA

Then?

ROSIE Then we need to overcome a massive political machine and beat a family dynasty. SHEENA That's it? Easy peasy.

ROSIE

Yeah...

Rosie picks herself up, grabbing a pillow. She starts beating it like it's hanging meat in a Rocky movie.

Sheena eyes her worriedly. Uh...

SHEENA The hell the pillow ever do to you?

ROSIE I'm imagining... (slams pillow) it's that douchebag boss of mine.

SHEENA Oooh good idea. Hold on a sec.

Sheena jumps out of bed and races to the door. She exits.

A few moments later, she reemerges, holding a leather flogger. She takes a pillow and starts whipping it.

> SHEENA (CONT'D) Take it like a man, you worthless, lazy-ass scumbag!

The two girls continue their beatings...

## INT. HOTEL - ROOM 505 - SAME

The floor below. A worried PRIEST looks up at the ceiling, terrified.

SHEENA (O.S.) Take it like a man!

ROSIE (0.S.) You worthless, little bitch!

The priest starts praying in Spanish, making the sign of the cross. *Jesus*.

#### INT. HOTEL - ROOM 605 - LATER

Rosie and Sheena flopped on the bed -- exhausted. What a pillow fight!

#### SHEENA

That was intense. Real seventh grade slumber party vibes.

ROSIE

Yeah... (beat) Hey-uh...what made you finally leave Meehan?

#### SHEENA

Well. I went to college for this sorta thing, y'know? I was excited at first, but...

ROSIE

But what?

#### SHEENA

Well being a State Rep wasn't big enough for the schmuck. He wanted to follow Daddy's footsteps into Congress. He wanted the endorsements, the money. And the only way to do that in this business is to kiss ass. I didn't want to spend my life kissing the ass of an asskisser so I quit. Plus he was a creep.

ROSIE ...You're right.

#### SHEENA

'Bout what?

ROSIE He is a schmuck.

They both crack up. Yes. He. Is.

#### EXT. PHILLY BUS TERMINAL - DAY

Rosie and Sheena drift with a line as people hop inside the bus. Sheena's shivering. She's wearing her Batman hat.

SHEENA Damn it's freezing.

ROSIE Get used to it. We're gonna be canvassing like hell next weekend. SHEENA You got it all planned out, don't ya? ROSIE What can I say? When I'm out for revenge, I take life by the balls... (curls up fist)

and crush it.

SHEENA (playful) Damn. You'd make a good dom.

Rosie blushes as she steps onto the bus. Sheena grabs her arm.

SHEENA (CONT'D)

Hey.

Rosie looks back.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Don't let him humiliate you. He doesn't deserve the satisfaction. No boss does. (winks) Plus I'm the one who humiliates. Just ask Larry.

Rosie winks back. They smile.

# INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - DINING AREA - NIGHT

Rosie, Mia, and Max lying on the floor. Together they make a circle. One waitress, one busboy, one nurse. Three friends.

MAX So you're a half-waitress, halfintern, and now you're running a sex worker's political campaign...that's one hell of a resume.

MIA More political spy than intern. Give her credit at least.

ROSIE Yeah, yeah. Let's go with "spy." Sounds more badass. Secret agent...Rosie Vasquez.

ΜΤΑ That is badass. ROSIE I know, right? MAX I gotta update my resume. I still got 'babysitting' on there. MIA Being babysat at sixteen doesn't count as workplace experience, Max. MAX Ha. Ha. Ha. Funny, funny Mia. Rosie smirks -- thank god for friends. ROSIE So you guys in? MAX Like you need to ask! MIA Of course! Well...on one condition. "One condition?" Uh oh... ROSIE Oh this sounds devious. Mia gives off a devilish smirk.

# INT. QUIZZO BAR - NIGHT

Quizzo. The heat of battle. Our three heroes in their fortress of solitude -- a booth, drinking of course.

QUIZZO HOST (into microphone) Name the three cartoon elves best known as mascots for Rice Krispies cereal.

MAX Snap, Crackle, and Pop. C'mon! Gimme a challenge at least.

Rosie jots "Snap, Crackle, and Pop" onto the whiteboard.

MIA History you know jack of all shit, but cereal you're Albert effing Einstein? ROSIE To be fair, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. MAX Exactly. Don't go disrespecting cereal. QUIZZO HOST Answers up! Rosie whips the whiteboard up in the air. QUIZZO HOST (CONT'D) And the answer is...Tony the Tiger! MAX (0.S.) Like hell it is! OUIZZO HOST Just kidding! It's Snap, Crackle, and Pop. MAX See? MTA

# Oh Maximillian...

## QUICK MONTAGE:

A variety of odd-ball answers etched on the whiteboard:

- 1.) Chicago Bulls
- 2.) Battle of Midway
- 3.) 1968
- 4.) Annexation of Puerto Rico

5.) Toucan Sam -- Max looks so proud of himself. Mia shakes her head in disbelief...

## INT. QUIZZO BAR - NIGHT

Rosie stares into the eyes of your typical, obnoxious FRAT BOY. His Delta Omega-whatever comrades huddle behind him. QUIZZO HOST Sudden death! Which famed character actor portrayed the supervillain, The Riddler, in the 1966 TV adaptation of Batman? Oh shit. Both Rosie and the frat boy look lost as hell. ROSIE Uh...uh... FRAT BOY Batman's that old? QUIZZO HOST Ten seconds. MTA C'mon Rosebud! ROSIE Shit!

> QUIZZO HOST Times up! In the case of a tie, both players are allowed to phone a friend. The first to get the correct answer wins. Go!

The frat boy starts dialing.

MIA C'mon Rosebud! Free drinks are at stake!

ROSIE Shit, shit, shit. Uh...

## EXT. PHILLY BUS TERMINAL (QUICK FLASH)

The same scene as before with Rosie and Sheena. Sheena wears her Batman hat loud and proud.

# INT. QUIZZO BAR (PRESENT)

Fuck it. Rosie starts dialing...

## INT. GYM - SAME

Sheena on a treadmill. Her phone BUZZES -- she answers.

SHEENA Yo Rosie. What's--

INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION

ROSIE Who played The Riddler in the 1966 version of Batman?

SHEENA Frank Gorshin.

ROSIE Frank Gorshin!

QUIZZO HOST Frank Gorshin's correct!

Rosie, Mia, and Max go wild! Sheena hears all of this from her phone -- the hell they screaming about...?

SHEENA Uh...yeah! Frank Gorshin!

A fellow treadmill RUNNER eyes Sheena cautiously. Yikes.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Got something to say?

### INT. QUIZZO BAR - NIGHT

Things have settled down quite a bit. Rosie and the gang are at their booth -- this time drunk as hell.

MIA Goddamn I love free alcohol. How the hell else am I gonna rationalize bad sex?

MAX Hey don't go disrespecting "bad sex!" I take that personally.

ROSIE Yeah, yeah! Who needs a trophy when you got--

Rosie hiccups.

ROSIE (CONT'D) --free drinks and bad drunk sex? (raises glass) To Sheena, Frank Gorshin and bad drunk sex!

MIA AND MAX To Sheena, Frank Gorshin, and bad drunk sex!

# INT. GYM - SAME

Sheena still on the treadmill. Sober as a nun.

SHEENA Well I guess there's worse things to drink to.

#### INTERCUT -- FACETIME CONVERSATION

They all down their shots.

MIA First Quizzo, next the White House!

#### SHEENA

Woah! Despite my reputation as such, I ain't no masochist. Let's focus on beating the schmuck first.

#### MIA

(salutes) Sir yes ma'am!

ROSIE

Oooh "beating the schmuck!" That sounds more like sadism. (raises glass) To beating the schmuck and sadism!

MIA AND MAX To beating the schmuck and sadism!

SHEENA Uh...sure. I can imagine getting drunk to that. (raises imaginary glass) To beating the schmuck and sadism!

The runner from earlier peers over at Sheena.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Who you, the Virgin Mary? I'd like to see your Pornhub history.

RUNNER It's a lot of MILFs.

SHEENA Well as a future MILF myself, I appreciate the support.

MAX MILFs helped me through middle school. Those were tough years man.

ROSIE "Tough years?" Maxey, you were thirteen beating your dick. It wasn't Vietnam.

Max shrugs.

MIA How the hell d'you convince anyone to sleep with you?

MAX Oh y'know Mia... (winks at Mia) just my natural charm.

Mia blushes and cringes at the same time. She looks over to Rosie and twirls her finger in a circle, making the "cuckoo" sign.

Rosie mimics Mia and nods, smiling all the way.

## INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Brian gazes into an imaginary crowd. He looks so proud of himself -- playing 'make-believe' with Ed.

BRIAN --do solemnly swear.

ED That I will faithfully execute.

BRIAN That I will faithfully execute.

ED The office of President of the United States. BRIAN The office... (starts crying) of President of the United States. ED And will to the best of my ability. BRIAN (still crying) And will...to the best of my...ability. ED Preserve, protect and defend. BRIAN Preserve...protect...and defend. EDThe Constitution of the United States. BRIAN The-The Constitution... (breaking down) of the U-U-United States. ED So help you God. BRIAN So help me... (wipes tears) God. ED(starts clapping) Congratulations Mr. President! BRIAN I did it. I did it, Dad!

Rosie watches from the corner, holding a cup of coffee. What the fuck...

BRIAN (CONT'D) (snaps fingers) Coffee time. Rosie obliges. Brian waves his hand, expecting more.

# ROSIE

Um...yes sir.

Brian clears his throat -- "yes sir" ain't enough.

ROSIE (CONT'D) ...Mr. President.

Ed claps. Brian revels in faux glory. Rosie cringes. Oy vey.

## EXT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - SIDEWALK - DAY

Rosie, Mia, and Max schlepping boxes stocked with signs, pamphlets, etc. They stop in front of Sheena's garage.

# ON GARAGE DOOR

Taped against the garage door is a PIECE OF PAPER. It reads "Sheena Keaton for Congress HQ :)"

MAX Well she's got good handwriting. Already more qualifications than most of Congress.

Rosie gives a *deep breath*. She sets her boxes down and knocks on the garage. It opens.

# EXT./INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - GARAGE - CONTINUOUS

The garage is packed. A few dozen. Mostly women, but a scattering of guys too. A very chatty group -- all friends.

FWEEP! Sheena whistles, commanding from the hood of a wornout car. Everyone looks up.

> SHEENA Alright, alright. Settle down you degenerates.

> HUNKY GUY "Degenerates?" You're the biggest one here!

SHEENA (provocatively, winks) Well you're one to talk. Plenty of playful "oohs and ahs." Sheena's got the whole room transfixed -- Rosie especially. It's the *IT FACTOR*.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Now some of youse wanna call me crazy for doing this.

GRREN HAIRED GIRL That's 'cause you are!

SHEENA

(winks) I never said I wasn't.

Sheena's friends whistle and holler some more -- she's got them hooked.

SHEENA (CONT'D) But when it comes to maniac ideas, every Batman needs their Robin, right?

Everyone agrees like what she's saying is so obvious.

SHEENA (CONT'D) My Robin just so happens to be a Rosie.

Rosie blushes as Sheena motions for her to come join her. She runs up. The crowd cheers as she hops up next to Sheena.

> SHEENA (CONT'D) (whispers) You're up, Robin.

ROSIE (whispers) Why can't I be Batman?

SHEENA 'Cause I am, silly!

Sheena jumps off. Rosie takes in the crowd.

ROSIE I wanna talk to you all about a subject near and dear to my heart. (anticipation rises) Mean Girls.

Curiosity turns to mild confusion.

(whispers, to Mia) Mean Girls?

MIA

She always gets into a Mean Girls mood when she's out for revenge. It's only rivaled by her love for Kirsten Dunst movies when she's madly in looove.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - GARAGE - LATER

Rosie commanding from the car. She's got black eye paint under her eyes. A tad dramatic, but okay.

#### ROSIE

The world is run by Regina Georges. Now what do Regina Georges do? They manipulate us. They lie to our faces. They tell us how great we are. They call our bracelets cute. (valley girl accent) Oh my god, I love your bracelet! Where did you get it? Is it Guuci? (normal voice) But when we turn our backs, that's when the true Reginas come out. They laugh at us. They belittle us. They take advantage of us. We're the peasants and they're the Queenbees. They even got the gall to make fun of our bracelets for god's sake!

(valley girl accent)
That is the ugliest effing bracelet
I have ever seen.

GRREN HAIRED GIRL How dare they!

ROSIE

Exactly! How dare they? All our bracelets are cute. No matter the shape, no matter the color, no matter the price!

Rosie's on a roll. Everyone's getting into it now.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Now who does that make us? MIA

Lindsay Lohan!

ROSIE Yes! We're Lindsay goddamn Lohan.

SHEENA (whispers to Mia) How'd you know that?

## MIA

She forces me to watch her movies at least once a week.

## ROSIE

Let me tell you something about Lindsay Lohan. She takes shit from no one. She's been ridiculed and libeled and pushed around...and yet she's still here kicking ass and taking names. And so are we. I'm a Lindsay Lohan. (points to the crowd) You're a Lindsay Lohan! (points to Sheena)

Sheena Keaton is a Lindsay goddamn Lohan!

And the crowd goes wild!

Rosie grabs a SHEENA KEATON FOR CONGRESS sign.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Every Regina George thinks the world owes them the favor of electing them Spring Fling Queen. (shakes head) Well tough shit, Regina. This crown belongs to the Lindsay Lohans of the world. (waves sign) This crown belongs to Sheena Keaton!

Pandemonium! It's more Coachella than C-SPAN. Sheena runs to the front and hops on next to Rosie. They grasp hands and raise their arms up -- two Lindsays ready for war.

## EXT. ROWHOUSE - DAY

Rosie holding a clipboard stacked with ballot petitions. She knocks. A man in his fifties answers. He scans her suspiciously.

ROSIE (cheerful) Hello! My name's Rosie and I want to--

The man SLAMS the door shut. Oof.

Rosie waits a beat, then cheerfully turns around. On to the next one!

# MONTAGE BEGINS:

Something like "Ultimate" by Lindsay Lohan plays.

#### EXT. ROADWAY - DAY (MONTAGE)

Volunteers stamp **SHEENA KEATON FOR CONGRESS** signs into the ground.

#### EXT. PARK - DAY (MONTAGE)

Volunteers hand out pamphlets. People are more than happy to take them. It never hurts to have an army of attractive twenty-somethings as your volunteers.

#### ON CLIPBOARD

People signing their names.

# EXT. HOUSE - DAY (MONTAGE)

Max knocks. A gruff-looking man answers. Before Max can get a word in, the man starts berating him. Mia sees this.

She runs up and screams at the man. He's speechless. The man fearfully writes his signature and cowers back inside. Mia and Max smile at one another.

# INT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT (MONTAGE)

Rosie and Sheena counting ballot papers. Everyone hovering over them.

# EXT. COLLEGE CAMPUS - DAY (MONTAGE)

Sheena talking to students. Rosie's taking signatures.

#### ON CLIPBOARD

More people signing their names.

# EXT. ART MUSEUM - DAY (MONTAGE)

Rosie and Sheena racing up the famous "Rocky steps." Rosie wins. She jumps in the air like Rocky, mocking Sheena.

Sheena playfully flashes the finger in return. Rosie fakes like she's offended.

## INT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT (MONTAGE)

Rosie and Sheena finish counting. They look at each other in disbelief. They jump up in celebration, hugging and screaming all the same.

Everyone starts celebrating with them.

# INT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT (MONTAGE)

The song is winding down. Everyone downing shots and dancing. Sheena dumps champagne on Rosie. Big Mardi Gras vibes.

## INT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT

Things have settled down. Mia brings four glasses of beer to a booth where Rosie, Sheena, and Max are already sitting.

Everyone's a bit wasted. A few volunteers karaoke in the back.

ROSIE (whispers) You wanna know a secret?

SHEENA (whispers) What?

ROSIE (motions to Max) This guy ain't even twenty-one yet.

Sheena GASPS is faux astonishment. Max tries to chug a beer. He can't quite do it. MAX

Hey! I'm like uh...like twenty and three quarters. You round that up and I'm like totally legal.

SHEENA As a future public servant, it's my sacred duty to report you. Now hands up!

Max gasps.

MAX

(tongue-in-cheek)
How dare you! Mia was uh...was
uh...was like right when she said
"all politicians are bastards."
Yeah. APAB.

# ROSIE AND MIA

Max!

Mia lightly smacks Max across the back of his head. Max spills some beer. Sheena snickers.

SHEENA

I like that! Maybe "all politicians are bastards" should be my campaign slogan? That's a winning message in the midwest. Battleground states, bitches.

MIA

Even if all politicians are bastards, you're like the cool kinda bastard, right? Like uh...like Ol' Dirty Bastard y'know?

ROSIE Or the Inglorious Bastards? Yeah. You and Brad Pitt.

SHEENA Kicking ass, scalping Nazis, and Brad Pitt. Hot.

The background karaoke song ends. Mia taps Max on the shoulder.

MIA Get up! Karaoke time!

# MAX

Oh no...

Mia and Max bumble their way to the karaoke machine.

SHEENA Now I've done my fair share of domsub, and that's dom-sub.

Rosie laughs.

ROSIE You're too honest for politics.

Sheena chugs a glass of beer. Unlike Max, she can handle it.

SHEENA Eh. I think it's just the alcohol. But what do I got to hide, right?

Rosie chugs some herself.

ROSIE (contemplating) Yeah...it's the alcohol.

They both crack up.

ROSIE (CONT'D) (overdramatic) Oh alcohol! No facade. No inhibition. Screw the haters!

SHEENA Yeah. "Screw the haters." I like that.

ROSIE Screw's a fun word.

SHEENA Don't tempt me now.

Rosie blushes.

SHEENA (CONT'D) (points backwards) Pool!

ROSIE

Um...

SHEENA Oh c'mon. Don't tell me you can't swim, Miss *Rosie Vasquez*!

## INT. PHILLY BAR - POOL TABLE - NIGHT

CRACK! A cue ball flies off the table. The dangerous combo of being drunk and terrible. We hear Mia and Max drunkenly singing in the back.

ROSIE

I knew I should taken those swim lessons.

SHEENA Screw swimming! You're the best campaign manager I could ask for.

ROSIE

Oh my god. I was like thinking uh...like...like thinking you're the best candidate I could ask for.

SHEENA Really? Oh my god. You're the best!

ROSIE

No you are!

They hug like long-lost friends.

SHEENA Now watch and learn how it's done Miss Rosie Vasquez.

Sheena tries to play. She misses. Whiff! Whiff! She throws the cue stick on the table.

SHEENA (CONT'D) (stares up at ceiling) Jesus, I know you've blessed me with incredible sexiness and all, but a little coordination wouldn't hurt either.

ROSIE I went on a date with a Jesús once. Total disaster. Became an atheist that night.

SHEENA Hot and funny. Damn Rosie. Leave a little for the rest of us.

ROSIE "Hot and funny." I'll make sure to put that on my Tinder bio. SHEENA I'll make sure to swipe right.

ROSIE I'll make sure to swipe right back.

ARIANA (0.S.) God you two are cringe.

ARIANA SERAFINE (20s) grabs a cue stick from the table and rubs chalk into it. Ariana's on the petite side.

SHEENA

Ariana!

Sheena runs up and hugs Ariana. Ariana drops the stick.

ARIANA A little too tight there, Sheen.

SHEENA I can't help it. You're too cute.

ROSIE Every Ariana's cute. The eleventh commandment. That's how we got Ariana Grande.

ARIANA "Eleventh commandment?" I thought you were an atheist?

ROSIE Even atheists believe in the holy divinity that is Ariana Grande.

SHEENA Screw Ariana. Avril's better.

Rosie and Ariana GASP in horror. The horror!

SHEENA (CONT'D) Us Avril girls have been discriminated for too long, damnit! You can't tell me she doesn't look hot as hell when she wears that tie.

Rosie and Ari think for a beat. They begrudgingly nod. She does.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Now excuse me Avril-haters but I gotta get more drunk. Yes. More. Sheena leaves for the bar. Presumably to get more drunk.

ARIANA She's definitely got a thing for you.

ROSIE (pretends to be shocked) What?! No...

ARIANA

And you got a thing for her too. I could see your imaginary boner from across the bar. Impressive size by the way.

ROSIE Now I know you're trolling. My imaginary penis is barely five inches.

Rosie takes the cue stick and attempts to play. Whiff. Whiff. Nothing. She eyes the cue stick with a perplexed look like it's got a vendetta against her.

ARIANA I've got a thing for this. Like a human Tinder. I can spot a romance...

Ariana snaps.

ARIANA (CONT'D) ...like that. And remember, "thou shall not lie to Ariana." The twelfth commandment.

ROSIE Shit. The twelfth. I forgot about the twelfth.

ARIANA

I knew it!

ROSIE Even if you're right, like...how would that even work? She's a--

ARIANA So? I'm an escort and I have a boyfriend.

ROSIE

Really?

Rosie squats up on the pool table. Ariana sits next to her.

ARIANA I like him and he likes me. Sheena likes and you and you like Sheena.

Sheena returns with a new glass. Presumably more drunk.

SHEENA What about Sheena? I know, I know. She's the greatest, right?

Ari playfully nudges Rosie. Rosie blushes.

#### INT. PHILLY BAR - KARAOKE - SAME

Mia at the karaoke machine -- drunk off her ass.

MIA Everyone get the hell over here! Group karaoke time! That means you, Rosebud!

## INT. PHILLY BAR - POOL TABLE - SAME

Sheena can't hide her excitement. She shoots down a drink and forces Rosie and Ariana to the karaoke machine.

### INT. PHILLY BAR - KARAOKE - CONTINUOUS

Everyone huddled around the karaoke machine.

MIA Okay, okay! The hell we singing to?

People shout different songs.

#### SHEENA

Excuse me! Excuse me! As the maid of honor in these festivities, I think it's only right if I make the decision.

Begrudging agreement.

SHEENA (CONT'D) And as a former skater girl back in my more angsty years... (winks at Rosie) (MORE) SHEENA (CONT'D) It's only fair I return the favor and sing one out for the queen skater girl herself, one Miss Avril Lavigne.

Drunken pandemonium. Sounds like a consensus.

# INT. PHILLY BAR - KARAOKE - MOMENTS LATER

Everyone singing Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er Boi." Everyone drunk. It'd be cringey if it weren't so amazing. Rosie's beaming. Drunken karaoke brings out the best in people.

#### INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - DAY

The daily monotony of nothingness. Rosie looks bored as hell. Completely zoned out. The phone RINGS. No response.

A few rings later...Ed throws a scrunched-up paper ball at her. She snaps out of her mental purgatory.

ED That's annoying me.

ROSIE

Ironic.

Ed's not sure if he's offended or not.

Rosie answers the phone.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Yo. Meehan's office.

he pays me nothing so...

UNPAID CALLER (V.O. PHONE) (nonchalant) Uh...what is Congressman Meehan's position on equal pay for women?

ROSIE Well I'm supposed to say he supports policies designed to close the wage gap, but I'm a woman and

Rosie turns to Ed.

# ON ED'S COMPUTER

Porn. Use your imagination.

Ed's too transfixed/horny to pay attention.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Of course if I was a dude I'd be paid nothing too so I guess that's sorta like equal pay.

UNPAID CALLER (V.O. PHONE) Unpaid here too.

ROSIE 'Least you're getting valuable experience.

UNPAID CALLER (V.O. PHONE) You can't pay Sallie Mae in valuable experience unfortunately.

ROSIE Speaking to the choir, comrade.

The door opens and Brian strides in with Frank. Both laughing their asses off as they head towards Brian's office.

FRANK ...at least Lewinsky gave head before she turned coat. These interns got a death wish, I swear.

Frank stops and puts his hand on Rosie's shoulder. Ew.

FRANK (CONT'D) No offense, señorita.

Father and son continue to sonny's office.

BRIAN (snaps) Coffee.

They exit. Rosie looks on in contempt.

ROSIE Gotta go. Coffee duties.

UNPAID CALLER (V.O. PHONE) Same. Lunch duties.

# INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Frank behind the desk -- clearly in command. Like he's back in Congress. Brian sits in front like a groveling lobbyist.

#### FRANK

Right now you're just one of four hundred thirty-five. That ain't special. That's nothing.

BRIAN You were one of four hundred thirty-five too.

#### FRANK

Yeah well I didn't have a rich daddy to get me there. No offense to your grandfather, of course. Poor bastard.

## BRIAN

So what do I do?

### FRANK

Kiss a little ass and clear the field. Donors are like horny school girls. You're young, attractive, charismatic enough. That's enough for these Richie Rich types.

BRIAN You think I can do it. Really?

Frank cringes.

#### FRANK

Listen, it's a lot more fun to be one of a hundred. That's why senators are elected president and Representative Joe Schmoe from Bumblefuck isn't.

Rosie enters, handing the coffee off to Brian.

FRANK (CONT'D) Ah señorita! Beautiful as always.

# ROSIE

(in Spanish; subtitled) Thank you. You look like the crypt keeper had sex with a deformed scrotum.

FRANK (oblivious) Gracias to you too.

Rosie smiles, politely. Cabrón.

Brian sips from the coffee. He recoils from the heat.

BRIAN

Shit!

FRANK Oh for Christ's sake.

Brian shoots Frank a look -- embarrassed. Rosie sneers as she exits.

FRANK (CONT'D) Screw her yet?

BRIAN

I wish.

FRANK Well the last one you let get away hates you enough to run against you so hurry it up or I'll have to do it.

BRIAN How should I do it?

FRANK Give her something to do. She's a waitress. She'll probably feel like she owes you.

#### BRIAN

I guess...

Brian takes another sip. He SPITS the coffee out. Hot!

FRANK Order a fucking slushie next time. Jesus.

## INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - DAY

Rosie hiding in a corner -- behind an American flag. She's on the phone with Sheena.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) You look like the crypt keeper had sex with a deformed scrotum...

ROSIE I hate to insult deformed scrotums like that, but it's the first thing that came to me. What do ya think?

# INT. HOTEL - ROOM 606 - SAME

Sheena standing on top of the bed. Beneath her is Larry, positioned for...well...a spanking. She's in all black latex, clenching a flogger. The phone's on speaker.

SHEENA Pretty funny. What do you think Larry?

Sheena WHIPS Larry with the flogger. He likes it.

# INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION

Rosie listens on like it's a perfectly normal conversation.

LARRY (V.O. PHONE) Yes, Sheena! It's funny. Oh god, yes it's funny!

SHEENA See? Even Larry agrees.

ROSIE Thanks Larry.

LARRY No problem, Ros--

Sheena flogs Larry again.

SHEENA When the hell did I give you permission to speak?

Rosie listens.

LARRY (V.O. PHONE) Sorry Sheena!

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) You better be sorry.

ROSIE So how our girls doing?

SHEENA The Jehovah's Witnesses would be jealous at our door-knocking prowess. Brian won't know what--

Rosie hears an audible WHIP from the other line.

LARRY (V.O. PHONE) Aaagh! More...please! SHEENA --hit him. ROSIE Jesus. Is Larry okay? SHEENA You okay, Lar? LARRY I'm okay, Rosie! SHEENA He's okay. So you coming up this weekend? ROSIE Of cour--BRIAN (O.S.) --Rosie! Shit. It's Brian. ROSIE Damn. Docuhe alert. DEFCON 1. Sheena whips Larry again. LARRY Aaagh! Why take it out on me? ROSIE (whispers) Shh. I'm putting you on speaker. Rosie hides her phone just as Brian reaches her. ROSIE (CONT'D) Hey! BRIAN

I gotta a job for you.

ROSIE

A job? Cool.

Sheena and Larry listen from the hotel room -- both silent. The quietest BDSM scene of all time. BRIAN (V.O. PHONE) You know that maniac who attacked me at the townhall awhile back?

ROSIE (V.O. PHONE) Oh yeah. The maniac girl. She was crazy, wasn't she?

BRIAN (V.O. PHONE) She's insane. Like Manson. Deluded enough to run against me in the primary.

Sheena flashes the middle finger at her phone.

ROSIE (pretends to be shocked) Wait...what?! She's running against you? What an entitled asshole!

#### BRIAN

I know, right? Not that it matters, really. I mean she's a nobody and nobodies don't win. But they can be dangerous. They have nothing to lose. So I need you to keep tabs on her. See what she's doing, what she's saying, y'know...a little field observation.

#### ROSIE

Field observation...okay cool. I can do that.

Like his father, Brian puts his hand on Rosie's shoulder. He starts rubbing it...

#### BRIAN

I know you can.

A couple awkward beats. Rosie's visibly taken aback -- trying to hide her disgust as best she can. Brian eventually stops.

BRIAN (CONT'D) Uh you do you, Rosie. You do...you.

ROSIE Uh...yeah. You too.

Brian stands there like an idiot before turning around and bumbling off. Rosie waits shellshocked for a beat.

ROSIE (CONT'D) What. The. Fuck.
SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) Did he just call me a nobody? Only my therapist can call me that.

Rosie takes Sheena off speaker.

ROSIE He just creepily rubbed my shoulder for what felt like an eternity.

Multiple loud whipping sounds.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) If he makes another move, tell me. I'll take an Uber and flog his ass personally.

ROSIE (blushes) We'll tag team it.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) Of course! Batman needs her Robin, after all. So...see ya this weekend?

ROSIE It's a date.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) Awesome. Can't wait.

Rosie smiles. You can tell she means it.

ROSIE Yeah. Me too.

Beat. Then another audible whip.

LARRY (V.O. PHONE) See ya, Rosie.

#### EXT. PHILLY PARK - AFTERNOON

A crowd of a hundred or so are watching Sheena who is quite literally standing atop a soapbox. Very old school.

Some supporters, some curious onlookers. A substantial crowd regardless. A growing crowd. She's speaking into a megaphone.

SHEENA I'm not a complex type of girl-- In the crowd, Larry rubs his ass. Guess it still hurts.

SHEENA (CONT'D) --but I can't help but be a little confused when we got four hundred thirty-five politicians who spend most of their time begging for money and kissing ass. Someone tell me what that accomplishes? Who does that help?

Someone in the crowd yells "Nobody!"

SHEENA (CONT'D) You're sure as hell right, "nobody!" I like money as much as the next girl. I mean I ain't gonna buy a PS5 with nothing, right? But goddamn I'd rather go to the hospital without fear of going bankrupt for once than play Call of Duty for the millionth time!

Applause and whistles.

#### EXT. PHILLY PARK - BACK OF CROWD - SAME

Rosie and Mia cheer with the rest of the crowd. Mia whistles.

MIA I feel ya, sister!

ROSIE Hell yeah! Screw Call of Duty!

MIA (to Rosie) She's standing on an actual soapbox.

ROSIE Hey we had to use something cheap.

Mia shrugs.

#### EXT. PHILLY PARK - SAME

SHEENA

Mr. Meehan, our distinguished representative, has voted against prescription drug reform, against healthcare reform, against protecting the environment.

Loud booing.

#### SHEENA (CONT'D)

Now personally, I'm the type of girl who thinks the environment should be protected and workers should be paid a living wage, but that's just me. If Brian Meehan disagrees, it's perfectly in his right to. That's why we have debates and I tell ya what...I'm looking forward to kicking his ass on that debate stage tomorrow night.

Loud cheering.

SHEENA (CONT'D) (innocently) Figuratively, of course.

Sheena winks. She's got them in the palm of her hands.

# EXT. PHILLY PARK - BACK OF CROWD - SAME

ROSIE "Figuratively" my ass.

Rosie's phone buzzes. She takes a look. It's Brian.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Speak of the douche.

Mia glances at Rosie's phone. She swipes it from Rosie.

MIA (answering phone) Hello! Rosie Vasquez speaking.

ROSIE

Mia!

Rosie attempts to get her phone back. Mia succeeds in repelling any attempt.

MIA Hi Bri! Oh just a cold. (fake coughs) Sore throat, you know.

Rosie stops.

MIA (CONT'D) She's doing terrible! She says she wants to kick your ass tomorrow. Sounds like she means it too. You should call the FBI or something. Oh? Yeah I wouldn't show up anyway. Why give her the attention. Yeah...yeah. I'll keep you updated. No problem. See ya, Bri!

Mia disconnects and offers the phone back to Rosie.

MIA (CONT'D) He's not showing up tomorrow. He's got a big fundraiser and "nobodies aren't worth the time."

Rosie stares blankly at Mia.

MIA (CONT'D) I was good, right?

MAX (0.S.) Eh. I think he's just stupid.

Max sidles next to the two girls. He's stuffing down a hotdog.

MIA Are you questioning my acting?

Max shrugs. Rosie smirks.

# EXT. PHILLY PARK - SAME

Sheena finishing up her speech.

SHEENA ...These DC types don't even got the dignity of spending money against us. They don't know who we are. They don't know we exist. And they don't care either. (beat) So let's make them care. (MORE) SHEENA (CONT'D) Let's make them worry. Let's make them panic. Let's win this thing!

And the audience goes wild! They wave their signs. They jump up and down. Is this C-SPAN or Bonnaroo?

> SHEENA (CONT'D) Oh-uh...thanks. Wow...

Sheena jumps off the soapbox and runs through the crowd. She sneaks her way to the back where Rosie and the gang are celebrating.

# EXT. PHILLY PARK - BACK OF CROWD - CONTINUOUS

Sheena reaches them...a little out of breath.

ROSIE That was amazing.

Sheena lights up.

SHEENA Really? I sorta winged the last half.

ROSIE I mean it. You were amazing.

SHEENA (blushes) Oh-uh thanks.

Rosie smiles. Mia nudges Max. They can see the romance. It's pretty damn obvious.

SHEENA (CONT'D) So we ready to kick some ass tomorrow?

MIA Unfortunately, pretty boy's a little busy tomorrow night. (imitates Brian) Big fundraiser, Rosie. Big.

SHEENA (sighs) Why are men so afraid of commitment?

MAX To be fair, we're afraid of a lot of things. MIA So that's why you force me to watch those horror movies with you. MAX I thought those were dates? MIA Oh Maximillian... Sheena nudges Rosie. They can see the romance too. ROSIE Don't worry guys. Mr. Meehan's gonna show whether he wants to or not. MTA How you gonna pull that? Rosie stares at Max. MAX Uh...Rosie? MIA Oh! Oh! Makeover? SHEENA Shit. Count me in. Rosie slowly nods. MAX Uh oh. **MAKEOVER MONTAGE:** 

Something like "Glamorous" by Fergie plays.

1.) Rosie and Sheena walk into a hair salon. Mia forces Max inside.

2.) Rosie shows the hairdresser a picture of Brian on her phone. The hairdresser examines the pictures, then looks at Max. She nods.

3.) The hairdresser going to town...there goes his Jewfro.

4.) Max, in full Brian-esque hair design, sits on a bench inside a Men's department store. He looks completely dumbfounded.

5.) Rosie, Sheena, and Mia sifting through the store -- hunting for the perfect set of clothes.

6.) Max comes out of a changing room. He doesn't look half bad! Rosie and Sheena clap. Mia sorta, kinda blushes. She tries to hide it.

7.) Sheena applying makeup to Max. He's starting to enjoy being pampered now.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - NIGHT

Rosie, Sheena, and Mia hovering around Max. They look impressed.

ROSIE (claps hands, very cheery) God I feel like Molly Ringwald when she gave that awful makeover to Ally Sheedy.

SHEENA Not gonna lie Max. You look hella cute like this. (teasing) Right Mia?

MIA (blushes) Huh?

#### MAX

Really?

Rosie and Sheena mock them -- making that "ooooohh" sound you hear in 90s sitcoms.

MIA Oh shut up.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - NIGHT

A decisively pro-Sheena crowd. Rosie sits in the back next to Mia and Ariana. She's recording the event off her phone.

The MODERATOR clears his throat.

MODERATOR So with that let's welcome the candidates starting with independent business woman Sheena Keaton.

Wild applause as Sheena glides to the podium. Sheena playfully models for the crowd. They eat it up.

ARIANA "Independent businesswoman?" I should put that on my resume.

Rosie smirks as she records.

MODERATOR (taken aback) Um...and uh Representative Brian Meehan.

Massive boos. Shouts of "you suck!" and "go to hell!"

ARIANA Eat shit, slimeball!

MIA Eat slime, shitball!

Ariana and Mia hi-five.

The audience waits...and waits. No Brian Meehan to be seen. The boos turn silent until...

Finally, Max tip toes from the back. The boos return in full force. Max plays it up like he's a pro wrestling villain.

MAX Yeah? Yeah? What you gonna do? I'm Brian *effing* Meehan! Your boos mean nothing to me! Nothing! Do you know who my Dad is?

The moderator looks completely bamboozled...

MODERATOR Uh...you're not Brain Meehan.

MAX Says who? (whips head left to right) I don't see another Brian Meehan here, do you? MODERATOR Should Tina Fey have taken Sarah Palin's place in her debate?

The entire audience responds in unison: "YES!"

MODERATOR (CONT'D) (shrugs) Alright, point taken.

Rosie smiles as she continues to record.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - LATER

The "debate" continues.

# MODERATOR

We now move to the second round where each of the uh...candidates will ask each other a question. Ms. Keaton, you'll have the first question for Representative...Meehan.

Max waves -- smiling like a doofus.

#### SHEENA

Representative Meehan...why didn't you show up for tonight's debate?

MAX Besides me being an entitled asshole?

SHEENA I mean that's self-explanatory.

# MAX

Of course. Of course. It's a well known fact. Well... (beat)

I don't believe my constituents are smart enough to make a decision for themselves. Furthermore, I want to run for Senate in two years so I gotta kiss a little ass to clear the field. That's why I'm spending the night at a billionaire's house fundraising instead of here at the debate. Gotta raise money somehow, right?

(MORE)

MAX (CONT'D) All in all, I'm just unsuited for any sorta thing revolving public service. That's why I'm not here.

Silence.

# MAX (CONT'D) Also, I'm an entitled asshole.

Cheers from the audience. The moderator's stunned. Wtf.

MODERATOR Um...do you have rebuttal?

Sheena "thinks" for a moment.

SHEENA Nah. I think "entitled asshole" covers the gist of it.

MAX See? Bipartisanship isn't dead! So let's vote Sheena Keaton for Congress on April 14th!

The audience goes crazy. Max bows. Someone runs up and hands him a SHEENA KEATON FOR CONGRESS sign. He starts waving it around as Rosie continues to record.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - GARAGE - NIGHT

A couple dozen Sheena supporters are huddled inside. It's a pretty jubilant mood.

Rosie jumps up on the hood of the car.

ROSIE (whistles) Yo!

Everyone looks up.

ROSIE (CONT'D) First thing's first... (gestures to Max) Give it up for our boy Maxey over here.

Wild applause. Mia messes with Max's hair. He loves the attention.

ROSIE (CONT'D) He made Pacino look like Pauly Shore out there. And a performance like that deserves to be seen. So do what ya gotta do. Twitter, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube. Let's get this thing out there!

More applause. Max takes a bow.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Now we got a few more weeks until election day, so let's not get a--

Sheena jumps up and joins Rosie on "stage." She puts her arm around Rosie.

SHEENA (a little drunk) As much as I love ya Rosie, I say we keep the work for tomorrow and the celebration for tonight.

Beat. Rosie shrugs.

ROSIE Screw it. Hit the music, Mia!

MIA On it, Rosebud!

SHEENA "Screw's" still a fun word, aint it?

Rosie smiles.

#### INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - GARAGE - LATER

Rosie and Sheena are all that remains of the celebration. They're lying on the floor, both staring up to the ceiling.

> SHEENA Do you remember the first time we talked?

ROSIE You mean when you screamed at me over the phone?

SHEENA Was I that loud? ROSIE Oh yeah. Oooh yeah.

Sheena snickers.

SHEENA Yeah...sorry about that.

ROSIE Eh. It was worth it in the long run.

SHEENA

Yeah.

Silence, then...

Sheena pops up.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Let's have a sleep over.

ROSIE

"Sleep over?"

SHEENA

Yeah! We'll make a real seventh grade slumber party out of it. Junk food, gossip, Kirsten Dunst movies. Real 2002 vibes.

Rosie thinks for a moment.

ROSIE You just had to bring up Kirsten Dunst, didn't you...

SHEENA (excited) I'll get the popcorn.

Sheena runs into the house. Rosie smiles.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Rosie and Sheena cuddled up on the couch watching Bring It On. Kirsten Dunst. Eliza Dushku. A Y2K Classic.

> ROSIE You think I woulda made a good cheerleader?

SHEENA Gimme a cheer. Quick!

ROSIE

Um-uh... (starts cheering) Be aggressive! Be-be aggressive!

SHEENA Rosie...c'mon. Kirsten Dunst is rolling in her Maserati 'cause of that effort.

ROSIE (sighs) Goddamnit. Alright, hold on sec.

Rosie gets up, standing in front of the TV. She ponders for a moment. Cheer is very serious business!

ROSIE (CONT'D) (exhales) Alright.

Rosie starts jumping up and down like a cheerleader. It's not even close to perfect, but damnit she's trying!

ROSIE (CONT'D) R-O-S-I-E! Spell it out, it says Rosie! She may be cute. She may be hot. But calm down boys, she ain't no Thot!

Sheena claps.

SHEENA That's it. I'm making you captain of the cheer squad.

ROSIE Wow. That's a big upgrade from treasurer of the anime club.

SHEENA Of course you were in the anime club.

Rosie fakes like she's offended, then flashes the middle finger. Sheena responds in kind.

ROSIE This is way more fun than the sleepovers I had in seventh grade. SHEENA Well of course. I'm here. What'd you expect?

ROSIE I don't know. Usually the one's in seventh grade ended with a bunch of sweaty boys crashing it and trying to hit on me.

SHEENA Lucky for you I'm no teenage boy.

ROSIE (slight laugh) Yeah...

Complete silence minus the movie playing in the background. Both waiting for the other to make the first move.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Truth or dare?

SHEENA Uh...Truth?

Rosie sits back down. The two stare intently at each other.

ROSIE Why did you pick Kirsten Dunst?

SHEENA 'Cause Mia told me you liked her.

ROSIE What else did she say?

SHEENA Uh-uh. My turn.

ROSIE Right, of course. You go.

SHEENA Truth or dare?

ROSIE

Truth.

SHEENA Do you care about...what I do? For a living I mean.

Silence.

ROSIE

...No.

Sheena smiles, a little embarrassed. In a good way.

SHEENA Alright...you're turn.

ROSIE Truth or dare?

SHEENA

Dare.

ROSIE I dare you to ki-

Sheena kisses Rosie. Finally! Rosie is caught off guard, but returns the kiss.

ROSIE (CONT'D) (breaking kiss) Wait. How'd you know?

SHEENA You said "I dare you to ki-." It was either kiss or kill. I just assumed you meant kiss.

ROSIE What if I meant to say kill?

SHEENA Well then this would be extra awkward, wouldn't it?

Rosie laughs. They kiss again, falling into each other's arms...

# INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - BEDROOM - MORNING

The door to Brian's bedroom swings open. Frank enters. He looks like he'd rather be anywhere else in the world.

KATHY MEEHAN (late 30s) doesn't look much better. She's smoking a joint. It's been a loooonnnggg night for her.

FRANK Where the hell is he?

We hear the faint sound of crying arising from the closet. Kathy points to it. Frank marches to the door. He KNOCKS. FRANK (CONT'D) What the hell are you doing?

BRIAN (O.S.) (crying) You called my Dad?

KATHY It was either him or the SWAT team, honey.

Brian breaks down. Full on weeping.

FRANK (to himself) Where did I go wrong?

KATHY Gimme the answer when you find out.

Frank and Kathy exchange looks. Both understand each other.

# INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - CLOSET - SAME

It's dark. All we hear is Brian's crying. BAM! The door breaks open. Brian's lying in the fetal position.

BRIAN Take a look at your husband. The future Senator. God help this country.

KATHY Oh for god's sake, Brian...

Kathy storms out.

FRANK You embarrassed your wife. Good job.

BRIAN H-How could they?

FRANK "H-H-How could they?" How could they what?

BRIAN Embarrass me? FRANK

You do that enough in private. The public catches on eventually. Always.

# BRIAN

B-But look...

Brian extends his phone to Frank. Frank takes the phone and examines it.

FRANK You're trending on Twitter. Second only to Kanye. Congrats.

BRIAN How could she?

FRANK

Who? Kanye?

BRIAN

The intern!

FRANK Because she has balls. And brains. Unlike you, apparently.

Brian starts weeping again. Frank rolls his eyes. Oy vey.

FRANK (CONT'D)

Look at me.

Brian looks up. He looks like a mess.

FRANK (CONT'D) You bombed. It happens. Now you're gonna take a shower. You're gonna get dressed. And you're gonna act like everything's fine. Capiche?

Brian nods.

FRANK (CONT'D) I'll handle it. Just look pretty.

BRIAN (nods) I-I can do that.

FRANK So do it! Get up. Andale, andale! Let's go.

# EXT. PLAYGROUND - NIGHT

Rosie and Sheena are sitting at a swing set. When one swings up, the other comes down.

#### ROSIE

If I was born fifty years earlier, I totally would've gone to Woodstock.

SHEENA That's what everyone says. The truth is that most people were watching *Gilligan's Island* at the time.

ROSIE That sounds fun too.

Silence.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Hey Sheena.

#### SHEENA

Yeah?

ROSIE You think we gotta shot? For real, I mean.

SHEENA Maybe. I don't know. It's been worth it, regardless.

ROSIE

(blushes) Yeah...

They keep swinging. Beat.

ROSIE (CONT'D) I was always too scared to jump off these things when I was a kid. Andrea Spinozzi used to call me a scaredy-cat.

#### SHEENA

Oh yeah? Well I'd like to see Andrea Spinozzi run a political campaign. Then we'll see who the scaredy-cat really is.

ROSIE

She volunteers at a soup kitchen now.

SHEENA Oh...well damn I feel bad now.

Rosie laughs. Beat.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Let's jump together.

ROSIE

What?

SHEENA On the count of three, let's jump.

ROSIE SHEENA (CONT'D) Wait, wait. I can't. Sheena! One...two...three!

The two jump. Sheena's fully committed. Rosie...let's just say she needs improvement. It's ok though. She survives.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Ha! I'd like to see Andrea Spinozzi do that!

Rosie takes a few deep breaths.

ROSIE Who's the scaredy-cat now, Andrea?!

They laugh.

SHEENA Hey don't you got work tomorrow?

ROSIE Eh. I'll take a sick day.

SHEENA Yeah. Me too. Co-sick day it is.

Laying down, staring up at the sky, Rosie and Sheena hold each other's hands.

# INT. APARTMENT - MIA'S ROOM - MORNING

Mia in bed with Max. Her phone *buzzes*. Multiple Instagram notifications.

MIA Ugh. I got like half a dozen guys and two girls trying to hook up with me. You upload one photo and the DM swarm commences.

MAX

That's never happened to me.

Mia gives him a look like she's saying "seriously?"

MAX (CONT'D) Alright. Point taken. No need to brag. (beat) The dick pic's mine by the way.

MIA I saw that. Impressive.

MAX My pediatrician said the same thing.

Mia laughs. She kisses him. The phone buzzes again.

MIA It never ends, Max. It never--

Mia reads. You can see it on her face...something's wrong.

MIA (CONT'D)

--ends...

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - MORNING

Rosie and Sheena in bed. They're sleeping. Rosie's phone buzzes.

ROSIE (sleepy) Goddamn robocalls...

She doesn't answer.

### INT. APARTMENT - MIA'S ROOM - SAME

Mia dialing on her phone. Max watching her.

MIA Come on, Rosebud. Answer.

INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - SAME

The phone buzzes again.

SHEENA (sleepy) Five more minutes, Mom...

Rosie gingerly reaches for her phone. She answers.

ROSIE It's too early for the club, Mia.

She listens. Her face getting more distraught. Uh oh.

ROSIE (CONT'D)

Shit.

Sheena looks over to Rosie.

SHEENA That doesn't sound good.

INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - DAY

#### ON TV

Local news. On the TV is a picture of Sheena. The main headline: SHEENA KEATON - PROSTITUTE OR POLITICIAN?

SHEENA Well at least they picked a good picture. I look pretty hot there.

Brian pops up on the TV. His daddy beside him as usual.

BRIAN (ON TV) I can't substantiate these allegations one way or another. I'm a man of policy, not a man of rumors. Either way, I look forward to debating Ms. Keaton whenever she feels up to it. SHEENA Funny he says that now. Schmuck.

Rosie turns off the TV. She marches straight for the door.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Wait...wait Rosie!

Sheena follows her. She grabs her arm.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Where you going? I thought we were spending the day together?

ROSIE I'm going to work.

SHEENA What happened to the co-sick day?

Rosie kisses Sheena.

#### ROSIE

Just trust me on this one.

Rosie frees herself from Sheena's grasp. She exits. Sheena watches, concerned...

# INT. BUS - DAY

Rosie sitting on the bus. She's pissed -- continuously punching her own palm like it's a punching bag.

INT. UBER - DAY

Rosie in the backseat of an Uber. Again, she's punching her own palm. The UBER DRIVER sees this from the rearview mirror.

> UBER DRIVER (Russian accent) Boyfriend?

Rosie, still punching, shakes her head.

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UBER DRIVER (CONT'D)
Girlfriend?
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She shakes her head again.

UBER DRIVER (CONT'D) You must be a Jets fan. That's it. Oddly specific guess...but again, no.

UBER DRIVER (CONT'D) Politicians?

Rosie nods.

UBER DRIVER (CONT'D) All politicians are bastards.

ROSIE I couldn't have said it better myself.

#### EXT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - DAY

The Uber parks. Rosie exits.

INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - KITCHEN - DAY

The doors swing open. Rosie enters.

ROSIE (to Becerra) I need a bucket of ketchup.

The whole kitchen stops to look at her. Becerra, Max, etc.

# BECERRA

Uh...

# INT. CONGRESS - HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Rosie strides across the hallway. And yes, she's holding a bucket of ketchup. Zero fucks left to give.

# INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S WAITING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rosie walks into the waiting room.

ED Where the hell have you b--

ROSIE

Fuck off.

Rosie heads to Brian's office.

# INT. CONGRESS - BRIAN'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Rosie enters and Brian...is sleeping again. You gotta be kidding.

Fuck it. Rosie WHIPS the bucket of ketchup over the sleeping Brian. He looks like Carrie White on prom night.

BRIAN I plead the fifth! (realizing) Wait...the hell?!

ROSIE You want a debate? This Saturday. See you then, schmuck.

Rosie turns around, leaving.

ROSIE (CONT'D) (cheeerful) Here's your cappuccino.

Rosie drops the empty bucket on Ed's desk.

#### INT. APARTMENT - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Rosie lying on the floor, wearing the shirt Mia won for her at Quizzo. She's motionless. The door creaks open.

MIA (0.S.) You better not be dead. I come home to get away from that stuff.

Mia lies down next to Rosie. She's in her nursing scrubs.

ROSIE Why do you always watch those dumb movies with me?

MIA Why do you always come to the club with me? The same reason I watch those dumb movies with you.

Mia puts her hand over Rosie's. Silence.

MIA (CONT'D) I slept with Max last night.

ROSIE Good for him! MIA I know, right? That's what I said.

Rosie smiles.

MIA (CONT'D) So how's Sheena holding up?

ROSIE I don't know. I'm sorta too afraid to ask.

MIA Well I'll ask, then.

Mia sits up and dials.

ROSIE Wait...wait Mia...!

Mia shushes her.

SHEENA (V.O. PHONE) (speaker) Hello?

MIA Hey Sheen.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - SAME

Sheena on the phone. She peers out her window. A few media people are set up outside her house.

SHEENA Mia! Where the hell's Rosie?

# INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION

Mia nudges Rosie.

MIA Right next to me.

SHEENA Rosie! The hell d'you do?

ROSIE

Uh...

MIA

All I heard from Max is that she borrowed a bucket of mustard.

SHEENA

Rosie...

# ROSIE

Well technically it was ketchup. And uh well...I may have poured said bucket over you know who.

Silence. Beat.

SHEENA I take it you got no severance pay, then?

Rosie brightens up.

ROSIE No. I end my career in politics as I started. Broke on my ass.

SHEENA You started without knowing me, so it's not a total loss.

ROSIE

(smiles) Yeah. Guess not.

SHEENA No excuses for our co-sick day now.

ROSIE Well-uh...we might have to put that on hold until Sunday.

SHEENA

Uh oh.

MIA What did you do now, Rosebud?

Rosie shrugs.

#### INT. APARTMENT - LIVING AREA - MORNING

Rosie and Mia leaving for work. Mia in nursing scrubs and Rosie in her waitressing uniform.

ROSIE (V.O.) Student loans.

SHEENA (V.O.) (imitating Meehan) As the son of a millionaire, I'll just get my Daddy to pay them off.

## INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - DINING AREA - DAY

Rosie waiting tables, taking orders, etc.

ROSIE (V.O.) C'mon Sheen. Gotta practice here.

SHEENA (V.O.) Alright, alright. (clears throat) Good jobs require good education. No matter where you come from or how much your parents make, everyone should have the right to an education without indebting themselves for the next halfcentury. It's time we implement policies that will actually address the concerns of students, rather than ignoring their struggles.

#### INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - GARAGE - DAY

Sheena standing on top of the car, commanding attention from the soldiers below. Volunteers swipe black eye paint under their eyes. It's like an entire army.

> ROSIE (V.O.) Cost of living.

SHEENA (V.O.) To the privileged few in Congress, there is no cost of living crisis. They don't see it when they go to their fundraisers and cocktail parties. To the rest of us, though? To the rest of us, everyday is a struggle.

The garage door opens up. Outside is a swarm of media people. They try to swarm Sheena, but Ariana pushes anyone aside like a bouncer.

#### EXT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Sheena and the volunteers manage to escape the media scrum.

SHEENA (V.O.) Just four companies control 85% of meat and poultry processing. Just one corporation sets the price for most of the nation's seed corn. They raise prices because they can. Even the Monopoly Man would blush at this type of price fixing.

# INT. TEPEPAS RESTAURANT - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Rosie helping Max clean dishes.

ROSIE (V.O.) Britney or Christina?

SHEENA (V.O.) Can I still pick Avril?

ROSIE (V.O.) Nope! No cheating.

SHEENA (V.O.) Fine, fine! Hmmm...I'll be the contrarian and go Christina. Britney can't beat "Aint No Other Man". No one can.

ROSIE (V.O) Can't argue with that.

#### INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Rosie in bed, on the phone.

ROSIE You ready tomorrow?

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - SAME

Sheena in bed, on the phone.

SHEENA Yeah. I'll be fine unless it's one of those nightmares where I'm in my underwear.

#### **INTERCUT -- PHONE CONVERSATION**

ROSIE Hey I'd still vote for you.

SHEENA Of course you would. But you've already seen me in my underwear.

ROSIE That's why I'd vote for you!

SHEENA Aww. How sweet.

ROSIE You deserve it. Hey-uh we should probably get to bed, right?

SHEENA You saying I need beauty sleep?

ROSIE Of course not!

SHEENA I know, I know. See ya tomorrow, Rosie.

ROSIE

Night, Sheen.

Sheena disconnects.

# INT. APARTMENT - ROSIE'S ROOM - SAME

Rosie smiles for a moment before turning to sleep...

## EXT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - DAY

An army of media people have set camp outside Sheena's house, waiting to ambush her with accusations. It's a madhouse.

An Uber squeezes it's way along the street.

#### INT. UBER - SAME

Rosie, Sheena, and Max inside the Uber.

Jesus...

MAX

MIA Next time you take an internship, make sure it doesn't lead to a media-frienzied riot. Can you do that, Rosebud?

ROSIE I thought you liked cameras?

MIA Only when it involves Instagram filters.

Our trio exit the Uber.

# EXT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - SAME

Sheena opens the window. She sticks herself out, waving a baseball bat in the air.

SHEENA Hey you assholes wanna play a few innings? I'll bat first!

Rosie runs at a MEDIA GUY like she's about to tackle him.

ROSIE

Aaaargh!

MEDIA GUY What the hell?! This chick's crazy, man!

ROSIE You're damn right I'm crazy! (to Mia and Max, pointing at house) Go, go, go!

Mia and Max sprint to Sheena's. Sheena opens the door halfway. Rosie follows them soon after.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Everyone staring at Rosie while she breaths heavily.

ROSIE

...What?

Rosie, Sheena, Mia, and Max sitting in a circle. They're sharing a joint. Max takes a hit...he can't quite handle it.

MIA I've got so much to teach him...

Rosie and Sheena laugh. Rosie's phone buzzes.

ROSIE Alright, my ride's here. Remember to give yourself like an extra fifteen minutes. Those vultures out there are vicious.

SHEENA Don't worry. Me and Mia will protect Max.

MAX You guys are so protective of me. I love you all.

Rosie and Mia stare at each other. They nod, then kiss Max's cheeks.

MAX (CONT'D) You're the best wingman in the game, Rosie.

Rosie smiles, then looks at Sheena.

ROSIE

See ya there.

Rosie and Sheena kiss. Mia and Max make the same "oooohhh" sound that Rosie and Sheena made at the first debate.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Love you guys too.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKROOM - DAY

The lights are out. Candles are scattered throughout the room. Very Zen-like. Brian meditates.

BRIAN (meditating) Ummmmmmm...ummmmmmm...

Frank watches his son in contempt.

Rosie jumps out of an Uber and runs into the entrance of the building.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - DAY

Mia applying makeup to Sheena.

MIA I can't believe you picked Cristina. Britney all the way.

SHEENA Damn. Hey Max, what do you think? Be the tiebreaker.

MAX Sorry Mia, but--

SHEENA

See?

MIA You're sleeping in the car tonight.

# INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - DAY

Rosie takes a peak behind the curtain. The room is filling up rapidly. A far bigger crowd than the first debate.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - DAY

Sheena on the phone.

# SHEENA

Hello? Hello?!

Nothing. Sheena throws the phone at her couch in frustration.

SHEENA (CONT'D) No Uber, no taxi, no nothing.

MIA The word must've gotten out regarding the circus outside.

SHEENA

Shit!

# INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - DAY

Brian's giving Rosie the evil-eye. Rosie tries her best to ignore him. She takes another peek into the crowd. She sees Ariana, but no Sheena.

> ROSIE (TEXT) Where are you?

SHEENA (TEXT) F--- Uber. We'll find a way even if we gotta walk

Rosie peeks over at Brian. She's nervous.

#### INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - DAY

Sheena opens her front door half-way. The media scrum jumps at the opportunity and attacks. She closes the door.

SHEENA

Shit...

MAX Is there anyone you know who'd risk getting their ass beat for you?

Sheena thinks. Hmm.

# INT. AUDITORIUM - DAY

The room's packed. Brian's already on stage. Everyone's a bit antsy.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - SAME

Rosie pacing backstage. Her phone buzzes.

SHEENA (TEXT) We got a ride

ROSIE (TEXT)

hurry

SHEENA (TEXT) Don't worry. He's always a little fast

Rosie looks up. Hmm...

A car squeezes it's way through the street and parks in front of Sheena's house.

# INT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - SAME

Sheena peeking outside her window. She spots the parked car.

SHEENA Alright, that's him. Ready?

MIA

Ready.

MAX Aye, captain!

Mia opens the door and...

# EXT. SHEENA'S HOUSE - SAME

The media flock attacks -- badgering Mia with questions. Mia takes it in stride, acting like the diva she is. These fools think Mia *is* Sheena. Blonde discrimination.

MIA Look Max. They love me.

Sheena bullets past Mia and the media, heading to the parked car.

# INT. LARRY'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Sheena jumps inside Larry's car.

# SHEENA

Hit it, Lar.

Larry "hits it" and drives off.

# INT. AUDITORIUM - DAY

The audience and media is getting a bit restless now. Murmurs of "where is she?" and "is she too embarrassed?" abound.

MODERATOR We will give Ms. Keaton another ten minutes to arrive. If she doesn't-- Cut her some slack. Who knows how many sessions she has today?

A few assholes in the crowd laugh at this remark. Ariana gives him the finger.

# INT. AUDITORIUM - BACKSTAGE - SAME

Rosie watches Brian in contempt. She turns around and sees Frank. He winks at her. Fuck it.

#### INT. AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

Rosie walks out to the stage. More murmurs. Ariana stands up.

#### ARIANA

Hey Rosie!

Brian turns his attention to Rosie. He cringes. Rosie walks to the podium and grabs the microphone.

ROSIE What the hell gives you the right to ridicule someone like that? Unlike you, the rest of us have to actually work for a living to climb the ladder of life.

BRIAN

Why are--

ROSIE Shut up! I'm not your coffee girl anymore. People like you think just 'cause you got a rich daddy and subscription to Brooks Brothers magazine, you can trample on the rest of us. Trample on the waitresses, the busboys, the nurses, the interns, the students, the sex workers...

Rosie glances at Ariana. Ariana waves.

ROSIE (CONT'D) The independent businesswomen.

Ariana smiles.

ROSIE (CONT'D) But us working girls and working boys got nothing to be embarrassed about. Because while you're kissing ass at country clubs and fundraisers, we've got our own little club we like to go to. And our club is a lot bigger and a hell of a lot more fun too. *Friends* only. So keep on defining us by our jobs and status. We don't care. We're too busy having fun.

Sheena and Larry sneak their way through the entrance.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Sheena isn't just a sex worker. She's funny, she's smart, she's dedicated, and she can beat anyone when it comes to Avril Lavigne or Batman trivia.

Sheena watches Rosie. She's touched.

ROSIE (CONT'D) And I love her. Because she doesn't look at me as just a waitress or an intern. She accepts me for who I am, flaws and all. So you better shut your mouth or I'll kick your ass.

SHEENA And I'll join ya!

Everyone turns to Sheena. Wild applause as Sheena runs up to the stage. Brian's completely befuddled.

Sheena climbs up, going to Rosie.

SHEENA (CONT'D) (mocking) You loooove me?

ROSIE Oh shut up.

SHEENA It's okay. I love ya too.

ROSIE I know you do.

They kiss. Sheena's entourage cheer even more loudly.

ROSIE (CONT'D) Now kick his ass for me.

Sheena winks as Rosie goes to the backstage.

MODERATOR Is this a debate or the WWE?

SHEENA I promise I won't give him the piledriver. I promise.

Brian looks terrified. The moderator's exacerbated.

MODERATOR Okay, whatever. Representative Meehan, what policies do you support to lower the costs of prescription drugs?

Brian starts up with the same usual, BS answer.

BRIAN

As a staunch advocate for the middle class, I have dedicated my career to standing up to the pharmaceutical industry and making sure that every American...

Sheena looks over to Rosie who is peeking through the curtains. She smiles at her. Rosie smiles back.

# INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - SERVING AREA - NIGHT

Election night. Pretty lame for a victory party. It's the usual fundraising crowd. Kathy tries her best to mingle.

KATHY (faking everything's fine) Oh he'll be down shortly. He's just uh...freshening up. That's all.

A waiter comes by. Kathy swindles a cocktail from him, gulping it down.

# INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - CLOSET - NIGHT

Darkness. Brian weeps...again.

FRANK (O.S.) Were you this much of a pussy as a child? Or did you grow into it? BRIAN They're never gonna elect me Senator now. I almost lost to a whore! A whore! It's embarrassing.

FRANK (O.S.) You're right. It is. And you know what...they shouldn't elect you Senator.

Brian stops weeping.

# BRIAN

W-what?

#### FRANK

You heard me. All you got is your looks and my reputation. That's it. But lucky you, that's enough in this business. If it was fair, I'd be up there, but it ain't, so it's gonna be you. So get your ass out here, clean yourself up, and go give your victory speech. Now.

The closet door opens. Brian begins to pick himself up...

# INT. BRIAN'S MANSION - SERVING AREA - NIGHT

Applause as Brian and Frank walk down the staircase. Both putting on a fake smile. Both bullshit as usual.

# EXT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT

Rosie alone, sitting on the curb.

MIA (0.S.) They're waiting for you.

Mia sits down next to Rosie. Rosie sighs.

#### ROSIE

I don't know. I was never too good at giving concession speeches. I cried and ran home when I lost the Anime Club presidency.

MIA First of all, I'm gonna ignore you ever told me you were in Anime Club. And second of all, who said anything about a concession speech? Rosie eyes Mia. What's she talking about?

# INT. PHILLY BAR - NIGHT

Wild cheers as Rosie and Mia enter. Chants of "Rosie! Rosie! Rosie!" The greatest concession party ever.

MIA You think Lindsay Lohan would've ran away if she lost Spring Fling Queen?

MAX (0.S.) Like hell she would!

Max slides next to Rosie and Mia.

ROSIE You two know me too well.

MIA What can I say? Love grows where my Rosemary goes and nobody knows like me.

# INT. PHILLY BAR - KARAOKE - SAME

Sheena taps the microphone a few times.

SHEENA Can everyone please make their way to the karaoke machine. Thank you!

Everyone obliges, making their way over to Sheena.

SHEENA (CONT'D) Now normally I spend my failures crying out to Lana Del Rey songs. And what do you know... (gestures to karaoke machine) We just so happen to have a karaoke machine with us tonight.

Sounds like everyone's up for it going by the response ...

SHEENA (CONT'D) But... (shakes head) But I ain't the master of tonight's ceremonies. (MORE) SHEENA (CONT'D) Because I wouldn't be here tonight, losing effort or not, if I didn't have the Bonnie to my Clyde. The Robin to my Batman. The Sasuke to my Naruto.

Sheena looks at Rosie. Rosie smiles back.

SHEENA (CONT'D) You choose, Rosie.

Rosie beams. She squeezes her way to Sheena.

ROSIE You're the best.

SHEENA I don't know about that. I mean you're pretty good competition.

ROSIE Now you're just being a kiss-ass.

Sheena kisses Rosie. The whole bar explodes in celebration.

SHEENA Eh. It's okay to kiss a little ass once in awhile.

Rosie beams. She takes the microphone from Sheena.

ROSIE Y'know...I'm feeling...I'm feeling Beyonce tonight.

Pandemonium. Beyonce it is.

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END CREDIT SEQUENCE:

Everyone singing though a drunken rendition of Beyonce's Love On Top. All friends. All happy as hell.

THE END