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"First Day"

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MAIN CHARACTERS

Mr. Garret - 34, nice guy who always finishes last, 7th grade history teacher.

Coach Chris Flynn - (female) 25, redhead, timid, new football coach who doesn't know how to play football.

Miss Pappalardo - 41, dark sense of humor, 7th grade English teacher.

Miss Hewitt - 33, very cute, math teacher who likes to party.

Principal Ward - 55, set in his ways, naive, and loves Millard Fillmore.

Samantha - 13, Principal Ward's student assistant, smart, sarcastic, and witty.

Kevin - 13, quarterback of the football team, thinks he knows everything.

Mikey - 12, kind, nerdy, innocent, and Mr. Garret's favorite student.

Rachel - 14, student news reporter, intelligent with a sense of humor.

Britney - 13, popular, stuck up, needs better parenting, and Miss Maguire's nemesis.

ACT ONE

1 INT. MILLARD FILLMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY 1

Mr. Garret sits at his desk and works on his lesson plan.
Kevin, 13, enters.

KEVIN

Word up, gangsta. Are you Garret?

MR. GARRET

I'm Mr. Garret. And I'm not a gangsta.
Unless you want to call me the gangsta of
American history.

KEVIN

Word. I'm Kevin, but you can call me
K-DAWG! WHAT! WHAT!

MR. GARRET

What?

KEVIN

Yeah, WHAT! WHAT!

MR. GARRET

I mean literally what?

KEVIN

WHAT TO WHAT?!

MR. GARRET

To what you just said?!

KEVIN

WHAT I SAY?!... Wait, what?

MR. GARRET TALKING HEAD

MR. GARRET

The first day of school is like dying.
And you don't know who you're going to
meet. Some of the students you meet are
heavenly angels, and some of the students
you meet are Kevins.

2 INT. PRINCIPAL WARD'S OFFICE - DAY 2

Principal Ward watches from his window students walk into
school. He talks to his student assistant, Samantha.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Ah, the first day of school. Can't you smell it in the air, Samantha?

SAMANTHA

It smells like body odor.

Principal Ward smells his arm pits.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Oops.

Coach Flynn enters.

COACH FLYNN

Hi, Principal Ward, I'm Chris Flynn. I'm the new Phys Ed teacher and football coach.

Principal Ward laughs in her face.

PRINCIPAL WARD

That's funny. I know you're not really the new football coach.

COACH FLYNN

Yes I am.

PRINCIPAL WARD

You can't be a football coach. You're a woman.

COACH FLYNN

Yes, I know I'm a woman.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Are you the wife of the new football coach?

COACH FLYNN

No.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Are you the mistress of the new football coach?

COACH FLYNN

No.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Are you the stepdaughter of the new football coach?

COACH FLYNN

No, Principal Ward, I was hired by Superintendent Dixon to coach football.

PRINCIPAL WARD

But Chris is a man's name. I bet you get that a lot.

COACH FLYNN

It's been awhile, but yes.

SAMANTHA

I'm Principal Ward's student assistant, Samantha. Sorry about his first impression. Come on, we'll give you a tour.

PRINCIPAL WARD TALKING HEAD

PRINCIPAL WARD

Usually before the first day of school, I hire my new staff, but the school district stopped me this year, because I kept hiring women based on how hot they are.

Behind Principal Ward is a female supermodel janitor mopping the floor. He stares at her in delight.

PRINCIPAL WARD (CONT'D)

Because I judge books by their covers. If I see a good cover, I hire that book.

COACH FLYNN TALKING HEAD

COACH FLYNN

I am seriously the least qualified person to be a football coach. I don't even know how to watch football.

3

INT. MISS PAPPALARDO'S CLASS - DAY

3

Miss Pappalardo sulks as she writes on the board "Welcome to Seventh Grade English. There are no stupid questions, only stupid answers." Britney, 13, enters.

BRITNEY

I'm Britney Palmer. Are you Miss Pappalardo?

MISS PAPPALARDO

Yes, hi, welcome to your homeroom.

BRITNEY
Why do you look so unhappy?

MISS PAPPALARDO
I'd rather not say.

Britney points to the board.

BRITNEY
But the board says there are no stupid questions, only stupid answers.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Yes, yes it does. Well if you must know, I just started menopause.

BRITNEY
Eeew, that sucks.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Yes. Yes, it sucks a lot.

BRITNEY
What are you like, in your 80s?

MISS PAPPALARDO
I'm forty-one.

BRITNEY
You don't look forty-one.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Thanks.

BRITNEY
I meant it in the other way.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Oh.

BRITNEY
Well, at least you're not still single.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Actually I am. Hence the Miss.

BRITNEY
Damn, you have menopause, you're forty-one, and you're single.

MISS PAPPALARDO TALKING HEAD

MISS PAPPALARDO
This is why I shouldn't share things with
students.

4 INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - DAY

4

Mr. Garret and Miss Hewitt talk at the coffee machine.

MR. GARRET
So what time did you end up leaving the
party last night?

MISS HEWITT
About forty minutes ago.

MR. GARRET
You didn't go home last night? You must
be super hungover.

MISS HEWITT
I'm not hungover. At least not yet.

Miss Hewitt laughs as she wobbly pours some coffee.

MR. GARRET
Are you still drunk?!

MISS HEWITT
Bingo!

MR. GARRET
How are you still drunk?

MISS HEWITT
It was called "The Last Day of Summer
Party." I needed to party my butt off!

MR. GARRET
What are you gonna do?

MISS HEWITT
I'm gonna teach math. There's not, like,
a law against teaching while intoxicated.

MR. GARRET
Yes there is!

MISS HEWITT
Pssshh... When has that have ever stopped
me from doing anything?

MR. GARRET
I can't believe you're still hammered.

MISS HEWITT

Don't worry, I took, like, three 5-Hour Energy's... That's fifteen hours of energy.

MR. GARRET

They don't work for fifteen hours if you take them all at the same time!

MISS HEWITT

Who died and made you the math teacher?
I'm the math teacher! I'm not dead yet.

5 INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY 5

Principal Ward and Samantha give a tour to Coach Flynn.

PRINCIPAL WARD

A lot of interesting people have graduated the 8th grade from Millard Fillmore Middle. Billy Ray Cyrus, Stalin's grandson, Calvin Stalin, and NFL Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson.

COACH FLYNN TALKING HEAD

COACH FLYNN

O.J. Simpson played football?

6 INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS 6

PRINCIPAL WARD

This used to be called the O.J. Simpson library, but then he got framed for murder. So now we just call it the library.

7 INT. TEACHERS' LOUNGE - DAY 7

Miss Hewitt and Mr. Garret sit and talk more.

MISS HEWITT

How come Kate didn't show up last night?
Is your wife too good to party with us?

MR. GARRET

Oh, no, uhm, she was busy with work.

Principal Ward enters with Samantha and Coach Flynn.

PRINCIPAL WARD

And this is the teachers' lounge. Hey, Mr. Garret, you old slugger, you. How's the divorce?

MISS HEWITT

You got divorced? When did you get divorced?

PRINCIPAL WARD

Last month. Everyone knows he got divorced.

MR. GARRET

I didn't tell anybody I got divorced. Nobody knows I got divorced.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Sure, they do!

COACH FLYNN

Yeah, even I know that.

MR. GARRET

How do you know I got divorced? This is your first day teaching.

SAMANTHA

It's on the front page of the school newspaper.

Samantha holds up the school newspaper. The headline reads "Mr. Garret's Wife Leaves Him For Younger Man."

MR. GARRET

She didn't leave me for a younger man.

SAMANTHA

Sure she didn't, Mr. Garret.

MR. GARRET

How did the school newspaper find out? I was trying to keep this a secret.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Oh, I bumped into Kate at the supermarket, or as I like to call it "the food castle." She told me all about it. She has such a nice bum. Bet you're gonna miss that.

MR. GARRET

Yeah, actually.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Between two friends, what's the time frame before one could ask his friends ex-wife out?

MR. GARRET

This is getting sufficiently awkward.

PRINCIPAL WARD

I see her at the food castle a lot.

8

INT. MISS PAPPALARDO'S CLASS - DAY

8

A new student walks in to see Miss Pappalardo.

GRACE

Are you the teacher with menopause?

MISS PAPPALARDO

No.

(then)

I mean, maybe.

(then)

How do you know I'm menopausal?

GRACE

Twitter.

Miss Pappalardo looks at Britney.

MISS PAPPALARDO

You tweeted I'm menopausal?!

BRITNEY

I thought you wanted people to know.

MISS PAPPALARDO

No, I don't want people to know I'm menopausal!

BRITNEY

It's not like I have 5,000 followers. I only have like... 4,970.

MISS PAPPALARDO

What did you tweet?

BRITNEY

Just the truth.

MISS PAPPALARDO

Let me see.

She grabs Britney's phone and reads the tweet.

MISS PAPPALARDO (CONT'D)
My English teacher is so old, she got
menopause today. #PappalardoMenopause
#PappalardoProblems #GladImNotPappalardo

BRITNEY
Look at the bright side, now you have
your own hashtags.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Why did you create a hashtag called
Pappalardo Menopause?

BRITNEY
How else was I supposed to tag you?
You're not on Twitter.

MISS PAPPALARDO
Good God, how could this get any worse?

Another student walks in.

WILLIAM
Hi, are you Mrs. Menopause?

BRITNEY
That's Miss Menopause. She's not a Mrs.

9 INT. MR. GARRET'S CLASSROOM - DAY

9

Mikey, 12, walks in to visit Mr. Garret.

MIKEY
Mr. Garret, can I talk to you? I got
women problems.

MR. GARRET
Tell me about it.

MIKEY
There's this girl I like, but I'm not
sure how to show her I like her.

MR. GARRET
Mikey, if you want to show her how you
feel, why don't you make her something
from your heart? Like a mix tape.

MIKEY
Like a heart made out of scotch and duct
tape?

MR. GARRET

No, like a mix CD. You know a collection of songs that make you think of her.

MIKEY

CDs are older than me, Mr. Garret. How about a mix flash drive?

MR. GARRET

Yeah, that's the same concept.

MIKEY

Sweet. I need to do something for her.
(then)

She drives me crazy like no one else. She drives me crazy and I can't help myself.

MR. GARRET

Is that one of your songs?

MIKEY

What song?

MR. GARRET

Fine Young Cannibals
(then)

"She Drives Me Crazy... Ohhh Ohhh"
"Like..." Never mind.

MIKEY

Do you think girls like Vampire Weekend?

MR. GARRET

That's a "Twilight" thing, right?

MIKEY

No, Mr. Garret. You're so retro.

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EXT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

10

Miss Hewitt is wandering through the hallway.

MISS HEWITT

Is this it?

She opens the door to the computer lab.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Nope.

She walks through another hallway.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Here we go.

She opens the door to the library.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Hello, my little rays of sunshine!

LIBRARIAN

Shhhhh!

MISS HEWITT

Sorry!

She walks through another hallway.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Third door's a charm.

She opens the door to the teacher's lounge.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Darn it, I was just here!

MISS HEWITT TALKING HEAD

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Somebody moved my classroom! This is crazy! I know it's not me!

11 INT. MR. GARRET'S CLASSROOM - DAY

11

The students watch Rachel, 14, a student reporter, do the morning announcements on TV.

RACHEL

We hope you enjoy your first day back.
Here's Principal Ward with today's facts
about Millard Fillmore.

SAMANTHA TALKING HEAD

SAMANTHA

Every morning Principal Ward tries to
empower the students with facts about
Millard Fillmore, but he asks me to do
the research, so I just make stuff up.

CUT TO:

12

PRINCIPAL WARD ON TV:

12

PRINCIPAL WARD

Did you know that Millard Fillmore was the 13th President of the United States. He died here in Buffalo, NY from a shark attack just after he created Chicken Wings. In 1868, the government voted him the hottest president in history after he fought General Lee in a cage match. Fillmore was also the only politician to survive jumping into Niagara Falls.

(then)

That's balla'. Kids, one day, you could be the next Millard Fillmore.

KEVIN

Man, Millard Fillmore was a pimp.

RACHEL ON TV:

RACHEL

In school news, Mr. Garret got divorced

MR. GARRET

Oh, God.

RACHEL

His wife left him for someone younger and better looking who probably has more going on.

MR. GARRET

No she didn't!

RACHEL

And we would like to welcome our new gym teacher and football coach, Miss, I mean Coach Flynn.

The news shows a picture of Coach Flynn.

KEVIN

Our new football coach is a girl?

Kevin and his teammates, FREDDY, MARK, TRAVIS, and MARK, are horrified. LISA, 13, sits near them.

MARK

I'm not gonna be taught football by a girl. We have to stop this.

TRAVIS

I bet you ten bucks Freddy and I can make her quit forth period.

LOGAN

My money says we can make her quit second period.

KEVIN

I bet none one of you can do it. And she quits when she meets me last period.

LISA

Will you stop talking about periods?!

KEVIN

We need to make sure her first day is her last day, exclamation point!

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

13 INT. GYM CLASS - DAY

13

Coach Flynn has her first gym class with Mark in it. The kids ignore her and text on their cell phones.

COACH FLYNN

Can you please get off your cell phones?

The kids text more.

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Please stop texting!

The kids text louder.

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

I'm not gonna repeat myself. Get off your cell phones!

Coach Flynn receives a text message. It reads "No!"

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

How did you get my number?

She gets another text. It reads "Nonya."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Who's Nonya?

She gets another text. It reads "Bizness."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

What business? And you spelled business wrong!

She gets another text: "We Don't Like You."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

I don't care if you don't like me!

She gets another text: "Your momma don't like you."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Oh, a "your momma" joke. Like we didn't have those when I was your age!

She gets another text: "My momma is your age."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Yeah, well your momma is ugly!

She gets another text: "Your Momma's the Ugliest Momma."

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Shut up! She is not! Do you really think
this is funny?!

She gets another text: "LOL."

14 INT. MISS HEWITT'S CLASSROOM - DAY

14

Miss Hewitt walks into her classroom.

MISS HEWITT

Yes, I found it!

The bell rings.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Listen, boys and girls, don't tell anyone
your teacher wasn't here all period. No
one likes a snitch!

15 INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

15

Students flood the hallway. Mikey approaches Britney at
her locker with his flash drive in hand.

MIKEY

Hey Britney.

Britney ignores Mikey.

MIKEY (CONT'D)

I know you don't talk to me much, but I
just wanted to confess my love to you.

Britney looks freaked out.

MIKEY (CONT'D)

I know I'm being retro right now by
asking you out with words, but I think
you're the most beautiful girl in school.
And I made you this mix flash drive. I
was wondering, do you wanna go with me to
the Fall Fling Dance next week?

He holds the flash drive in front of her.

BRITNEY

Eeeew, creep!!!

Britney SLAPS the flash drive out of Mikey's hands and it SLIDES across the floor into the jungle of students.

BRITNEY (CONT'D)

You're such a weirdo, Mikey. There's a reason I don't talk to you, because you're a freak. Now stay away from me!

She SLAMS her locker and leaves. Mikey is crestfallen.

16

INT. GYM CLASS - DAY

16

Coach Flynn teaches her second gym class.

COACH FLYNN

Hello, I'm Coach Flynn, and I'm your new gym teacher.

FREDDY

What happened to Coach Rider?

COACH FLYNN

He's not available.

TRAVIS

How did he die?

COACH FLYNN

How do you know he died?

TRAVIS

My parents said that my dog "wasn't available" after he got hit by a car.

COACH FLYNN

Okay, well, Coach Rider passed away from cardiac arrest.

FREDDY

So he died from being fat?

COACH FLYNN

Well in a round about way, yes, he died from being fat.

A FAT KID screams.

FAT KID

I'm gonna die!

COACH FLYNN

You're not gonna die.

TRAVIS
How come all gym teachers are fat?

COACH FLYNN
I'm not fat.

FREDDY
You're not a gym teacher!

COACH FLYNN
Yes I am.

TRAVIS
Nuh-uh! We want Coach Rider!

COACH FLYNN
Coach Rider is in heaven.

FREDDY
I've had Coach Rider for four years now
and I know he's not in heaven.

TRAVIS
We want Zombie Coach Rider!

FREDDY
Yeah we want a Zombie Teacher!

COACH FLYNN
Then go to the cemetery.

TRAVIS
Okay! Let's do it!

The kids start to leave school.

KIDS
Zombie Teacher!!! Zombie Teacher!!!
Zombie Teacher!!!

COACH FLYNN
I was being sarcastic!

MISS PAPPALARDO TALKING HEAD

MISS PAPPALARDO
I hate Britney Palmer. Because of her
tweet, all day long, students have been
asking me about menopause.

17 INT. MISS PAPPALARDO'S CLASS - DAY

17

Students ask questions as Miss Pappalardo erases "There are no stupid questions, only stupid answers."

LOGAN

Miss Pappalardo, are hot flashes fun?

MISS PAPPALARDO

No, hot flashes are not fun.

WILLIAM

What's it like having menopause?

MISS PAPPALARDO

It's like a carnival of sadness.

LISA

My grandma has menopause. Are you two friends?

MISS PAPPALARDO

No, I'm not friends with your grandma.

LISA

Are you sure? Her name is Betty Gilmore.

MISS PAPPALARDO

Okay, yes, I am friends with your grandma, but menopause has nothing to do with it.

BECKA

Are you going to die?

MISS PAPPALARDO

Not soon enough.

The board now reads "Don't ask stupid questions!"

18 INT. PRINCIPAL WARD'S OFFICE - DAY

18

Principal Ward talks to Coach Flynn.

PRINCIPAL WARD

You told them to go to the cemetery?

COACH FLYNN

I didn't think they'd actually go.

PRINCIPAL WARD

I had to get the janitor and two lunch ladies to pick them up.

Principal Ward points to the supermodel janitor and two smoking hot lunch ladies.

COACH FLYNN

It was a joke. I didn't think they would try to dig up their last gym teacher.

PRINCIPAL WARD

Look, these kids are stupid, they will do whatever you say. You have one more class to teach today so this time, tell them he's been cremated.

19

INT. MISS HEWITT'S CLASSROOM - DAY

19

Miss Hewitt downs another 5-Hour Energy in class.

MISS HEWITT

All right, usually I would role call, but screw it. Is there anybody here who's not present?

SAMANTHA

It's the first day of school. How are we supposed to know that?

MISS HEWITT

Correct, good job, Samantha.
(then)

Let's just dive into some problem-solving, shall we? I got a problem I'm trying to solve. You all know what a Shirley Temple is, right?

The kids nod. Miss Hewitt writes on the board.

MISS HEWITT (CONT'D)

Okay, If you drink forty ounces of a Shirley Temple and 30% of that Shirley Temple is 7 Up then you drink eighty more ounces of Shirley Temple with 50% 7 Up, how much 7 Up did you drink?

SAMANTHA TALKING HEAD

SAMANTHA

I don't think this problem is about 7 Up.

20

INT. MR. GARRET'S CLASSROOM - DAY

20

Mr. Garret gets ready for lunch as he talks with Mikey.

MIKEY

Love sucks, Mr. Garret.

MR. GARRET

Yes, very much.

MIKEY

I got my heart trampled on.

MR. GARRET

What happened?

MIKEY

I gave her the mix flash drive and she called me a creep.

MR. GARRET

I'm sorry about that. If you don't mind me asking, who was it?

MIKEY

Britney Palmer.

MR. GARRET

Britney Palmer is a terrible, mean, soulless person. What made you like her?

MIKEY

She has a REALLY big rack.

MR. GARRET

Is that it?

MIKEY

I'm in the seventh grade. What else is there?

MR. GARRET

Personality, sense of humor, sweetness.

MIKEY

I'm in the seventh grade. I got my whole future to find a woman with those things.

MR. GARRET

True.

(then)

Well, if it makes you feel better, my love life sucks too.

MIKEY

Oh, so you're divorced, big deal. People get divorced every day.

MR. GARRET

I know, It's just, when you're with somebody for so long, you get used to it. And it hurts knowing she didn't feel the same way for me as I felt for her.

MIKEY

Suck it up, Mr. Garret!

(then)

I mean, sure, I just got my first heartbreak, but I'm not gonna whine about it forever. Life goes on. And you're the most awesome adult I know! You'll find somebody else.

21 INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

21

The football team eats lunch together.

KEVIN

All right, Freddy, you still gotta pay your ten bucks.

TRAVIS

Yeah, yeah, I know. Stupid bet.

Money is being passed around the table. Kevin holds the pile of cash.

MARK

I can't believe she didn't quit after she spent the whole class talking to herself and answering my texts.

FREDDY

I can't believe she didn't get fired after we went to the cemetery.

KEVIN

She's only got one class left and I'll make sure it's her last. WHAT! WHAT!

22 INT. TEACHERS' LOUNGE - DAY

22

Miss Hewitt and Mr. Garret eat lunch together.

MISS HEWITT

How come you didn't tell me you got divorced? I can't believe you lied to me this morning. I thought we were BTFs.

MR. GARRET

What's a BTF?

MISS HEWITT

Best teacher friends.

MR. GARRET

BTFs is a thing now? Man, maybe Mikey is right. I am retro.

MISS HEWITT

I might be a little emotional right now, because I'm still really buzzed, but I don't like when people lie to me, especially you.

MR. GARRET

I'm sorry I lied. I really am. And you are my BTFF. It's just complicated. Getting divorced has left me in a weird place. Will you forgive me?

MISS HEWITT

I will, but you owe me a drink.

MR. GARRET

You got it. By the way, how's the teaching going today?

MISS HEWITT

Amazing, there's no downsides to teaching after drinking. I'm on hour six of fifteen and I feel exhilarated.

23

INT. GYM CLASS - DAY

23

Coach Flynn teaches another gym class. This one has Samantha, Kevin, and most of the football team. Kevin and his teammates have opened the equipment closet.

COACH FLYNN

All right, class, this is the last period so please don't make this too hard for me.

KEVIN

You're making it hard on yourself, homie! You shouldn't be a football coach! Look at you, I'm thirteen and I'm stronger than you!

COACH FLYNN

Okay, I might not have the body of a thirteen-year old boy, but you don't have to get so upset about it.

KEVIN

Lady, this is what I think about you being our gym teacher and football coach!

Kevin SPITS on the floor in front of Coach Flynn's shoes.

COACH FLYNN

Okay, that was gross.

KEVIN

Deal with it!

Kevin spits again. One of his teammates tosses him a dodgeball.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Nobody wants you here! Now either quit or get fired! Either way, get out of our school!

Kevin THROWS the dodgeball at Coach Flynn, but she dodges. All the football players throw dodgeballs at her. She dodges every ball and runs into the locker room. She sinks down with tears streaming down her eyes.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

24 INT. MISS HEWITT'S CLASSROOM - DAY

24

Miss Hewitt teaches her students.

MISS HEWITT

So let's go around the class and I want everyone to tell me what their favorite thing about math is.

Miss Hewitt points to the first kid.

LISA

(slowly)

I think my favorite thing about math is that...

THUMP! Miss Hewitt's head HITS her desk.

FREDDY

Oh my God, Lisa, you bored her to death!

LISA

Miss Hewitt, are you okay?

TRAVIS

Miss Hewitt, are you dead?

She starts to snore louder than a caveman on NyQuil.

LISA

I think she just passed out and fell asleep.

TRAVIS

I wish she was dead.

FREDDY

Let's draw on her face with permanent marker!

KIDS

Yeah!!!

25 INT. GIRLS LOCKER ROOM - DAY

25

Coach Flynn cries when she hears a knock on the door.

COACH FLYNN

Who is it?

SAMANTHA

It's Samantha.

COACH FLYNN

What do you want?

SAMANTHA

I want you to teach gym.

COACH FLYNN

Go away. I quit. Nobody wants me here.

SAMANTHA

I want you here.

COACH FLYNN

No you don't.

SAMANTHA

Yes I do. And I've talked to the girls and they want you here too. We've never had a female gym teacher in the history of Millard Fillmore.

COACH FLYNN

I'm not cut out to be a gym teacher.

SAMANTHA

Yes you are. I saw you dodge those balls. A person who wasn't a gym teacher couldn't dodge balls the way you dodge balls.

COACH FLYNN

That's because my older sisters used to always throw things at me growing up. (then) After today, I don't know if I want to teach anything anymore.

SAMANTHA

Coach Flynn, you just need to get educated on educating.

Coach Flynn wipes some tears away.

SAMANTHA (CONT'D)

You can do this. Don't listen to the football team. Boys are stupid.

COACH FLYNN

Boys are stupid, but I can't be a football coach. I don't know the first thing about football.

SAMANTHA

I'll help you. I can be your assistant coach. My dad and I watch every game every Sunday. He taught me everything.

COACH FLYNN

You'd really do that?

SAMANTHA

If you come back and make it to the end of the day, yes.

COACH FLYNN

Do you really think you can make the football team respect me?

SAMANTHA

I have an idea.

26

INT. COMPUTER LAB - DAY

26

Mikey makes a heart out of duct tape when he's tapped on the shoulder by Rachel.

RACHEL

Hey, are you Mikey Kendricks?

MIKEY

Yeah, why?

RACHEL

I'm Rachel, I found this flash drive of yours in study hall. You have some really good taste in music.

MIKEY

You listened to it?

RACHEL

Yeah, I plugged it into my tablet during lunch. I love all the Vampire Weekend songs.

MIKEY

You like Vampire Weekend?

RACHEL

Yeah, Vampire Weekend is my favorite band.

Mikey is smitten.

MIKEY

Hey, can I ask you something? Do you think I'm a creep?

RACHEL

No.

MIKEY

Am I a weirdo?

RACHEL

Not at all.

MIKEY

(to himself)
What the hell am I doing here?...

RACHEL

Are you quoting Radiohead?

MIKEY

Who?

RACHEL

There a band my dad thinks is still cool.

MIKEY

No, I was talking to myself, because I wanted to ask you if you like to dance?

RACHEL

That's a creepy thing to say.

MIKEY

Oh, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean...

RACHEL

I'm just kidding with you. Yeah, I love to dance. Why?

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INT. GYM CLASS - DAY

27

The boys are playing with dodgeballs as the girls sit on the bleachers. Suddenly, a ball **HAMMERS** into Kevin's head. He turns around to see Coach Flynn.

COACH FLYNN

All right, listen up! I'm sick of this! You don't think I can teach football, well I got news for you, Kevin! I can teach football, and if I can't then I'll learn how! Let's settle this like adults!

KEVIN

How are we gonna do that?

COACH FLYNN

Boys versus girls dodgeball game! If you win, then I quit, but if I win then you have to respect me for the rest of the year as your gym teacher and football coach.

Kevin smirks.

KEVIN

You got a deal.

28

INT. GYM - MOMENTS LATER

28

The balls are set on the center line. The girls have their hands touch one side of the wall while the boys touch the opposite wall. Coach Flynn blows her whistle and hard rock music plays to set the tone.

QUICK SCENES:

ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE as students try to murder other students with dodgeballs.

The football team tries to annihilate Coach Flynn, but she ducks, shimmies, and dodges every ball thrown at her.

COACH FLYNN

Can't hit me. I'm a dodgeball ninja!

Samantha gets close to the center line and knocks a boy out of the game when she finds herself trapped. A football player is a foot away from her, ready to throw.

SAMANTHA

Don't hit me, Scott. I always thought you were cute.

SCOTT

Really? You think I'm --

BAM! Scott gets hit with a ball by Coach Flynn.

SAMANTHA

Sucker!

In the bleachers, some members of the faculty watch the game including Principal Ward.

PRINCIPAL WARD

This game is almost as good as Women's Volleyball.

The supermodel janitor eats popcorn.

JANITOR

Come on girls! Screw those boys!

The lunch ladies eye each other knowing that did not sound right.

Each team has lost a few players.

KEVIN

We need to get that teacher! I want a triple-kill dodgeball throw right now! We all aim for Flynn.

Kevin and his two teammates each pick a ball and target Coach Flynn.

Three balls FLY at Coach Flynn simultaneously. Just in the nick of time, Coach Flynn picks up Britney and uses her as a shield.

BRITNEY

Owww! Hey! Not cool!

Miss Pappalardo jumps in the audience.

MISS PAPPALARDO

Yeah, good play!

It's two girls against three boys. Samantha and Coach Flynn work together to take out Kevin's two other teammates, but Kevin takes out Samantha.

KEVIN

Well, well, well...

All eyes are glued to the court. It's one on one. Kevin versus Coach Flynn. They each hold one ball.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

I hope you're ready to quit.

COACH FLYNN

I'm ready for you to respect me.

Kevin FIRES a ball at Coach Flynn, but she dodges it.

Coach Flynn throws the ball, but it's a sucky throw and she knows it. It's too high and the ball goes into the air like an underhand basketball.

PRINCIPAL WARD

If Kevin catches it then he wins.

Kevin runs for the catch.

KEVIN

It's all over.

The ball touches his fingertips when suddenly he slips on his own saliva, loses his balance, and falls face forward.

The ball comes down hitting him in the back of the head.

The girls, Miss Pappalardo, and the Janitor CHEER!

COACH FLYNN

I won! I won! Yes! Take that Kevin! WHAT!
WHAT!

Coach Flynn hugs Samantha.

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

Samantha, I want to thank you. You helped me learn a valuable lesson today.

COACH FLYNN TALKING HEAD

COACH FLYNN (CONT'D)

If you can't teach them, then beat them.

29

EXT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

29

The bell rings. Miss Pappalardo steps into the hallway.

MISS PAPPALARDO

I'm so glad this day is over.

Travis walks up to her.

TRAVIS

Hey, Miss Pappalardo. I know you have menopause but I gotta say, you're really hot for a woman with menopause. If I was an older man, I would be head over heels for a girl like you.

Miss Pappalardo smiles.

MISS. PAPPALARDO
 You're my new favorite student, Travis.
 What you said was kind of inappropriate
 and I appreciate it.

MISS PAPPALARDO TALKING HEAD

MISS PAPPALARDO
 Yeah... I still got it.

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INT. MR. GARRET'S CLASSROOM

30

Mr. Garret packs his things when Mikey shows up, happy.

MIKEY
 I found love, Mr. Garret! I found love!

MR. GARRET
 I thought we agreed love sucks.

MIKEY
 That was before I knew what love was.

MR. GARRET
 Who is she?

MIKEY
 Her name is Rachel. She does the morning
 announcements, she likes Vampire Weekend,
 and the best part is she's in the eighth
 grade so soon her rack will be bigger
 than Britney's.

MR. GARRET
 Mikey, that's not how puberty works.

MIKEY
 That's exactly how puberty works!

MR. GARRET
 And how can you be in love? It's been
 like half a school day.

MIKEY
 I have the right to be in love after half
 a school day.

MR. GARRET
 You can't be in love with somebody after
 such a short time.

MIKEY
 Why not?

Mr. Garret is ready to debate, but then he sees how happy Mikey is. This pulls a chord in Mr. Garret's heart.

MR. GARRET

Okay, you can be in love with somebody in such a short time.

MIKEY

I knew it.

(then)

When you're in the seventh grade, anything is possible.

END OF ACT THREE

TAGCOACH FLYNN TALKING HEAD

Coach Flynn proudly holds a dodgeball.

COACH FLYNN

Sometimes, you only need one student who believes in you.

31 INT. MR. GARRET'S CLASSROOM - DAY 31

From his window. Mr. Garret sees Mikey and Rachel holding hands and getting on the bus together. Mikey gives Rachel the finished duct tape heart.

COACH FLYNN (V.O.)

One student who will root for you to win.

32 INT. MISS HEWITT'S CLASSROOM - DAY 32

Mr. Garret checks on Miss Hewitt. She's sleeping on her desk covered in a sharpie goatee, various designs on her arms, and "Math Sux" written on her forehead.

MR. GARRET

Just like an angel.

COACH FLYNN TALKING HEAD

COACH FLYNN

We're not just here to make differences in their lives, they're here to make differences in ours.

SAMANTHA TALKING HEAD

SAMANTHA

There's only one person that actually bet Coach Flynn would make it through her first day of school.

Samantha flashes a wad of cash in her hands.

SAMANTHA (CONT'D)

Boys are stupid.

She counts the money.

END OF SHOW