

The Classroom

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FADE-IN

EXT. SCHOOL YARD -DAY

EXTREME WIDE SHOT:

Students moving in all directions greeting each other.

Some students get off the school buses, others out of cars, vans and SUV's.

Cars coming in and Out.

CUT-IN:

Greggory, Chris, Magnus, Aurora and Brianna talking in a huddle. Corey arrives. All walk to class.

GREGGORY

Hey! Corey! What's happening!

COREY

A New school year! That's what's happening.

CHRIS

Yea! But this year, we are in command.

COREY

Yea!

BRIANNA

Are you forgetting something?

COREY

Of course not sweetheart. I'm getting to it.

Corey gives Brianna a little peck on the lips.

MAGNUS

Are you ready for the best year of our lives?

COREY

You know it. This will be our most profitable year yet!

Bell rings students move into classrooms.

Aurora gives Greggory a kiss on the cheek and separates from the group.

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AURORA  
See you at lunch.

GREGGORY  
I'll miss you.

FADE

INT. HOME ROOM -DAY

Students are entering the classroom and taking their seats.

Greggory sits on the first chair of the first row, Corey on the first chair of the second row, Brianna, first chair of the third row, Magnus behind Corey and Chris Behind Greggory.

MRS. Q  
Everyone please take a seat and be quiet.

Students continue to enter the room. Leann takes the first chair on the fourth row, Lisa, first chair on the fifth and Linda seats behind Leann.

LISA  
So. Have you decided yet?

LEANN  
Yes. I'm running for class president.

LISA  
Great! I'll run for vice and we'll be unstoppable.

LEANN  
And what are you going to do?

LINDA  
I'll be happy with just being your secretary.

LEANN  
Perfect! If we support each other, there is no way we can loose. Get ready girls; this year the school is ours!

MRS. Q  
May I have your attention, please.  
For those of you that don't know  
(MORE)

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MRS. Q (cont'd)  
me. I'm Mrs. Quintana but, you all  
may call me Mrs. Q. There are a few  
things we need to get out of the  
way...

FADE

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE -DAY

MR. GUISER  
...and since you are the only  
teacher without a home room class,  
you were the obvious choice.

MRS. ADDER  
Mr. Guiser, do you realize than in  
the next few weeks I'm going to be  
gaining about thirty pounds? and  
you expect me to work walking from  
classroom to classroom all day?

MR. GUISER  
I'm sorry Mrs. Adder. There is  
nothing I can do. We have too many  
students and teachers and not  
enough classrooms.

MRS. ADDER  
But... I'm pregnant. Doesn't that  
count for something?

MR. GUISER  
If it gets too hard for you, you  
can take maternity leave.

MRS. ADDER  
What about my students? Who is  
going to teach my class?

MR. GUISER  
To be honest. Things being the way  
they are... with the economy and  
budget cuts... I guess we would not  
have an Algebra class once you  
leave.

FADE

## INT. SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE -DAY

MARTHA

Can you believe this? We have twice as many students as we did last year.

RITA

I know. I heard some of the teachers don't have a permanent classroom and will have to come from room to room.

MARTHA

Really?

RITA

Uhum. That's why Mr. Guiser is talking to Mrs. Adder.

FADE

## INT. CAFETERIA -DAY

Chris, Brianna, Corey, Gregory, and Magnus talking and laughing at a table. Aurora arrives and seats on the empty chair next to Gregory and starts to eat fast.

AURORA

I'm starving.

GREGGORY

I see... Take it easy. You have one whole hour.

BRIANNA

Who did you get for home room?

AURORA

Mr. Edison. He seems OK. Who did you guys get?

MAGNUS

Mrs. Q. The hottest teacher in the whole school.

BRIANNA

Must you always rate people as cool, hot, hotter?

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MAGNUS

What? She is hot.

GREGGORY

You guys have plans for after school?

MAGNUS

I have to go work with my uncle.

COREY

I have to work 'til 10.

BRIANNA

I have to help my mom pick a dress.

CHRIS

Don't look at me. I have to help my dad fix the garage door.

At another table sits Lisa, Leann, Linda and three other girls.

LEANN

... so you see, if you girls support my candidacy, we can win.

LISA

And with me as your vice-president we will own the school.

FADE

INT. HISTORY CLASSROOM -DAY

Students are all seated and paying attention.

MRS. TUTLES

... those of you who wish to be nominated, please stand.

Greggory and Leann stand up.

MRS. TUTLES

Ok. Looks like we're having an election. Anyone else? Good.

Hands Greggory and Leann a paper.

MRS. TUTLES (CON'T)

Here are your nomination forms. Please fill them out completely and  
(MORE)

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MRS. TUTLES (CON'T) (cont'd)  
return to me when you are done.  
Now, for the office of  
vice-president. Those of you who  
wish to be nominated, please stand.

Corey and Lisa stand up.

MRS. TUTLES  
Ok. Anyone else?

Hands paper to Corey and Lisa.

MRS. TUTLES (CON'T)  
Here is your form. Be sure to fill  
it out completely and return to me  
when you are done. Next, for the  
office of Secretary. Those of you  
who wish to be nominated, please  
stand.

Linda and Brianna stand up.

MRS. TUTLES  
Ok. Anyone else?

Hands paper to Brianna and Linda.

MRS. TUTLES (CON'T)  
Here is your form. Fill it out  
completely and return to me when  
you are done. Next, for the office  
of Treasurer. Those of you who wish  
to be nominated, please stand.

Chris, Magnus and Vic. stand up.

MRS. TUTLES  
Ok. Anyone else?

Hands Chris, Magnus and Vic. a paper.

MRS. TUTLES (CON'T)  
Here is your form. Return it to me  
when you are done. Next, ...

INT. SCHOOL LIBRARY -DAY

Mrs. Adder seating on a cushioned chair massaging her feet.  
Mrs. Twain sits on the next chair.

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MRS. TWAIN  
Tough week?

MRS. ADDER  
Not too bad. My legs are swelling  
up. I hate to think how is going to  
be five months from now.

MRS. TWAIN  
What do you mean?

MRS. ADDER  
I'm three mons pregnant.

MRS. TWAIN  
Well... congratulations. Is it a  
planned pregnancy?

MRS. ADDER  
Of course. I just didn't know they  
were going to take away my  
classroom.

MRS. TWAIN  
Oh. They got you too. Well... hang  
in there. Something is bound to  
hapen.

FADE

EXT. ELECTION DAY. SCHOOL YARD -DAY

Students are walking around with signs and buttons.

SIGN: Vote for Gregory Zepol for President

SIGN: Vote for Leann Marshal for Class President

SIGN: Vote for Corey Martin for Vice-President

SIGN: Vote for Lisa Fretter for Class Vice-President

SIGN: Vote for Magnus Sales for Treasurer

SIGN: Vote for Chris Tanner for Treasurer

SIGN: Vote for Vic Robins for Class Treasurer

SIGN: Vote for Linda Fuentes for Class Secretary

SIGN: Vote for Brianna Rivers for Secretary

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Corey, Gregory, Chris, Magnus, Aurora and Brianna are talking in a huddle.

AURORA

I just don't know what's the big deal about running for office.

GREGGORY

You mus be kidding. When you hold an office you can make things happen.

AURORA

You can make things happen even if you don't hold an office.

MAGNUS

Yea but, when you hold an office it means something.

AURORA

It means that you will be going to endless meetings and have endless debates about stuff that most people won't care about.

COREY

What it means is that you can change your school.

AURORA

Change? Tell me one thing that the school counsil has changed in the past two years.

BRIANNA

They put trashcans by the library.

CHRIS

They painted the hallways.

COREY

They bought new nets for the volleyball court.

AURORA

Ok. Ok. So they have make some things happen. Stil. I insist, all of that could have happened, even if we didn't have a school counsil.

GREGGORY

True. But a school council makes it easier to deal with school officials. At least this way, we have a voice to speak to the principal and the teachers.

School bell rings.

FADE

INT. SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE -DAY

MARTHA

Attention students. We now have the results of the elections. Your new class president is...

FADE

INT. CAFETERIA -DAY

Aurora, Chris, Brianna, Corey, Gregory, and Magnus talking and laughing at a table.

AURORA

So you didn't win. It's no big deal. You are still a leader.

COREY

That's right. Everyone knows, when it comes down to it. You get things done.

GREGGORY

True. Still. It would have been nice to win.

MAGNUS

Hey! At least you lost to Leann. She's hot!

Brianna rolls her eyes.

BRIANNA

Ay, ay, ay...

COREY

And with Chris as the treasurer you will have the inside scoop.

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CHRIS  
You know it.

GREGGORY  
Which reminds me. We have to  
celebrate. How about tonight.

AURORA  
Where my man goes I go.

MAGNUS  
Did someone say bowling?

COREY  
I'm in.

BRIANNA  
Me too.

CHRIS  
Friday. No homework. Of course.

FADE

INT. BOWLING ALLEY -NIGHT

Aurora, Corey, Brianna, Gregory, and Magnus are at the  
table, Chris is making a shot.

COREY  
Gutter!

MAGNUS  
Keep it up and you may have a  
perfect game.

Everyone laughs.

FADE

INT. CAFETERIA -DAY

Aurora, Chris, Brianna, Corey, and Magnus talking and  
laughing at a table. Eating dessert. Gregory arrives and  
seats on the empty chair next to Aurora.

AURORA  
What took you so long?

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GREGGORY

I was talking with Mrs. Adder.

COREY

Everything OK?

GREGGORY

Maybe. Its... just that... As you already know, the school doesn't have enough classrooms for all the teachers and as it turns out, Mrs. Adder may have to quit because she is six months pregnant and may not be able to continue walking around the school all day, as she is currently doing. It is affecting her health.

MAGNUS

What? Man... she's my favorite Teacher. Not to mention that she's...

BRIANNA

Hot. We know!

MAGNUS

No! I was about to say. My next door neighbor.

AURORA

What does that men for us? Who is going to take over her class? Oh, no! I hope they send us a good Teacher. I need Algebra to graduate!

GREGGORY

That's the problem. The school doesn't have the money to pay for another Teacher. If she leaves, we don't get to finish Algebra.

BRIANNA

Oh Gregg please, tell me you have a plan.

GREGGORY

Not yet. But we need to come up with something and fast.

FADE

EXT. SCHOOL YARD -DAY

Greggory talking with Leann, waves good-by, tuns around walks towards his friends.

Corey, Chris and Magnus talking in a huddle.

COREY

Well? What's the word?

GREGGORY

Leann talked to the principal and he does not want to give her a classroom of her own. Something to do with the Teacher's Union and seniority. The only way would be if a Teacher willingly gives up his or hers.

MAGNUS

Fat chance.

COREY

What if we find her a room outside the school. Will the principal allow it?

CHRIS

What do you have in mind?

COREY

I have an I dea. Follow me.

GREGGORY

Care to fillme in?

CHRIS

Me too.

COREY

You see that building over there?

GREGGORY

Uhu.

COREY

When my sister attended that school, that used to be the music room. The band used to practice there. Sometimes I would walk to that door just to hear them play.

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MAGNUS

So?

COREY

So they don't use that room any more. That school hasn't had a band in about five years. I never see anyone open that room. All we have to do is talk to that school's principal and we are as good as in.

CHRIS

Ok. Who's going to do the talking?

COREY

You have to ask? Gregg of course.

GREGGORY

Let's do it.

FADE

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE -DAY

Chris, Corey, Magnus sitting on chairs. Gregory can be seen through glass wall in the principal's office. Principal and Gregory walk out.

GREGGORY

Follow me guys.

The three stand up and follow.

COREY

What's going on?

GREGGORY

We are going to see the classroom.

FADE

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BACK YARD -DAY

Mr. Ramirez opens the door to the classroom. The group peeks in through the door. Stack of books fill the room from floor to ceiling.

MR. RAMIREZ

Like I said young man. If you can somehow manage to clean this room and bring it up to code. Its yours.

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GREGGORY

We'll take it. What do you want us to do with those books?

MR. RAMIREZ

You see that dumpster overthere?

Gregg moves his head up and down.

MR. RAMIREZ

You can throw them away. Now, have your principal give me a call and we'll handle the legalities.

Gregg shakes Mr. Ramirez' hand.

GREGGORY

Thank you sir. Thank you so much.

COREY

Have you lost your mind? Did you see that room? It'll take us months to get that mess cleaned up.

GREGGORY

No it won't. One, two weeks tops. All we have to do is get some help.

MAGNUS

Help? We're going to need a miracle.

GREGGORY

Haven't you heard the expression, "Be the miracle"?

Mr. Ramirez shakes his head. Gives Gregg the key and departs laughing.

FADE

EXT. SCHOOL YARD -DAY

Brianna, Corey, Chris, Gregory, Magnus talking in a huddle.

COREY

Well? What's the word?

GREGGORY

We are all set. I talked with all the class leaders and we are getting a lot of help.

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COREY

Who's going to break the news to  
Mrs. Adder?

GREGGORY

We all are. Right now.

FADE

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BACK YARD -DAY

Gregg opens the door.

GREGGORY

Welcome to the new Algebra  
classroom.

Mrs. Adder peeks in and covers her mouth and nose.

MRS. ADDER

Oh my word. I can't teach in that  
room. There are no overhead lights,  
no airconditionning. I can smell  
the mildew. I can't possible clean  
this mess, not in my condition.

GREGGORY

Don't worry Mrs. Adder. We are  
going to take care of  
everything. All we ask is that you  
don't quit and give us a couple of  
weeks.

MRS. ADDER

But... How are you going to... I  
mean, there are wire hanging from  
the ceiling.

GREGGORY

Don't worry. Leave everything to  
us. In fact don't even come this  
way until wecome for you.

MRS. ADDER

But...

GREGGORY

Two weeks. That's all we ask.

MRS. ADDER

Ok. If you guys are sure you know  
what you are doing. Thank you guys.

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MRS. ADDER (cont'd)  
Even if you can't do it, I'll know  
your heart was in the right place.

GREGGORY  
You'll see.

Mrs. Adder leaves. Gregg closes the door.

GREGGORY  
Guys. We start Tomorrow.

FADE

INT. HOME ROOM -DAY

Students are entering the classroom and taking their seats.

Greggory standing on the hallway talking with Jake and  
Herbert.

Their heads bobbing up and down.

Greggory enters the room and takes his usual seat.

COREY  
What was that about?

GREGGORY  
You'll see. All in good time. Are  
you guys ready for Today?

MAGNUS  
I have two hours after school for  
the rest of the week.

CHRIS  
Mee too.

COREY  
You know me. Any excuse not to go  
home. I'm in.

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

Chain of twentyfive students removing stacks of books and placing them in dumpster.

Students sweeping floor, washing and scrubbing walls and floors with water hose, brooms, mops.

Floor is almost dry. Only Aurora, Gregory, Corey and Brianna remain.

AURORA

Phew! I thought we would never get done.

GREGGORY

We are not there yet. But we sure have come along way.

COREY

I have to admit. I didn't think we could pull it off.

BRIANNA

If it wern't for all the students that help, would still be picking up books.

GREGGORY

Well... Make sure you rest Tonight. Tomorrow we have a lot of work.

COREY

Work? I thought all we had to do was just clean up the place. What else is there to do?

GREGGORY

Tomorrow guys. Tomorrow. For now, let's just go home.

FADE

INT. HOME ROOM -DAY

Students are entering the classroom and taking their seats.

Greggory standing on the halway talking with Jake and Herbert.

Their heads bobbing up and down.

Greggory enters the room and takes his usual seat.

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COREY

Hey! What's with you and those huys?

GREGGORY

You'll see.

CHRIS

Hey Gregg! I talk to my old man.

GREGGORY

What did he say?

CHRIS

He's coming Today to install the lighting.

GREGGORY

Great!

COREY

Hey Magnus. Got any left?

MAGNUS

How many?

COREY

One.

Magnus passes Corey a Magazine.

Corey stores magazine in backpack and Pays Magnus.

MAGNUS

Only two left.

COREY

I'll have them sold by luch time.

FADE

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY -DAY

Corey gives magazine and receives money from male student.

Same operation repeated on different locations.

As Corey walks pass the cafeteria, Mr. Guiser asks Corey to follow him.

Corey tosses backpack to Gregory, Gregory walks to another hallway and passes it to Magnus.

FADE

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE -DAY

MR. GUISER

Mr.Martin. It has come to my attention that you and your freind Gregory Zepol are involved in an ilegal pornography distribution ring around the school.

COREY

What? Not me? And I very seriously doubt that my friend Gregory would get involved in something like that.

MR. GUISER

We'll see about that. Wait here.

Mr. Guiser walks to the office door and signals Gregory to come.

Greggory enters the office followed by Mr. Guiser.

As Mr. Guiser walks around his desk, Corey and Gregg exchange looks. Corey puts his finger over his lips momentarily.

MR. GUISER

Mr.Zepol. It has come to my attention that you and your freind here are involved in some sort of ilegal activity around the school.

GREGGORY

Sir. Whomever is been telling you that, has been telling you lies. If there is anything ilegal going on in school, it is not us.

MR. GUISER

Then you won't mind if I check your bag do you?

GREGGORY

No. Not at all. Go ahead.

Mr. Guiser empties the contents of backpack on desk.

Only school supplies, books and notebooks.

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MR. GUISER

I must admit. At first I found the information hard to believe. After all, you have never been the trouble-making kind and you maintain a 4.0 average. I had to verify just the same. My apologies gentlemen. You may leave. But be warned. Do not let me find out that the information is true.

Both leave.

FADE

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY -DAY

COREY

Man! I thought we were going to get caught. When I saw you walk in that office, I thought for sure you would be loaded.

GREGGORY

Lucky for us I sold my last magazine about half hour ago. I wonder who talked?

COREY

I would like to know too. Now we're going to have to cool it for a while. You think somebody else is trying to move-in our place?

GREGGORY

Hard to say. I'll ask around.

FADE

INT. PHYSICAL SCIENCE CLASSROOM -DAY

Bell Rings.

Students get up start leaving.

Gregg is almost to the door.

MR. EDISON

Mr. Zepol.

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GREGGORY

Sir.

MR. EDISON

I hear you got quite a project going on.

GREGGORY

Yes sir. We are trying to recondition a classroom for the Algebra Teacher.

MR. EDISON

That's commendable. You know, when I was a teenager it was not comon for a kid to care about his terachers. In fact, the opposit was true. I remember one time, some kids dropped the principal's desk from the roof of the school. Ha.ha. Uhum! The got expelled tho. Any way, If there is anything I can do to help just let me know.

GREGGORY

Well sir, now that you mention it. Doesn't your wife own a furniture store?

MR. EDISON

Yes she does. Why?

GREGGORY

I was thinking...

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

CHRIS

So, What's the plan?

GREGGORY

When your Dad get's here, you help him with the electrical work.

MAGNUS

What about me?

GREGGORY

You will help Jake and you Cory help Herbert.

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COREY

And what are you going to do?

GREGGORY

I have some errands to run but...  
I'll return.

JAKE

Who wants to paint?

MAGNUS

Dude, where did you get the paint?

JAKE

From my Dads hardware store.

MAGNUS

Cool!

Magnus, Jake start painting the walls.

HERBERT

I got the tiles and the glue!

COREY

Let's do it! Where did that come  
from?

HERBERT

Frommy uncle's.

COREY

Sweet.

Corey and Herbert start replacing the missing tiles.

FADE

EXT. SIDEWALK -DAY

Gregg enters a furniture store.

Gregg is inside talking to an employee.

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

Everyone busy working.

Tile and walls done.

COREY

I didn't think we were going to finish Today but we did. Good job everyone.

Gregg walks in with a box.

HERBERT

Just in time. Did you get it?

GREGGORY

Yea. Thanks for the tip.

MAGNUS

What did you get?

GREGGORY

Gentlemen, I have not one, not two, not three but four wall mounted fans.

Cheers.

GREGGORY (CON'T)

I'll need some help to get the others out of my car.

Everyone leaves the room except Chris and his father still working the lights.

FADE

INT. HOME ROOM -DAY

CHRIS

What are we going to do about chairs and a desk?

GREGGORY

The way I see it. We can ask every Teacher to give up any excess chairs they may have and see how many we can collect.

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COREY

What about the Teachers desk?

GREGGORY

I have an idea about that one too.

FADE

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY -DAY

Students pushing chairs out of different classrooms.

FADE

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BACK YARD -DAY

Human chain moving chairs into the New Algebra Classroom.

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

Greggory, Corey, Brianna, Magnus, Chris, Jake, Herbert and a few other students await.

Aurora walking behind a very pregnant Mrs. Adder covering her eyes.

Mrs. Adder walks into the room to cheers.

EVERYONE

Surprise!

Aurora uncover eyes.

Mrs. Adder surprise look.

Big smile. Tears.

Hugs, hugs.

MRS. ADDER

Thank you guys. I know you worked really hard. I didn't think you could pull it off. But you did. You have restored my faith. Thank you so much!

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

Students seated.

Mrs. Adder resolving a problem on the board. (Tune)

Roll credits

Stop Credits

FADE

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE -DAY

Mr. Guise walks into his office. No desk. Mouth open.

FADE

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY

Students seated.

Mrs. Adder seating at her desk, big smile. (Tune)

Roll credits