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TEASER

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FADE IN:

INT. KINGSTON LOUNGE - MORNING

Aaron, Christine, Amber and Jack sitting drinking coffee.

CHRISTINE

I can't believe that my prom is tonight.

AARON

You'll love it, I remember when I went to prom, it seems so far ago.

AMBER

Hey, it was only two years ago and you went with my dummy.

AARON

But it seems so long ago.

AMBER

Well it wasn't.

AARON

I was just stating a point.

AMBER

A point of what, that we're old now.

AARON

No, well maybe some of us are, but, no.

AMBER

Well I think you're going to have great time.

CHRISTINE

You think?

AMBER

Yes you are. Who are you going with any ways?

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CHRISTINE

Well I asked Jim, but he said maybe, so then I asked Roger, but he didn't know, then I asked Henry, but he was deciding between Joanne, and Mary, so then I asked...

AMBER

Okay, are you actually going with anyone to the prom, yes or no?

CHRISTINE

Yes, I'm getting there, so then I asked...

AMBER

Okay who are you going with, that's all I want to know.

CHRISTINE

Why are you so worried?

AMBER

Because I'm your sister, and I love you.

CHRISTINE

Okay fine, I'm going solo, some friends of mine are going too, we figure let's make dates when we get there. Well I got to go, because I still have a lot of shopping to do.

Christine leaves.

JACK

So why did you really want to know?

AMBER

Because as a alumni, I'm supervising the prom. What she doesn't know won't hurt her, I hope.

BLACK OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - LATER

Aaron and Melissa sitting on couch talking.

MELISSA

You know we never have the apartment to ourselves in the middle of the day.

AARON

I know, can I ask you something?

MELISSA

Yes I want to make-out.

AARON

That wasn't the question.

MELISSA

Okay, what is the question?

AARON

Well Christine is going to her prom and I was remembering my prom and I don't think we've ever talked about yours.

MELISSA

And we don't need to.

AARON

But I've told you about my prom before.

MELISSA

Right but there's some things we just don't need to know.

AARON

But you were the most popular student in Philadelphia area High Schools.

MELISSA

I really don't want to talk about this.

AARON

Why, are you hiding something?

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MELISSA

Why would you think that
sweetheart?

AARON

Because that's usually when people
don't want to talk about things.

MELISSA

Can't I just have some time to
think?

AARON

What?

MELISSA

Nothing.

AARON

C'mon, was it really that bad?

MELISSA

What does it matter?

AARON

It matters to me.

MELISSA

But not to me.

AARON

Just tell me.

MELISSA

Fine, I went with the captain of
the football team.

AARON

That must have been fun.

MELISSA

It was we were out all night, we
got drunk, and we ran down the
street nude and we had sex all
night.

AARON

You didn't go to your prom did
you?

MELISSA

No, you could tell couldn't you?

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AARON

Yeah, that was a really bad story.

MELISSA

Well I'm sorry, but I couldn't think of anything better.

AARON

Why didn't you go to your prom, you were the most popular kid in school?

MELISSA

I just didn't feel like it.

AARON

Try again.

MELISSA

I was sick.

AARON

Try again.

MELISSA

Okay fine, I was on my period, but still, that doesn't mean a damn thing.

AARON

I'm not saying it does, but that will be a hell of a story to tell your kids one day.

MELISSA

Laugh it up, and watch how fast we never get engaged one day.

AARON

I'm sorry, but engaged, we're only dating.

MELISSA

Maybe the thought has crossed my mind.

AARON

No dear, not now, I love just dating.

MELISSA

I got you off subject though.

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AARON

I hate you.

MELISSA

You too.

BLACK OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. MIDDLEBROOK HIGH SCHOOL - GYM - PROM - NIGHT

Amber talking to Professor J. Daniels at the bar.

AMBER

I had no idea that you went to Middlebrook High.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Yeah, I went here before this gym was here.

AMBER

So what was it like back in your day?

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

It was a lot different. For one if we ever dressed like half of these kids dressed here, we'd be kicked out of the school.

AMBER

So it was a different place, boring.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

No not boring, just right for the age.

AMBER

For the forties

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

No I graduated in 1991, not 1940. What do you think I'm a hundred?

AMBER

Sometimes.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

What's that suppose to mean?

AMBER

Well sometimes when you're teaching class you can act like an old geezer.

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PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
So now I act old?

AMBER
That's not what I'm trying to say.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
Isn't that your sister over there?

AMBER
Where I don't see anyone.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
Over there, dancing with that guy.

AMBER
That is my sister, and she's butt dancing.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
What is butt dancing?

AMBER
Oh it's where you rub your butt against his, well you can get the picture.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
Yeah, I get the picture, well what do we do?

AMBER
What do you mean?

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
Well butt dancing isn't allowed, is it?

AMBER
No it's not, you're right.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
So should I go and announce it over the mic, or should you?

AMBER
It's my sister, I'll do it.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS
Good luck.

Amber walks over to the microphone and picks it up.

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AMBER

Attention Christine Johnson, your sister needs to talk to you over at the bar, Christine Johnson butt dancing is not allowed.

Amber walks back over to the bar.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Well done.

AMBER

You think?

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Here comes Christine, I hope she doesn't kill you too bad, I'll see you later.

Professor Daniels leaves as Christine walks over and sits down.

CHRISTINE

What are you doing here?

AMBER

I'm a supervisor.

CHRISTINE

Well thank you for embarrassing me like that.

AMBER

Well I'm sorry but this is prom, I don't want to see you jump into bed with someone.

CHRISTINE

But you're ruining my prom by doing what you just did.

AMBER

Doing what?

CHRISTINE

Getting on stage like you just did, thank you for ruining my life.

AMBER

I'm only trying to protect you.

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CHRISTINE

Is that what you call that,
protecting me, I wish I didn't
have a sister, or at least not one
that's like you.

Christine gets up and leaves prom.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. KINGSTON LOUNGE - DAY

Aaron, Melissa, Jack and Amber sitting at table.

AARON

Hold on, you actually said no butt dancing.

JACK

You actually called it butt dancing.

AARON

Wow, I'm surprised that Christine isn't killing you.

AMBER

No, instead she won't talk to me.

AARON

Can you blame her?

MELISSA

I'll tell you if my sister would have done that to me at my prom.

AMBER

What was I suppose to do? I was trying to protect my little sister.

MELISSA

I'm sorry but your sister isn't so little anymore.

AMBER

You know what I mean. Look the best thing I knew was to get on stage.

AARON

Remember our prom Amber, it might have been the most boring night of my life, but you had fun and if you remember you butt danced as you like to call it.

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AMBER

Okay it was funny like the first two times.

AARON

I'm just saying what you did was wrong, on all behalves.

JACK

Look Christine is done with high school next week, she's all grown up, butt dancing, what a name.

AMBER

Okay, I called it butt dancing, so what, you call it something if you're so smart.

AARON

Yeah I have a name for it contemporary dancing. New Style dancing, but butt dancing?

AMBER

Get over it.

JACK

I'm just saying don't be surprised if she never talks to you again.

AMBER

Well I better go try to talk to her, maybe I'll stop home and talk to Veronica first.

MELISSA

How's that going any ways?

AMBER

It's going good, I like having Veronica living with me.

MELISSA

That's good.

AMBER

See you guys later.

AARON

We'll butt you later.

Amber leaves.

INT. CAMPUS - RYAN AND DAN'S DORM - DAY

Ryan and Dan sitting watching TV when Veronica walks in.

VERONICA

Hey guys, I just wanted to return
the key to the dorm room.

RYAN

Is that all?

VERONICA

That's all I have to say, why is
there something you guys wanted to
say?

DAN

There is.

RYAN

I'll start, I want to apologize
for the way I acted at the party,
I was out of line.

DAN

I want to say the same, I'm so
very sorry for the way I acted, I
should have been more considerate
of my feelings towards you.

VERONICA

Well I'm sorry things didn't work
out also, I'm living with Amber
now you guys know.

DAN

That's good.

VERONICA

I wanted to thank you guys for
everything and tell you that I
could have very easily fallen for
either one of you. But I knew it
was in the living situations best
interest that we kept it at a
friend level.

DAN

But now neither one of us have any
chance in the world with you?

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VERONICA

I wouldn't say that, goodbye guys.

Veronica walks out.

DAN

She really makes me feel bad.

RYAN

Me too.

DAN

See I told you she didn't hate us,
and that she would still maybe
date us.

RYAN

You're right, you win the bet,
we'll hang up your poster on the
door.

INT. CAMPUS - AMBER'S DORM - LATER

Amber sitting watching TV when Veronica comes walking in.

AMBER

Where the hell have you been?

VERONICA

I was returning my key to the dorm
room.

AMBER

So you talked to Ryan and Dan?

VERONICA

Yes, why?

AMBER

So what happened?

VERONICA

They both were sorry for what
happened and they wished me well.

AMBER

They wanted to know if you'd still
date either of them?

VERONICA

Yeah, can you believe that?

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AMBER

That's terrible.

VERONICA

Oh hey, Aaron called earlier, I guess after you left Kingston Lounge and before you got back here and said something about you and him and Melissa going butt dancing sometime.

AMBER

He did?

VERONICA

I only have one question, what is butt dancing?

AMBER

It's a long story.

VERONICA

Well it sounds interesting enough to where I really want to know.

AMBER

Well last night I was supervising Christine's prom and I saw her rubbing her butt against this guys, well any ways I got on stage and said to stop butt dancing.

VERONICA

That must have been embarrassing

AMBER

You think, well now no one will stop making fun of what I said.

VERONICA

I'm sorry could you repeat that, I was to busy butt dancing, is that even a word.

AMBER

Thanks for listening.

VERONICA

Now stop, hold on, I'm sorry, it sounds like a brain fart, but any ways, look you need to stop, and talk to Christine.

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AMBER

You don't think she'll be mad at me?

VERONICA

No she's going to be mad, but what you need to do is convince her that you were insane last night.

AMBER

You're right.

VERONICA

By the way, butt dancing?

AMBER

It was the only thing I could think of.

VERONICA

Butt dancing, how about contemporary dancing?

AMBER

I wasn't thinking.

VERONICA

No you were thinking out of your butt.

Amber leaves.

BLACK OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Aaron, Jack and Christine sitting watching TV.

CHRISTINE

I'm so mad at her.

JACK

I'll tell you it's something to really be mad at someone about.

CHRISTINE

She totally ruined my night, because I was dancing with Tony, I'm suppose to tell my kids one day, mommy went to her prom but Aunt Amber ruined her night.

JACK

I don't know what to tell you.

CHRISTINE

I'll tell you this much, I never want to see her face again.

Amber comes walking in.

AARON

Hey look it's the butt dancing lady.

AMBER

Okay that joke's old now.

AARON

Sorry, it's still funny though.

AMBER

Look, Aaron, Jack can I have some time alone with my sister.

AARON

Sure why not.

JACK

Besides we have other things to do.

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AARON
Like what dude?

JACK
I don't know, I thought you knew?

AARON
We'll figure it out.

Jack and Aaron walk out of the apartment. Amber sits on the couch and Christine moves to the chair.

AMBER
Okay fine, I see you're mad at me.

CHRISTINE
If that's what you call it.

AMBER
Look I just want to start out at first by saying...

CHRISTINE
By saying what, that your sorry, that I was butt dancing, that I was too hot and heavy with a guy. Save it Amber, I don't need to hear it.

AMBER
That's not what I was going to say.

CHRISTINE
Then what were you going to say?

AMBER
Okay, I was going to say that, but still.

CHRISTINE
I can't believe you.

AMBER
Hey, I've done nothing but been there for you for your whole life. I've tried to be the best big sister in the world. I'd give my life for you if I had too. I did one bad thing, and you're going to hold it against me forever.

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CHRISTINE

It wasn't one bad thing, this was a major thing.

AMBER

This was not a major thing, okay it was, but give me a break.

CHRISTINE

No, I'm not giving you a break, you ruined my prom, my one day of high school I waited for and wanted to happen, now I have nothing to remember high school for. You give yourself a break. I'm glad I'm leaving for Florida.

AMBER

That was mean.

CHRISTINE

Well deal with it. Now please leave.

Amber starts to leave.

AMBER

Just remember I love you.

Amber leaves.

INT. CAMPUS - HISTORY CLASSROOM - MORNING

Professor J. Daniels is grading papers at desk when Christine walks in.

CHRISTINE

Are you Professor Daniels?

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Yes, do I know you?

CHRISTINE

Well sort of, not really, I don't know, I'm Christine Johnson, Amber Johnson's sister.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

I know you, I saw you the other night at your prom.

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CHRISTINE

Yeah, well I have a question and need some advice and I know how you always give Amber advice, so I thought I'd come get some.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Just spit it out.

CHRISTINE

Well you know what happened the other night, do you think I'm going to far with being mad with Amber, I mean tell me if I'm wrong, but I have a right to be mad.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Well yes you do, but I talked to Amber earlier and the way you two are dealing with this is unhealthy.

CHRISTINE

I don't think I understand.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Well you and Amber are both sisters and you have to deal with each other. See by you two not dealing with problems as adults, you two prove that you are not ready to be adults.

CHRISTINE

But I am ready to be an adult.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Then, you should be able to deal with this problem.

CHRISTINE

But it isn't that easy, I told her that I was glad I'm leaving for Florida.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Did you mean it?

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CHRISTINE

No, I feel bad, I mean yes she ruined my prom but I'll get over it, I made that comment out of anger and felt bad after.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

Does she know this?

CHRISTINE

No.

PROFESSOR J. DANIELS

This is something you two need to discuss. Your sisters, don't let one little thing turn into a major thing, yes your high school prom is the one night to remember but family is family. Unless of course, you have no family, then I don't know.

CHRISTINE

Thanks.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - LATER

Aaron, Jack and Amber sitting watching TV.

AMBER

I'm really kicking myself for doing what I did.

AARON

What was done is done, you two will talk again.

AMBER

I hope sooner than later.

Christine comes walking in.

CHRISTINE

Can you guys excuse me and Amber, we need to talk.

AARON

Sure why not?

JACK

So what are we going to do this time?

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AARON

I don't know but that was a good ball game we were watching.

JACK

I know, I'm getting kicked out of my own house.

AARON

I know, I can't believe it.

Aaron and Jack leave the apartment.

AMBER

Sit down if you want.

CHRISTINE

No I'll stand thanks.

AMBER

Haven't you said enough to me yet?

CHRISTINE

Look I need to tell you something.

AMBER

Hold on, let me be like Christine for a second, save it.

CHRISTINE

No, I won't, I need to say this to you.

AMBER

What do you have to say?

CHRISTINE

Look, I wanted to say I'm sorry for making this into a big thing, and that I'm sorry for saying I can't wait to leave.

AMBER

You don't understand how hard this for me with my baby sister leaving me.

CHRISTINE

I do understand Amber, but what do you want me to do?

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AMBER

Look I'm sorry for what I did at your prom and ruining your prom.

CHRISTINE

That's okay, I wasn't really having a good time, I was ready to leave, I was only butt dancing as you would call it with Tony, so he would leave me alone.

AMBER

Look, there's going to be times when we embarrass each other, but we just have to make the best of those times and not forget that we love each other.

CHRISTINE

Also family is family period, unless we don't have family, then I don't know.

AMBER

You went and talked to Professor Daniels?

CHRISTINE

Yeah, can you tell?

AMBER

That would be something he said, that's okay, I went to him also.

CHRISTINE

I know, he told me.

AMBER

So are we better now.

CHRISTINE

I don't know, maybe a hug is needed.

AMBER

I think it is needed.

Amber and Christine hug.

CHRISTINE

I've been waiting for that.

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AMBER

Well now what should we do?

CHRISTINE

Well we have the whole house to ourselves.

AMBER

That's true.

CHRISTINE

Hey I know, let's try some of that butt dancing.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF SHOW