The Classroom

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A True Story.
Places and names have been changed.
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.

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 rome 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, Greggory, and Magnus talking and laughing at a table. Aurora arrives and seats on the empty chair next to Greggory 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 poeple 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 happen.

FADE

EXT. ELECTION DAY. SCHOOL YARD -DAY
Students are walking around with signs and buttons.
SIGN: Vote for Greggory 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, Greggory, 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 counsel 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 counsel.

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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.

INT. SCHOOL’S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE -DAY

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

INT. CAFETERIA -DAY

Aurora, Chris, Brianna, Corey, Greggory, 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.
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.

INT. BOWLING ALLEY -NIGHT
Aurora, Corey, Brianna, Greggory, 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. Greggory 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, turns 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 idea. Follow me.

    GREGGORY
    Care to fill me 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.

INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE –DAY

Chris, Corey, Magnus sitting on chairs. Greggory can be seen through glass wall in the principal’s office. Principal and Greggory 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.

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. It’s yours.
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, Greggory, Magnus talking in a hudle.

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.
COREY
Who’s going to break the news to Mrs. Adder?

GREGGORY
We all are. Right now.

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 we come 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.

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.

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM –DAY
Chain of twenty-five 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, Greggory, 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 weren’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 lunch 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 Greggory, Greggory walks to another hallway and passes it to Magnus.
INT. PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE -DAY

MR. GUISER
Mr. Martin. It has come to my attention that you and your friend Greggory Zepol are involved in an illegal pornography distribution ring around the school.

COREY
What? Not me? And I very seriously doubt that my friend Greggory 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 Greggory 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 friend here are involved in some sort of illegal activity around the school.

GREGGORY
Sir. Whomever is been telling you that, has been telling you lies. If there is anything illegal 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.
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 common for a kid to care about his teachers. In fact, the opposite was true. I remember one time, some kids dropped the principal’s desk from the roof of the school. Ha. Ha. Uhuh! 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.

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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 cedit
Stop Credits

INT. PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE -DAY
Mr. Guise walks into his office. No desk. Mouth open.

INT. NEW ALGEBRA CLASSROOM -DAY
Students seated.
Mrs. Adder seating at her desk, big smile. (Tune)
Roll cedit