INT. DEVIN’S ROOM – AFTERNOON

DEVIN, 18, wakes up in his room. The afternoon sunlight shines bright onto his face. He rubs his face & goes down stairs.

INT. KITCHEN – CONTINUOUS

He walks into the kitchen to find his two best friends eating cereal, ALVIN, 18, similar, but geeky built to Devin and MAX, also 18.

ALVIN
Look who finally woke up.

MAX
(mouth still full)
Devin!

DEVIN
(startled)
What you doing in my house!??

ALVIN
We slept over remember?

DEVIN
I thought you went to get your rubber blanket. I waited two hours, and you never came back.

Devin grabs a bowl and pours himself some cereal.

MAX
We stopped off at the party.

DEVIN
What party?

ALVIN
Thorne’s.

DEVIN
Thorne threw another party? I thought his place got shut down.

ALVIN
It did, but he got his permit and his parent’s paid off the fine.
DEVIN
Oh.
(beat)
So, how was it?

MAX
We couldn’t stay long, we kinda got kicked out.

DEVIN
(knowingly)
Really?

ALVIN
We snuck in.

FLASHBACK
Alvin and Max are jumping fences through various backyards. Alvin falls over and tears his shoelace. He once again finds himself in trouble after his pants get caught on the top of the fence. They sneak in through the back door and try to fade into the scene. The place is packed. The pop MUSIC is BLARING, and only the hottest girls as far as the eye could see.

The boys grabs drinks and begin dancing awkwardly, but being themselves, thus crashing the party. Eventually, THORNE a typical high school jock, grabs them both by the of their shirts and toss them out leading in dog poop and various other obscene things on the lawn.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

DEVIN
Wow.

MAX
Yep, fun night though.

DEVIN
Was Eva there?

ALVIN
Eva Mendes? Of course not.

DEVIN
Really? Eva Underwood.

ALVIN
I think so. Why do you care?
MAX
Because Devin likes her.

DEVIN
So what?

Alvin gets up to put his dishes away.

ALVIN
Devin, we’re seniors. You’ve had a
 Crush on her since the 8th grade.
 Make a move or get over it.

DEVIN
I know, but I’m just waiting for
 the right moment. The perfect
 moment.

MAX
There’s no such thing as the right
 moment.

DEVIN
Ah, yes there is. And I know
 exactly how to create it.

ALVIN
How?

DEVIN
You’ll see Monday.

INT. SCHOOL – MORNING

TITLE CARD UP: MONDAY

Devin is standing around talking to Max and Alvin and the
 rest of the computer club. About 10-15 students, your typical
 nerdy bunch. Alvin is giving one of the guys STEVEN a hard
time.

ALVIN
That doesn’t matter, because we got
 in. And partied. What have you guys
done?

Devin awkwardly sips his fruit juice.

ALVIN (CONT’D)
Yeah. Right. You know what Steven
 why don’t you–
 (MORE)
Devin, there she is!

Alvin hits Devin making him choke on his juice.

STEVEN
There’s who?

ALVIN
In Devin’s imagination, his soon-be-girlfriend.

ALVIN (CONT’D)
(to Devin)
Go talk to her.

Devin jitters awkwardly debating whether or not to make a move.

DEVIN
I don’t know. Maybe— I don’t know.

STEVEN
She’s just a girl.

ALVIN
Steven butt out. How many girlfriends have you had this year?

STEVEN
How many have you?

ALVIN
(stares)
That’s not the point. Devin you have to go talk to her. Now!

EVA UNDERWOOD, senior, tall, olive skin, and beautiful. She walks by without even glancing at Devin and his friends.

ALVIN (CONT’D)
Here’s your chance, go!

Alvin pushes Devin, he lands right in front of Eva.

EVA
(stumbles a bit, but smiles)
Hi.

Devin tries to build up the courage, he fiddles with his hands and tries to find words. He breathes in and closes his eyes. Eva looks down and notices a yellow pool of urine coming toward her.
EVA (CONT’D)
Oh my god!
(she shoves Devin out of the way)
That is so gross!

The crowd of students burst into laughter.

Devin runs, embarrassed and angrily into a nearby bathroom.

INT. DEVIN’S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Max and Alvin arrive at Devin’s house to check on him.
They go up the stairs knock on his door.

ALVIN
Devin?
(knocks again)
Devin?

MAX
Come on Dev. It’s not that big a deal.

ALVIN
(whispers to Max)
It kinda is. He did pee himself in front of his love. Everybody’s talking about it.

He and Max begin to quietly argue about whether or not it’s a big deal to pee your pants.

Devin opens the door.

DEVIN
What?

MAX
Are you OK?

DEVIN
Why wouldn’t I be? I mean, I just wet myself in front of a girl.

ALVIN
(repeating himself)
Everybody’s talking about it.

Max hits him.
DEVIN
(going over to his computer desk)
It’s OK, at least people are talking about me for the first time in my life.

They walk into the room.

ALVIN
So whatcha doing?

DEVIN
Research.

MAX
(flops on the bed)
On?

DEVIN
Picking up girls.

ALVIN
Really?

DEVIN
Yep, I found this poem online that if you say to any girl. They’ll fall in love with you. But, It’s the way you say it. It’s hypnotic.

MAX
(laughs)
You can’t be serious.

DEVIN
I am. It was developed by a hypnosis in New Orleans. Thousands of guys are using it.

ALVIN
What is it?

DEVIN
Rose are red, violets are blue. Opposites attract, so what’s your excuse?

ALVIN
That’s it?
DEVIN
It’s all about eye contact though.
You can’t break it. I’m going to say it to Eva tomorrow.

MAX
You sure you wanna go back?

DEVIN
(smirks confidently)
I’m sure. I’ll be fine. I got the poem.

INT. EVA’S LOCKER - MORNING

TITLE CARD UP: TUESDAY

Eva is getting books from her locker. Devin is watching from a far, he is repeating the poem to himself. He makes his move.

DEVIN
(rushes & makes strong eye contact; not blinking)
Rose are red, violets are blue.
Opposites attract, so what’s your excuse!?!?

Devin is trying hard not to blink, he does so.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(about to cry)
Ah, man. Gosh!!

EVA
(closes her locker)
OK.

She rushes off freaked out.

INT. HOME EC - LATER

Devin comes into Home EC and goes behind the counter with his partner Max.

MAX
So. How’d it go?

DEVIN
I think peeing myself turned out better.
MAX
What happened?

DEVIN
I said the poem and creeped her out. Yep, went exactly as planned.

MAX
Don’t get yourself down. If it means anything, I knew it was going to work.

The teacher walks in and they begin their work for the day.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Devin is in the kitchen on his laptop, reading through come of the comments about the poem. They sum up that you’d have to be an idiot to use it.

Devin’s mom walks in.

MOM
It’s getting pretty late. You better get up to bed.

DEVIN
I’m not going to school tomorrow.

MOM
Why not?

He shuts his laptop.

DEVIN
Mom, how do you tell a girl you like her? Because for the past two days I’ve embarrassed myself trying to talk this girl and it’s sucks.

Devin’s mom runs over.

MOM
(hugging him tightly)
Aww! I knew this day would come! My little Devin likes a girl!

DEVIN
Mom! It’s not that big a deal!

Devin breaks free.
MOM
I know, but I’m so happy! What’s her name?!?

DEVIN
Eva Underwood.

MOM
I think I’ve heard of her. Cheerleader right?

DEVIN
That is correct.

MOM
What does she look like?

DEVIN
Does it matter?

MOM
No, but she has to have a Facebook profile or the bird thing.

DEVIN
Twitter. And yeah she has a Facebook.

He pulls it up on his laptop.

MOM
Wow, she’s pretty.
   (shuts the lid)
Buy her a bouquet of flowers. Roses.

DEVIN
You think that’ll work?

MOM
I’m positive. Now, up to bed.

INT. EVA’S LOCKER – MORNING

TITLE CARD UP: WEDNESDAY

Devin struggles with the lock on Eva’s locker. People are staring, he finally get’s it open, puts the bouquet of red roses in, and runs behind a garbage can.
Eva opens her locker and notices the bouquet, and reads the note. She sighs and throws them in the trash where Devin is hiding.

He looks disappointed.

INT. HOME - AFTERNOON

Devin walks into his home. His Mom is having her book club meeting, 6 middle aged women.

His mom jumps up.

MOM
(Excited)
So? How’d it go?!?

DEVIN
Do you like chewed gum, empty bottles, and used tissues with your roses? Because, if you do then it went fantastic.

MOM
(hugs him)
I’m sorry. I thought it would work, but I have another idea.

DEVIN
Mom, it’s OK. I’m over it. It’s not worth the shame anymore.

MOM
But, Devin-

DEVIN
Mom, just drop it. I’ll be up in my room.

Devin goes up the stairs.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Devin throws his backpack onto his bed and get’s in front of his computer.

He opens his laptop and sees that Eva’s Facebook profile is still open. He stares at it.

DEVIN
Why is picking up girls such a mystery?
He opens a new tab and goes to Google.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(while typing)
Why is picking up girls a mystery?

He sees links to the Mystery Method, clicks, and sees the site. He watches the video on MYSTERY explaining how he seduces women all around the world, and how he too can achieve that status. Devin natively gets pumped and orders the book.

Devin goes back to the Facebook profile, pauses for a second and close it.

EXT. DEVIN GOING TO SCHOOL - THE NEXT MORNING

Devin opens the door to go to his car for school.

He trips of a package outside, he reads the label and sees that it’s the book and DVDs he ordered. The Mystery Method.

DEVIN
Yes!

He hides the package in his backpack and goes back inside.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Devin walks into the kitchen where his mom is cleaning up.

Devin starts groaning.

MOM
Devin? What’s wrong?

DEVIN
I don’t feel so good.

MOM
What’s wrong? Drink some juice.

He goes over to the center bar and drinks the juice his mother pours for him.

MOM (CONT’D)
How do you feel now?

DEVIN
Awful. My head is pounding and my stomach feels sour.
MOM
You poor thing. Go on up to your room and rest up. I have to go to work, but I’ll be home as soon as possible.

DEVIN
Mom, but I have to go to school. We have end of course tests today—
(fakes hacks)
Oh god!

He runs into the bathroom and slams the door.

INT. BATHROOM — CONTINUOUS

Devin is faking vomiting sounds and using the toilet plunger to swish the water around.

MOM (O.S.)
Devin? Honey? Are you OK?

DEVIN
Yeah, Mom I’m fine. Just—
(continues to fake vomiting)
Getting it out of my system!

MOM
Should I stay home from work?

DEVIN
(catching his breath)
No! Mom. Go, if I need anything I’ll just call Grandma.

MOM
Alright, I love you—

DEVIN
Same here. Have a good—
(vomits more)
Day.

He moves closer to the door to hear if his mom is gone. He hears the front door shut.

He begins chuckling and exits the bathroom.
INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - LATER

Devin lays on his bed with a couple of snacks reading the Mystery Method.

DEVIN
(mouthful)
This is good!

He goes over to his closet and gets out his old Halloween costumes and cuts them up.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Peacocking. Done.

INT. CAFETERIA - LATER

Devin arrives late for school.

He walks into the cafeteria with this new threads. He dresses sort of in sort of a “emo” and “scene” style.

As he walks by, people are scoffing.

He goes over to the table where Max and Alvin are sitting.

Alvin looks up and notices him.

ALVIN
What. The. He- What happened to you?

DEVIN
(smirking)
Nothing much, just you know.
(sounds the word)
Peacocking.

He sits down.

MAX
Why are you so late?

DEVIN
Had to do a little reading.

ALVIN
On what? Becoming a beautiful disaster?
DEVIN
(laughs)
I’ll have you know, I’ve learned how to pick up girls from the best.

A group of girls walk by.

GIRL #1
(laughs)
Nice threads Devin.

DEVIN
You know it ladies.

The girls burst into laughter.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
You see, I didn’t even know those girls knew my name!

MAX
Remember Monday?

DEVIN
Right. But, seriously. I’m good. I’ve been reading the Mystery Method.

ALVIN
The Mystery Method?

DEVIN
Yup, by a pickup artist named Mystery. PUA for short.

ALVIN
And it taught you how to pick up girls?

DEVIN
Exactly. All I have to do is Peacock, kino, neg, close and I’m in. I could go and get any of these chicks.

ALVIN
Why don’t you get her?

DEVIN
Who? It doesn’t matter who-

He sees Eva walking into the lunch room with her friends, they sit at 5 tables down from them.
ALVIN

Well?

DEVIN
(nervously)
I- I got this.

He gets up and goes over to Eva.

He walks up to her table and they stare at him. Her friends scoff.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(smirking)
That shirt is so stupid.

EVA
Excuse me?

DEVIN
You heard me, seriously how to do guys put up with this one? Huh?
(touches her on the arm)
Not the sharpest one in the box.

EVA
You better leave.

DEVIN
Look sweetheart. I’ll leave, but only if you put your number in my phone.

Eva stands up.

EVA
Devin, or whatever your name is. I will never date you, you’re weird, you hangout with losers and you’re a creep. Leave me alone!

She leaves the cafeteria.

Devin stands in disbelief before returning to his seat.

ALVIN
So how-

DEVIN
It didn’t work!

Devin gets up and leaves the lunch room, but he walks back in to throw the book away.
INT. WEIGH TRAINING - LATER

Devin and about 8 other guys are lifting weights in the weigh room.

Devin completes his set and puts his plates back on the rack on the other side of the room.

He spots Thorne, blonde, tall, and a lady getter. Devin awkwardly tries not to make eye contact. While holding his head down he misplaces the plate and it drops on his foot. He yells, picks it up, and puts it back.

    THORNE
    Spot me, bro?

    DEVIN
    (stumbles)
    M-me?

    THORNE
    Sure?

Devin goes over and Thorne begins lifting.

    THORNE (CONT’D)
    (lifting)
    You’re that Devin kid right?

    DEVIN
    Yea.

    THORNE
    What’s up with that whole emo thing at lunch?

    DEVIN
    I don’t know.

Thorne reaches his max reps and puts the bar on the bench. He sits up and faces Devin.

    THORNE
    Come on man, you can tell me.

    DEVIN
    (awkwardly laughs)
    I don’t even-
    (beat)
    We’re not even friends.

    THORNE
    We can be.
DEVIN
Really?

THORNE
(stands up)
I’m Thorne.
(shakes Devin’s hand)
Devin right?

DEVIN
Yeah.

Devin furiously shakes his hand for a long period of time.

THORNE
(laughs)
You can let go now.

DEVIN
(finally lets him go)
Oh!

THORNE
You’re pretty awkward man. But cool, I dig that.

DEVIN
You dig me?

THORNE
Not in that way. As friends.

DEVIN
Cool.

Thorne get’s his bag and heads for the door.

THORNE
Let’s go.

DEVIN
Where?

THORNE
Around. Let’s chill.

Devin runs and get’s his bags and follows Thorne.

INT. OUTSIDE BREAK – MOMENTS LATER

Devin and Thorne are sitting outside. Talking about Devin’s disaster of getting Eva to like him.
THORNE
Oh? Eva. She’s nice.

DEVIN
Really?

THORNE
Yeah, she’s a cool person. She comes to a lot of my parties.

DEVIN
So I’ve heard.

THORNE
They’re invite only, but if I knew you, you’d be an instant-vite.

Devin looks confused.

THORNE (CONT’D)
Instant Invite.

DEVIN
Gotchya.

THORNE
I’m throwing one next Friday Night. If you’re in, I’ll make sure Eva wears something cute. Just don’t pee yourself at my place.

Devin looks awkwardly down at the table.

DEVIN
Right.

EXT. WALKING HOME – EVENING

Devin, Max, and Alvin are walking from school. They stop at Devin’s house.

ALVIN
Before you go. I’m gonna need that 40 bucks.

DEVIN
What 40 bucks?

ALVIN
Devin? Hello, the WWE SuperShow in Anaheim next Friday. (MORE)
I bought your ticket, you were suppose to pay me back.

Oh, right. God, I don’t think I’m going to be able to make it.

What?

Why not? We’ve been planning this for months. Everyone’s going to be there. Punk, Cena, Orton, everyone! And WWE rarely comes to Anaheim.

I know, but I got other plans.

What could be more important than wrestling?

I’m going to a-

Devin stops, Max and Alvin wait for him to finish.

What? You’re going to what?

To. A. Relative’s house with my parents. Sorry, guys maybe next time.

Devin walks up the driveway.

You still owe me that 40 dollars!

No I don’t!

Who am I suppose to give the ticket to!?!?

Not my problem.

Devin shuts the door.
MAX
Give it to Steven.

ALVIN
Steven is such a mark.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM – MORNING
Devin wakes and grabs his laptop to check his e-mail.
He opens it, sees an e-mail update from his purchase of the Mystery Method and puts it in the spam filter.
He opens a new tab, goes to Reddit and types “Mystery Method review.” It takes him to seddit. A subreddit for seduction and picking up women.

DEVIN
Seddit?
He clicks on every link the sidebar.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
This is a gold mine!
He then gets up from his bed and marks next Friday on the calender on the wall as “The Date.”

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(to himself)
I will learn how to pick up girls!
By next Friday, I will be a Master Pick Up Artist.

INT. CAFETERIA – AFTERNOON
The lunchroom is packed with students for lunch.
Devin comes in with his food, and goes to sit in his usual place with Max and Alvin.

THORNE
(from across the room)
DEVIN! OVER HERE!
Devin points to himself, in a “Me?” fashion. Thorne waves him over.

ALVIN
What does the Almighty Thorne want with you?
DEVIN
I don’t know.

MAX
He’s just gonna make you look like a fool. Don’t go.

Devin ignores them and walks over.
Alvin and Max watch.

ALVIN
He’s actually going.

MAX
He’s a deadman.

Thorne pats Devin on the pat as Devin sits, the group slaps hands with him.

ALVIN
Whoa! How did Devin get cool with those guys?

MAX
He put himself over, I guess.

INT. TALKING ABOUT THE PARTY - CONTINUOUS

THORNE
So the plan’s in order. Everything’s set.

LOGAN
What about the band?

THORNE
Don’t need one. Got a hot mix on my phone.

Devin looks around anxiously.

RIKER
You good man?

DEVIN
Yeah, just. You know, looking at the sun, good stuff.

Thorne looks at Devin for a second and burst into laughter, so does everyone else.
THORNE
Just relax man, you’re cool. You’re one of us now.

DEVIN
Are you going put me through some humiliating tests to prove I belong in your social group.

(snorts)

LOGAN
You watch too many movies. Just ‘lax and chill. Bro, we got you. Thorne tell ’em.

THORNE
(swallows drink)
Right. Eva wants to meet you.

DEVIN
Really?

THORNE
Yeah, I talked her into giving you a second chance.

DEVIN
Wow, thanks man!

THORNE
I told you. We got your back.

(finishes his burger)

I’m full, let’s roll.

The guys get up.

LOGAN
A bunch of us brahs are going to The Grove tonight to pickup some new gear for the party. You need a ride?

DEVIN
New gear? I like what I have on.

Logan and the others laugh.

LOGAN
(catching his breathe)
You’re killing us man! Just be ready at 8!

Devin returns to Max and Alvin.
ALVIN
So, Mr. Sudden Popularity. What did they want?

DEVIN
Nothing, they were just dogging on me about the Mystery thing. No biggie.

ALVIN
No biggie. Since when did you start using-
(moves in closer)
Cool people words.

DEVIN
(snatches away)
When I started to take account for my own actions!

MAX
What are you talking about?

DEVIN
Gee, what am I talking about? I’m sick of this. I’m sick of not getting anywhere in life, sitting here with the nerds.

ALVIN
Are you calling us nerds? Devin, where is this coming from?

DEVIN
Ask yourself, Alvin. You always give people a hard time about everything. The one thing you go on and on about is getting girls.

ALVIN
No I don’t!
(to Max)
Do I?

Max shrugs.

DEVIN
You give guys like Steven so much crap, and you haven’t even had a girlfriend. I’m sick of watching WWE 24/7, it’s gotten so bad that I’ve started to use smark terms.
(beat)
See? I just did it again.
MAX
Whoa, this is a classic heel turn!
Mind if I write it for Monday’s Raw
fan club.

Devin gets up angrily.

DEVIN
Why am I even wasting my time with
you guys? You’ll never get it. I’m
done, I’m out.

ALVIN
Whatever.

Devin leaves to cafeteria.

MAX
Best heel turn since Stone Cold
Steve Austin did it in 2001.

ALVIN
I know right. Now, we wait for
Cena’s.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM – EVENING

Devin continues to read the top seddit posts.

DEVIN
(reading)
Fixing AA? Approach Anxiety.
Approach anxiety is a lack of
confidence when it comes to going
up and talking to girls. Oh, I
definitely have that.

He continues reading.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
To fix this anxiety, give yourself
a 3 second countdown. You have to
approach in this time period. If
not you never will.

The doorbell rings.

INT. KITCHEN – CONTINUOUS

Devin comes down the stairs, and sees Logan eating a snack
his mom prepared for him.
LOGAN
(spots Devin)
Devin! Ready to get some new threads, brah?

DEVIN
Totally.
(tries to sound like Logan)
Brah.

MOM
Well, Devin. I didn’t know you had “cool” friends.

LOGAN
Oh yeah, me and Devin go way back.

DEVIN
To about 1 today.

LOGAN
(laughs)
You gotta love this brah’s sense of humor.

MOM
Well, that’s the way I’ve raised him. You boys better be takin’ off. It’s getting late.

LOGAN
Yeah, let’s roll Dev.

They head for the door, Devin’s mom follows them.

MOM
Drive safely.

INT. BANANA REPUBLIC - LATER
Devin waits for Logan who’s trying on some new clothes.
He comes out wear skinny jeans and a tight fitting shirt.

LOGAN
So? How do I look?

DEVIN
Killer bro.
LOGAN
(smirking in the mirror)
Thought so.
(beat)
Dude, you better start trying on some stuff. Curfew’s at 9.

DEVIN
I told you I like my style.

LOGAN
It’s ‘ight. But, brah. This is the first party you’ve been to. You gotta look smashin’. If you know what I mean?

Devin goes to a nearby table under clearance and grabs a random shirt and pants.

DEVIN
Happy?

LOGAN
Sure.

They pay for their stuff and leave the store.

INT. WALKING - CONTINUOUS

DEVIN
Hey, it’s only 8:30. I wanna check out the Apple Store.

LOGAN
Alright that’s cool.

INT. APPLE STORE - CONTINUOUS

Devin and Logan walk in.

DEVIN
I heard the new Macbook’s going to have a hexacore processor, 16 gigs of ram, clocked at 1333 mega hertz.

LOGAN
Mega what?

DEVIN
Forget it.

They walk over to the Macbooks.
LOGAN
You’re a computer nerd, aren’t you?

DEVIN
Kinda.

LOGAN
Good. My laptop’s running slow, any help?

DEVIN
Do you have a virus?

LOGAN
I think so.

DEVIN
There you go.

LOGAN
Genius.

DEVIN
Right.

They turn and notice a BEAUTIFUL women, gorgeous long brunette hair, pretty eyes, and stunning body.

LOGAN
(hits Devin)
Bro! Check that out!

DEVIN
Calm down it’s only a girl.

LOGAN
But, she’s so smokin’! I can’t even go up and talk to her.

DEVIN
Why not?

LOGAN
Rejection, bro. It sucks. She’s top tier.

DEVIN
I’m not afraid of that. Stop putting her on a pedestal.

LOGAN
Whatever, go talk to her then.
DEVIN
I will.

LOGAN
Then go ahead!

DEVIN
I will!

Devin starts walking toward her and counts to 3.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(to himself and repeats)
Open, connect, escalate, and close.

INT. PICKING UP THE BRUNETTE - CONTINUOUS
Devin finally makes his way toward her.

He sees she’s looking at a model of the iPad that is not quite up to standards.

DEVIN
Pretty good, but I think you could do better.

LAUREN
Really?

DEVIN
Yeah, I can help you out. But, it’s gonna cost you.

LAUREN
And what would that be?

DEVIN
(bold but flirtly)
A kiss.

Lauren laughs and Devin gets a little flustered.

LAUREN
(laughs)
OK? Which iPad do you think I should get?

DEVIN
What do you use them for?

LAUREN
Email, Facebook, Twitter, some games.
DEVIN
Don’t tell me Angry Birds.

LAUREN
(laughs)
What’s wrong with Angry Birds?

DEVIN
That’s a children’s game.
(touches her shoulder)
But, I know not everyone can handle
the maturity of Fruit Ninja.

LAUREN
(laughs)
You got me.

DEVIN
Seriously though. You’ll be a lot
happier with the Nexus 7, it more
than half the price and it’s a
powerhouse.

LAUREN
Thanks.

Devin walks off.

LAUREN (CONT’D)
Wait!

DEVIN
Yeah?

LAUREN
You forgot something.

She goes up to kiss him on the cheek.

LAUREN (CONT’D)
See, I come through with my
promises.

DEVIN
Hmm. You’re pretty good. But, I
think we need to on work your
kissing abilities.
(reaches into his pocket
to get his phone)
You know what to do.

She puts her number into the phone.
LAUREN
Call me tonight.

DEVIN
(sly smirk)
If I’m not too busy.

He returns to Logan.

LOGAN
Bro! What the- How the- How did you do that?!?!

DEVIN
(laughs)
Do what?

LOGAN
That?!?
(flails arms at girl)
You so weird in school, but you just pulled the hottest girl I’ve ever seen!

DEVIN
Practice.

INT. READING SEDDIT - NIGHT

Devin sits in bed and reads about kino.

DEVIN
(reading aloud)
In order to build attraction with a woman, you should understand test and know to pass them, you also need to know how to touch her.

(finishes)
Hmm.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Devin is walking to class, he passes his former friends Max and Alvin. Max waves, but Devin doesn’t. Alvin slams his locker shut and walks off.

He sees an attractive girl with blonde hair and blue eyes and goes over, shes wearing a baby blue shirt.

DEVIN
How’d you know blue was my favorite color?

(MORE)
Devin (CONT’D)
(touches her arm and turns her toward him)
And you’re a fan of The Cab.
(smirks)
My kind of girl.

GIRL
Yeah, I saw them last week in Pasadena. What’s your name?

DEVIN
Devin, and you?

GIRL
Brooklyn.

Devin shakes her hand.

DEVIN
What class you got next, Brooklyn?

BROOKLYN
Psychology.

DEVIN
Mr. Burns?

BROOKLYN
Yep.

DEVIN
Hey, you’re in luck that’s right on my way. I’ll walk with you.

BROOKLYN
(blushes)
OK.

She closes her locker. Devin places his hand on her lower back, as he read on seddit. He soon wraps his hands on her shoulder.

As they walk people are amazed at how Devin, who used to be socially awkward, is walking to class with a beautiful girl by his side. Some of the jocks slap hands with Devin and cheering him on.

They arrive at the door.

BROOKLYN (CONT’D)
Thanks.
(turns around)
You wanna hang out sometime?
DEVIN
Maybe, what you got in mind?

BROOKLYN
This weekend I’m picking up some new movies. If you wanna join me?

DEVIN
Sounds chill.

She reaches into his pocket to put her number in his phone.

Devin goes for a hug and whispers in her ear.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(whispers)
Try to focus on psychology and not me, OK?

He turns a leaves with the crowd standing in awe.

EXT. OUTSIDE LUNCH - AFTERNOON

Devin and his new social circle are eating outside.

Some guys are talking about how Devin has made a complete 180 and he’s one of the most talked about guys in the school.

THORNE
Logan, dude, whatever you did last night with Devin. Holy- It worked.

LOGAN
I didn’t do anything, Devin changed in like one night. It’s insane.

RIKER
Brooklyn is so stuck up no guy has never been able to get with her, how did you do it?

DEVIN
I don’t know, I was just confident, said whatever was on my mind, and the rest just followed.

THORNE
Bring that attitude Friday night and you won’t have to worry about a thing.
EXT. WALKING HOME - EVENING

Devin is walking home and a group of nerdy looking guys are waiting for him. Steven is one of them.

STEVEN
(running up)
DEVIN! DEVIN!

DEVIN
What’s up man?

STEVEN
Everyone’s talking about you dude!

DEVIN
(shrugging him off)
Alright.

Devin continues walking trying to get away from the guys. Steven and the pack closely follow.

STEVEN
Dude, teach us!

DEVIN
Teach you what?

STEVEN
How to become cool. Like you. We’ll give you gifts!

Steven rips the candy and homework from the guy standing beside him.

DEVIN
What? I’m not cool.

STEVEN
Yes you are, you have the entire girl social group loving you. You’re on a roll!

DEVIN
I don’t believe in luck, I work hard. Work, hustle, kill.

STEVEN
See that’s cool! What does it mean?

DEVIN
It means-

A convertible pulls up. It’s Eva.
Devin. EVA

Yeah? DEVIN

Get in. EVA

Devin pauses for a second, and goes over to open the door. He is clearly nervous and has problems opening the door. He struggles, but finally opens it.

He is frigid and again has trouble buckling the seat belt.

EVA (CONT’D)

What’s the matter with you?

He stumbles with words and still can’t buckle it.

EVA (CONT’D)

For Christ’s sake.

She does it for him.

The group is taking notes and Devin gives them mad, awkward looks.

EXT. RIDING WITH EVA - CONTINUOUS

Devin and Eva are riding around and talking.

EVA

You’re a big shot now, huh?

DEVIN

Not really.

EVA

Yeah, you are. You’re talking to all these girls—

(beat)

You know, the locker room was talking about your date with Brooklyn Saturday.

DEVIN

(stumbles)

Really?

Devin is staring at Eva, he starts thinking.
DEVIN (CONT’D)
(thinking)
Just relax, she’s just a girl. Stop putting her on a pedestal. Just relax, you got this, just don’t mess up.

He comes back to reality.

EVA
(Devin’s still fading back in)
Devin? Did you hear me? DEVIN!

Eva slams on brakes.

DEVIN
Yeah, yeah? What!!

EVA
(clearly lying)
I said Brooklyn is just using you. I’m being honest. I’m her friend, and she’d never go for a guy like you.

DEVIN
What’s wrong with me?

EVA
(thinks to herself)
You’re awkward. You almost broke my door earlier.

Devin looks down.

DEVIN
I can’t believe it.

EVA
I just don’t wanna see you get hurt.

DEVIN
Thanks.
(unbuckles and opens the car door)
I think I’ll walk it from here.

EVA
You sure? You don’t hav-

DEVIN
Yeah, I got some thinking to do.
He gets out and starts walking.

    EVA
    (yelling to Devin)
    Wait, Devin!

    DEVIN
    Yeah?

    EVA
    Never mind.

She drives off and Devin starts walking home. Alone.

INT. HALL - MORNING

Devin walks into the school some random guys start giving high fives to him and girls are making heavy eye contact and waving to him.

He goes to his locker, inside he sees random notes with numbers from girls. He throws them in the trash.

Brooklyn comes from behind him and wraps her arms around him.

    BROOKLYN
    Guess who?

    DEVIN
    (annoyed)
    Who?

    BROOKLYN
    Brook, silly! Turn around!

He does.

    BROOKLYN (CONT’D)
    I know you told me not to, but I
couldn’t stop thinking about you in
class yesterday. I can’t wait till
Saturday.

She reaches into her bag and pulls out two wrestling DVD’s.

    BROOKLYN (CONT’D)
    I heard you liked wrestling. I’m
not usually into it, but-

    DEVIN
    (turns back to his locker)
    I don’t think Saturday’s gonna work
out well for me.
BROOKLYN

Why not?

DEVIN

I’m busy.

BROOKLYN

OK, how about Sunday?

DEVIN

I don’t think so.

BROOKLYN

(scoffs)

It sounds like you’re blowing me off!?!?

DEVIN

Whoever said blondes aren’t as smart as the rest of the world?

BROOKLYN

Why are you acting like this?

DEVIN

Why are you leading me on?

BROOKLYN

I’m not! Why would you think I was leading you on!?!?

DEVIN

I don’t know, a little birdy told me! You know it’s true, a girl like you would never go for a guy like me. But, here’s where I flip the script. A guy like me would never go for a girl like you!

Devin slams his locker and storms off.

Brooklyn screams at him.

BROOKLYN

I’m gonna make you regret what you just did Devin!

Devin storms past Eva who saw the whole thing from her locker. She slyly smiles to herself.
INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - NIGHT

Devin is reading seddit when he stumbles across a new term “oneitis” known to the pickup community as the one girl you’ve always been liked, but could never get.

DEVIN
Eva. Eva’s my oneitis! That’s why I was so nervous talking to her! How do I fix that?

He reads on.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I gotta use what I’ve learned. Confidence, kino, and escalate. That’s how I’m gonna make Eva my girlfriend.

INT. EVA’S CLASS - THE NEXT DAY

TITLE CARD UP: THURSDAY

Devin is waiting outside Eva’s classroom.

The bell rings and the class lets out, he spots Eva with a group of the popular girls exiting the class.

He goes over and grabs her.

EVA
Hey Devin?

DEVIN
(looks her in the eye)
I need to talk to you.

He leads her into an empty classroom.

He closes the door. Eva gets nervous.

EVA
What’s going on?

DEVIN
I got something to ask you.

EVA
(smiles)
OK?

DEVIN
There’s this party-
EVA

Yes!

Devin looks confused.

DEVIN

(laughs)

You didn’t let me finish.

EVA

OK, finish.

He remembers what he read on seddit, and doesn’t get nervous. He pushes her lightly against the teacher’s desk, puts her arms around his shoulders, then his hands on her waist.

DEVIN

Do you wanna go to Thorne’s party with me tomorrow?

EVA

Sure.

DEVIN

Alright.

He looks at both her eyes and then her mouth, she does the same.

He kisses her.

DEVIN (CONT’D)

You’re going to be my temporary girlfriend for Friday night, OK.

EVA

Whatever you want—

(she snaps out of her trance)

Temporary?

He brushes her hair back and kisses her again.

A teacher bursts in.

TEACHER

WHAT IS GOING ON IN HERE!?!?

Eva chuckles while Devin looks shocked.
EXT. DEVIN WALKIN EVA TO HER CAR - AFTERNOON

They hold hands while other people are again in shock at Devin’s progress. They reach her car.

EVA
You sure you don’t want a ride?

DEVIN
I’m good me and boys are going downtown. I just wanted to make sure you got to your car safe.

EVA
How sweet.

She kisses Devin hard on the lips. He pulls away fast.

DEVIN
Save some for tomorrow.

Eva reaches into her car and pulls out a receipt.

EVA
That reminds me. You left this in my car.

DEVIN
Thanks, but I don’t need it.

EVA
Yes you do. To take back the clothes you bought.

DEVIN
And why would I do that?

EVA
Because I’m taking you shopping after school.

DEVIN
Shopping with a women is awful.

EVA
I’m not you’re mom, OK. I promise we’ll have fun. Now go, you friends are waiting.

He looks over and sees Thorne, Riker, and Logan waving over to him.

DEVIN
Yeah friends.
He leans in to kiss Eva again.

EVA
Call me tonight!

She drives off and he goes over to the guys. They greet him with open arms, but he seems a little misplaced.

EXT. THORNE DROPS OFF DEVIN - NIGHT

Devin gets out of the Thorne’s car with the music BLARING.

DEVIN
Dude turn it down!!

THORNE (O.S.)
(turns down the music; hushed tone)
Sorry.

He walks up to his house and tries to quietly open the door.

INT. INSIDE THE HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

As soon as he opens the door his Mom jumps off the couch and runs over to hug him.

MOM
Thank God, you’re alright!

DEVIN
Mom, it’s cool. I was just out with some friends.

Devin squirms away.

MOM
On a school night?

DEVIN
It’s really no big deal.

MOM
It’s a huge deal!

Devin goes to the kitchen.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

He goes over to the fridge and gets a can of soda.
MOM
Did you hear me!?! It’s a huge deal being out till 11 on a school night!

DEVIN
I’m sorry, alright.
   (burps)
Alright?

MOM
I don’t think you mean it!

DEVIN
Of course I do.

He hugs his Mom.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I’m sorry about not calling. I’m still adjusting to this new cool thing.

MOM
You’ll have a lot of time to reflect on it considering you’re grounded tomorrow night.

DEVIN
Acceptable-
   (beat)
What!?! I have huge plans for tomorrow night!

MOM
I’m sorry, but I have to do it. You have to learn.

DEVIN
Learn from what? I rarely do anything! I’m finally an extrovert and you’re trying to shut me down!

MOM
That’s enough Devin!

DEVIN
Mom, you don’t get it. I’m finally cool. Every girl in school wants me, and if I don’t go to that party tomorrow, then all I worked for is finished.
MOM
My mind’s made up Devin.

He slams down the soda and storms off to his room.

INT. CAFETERIA - MONDAY

TITLE CARD UP: MONDAY MORNING

Devin walks into the cafeteria, he’s getting his usual looks.

GUY #1
My man Devin! Thorne’s looking for ya!

DEVIN
Looking for me? Why?

GUY #1
Dude, you know why! Everyone’s talking about how you stood up Eva and blew off his party!

EXT. OUTSIDE HANGOUT - CONTINUOUS

Devin goes outside to the “popular” table.

DEVIN
(to Thorne)
You looking for me?

Thorne turns around.

THORNE
Well, look who’s joining us fellas. Mr. Popularity. He’s too cool to show his face at my lousy party.

DEVIN
I was grounded.

THORNE
Grounded? Are you 10? What kind of excuse is that?

DEVIN
It’s not an excuse. I got grounded, because you decided to go to West Hollywood on a school night.

THORNE
And your point is?
DEVIN
(stares)
My point is.
(slowly)
I couldn’t come to your party
because you got me grounded.

THORNE
You got yourself grounded man. You
know what, I’m not even mad. We’re
cool we’ll put this whole thing
behind us. Oh yeah, your
girlfriend’s looking for you.

DEVIN
Girlfriend?

THORNE
Eva? Come on bro, I know you’re a
player, but you gotta know who
you’re “girlfriend” is.

DEVIN
I’m not a player!

THORNE
Tell that to her.

INT. EVA’S CLASS – CONTINUOUS

Devin finally finds Eva sitting talking with her friends.
One them spots him.

GIRL #2
(disgusted)
Oh my god! Look who it is!

Eva looks up and sees Devin standing over her.

EVA
(angrily)
What do you want?

DEVIN
I want to talk to you.

EVA
I don’t think so, that last time
that happened you tricked me into
becoming your “temporary”
girlfriend. You’re a player.
DEVIN
What? I’m not a player. Why does everyone keep saying that?

EVA
You tell me? Getting phone numbers everyday in your locker, acting cool, and oh yeah, seeing someone else when we had a date!

DEVIN
I was grounded!

EVA
Yeah right!

DEVIN
Why is that so hard for everyone to believe? Yes, I still get grounded!

EVA
I heard something different.

DEVIN
Seriously? It seems for the last few weeks everyone is talking about! Devin did this! Devin did that! What side of the story did you hear!?!?

EVA
That you and Brooklyn had a nice Friday evening.

DEVIN
What!?! There’s nothing going on between me and Brooklyn! You told me she was just using me!

BROOKLYN (O.S.)
What!?!?

Brooklyn goes over to Devin.

BROOKLYN (CONT’D)
She told you what!?!?

DEVIN
She told me-

EVA
Devin! Stop!
DEVIN
She told me that girls like you won’t give me the time of day.

BROOKLYN
(turns to Eva)
Why would you tell him that!??

EVA
I didn’t he’s lying!

DEVIN
(blankly)
Really?

EVA
OK, I lied. So what!?

DEVIN
So what? You ruined my weekend, because why? You like me all of a sudden?

BROOKLYN
No, she doesn’t. She likes your status.

EVA
No I don’t. OK, I wasn’t attracted to him before he got all cool, because he was such a loser. But, now he’s change and I-

BROOKLYN
You’re a manipulator and a liar.

Eva gets in Brooklyn’s face.

EVA
What?

She pushes her.

The class gets up and starts chanting “fight.”

BROOKLYN
You never where my friend, you were just using ME!

She goes to punch Eva in the face, but Devin blocks it.

DEVIN
Stop! Alright, that’s enough. I need some time to think.
He walks away, as the makes “oowing” sounds.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Shut up!

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - MORNING
Devin wakes up from his sleep.
He reaches for his phone and sees he has 34 text messages from his “friends”, but mostly from girls.
He strolls through them and finds a message from Alvin, he ignores it.
He sighs, drops the phone, and goes down stairs.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS
Devin finds his Mom making breakfast.

DEVIN
Mom?

MOM
What’s up sweetheart?

DEVIN
(sits at the counter)
I think I messed up.

MOM
How?

DEVIN
Well two weeks ago I started learning how to pick up women.

MOM
Why would you do something so degrading to women?

DEVIN
It’s not degrading. It’s not like I’m learning how to trick them, I’m just late to the game.

MOM
Go on.
DEVIN
OK, I ordering a PUA kit and it didn’t work.

MOM
Alright.

DEVIN
So, when that didn’t work I read more books on natural game, and found a place on this site called Reddit, that’s all about learning to better yourself.

MOM
There was nothing wrong with you.

DEVIN
Mom, before all of this I was a social outcast. I only hung out with-

Devin stops to think.

MOM
Alvin and Max?

DEVIN
Yeah.

MOM
What happened to those guys?

DEVIN
Ugh, I don’t know... They’re just... I don’t know.

MOM
Just remember. No matter how popular you get never forget where you came from.

(beat)
You hungry?

DEVIN
Naw, I have something I gotta do.

INT. COMPUTER NETWORKING - MORNING
Devin is about to run into Alvin and Max’s, when Logan stops him.
LOGAN
(getting Devin in a headlock)
Where you been brah?

DEVIN
Let me go!

LOGAN
You chilled man?

DEVIN
Yeah, I’m trying to handle something first.

LOGAN
Oh, Thorne wanted you to know that he’s putting you on the VIP list for his after prom birthday party in Beverly Hills.

DEVIN
Really?

Devin looks into the classes and sees Alvin and Max.

LOGAN (O.S.)
Yeah, you’re one of us brah. I can’t believe how popular you are now, you’re achieving Thorne status. It’s a good thing you dumped those losers when you did.

Devin looks back at his two old friends.

DEVIN
(to himself)
Yeah, losers.

The bells rings and the hallways flood with students. Devin sees Alvin and Max alone, but turns the other way.

INT. LUNCH - CONTINUOUS

Devin is eating with Thorne, Logan, and Riker.

THORNE
You talk to Eva yet?

DEVIN
No, why should I? She lied to me.
THORNE
Come on man, she’s the hottest girls in school. I think you can look over one little lie.

RIKER
I don’t know. Brooklyn’s up there too. I can’t decide.

LOGAN
Luckily it’s not our decision it’s Devin’s.

DEVIN
I’m gonna make a decision. Just not now.

He gets up to throw his trash away.

Max sees him and says hi, but Devin is swept away by Thorne and the crew.

THORNE
(fading off)
So about my birthday party....

Alvin shakes his head and continue talking to Steven and the gang.

INT. SOUTH COAST PLAZA - EVENING

Devin, Logan, and Thorne are sitting at Ruby’s Diner finishing their dinner.

Thorne looks up and sees a beautiful young women enter the diner.

THORNE
Holy- Guys check her out!

LOGAN
That’s my type of girl.

THORNE
She’s not a girl, she’s a women. That’s what I need, I’m sick of high school girls man. It’s run it’s coarse.

DEVIN
Go talk to her then.
THORNE
Give me a second. I have to finish my... Fries. They’re good.

DEVIN
You’re scared. The Great Almighty Thorne scared of a little weak female.

THORNE
Look this is a different ball game here. Like I said this isn’t high school. If you’re so tough, Mr. Pickup Artist go get her number.

DEVIN
Alright, but I’ll get it for you. Not me. I already have my fair share of girl problems.

Devin takes another sip of his drink and goes over to approach the women.

INT. TALKING TO THE WOMEN - CONTINUOUS

He stops her.

DEVIN
I’m sorry, but you’re so cute, I’d kick myself if I passed up this opportunity to meet up.

WOMEN
(laughs)
I’m Sydney.

DEVIN
(shakes her hand, but doesn’t let go)
I’m Devin, Sydney are you in a hurry?

SYDNEY
Not really, why?

DEVIN
Let’s talk for a minute.

He makes sure he touches her lower back as he guides her to the nearby table.
INT. THORNE AND LOGAN - CONTINUOUS

THORNE
He’s doing it, he’s really doing it.

LOGAN
I told you.

INT. CONVERSATION - CONTINUOUS

Devin finishes up his conversation with Sydney.

DEVIN
(holds her hand)
You’re adorable, but safe. Let’s make a deal. When we see each other again, we’re gonna do something you’ve never done before.

SYDNEY
Like what?

DEVIN
(hands her his phone)
We’ll see.

She puts in her number.

They stand up and Devin gives her a hug.

She leaves the diner.

INT. RETURNING TO THE TABLE - CONTINUOUS

Devin returns to Thorne and Logan who are in awe.

DEVIN
Here.
(give Thorne his phone)
Don’t mess it up, brah.

LOGAN
Brah? He finally said it! He’s one of us!

THORNE
Totally. How did you do that?

DEVIN
Just walked up said what was on my mind, touched her, and talked.
LOGAN
That’s it.

DEVIN
Yep.

THORNE
Interesting.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - MORNING

Devin is getting dressed for school listening to Kenny Chesney’s “Don’t Blink” singing out loud.

DEVIN
(singing)
Don’t blink... Just might miss you’re baby...
(breaks into a dance)
Trust me friend 100 years goes faster than you think-

He turns and sees Eva standing in the doorway of his room.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(shocked)
Good God!

EVA
(laughs)
Country?

DEVIN
Yeah, sometimes it relaxes me. What are you doing here?

EVA
(walks over to Devin hugs him)
I missed you.

DEVIN
Same here, but I told you I’m not sure it’s going work out right now between me and you.

EVA
(sits on his bed)
I’m fine with that.

Another country song comes on.
EVA (CONT’D)
Can you change that?

Devin tosses her the remote to his satellite radio system.

DEVIN
Put it on whatever. I’m gonna be back OK?

INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Devin goes into the bathroom.

He is clearly nervous again.

DEVIN
OK, man you got this. Man up. A cheerleader’s in your bedroom.
(thinks)
Nothing’s gonna happen like that!
Gross! But, try to not make a fool of yourself.

He exits the bathroom.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

He reenters his bedroom and sees that Eva has took off her jacket and tossed it on the floor.

Devin lets out an awkward sigh.

EVA
You’re back! Come here.

Devin nervously walks over and plants himself awkwardly in a chair beside the bed and crosses his legs.

EVA (CONT’D)

DEVIN
(swallows hard)
Alrighty.

He gets on his bed, but protects himself well. Much to Eva’s annoyance.

EVA
Devin stop!
DEVIN
I don’t wanna... You know.

EVA
Sex- I know, oh my god. I don’t wanna do that either. I just wanna talk.

DEVIN
OK, talk! Talk, I’m good at talking. Sometimes.

DEVIN’S MOM (O.S.)
Devin! I’m going to work! Don’t be late to school!

DEVIN (to his mom)
Alright!!

EVA (laughs)
You’re Mom loves you doesn’t she?

DEVIN
Yeah, sometimes a little too much. She’s over protective. That’s why I “stood” you up.

EVA (touches Devin arm)
I believe you now.

DEVIN
You do?

EVA
Yeah, and I’m sorry I lied to you about Brooklyn.

   (starts to ramble)
I don’t know I’ve been hearing about you talking to all these girls it just made me-

   (tries to slur)
Jealous.
   (normal)
Because you liked me firs-

DEVIN
Wait, wait. I’m sorry what was that?
EVA
(smiles)
Nothing.

DEVIN
Did I just hear Eva Underwood, say she’s jealous of a little nerd like me?

EVA
You’re not a nerd. I just needed to get to know you. You’re a really cool guy. With a few quirks.

DEVIN
(laughs)
Like what?

EVA
(bluntly)
You listen to country music.

DEVIN
(laughs)
Fair enough.
(beat)
So?

EVA
So...

DEVIN
What should we do now?

EVA
We have some time before 1st period, because I have my car.

She places her hand on Devin’s lap.

He pulls her chin in closely and kisses her.

EVA (CONT’D)
Are you making out with me?

DEVIN
(still kissing her)
No, you’re making out with me.

EVA
(between breaths)
Oh am I?
DEVIN
You cool with that?

EVA
Yeah.

They continue kissing. Eva breaks away.

EVA (CONT’D)
(catches her breath)
I think... I think... I might...
Love you.

Devin freezes in place.

Eva tears up.

EVA (CONT’D)
I’m sorry I shouldn’t have said that. You told me-

DEVIN
It’s cool, let’s just get to school.

INT. SCHOOL - MORNING

Devin and Eva walk into school.

He doesn’t really appear comfortable with her anymore.

They get to her class.

EVA
I’ll see you after class OK?

DEVIN
Yeah.

She is about to kiss him, but he stops her with a hand shake.

INT. HOME EC - CONTINUOUS

Devin walks into the classroom, he sees Max prepping his station. He looks up for a second.

MAX
Devin!!

DEVIN
(going over to him)
What’s-
A girl, JEN grabs Devin and takes her to her station.

JEN
You’re my partner today. Because, mine’s out.

DEVIN
(looks around)
There’s Bradley right there.

JEN
Oh, would you look at that. We better get started.

DEVIN
Hold on I have to go talk to my-

The teacher walks in and class begins.

EXT. AFTER SCHOOL - AFTERNOON
Eva is waiting by her car for Devin.
She sees him walking up.

EVA
Finally!

DEVIN
Yeah I’m here.

Eva wraps her arms around him and kisses him.

EVA
Where were you? I haven’t seen you all day!

They get in her car.

DEVIN
I’ve had rough day.

EVA
Would ice cream cheer you up?

DEVIN
(thinks to himself)
Iced cream would be great right now.
INT. ICE SCREAM SHOP - LATER

Devin and Eva are sitting and talking in the ice cream shop.

DEVIN
I mean. I don’t get it. What happened to me? I have everything I want, a good girlfriend, I’m popular. But, I’m not complete.

EVA
You should talk to them.

DEVIN
I can’t. I’m tossed out them like dirt. Wouldn’t you risk your rep if I went back to hanging out with them?

EVA
I don’t care who you hang out with. As corny as it sounds. You kinda changed me. When I said I loved you. I meant it.

DEVIN
Yeah, that kinda bothers me too. See, I don’t wanna hurt you, I’m not really in for anything too serious right now–

LAUREN
Don’t I know you from somewhere?

He turns and sees Lauren, the girl he helped at the Apple store.

DEVIN
(acts like he doesn’t remember)
I don’t know do we?

LAUREN
Yeah, from the Apple Store you helped me. Devin right?

DEVIN
Yeah.
    (scratches head)
Lauren. Lauren right?

LAUREN
Yeah, I thought you were gonna call me?
Devin looks to Eva who is almost in tears.

    DEVIN
    Hey, Lauren this is my new girlfriend Eva.

    LAUREN
    Oh, I’m sorry. Nice to meet you.

    EVA
    You too.
    (beat)
    I just remembered have to go.

She gets out the booth.

    DEVIN
    Eva! Come on!

She leaves the shop.

Devin follows her out into the parking lot.

He grabs her.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    Wait!

    EVA
    No, I’m not waiting for you! Is this why you didn’t want “anything serious?” So you could see other girls!?!?

    DEVIN
    That’s not it at all! I met her like a month ago. Before you and had a thing!

    EVA
    I don’t want to hear it. Why couldn’t you be honest with me!?!?

    DEVIN
    I am! I care about you! A lot!

Eva gets in her car, she locks the door so Devin can’t get in.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    Come on! Let me in!

She starts the car.
Devin runs in front of it.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I’m not letting you go!!

Eva lets the top down.

EVA
I wanna hear you say it. If you
don’t want me to leave. Tell me you
won’t see other girls!

DEVIN
I can’t.

She hits the gas with Devin barely getting out the way, leaving him in the parking lot.

MONTAGE:

MUSIC UP: HATE ME - BLUE OCTOBER

A) Devin is walking the long way home. Head held low.

B) Eva is sitting in her car crying.

C) Devin is walking along the freeway.

D) Eva lays in bed and continues crying, she finally turns off her lamp and goes to sleep.

E) Devin get’s out his phone and texts his Mom. It reads “I’m gonna be late.”

INT. LUNCH - CONTINUOUS

Devin is sitting with the usual group.

LOGAN
I heard she’s going to be out of
school for the next week.

THORNE
I heard she’s a wreck.

RIKER
That’s what happens when Devin
get’s to your heart. The best
heartbreaker this place has ever
seen.

They toast.
DEVIN
It’s not my fault. I didn’t break her heart. Why should I feel guilty?

THORNE
You shouldn’t she knew what the deal was. It’s not your fault she got attached.

DEVIN
(puts down his fork)
Guys I don’t feel so good. I think I’m gonna head outside.

THORNE
Need back up bro?

DEVIN
No I’m good.

EXT. OUTSIDE LUNCH - CONTINUOUS
Devin sits in a corner and thinks to myself.
Somebody lightly kicks his shoe.
He looks up and sees that it’s Max, Devin jumps up.

DEVIN
Max!! What’s up buddy!

They bro hug.

MAX
The same old. Well not really, since you know... You took a dump on us.

DEVIN
I’m sorry. I realized I’m missing my real bros. Where’s the other?

MAX
He hates your guts.

DEVIN
(looks down)
I thought so.

He falls into his spot on the ground again.

Max sits beside him.
DEVIN (CONT’D)
I keep asking myself, is it all worth it? You know. Popularity isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

MAX
Say’s the guy that every girl in this cool wants. You’re Thorne famous now.

DEVIN
It doesn’t feel right. I lose my friends. Broke an innocent girl’s heart. Like I sold my soul for this.

MAX
I’d give anything to learn how you did it.

DEVIN
Really?

MAX
Yeah, every guy wants to know. You should hold a class or something. Because I swear every guy here is running out to buy the Mystery Method, it looks like a carnival around here.

Devin looks around and notices a bunch of guys “peacocking.”

DEVIN
Wow.

MAX
Yep, it get’s worse.

DEVIN
How?

MAX
Guys have been recited the lines and routines Mystery and other PUAs put in their books. Long story short, I think the girls have caught on. You’ve started a revolution.

DEVIN
(sighs)
Looks like I gotta clean up the mess I’ve made.
MAX

How?

DEVIN

I’m gonna teach these forever alones how to pick up girls. Saturday. My Mom’s basement, spread the word.

INT. BASEMENT TEACHING - SATURDAY

TITLE CARD UP: SATURDAY

Devin walks to the front of the basement.

It is packed with high school and college students, and even some older guys.

DEVIN

(puts on his microphone)

Looks like a good turn out! How you brahs doin’?

Spattered “goods” ring throughout.

DEVIN (CONT’D)

OK, obviously we all know why we’re here. But, I wanna hear it from your mouths. The first lesson you’ll learn is one key till getting girls is honesty. Go on tell each other why you’re here. To learn to how to talk to women.

They say it aloud.

DEVIN (CONT’D)

Good. How many of you think you need a good pickup line handy in order to approach a women?

All raise their hand.

DEVIN (CONT’D)

Thought so. I’m here to tell you that is a lie. Don’t be mislead. Before we go any further. There is so much to go over that it’s not going to all fit into today. But, I promise you, you’ll know enough to go and at least talk to a girl. Talk to.
Devin walks up and down the isle.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    Why aren’t I teaching you to get her number? You need to get your feet wet. Why get her number and waste her time if you don’t know what to do after?

Devin examines the room.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    I see a lot of older dudes in the house? Why?

He points to a fellow that appears to be in his upper 20’s.

    GUY #2
    Uhh. I’ve never had any luck talking to the ladies. I’m just not hip or cool enough.

    DEVIN
    Stop right there. You are enough. You are enough to go out and chat with beautiful women, because you know who you are. You have confidence. Anyone know what the real meaning of confidence is?

No one raises their hand.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    Confidence is knowing who you are and being secure with yourself. You cannot. And I repeat cannot. Go out and expect to attract a women without knowing yourself first. Do you understand?

The crowd nods.

    DEVIN (CONT’D)
    Women can’t get enough of confidence. If you’re confident, you’re about 40 percent of the way there. Honesty is the 20 percent. The other 40 percent comes from doesn’t come from what you say, but how you say it and touching. Questions so far?

A guy raises his hand.
Devin points to him.

GUY #3
I thought women wanted rich guys?

The crowd agrees.

DEVIN
That is a lie. That is what the media has stuffed into your mind. In order to sell a product. Think about it. Anyone remember those ring commercials?

Crowd nods.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Of course you want to buy your girlfriend something nice every once in a while. But, you should not shower women in gifts just for kisses or that you want her to date you. That is weak and it shows a lack of confidence. Remember women love confidence.

Devin grabs a seat.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Now to answer your question. Do women really love that guy that’s rich or has a nice car? What if I told you my G35 has faulty battery and I have to walk everywhere and I still get the girls. You know why?

He waits for an answer.

He doesn’t get one.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Because I showed confidence in my words, thus it conveyed a high value. Think about this. What do all rich guys have in common? High value. Women don’t want some weak, fake, twerp. They want guys who can take care of themselves. High value.

He looks around.
DEVIN (CONT’D)
Tonight I want you to write out your insecurities and be honest. Women love that. Acknowledge them, and work on dealing with them for about a week. Go out and talk to everyone, not only girls. Comeback and we’ll share our results.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - 3 DAYS LATER

TITLE CARD UP: 3 DAYS LATER

Devin is sitting chatting with a couple of guys from the class he’s teaching.

DEVIN
Alright, so you got your flaws out of the way. Now, it’s time to approach. Any volunteers?

A freshman, RICK raises his hand.

RICK
I’m game.

DEVIN
Cool, so all you have to do is talk. Don’t try to get her number.

RICK
Why?

DEVIN
You need to get your feet wet like I said.

RICK
What do I say?

DEVIN
Anything you want, just remain calm, cool, and relaxed. You got this.

Devin looks around and sees an average looking girl sitting and typing on her laptop.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(points)
Her.

Rick is about to get up, but he hesitates.
RICK
I don’t know anymore.

DEVIN
What did I say about confidence!?!? Give me your wallet.

RICK
Why?

DEVIN
This is a trick, I’m going to take a few bucks from your wallet you’ll get ‘em back when you finish talking to her.

Rick hesitates again, but gives in and hands Devin his wallet.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Go.

Rick gets up from the table and walks over to the girl. He gives a thumbs up to the group, but is so afraid he’s shaking.

INT. RICK’S PICKUP - CONTINUOUS
Rick goes up to the girl.

RICK
Is this seat taken?

The girl looks up and smiles.

GIRL
No.

RICK
Can I sit?

GIRL
(smiling)
Sure. I’m Natalie.

RICK
(sits and shakes her hand)
I’m Rick.

Rick starts looking over to Devin who is encouraging him to keep it going.
RICK (CONT’D)
So what do you do?

NATALIE
I’m a college student.

RICK
Cool, I’m in high school. Freshman.

She nods and returns to her work.

RICK (CONT’D)
Um, what college do you go to?

NATALIE
USC.

Rick relaxes and adjusts his body language to show it.

RICK
Nice, I was thinking about going there. How is it?

NATALIE
Fun. I’m a neuroscience major.

RICK
Sounds tough.

NATALIE
It is. I’m thinking about changing after this semester.

RICK
I’m a kinda follow your passion, go with the flow type guy, you know? I wanna travel a bit, see some things.

NATALIE
(laughs)
That’s sound cool.

INTERCUT

DEVIN
See, it’s not hard. He’s having a good conversation and she’s becoming very open to him.

NED
OK, that means he can get her number right?
DEVIN
He could, but it wouldn’t do him any good.

NED
Explain.

DEVIN
Well, he’s having a very casual conversation. Good. She’s opening up to him. Great. But, the vibe is off. He’s doing most of the talking at this point. So, if he gets the number. He’ll probably end up getting friend zoned.

NED
How does he get her as his girlfriend.

DEVIN
He needs to escalate.

NED
How?

DEVIN
I’m going to teach you that next.

MONTAGE

MUSIC UP: I WAS A TEENAGE ANARCHIST – AGAINST ME!

1) WEDNESDAY: Devin holds continues to classes on picking up women.

2) THURSDAY: He goes on to teach the guys about touching. He brings in a woman to demonstrate.

3) FRIDAY: Devin shows a text conversation between him and a girl, setting up a date.

4) SATURDAY: He shakes hands with the men, and is proud he gave them new knowledge.

INT. SCHOOL GYM – NEXT THURSDAY

TITLE CARD UP: THURSDAY

Devin and Thorne are sitting on the bleachers with a group of guys and girls.
They are the center of attention, making them laugh, etc.

Devin finishes up telling a story about the time he and Thorne got into a VIP club that weekend.

DEvin
The bouncer was pretty mad, but I think it worked itself out.

ThorNe
Seriously though, next time let’s have the jerky-

A sudden THUD is heard for the other side of the bleachers. It’s Steven.

STEVEN
(whispering)
Psst! Devin!

Thorne
Oh god, nerd alert. Looks that the computer geeks got loose again. Get lost you-

Devin
Lay off man.
(to Steven)
Come on out man, no one’s gonna hurt you.

STEVEN
(still behind bleachers)
What about Big Saul?

They look over to Big Saul a 6’7” senior, bulked, with the facial hair of a middle aged man.

Devin
Maybe Saul might, but I doubt it.

Steven comes over, he’s very anxious and frigidity.

STEVEN
Sup guys.
(to the girls)
Ladies.

The group stays quiet.

STEVEN (CONT’D)
Uh, this isn’t going to work. Devin can I talk to you over there for a minute?
DEVIN

Sure.

Devin squeezes by the group and follows Steven over to the other side of the gym.

INT. STEVEN'S PICKUP - CONTINUOUS

Steven explains what he wants with Devin.

STEVEN

You see that girl over there? The one in the cute little shorts.

Devin looks over and sees an INCREDIBLY attractive girl in white shorts playing volleyball with some friends.

DEVIN

OK?

STEVEN

(bluntly)
I want her.

DEVIN

OK? Why are you talking to me then?

STEVEN

Because, dude. You have all the answers.

DEVIN

No I don’t. I’m sick of people telling me that. I just taught a class on this.

STEVEN

I was sick, but in the last 7 days you’ve been more dated more girls than anyone this year.

DEVIN

Like 3 girls?

STEVEN

More than anyone this year.

DEVIN

Get to the point!

STEVEN

I told you I want her. But, I don’t know how.
DEVIN
Right, and you want me to give you my routines and lines? Correct?

STEVEN
Right.

DEVIN
No.

Devin walks away.

Steven runs in front of him to stop him.

STEVEN
(whining)
Why not!?! You’re the youngest pickup artist in Los Angeles. You’re just-

Devin grabs Steven by his shirt.

DEVIN
I’m not a pickup artist! Don’t ever call me that.

STEVEN
(breaking free)
What would you call it then? No one’s heard from Eva in weeks and you seem OK with it.

DEVIN
Whatever happened to Eva isn’t my fault! I told her I didn’t want anything serious!

STEVEN
Calm down. Just help me this once. I’ll pay you 30 bucks if you tell me what to do. 30 bucks easy cash.

DEVIN
Fine, but I don’t want your money. I just want you off my back.

He looks and sees she’s not playing anymore and sitting talking with friends.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Go over and say. Hey, I thought you were beautiful so I wanted to come meet you.
STEVEN
That’ll work?

DEVIN
Only if you really mean it.

STEVEN
Oh I do!

DEVIN
No you don’t, you think that because you want something in return. That’s fake. But, it probably doesn’t matter anyway.

STEVEN
And that’s it?

DEVIN
Be sure to touch her.

STEVEN
How?

DEVIN
Hands, arms, and lower back.

STEVEN
When?

DEVIN
(pushes Steven)
Just go! She’s leaving!

Steven runs over.

Devin watches from a far. Steven does the routine Devin gave him, and get’s the results he’s looking for. She hugs him and she waves goodbye, giggling with her friends.

Steven comes back elated.

STEVEN
It worked!!

DEVIN
I knew it would.

STEVEN
I have a date with her Friday night and you’re coming with me.

DEVIN
No I’m not.
STEVEN
There’s 100 bucks with your name on it for a successful date.

DEVIN
So, you’re going me to date the girl for you?
   (laughs)
Alright.

Devin walks off.

STEVEN
(calls to Devin)
This Friday....
   (to himself)
Don’t forget.

INT. DEVIN’S ROOM - FRIDAY NIGHT

TITLE CARD UP: FRIDAY NIGHT

Devin is sitting in his room texting numerous girls, all wanting him to come and hangout with them. He turns them all down.

His phone rings.

DEVIN
(answering the phone)
Hello?

It’s Steven.

STEVEN (O.S.)
Where are you?

DEVIN
(into phone)
Steven?

INTERCUT

STEVEN
Yeah, man! Where are you? I’m here with Riley. I have no idea what to do and when I told her you fed me those lines, she can’t stop talking about you.

DEVIN
Tell her to shut up then.
No, I can’t...
(beat)
You serious?

Completely.

(to Riley)
Hey, girl! Shu-

(cuts in)
I’m joking! Do you have crap for brains? OK, tell me what you’ve done so far.

Awkwardly talk about school.

Not bad, uh, talk about whatever makes you happy and don’t forget to escalate and touch her.

Yeah, I don’t get. You’re gonna have to come down here.

I have better things to do. I have socks and underwear that need to be sorted.

Logan bursts into the room.

END INTERCUT

DEVIN!

Devin drops the phone in fright.

Oh! How do you people keep getting into my house?!?

It’s Eva, Devin! She just got rushed to the hospital!
DEVIN
What!! Why!!?

Logan grabs Devin.

LOGAN
I’ll explain on the way! We need to hurry!

EXT. OUTSIDE HOSPITAL - MOMENTS LATER

Logan and Devin swerve into the parking lot.

They get out of the car and start running toward the entrance.

LOGAN
She O.D’d! That’s all I know!

DEVIN
How’d she do that!!?

LOGAN
I don’t know!!

INT. HOSPITAL - CONTINUOUS

They run to the front desk.

DEVIN
(out of breath)
I’m looking for Eva Underwood’s room!

RECEPTIONIST
Names?

DEVIN
(catching his breath)
Devin Spears and Logan Cade.

RECEPTIONIST
I’m sorry boys, she has a private room and her Mother has requested that only family members can be permitted.

DEVIN
Ah! What!!? Listen that’s my girlfriend, you gotta get me into that room!
RECEPTIONIST
If you’re not on the list, you’re not getting in that room.

Devin screams in her face. The receptionist picks up the phone, about to call security.

Logan pulls Devin aside.

LOGAN
Don’t get kicked out! I got a plan.

DEVIN
What?

LOGAN
Eva’s the most popular girl in school, let’s just look for the room with dozens on people around it.

DEVIN
(thumps him)
This hospital has a million rooms, and this LA, imagine how many doped up celebrities are here! Looking for a room with people around it isn’t going to cut it!

Logan gets a text from his Mom telling him to get home.

LOGAN
I’m sorry to flake man, but my Mom wants me home.

DEVIN
So you’re leaving me?

LOGAN
(walking away)
I don’t wanna get grounded. Just text me if you need a ride.

Devin turns and runs down a hallway.

MONTAGE

MUSIC UP: USE SOMEBODY - KINGS OF LEON

A) Devin begins looking down halls in desperation searching for Eva.
B) He opens random doors, in one of which he finds a man getting something remove from his rectum, he closes the door just in time.

C) Devin grabs random and people and doctors, he asks them where the room is, but with no luck.

D) He returns to the front entrance flops down in a chair and cries.

INT. HOSPITAL - THE NEXT MORNING

Devin is asleep in the same chair as last night, there is a voice trying to wake him up.

He finally wakes up and sees that it’s Eva.

EVA
(shaking him)
Devin! Devin!

He jumps up to hug her.

DEVIN
(squeezing her tightly)
Oh my God! You’re OK!

EVA
Yeah, I’m fine. It’s no big deal.

DEVIN
(dumbfounded)
It’s a huge deal. Just because I said-

(she’s her Mom)
Is this your Mom?

EVA
Yeah.

(to her Mom)
Mom, this is Devin.

She comes over and hugs Devin.

She grabs Devin nipple and twists it, no one sees.

MRS. UNDERWOOD
(in Devin’s ear)
My daughter was here because of you. If it happens again, it’s ICU for you. Got me midget turd?
DEVIN
(in pain)
Yes, ma’am.

She lets go and smiles at Eva.

MRS. UNDERWOOD
I think I should leave you two alone.

As she leaves she steps on Devin foot, intently.

MRS. UNDERWOOD (CONT’D)
(faked)
Oh dear, I’m sorry.

DEVIN
(bending down attending to his toe)
It’s cool.

She gives him a dirty look.

INT. TALKING WITH EVA – CONTINUOUS

Devin and Eva sit and talk in the hospital cafeteria.

DEVIN
So how ya feeling?

EVA
Better, my head still hurts though.

DEVIN
You know when I said what I said. I didn’t want you to off yourself.

EVA
(laughs)
I know, I have a lot of problems that I’m still working on.

DEVIN
Really?
(rambles)
You’re the prettiest and most popular girl at our school, you’re rich, you’re grades are top, you-

EVA
(cuts him off)
My dad left me and my Mom when I was a kid for another women.
Devin’s expression drops.

    DEVIN
Oh I’m sorry. I never knew.

    EVA
I was planning on telling you, because I started opening up. You were the only person I felt like I could trust, but when I saw that girl you were suppose to call, it brought back those memories.

    DEVIN
Do you have contact with him?

    EVA
On holidays. Last Christmas I went to Vancouver where he lives now, and he got me my first car.

    DEVIN
So he loaded huh?

    EVA
It’s doesn’t matter. What he did to me and my Mom-
    (tears up)
I’m sorry.

Devin goes and hits beside her and holds her.

    DEVIN
You won’t ever have to worry about me doing that to you. Ever.

He kisses her forehead.

INT. SHOPPING FOR PROM WITH EVA - THURSDAY

TITLE CARD UP: THURSDAY

Devin is sitting bored out of his mind helping his girlfriend pick out a prom dress.

She comes out in a short black number and twirls around for Devin.

We hear ChronoLogic by A HERO’S FATE in the background.
EVA
What do you think?
(English accent)
And be brutally.

DEVIN
I like it.
(see other guys eyeing
her)
And so do those guys.
(waves to them)
Alright guys, I think she’ll get
it.

Eva laughs.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
You seem so happy.

EVA
Why wouldn’t I be?

DEVIN
I don’t know, maybe I’m just
nervous.

EVA
Well I’m hungry, let’s get
something to eat. My treat.

DEVIN
Nope, I got this one. And the
dress. On me.

EVA
(lights up)
Really?

DEVIN
Consider it an I’m sorry gift.

EVA
Then I don’t want it. I’m not a
charity. I don’t need your pity.

DEVIN
(takes her in his arms)
OK, I’ll get them because I lov–
(beat)
I’m hungry let’s go.
EXT. THIRD STREET PROMENADE SANTA MONICA - LATER

Devin and Eva get seated outside at a restaurant.

DEVIN
What do you feel eating today?

EVA
(looks at the menu)
I don’t know..

Devin notices a few passing guys giving him thumbs up.

DEVIN
(pointing the other direction)
Did you see that?

EVA
(turns to look)
What?

Devin throws an ice cube from Eva’s water at the group.

DEVIN
(under his breath)
GTFO!

The guys scatters.

EVA
What?

DEVIN
Nothing. You decided what you’re eating yet?

Eva reads the menu.

Devin spots another few guys giving smiles and congratulating him.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I’ll be back.

EVA
OK?

EXT. DEVIN CONFRONTING A GUY - CONTINUOUS

Devin goes over to the group.
DEVIN
Alright, what’s going on? Someone put a kick me sign on my back? I got a little boogie? Waiter spit in my drink?

DAVID
No dude, you got a hot girl to pay for you lunch! You’re a legend.

DEVIN
Actually, I’m paying for it.

ALEX
Oh, then I guess you’re not as good as you make everyone think you are.

DEVIN
Good at what? Picking up girls?

ALEX
Yep. I’ll tell ya, I’m never paying for my meals again.

DEVIN
You’re going to be paying for something else if don’t get out of here! And FYI I wanted to pay because I lov-

EVA
Devin? Food’s on it’s way. I ordered for you, I hope you don’t mind.

DEVIN
Naw, It’s cool baby.

He puts his around her and guides her back to their table.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(mouths to the guys)
Eat your hearts out!

EXT. DROPPING EVA OFF – NIGHT
Devin pulls into the driveway of Eva’s house.
He turns off the car and leans back in his seat.

DEVIN
I have to tell you something.
EVA
What?

DEVIN
(sighs)
About a month ago. I starting
learning about the pickup artist
community.

EVA
OK?

DEVIN
And so-

EVA
Wait- Pickup artist community? So
you ARE a player? Is that why you
can’t say you love me?

DEVIN
No, listen to me. The only reason I
learned that stuff is so that you’d
notice me.

EVA
What made you think I didn’t notice
you?

DEVIN
Well you did throw away my flowers.

EVA
You pissed yourself in front of me.

DEVIN
So anyway, some guy told that I’m
not all what I’m cracked up to be
today. Before you and I hit it off,
I was trying to perfect this
seduction thing. But, now I don’t
care, because I’ve won my prize.

EVA
(teases)
Oh, I’m a prize now?

DEVIN
No, that’s not what I me-

Eva kisses Devin hard on the lips.
DEVIN (CONT’D)
(pulls away)
I also thought a class on pickup.

Eva slaps him.

EVA
I’m sorry, but you kinda had it coming.

DEVIN
Ow, that really hurt!
(looks in the side mirror)
Am I freakin’ bleeding?

EXT. EVA’S POOL - FRIDAY NIGHT

Eva comes out to the backyard holding drinks for her and Devin.

EVA
Your iced tea.

DEVIN
Thanks.

He gulps it down.

EVA
I’m not getting you another.

DEVIN
It’s hot out here.

EVA
So tell me.

DEVIN
What’s on your mind babe?

EVA
About pickup.

DEVIN
What about pickup? There’s so much stuff.

EVA
OK, what stuff did you use on me?

DEVIN
You’ll get mad, I know you.
EVA
(playfully pushes him)
No I won’t. I promise.

DEVIN
Cross your heart?

EVA
Hope to die.

DEVIN
Kiss a fat, smelly man with pink eye?

EVA
(laugh)
You’re so gross! Tell me!

DEVIN
OK fine. When I first saw you I—
(starts thinking)
Come to think of it. I didn’t use anything on you. I was just completely honest! Is that it?

EVA
Is what it?

DEVIN
No, it can’t be that simple, is it?

EVA
You’d be surprised how sexy honesty is to a girl.

DEVIN
OK, I’m going to honest with you for a minute.

He stands up with Eva and holds her close.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
(looking into her eyes)
Eva Underwood. I think—
(beat)
The tea was a little a bitter.

She scoffs and playfully throws him in the pool.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
What? I was being honest?

She hits him in the head with a pool ball.
INT. PROM NIGHT - THE NEXT DAY

TITLE CARD UP: SATURDAY NIGHT - PROM NIGHT

We see several students around the school dressed in typical prom getups.

EXT. INSIDE THE GYM - CONTINUOUS

Inside we see the gym is decorated in the school’s colors. Students are dancing, we see some guys standing awkwardly against the wall.

Eva is standing talking with her friends.

Devin, Thorne, Logan, and Riker are standing around chatting.

Steven comes up, he’s looks completely different, haircut, new style, etc.

STEVEN
What’s happening Devin?

DEVIN
Steven? What’s up man!?! Lookin’ good, no homo of course.

STEVEN
Nothing much, you know just hangin’.

DEVIN
Cool.
(beat)
Sorry about flaking on you during your date.

STEVEN
No problem. I was myself.

DEVIN
Oh yeah? How’d it go?

STEVEN
She left.

THORNE
Ouch.

STEVEN
Yeah well, when I was sitting her alone, sobbing.
(MORE)
Brooklyn walks up.
The guys are shocked.

BROOKLYN
Hey guys. Sorry about what happened between us Devin.

DEVIN
It’s chill.

BROOKLYN
(to Steven)
Come on baby, I wanna dance.

STEVEN
(holding her)
Baby, I’m talking to my friend. I’ll see you in a little bit. Get warmed up for me.

He kisses her and lets her go.

STEVEN (CONT’D)
So? What do you guys think?

LOGAN
Wow, you got Brooklyn.

DEVIN
Congrats.

STEVEN
I just wanted to thank you for all your help Devin. Without you I wouldn’t have got off my butt and changed my life. I get how to get girls now, that’s not the important thing. Life is about having fun and experiencing things, girls just come along for the ride. Well I can’t keep my girl waiting anymore!

Devin thinks to myself.

Eva comes up and grabs him.

EVA
They’re about to announce the king and queen.
Eva pulls him to the front of the crowd.

INT. KING AND QUEEN ANNOUNCEMENT - CONTINUOUS

The students wait anxiously.

PRINCIPLE KELLY steps up to the microphone.

PRINCIPLE KELLY
Welcome students, and I hope you’re enjoying your night! You all look very beautiful.
(smiles)
Most of you will be graduating soon, beginning your lives as strong, independent, bright young adults. And I know from the bottom of my heart you’ll do just fine.

The crowd cheers.

PRINCIPLE KELLY (CONT’D)
At this time I want to announce this year’s prom king and queen.

A teacher gives her the envelope.

PRINCIPLE KELLY (CONT’D)
(to the teacher)
Thank you.
(reading the card)
BHHS’s king and queen are... Devin Spears and Eva Underwood!!

The prom-goers erupt with cheers as the couple, hand in hand go up on stage and accept the crowd. Devin is resistant at first, but Eva gets him to put it on.

DEVIN
Thank you all. It’s absolutely-
(looks at Eva)
All the guys here. We need to have a talk. As many of you know in the last few weeks of my high school career, I’ve been pretty much talked about at every corner. And not for a good reason.

Devin looks at through the crowd.
DEVIN (CONT’D)
Many of you see me as a typical player, others formerly a nerd, some the coolest guy you ever met, and to a few a God. Those are labels, it took an old friend of mine to remind me of why I started learning this stuff. To better myself. Not to trick girls, not to become a player.

He looks to Eva and holds her hands.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I almost lost someone that meant to world to me, for my selfishness. (looks into Eva’s eyes)
Eva Marie Underwood, you taught me about honesty. So I’m being honesty with you in front of everyone. I love you. I’m glad you’re in my life, I never want to lose you.

He kisses her.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Take it from your pickup artist. Your god, your player, your geek. It doesn’t matter what anyone of you think. The only think that matters to me is what— (looks at Eva)
She thinks.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
You don’t need lines or routines or someone else to tell your how to live your life. Be honest with yourself and get out and do it!

The place explodes with cheers and applause.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
And oh yeah! Ladies, I’m off the market. Keep your hands to yourselves.

INT. TALKING WITH AN OLD FRIEND - CONTINUOUS
Devin leads Eva to the dance floor, but are stopped by Alvin.

ALVIN
Devin.
DEVIN
(turns to see him)
Alvin!

He hugs him.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
I haven’t seen you in forever! I
was actually going to find you
after prom, I have something for
you.

He reaches into his blazer and pulls out two tickets.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
Here.

ALVIN
Two ringside seats to
WrestleMania!?!?

DEVIN
You know it my man. I felt back for
sticking you with that 40 dollar
bill.

ALVIN
But these are 600 dollars a pop?

DEVIN
(laughs)
OK, then you owe me 1160 dollars.
Pay me whenever.

EVA
Should I leave and let you guys
mingle?

ALVIN
No it’s cool. And dare I say Eva
you look very smashing tonight.

EVA
(blushes)
Thank you.

ALVIN
So, Devin you wanna back to my
place after prom? I just got the
rest of my WrestleMania Anthology
in the mail this morning.
DEVIN
I’ll have to take a rain check. Eva and I are hitting up Thorne’s B-day bash tonight.

Alvin looks down.

DEVIN (CONT’D)
What’s with the long face? You’re coming too.

ALVIN
What?!? How’d you pull that off?

DEVIN
Just talked it out with him. I thought it’d save you lots of money on pants and shoelaces.

ALVIN
(hugs him)
Thank you man. You’re the best!

DEVIN
I know.

PRINCIPLE KELLY
(into the microphone)
It is now time for the King and Queen center dance.

Devin takes Eva’s hand and leads her to the dance floor.

MONTAGE
MUSIC UP: NEED YOU NOW – LADY ANTEBELLUM
1) Devin and Eva do classic slow dance moves.
2) Steven is slow dancing with Brooklyn.
3) Max and Alvin are standing around, but girls come up and they guide them to the dance floor.
4) Logan, Thorne, and Riker are just “bro” dancing it out.

END MONTAGE

INT. DANCE OFF – CONTINUOUS
Devin breaks away from Eva.
He motions for a mic.

    DEVIN
    Slow dancing cool and all, but
    let’s say we turn this up a lil!
    Hit it old school!

MUSIC UP: BYE BYE BYE - N’SYNC

The whole gym breaks into a flash mob for the song.

They create a hole in the center, a group of guys break
dance, Devin, Logan, Alvin, Thorne, Max, Riker, and Steven
finish it out.

The gym breaks out into laughs and applause.

MUSIC UP: THE LETDOWN - THE WHITE TIE AFFAIR

EXT. WALKING TO THORNE’S PARTY - LATER

We see crowds and crowds of people, arriving for Thorne’s
Exclusive Beverly Hills Hotel party ages ranging from young
to college aged.

Devin and Eva walk hand in hand along the sidewalk up to the
hotel.

    EVA
    You ready?

    DEVIN
    Why wouldn’t I be?

    EVA
    You’ve always had problems here. At
    parties.

    DEVIN
    I got invited once. Got grounded
    and couldn’t go. Bad luck. Besides,
    I have nothing to compete for now.

    EVA
    Well I do. I’m gonna make sure you
    have the best night of your life.

    DEVIN
    Isn’t that my job?

They reach the front of the front entrance.
EVA
Not anymore.

They kiss passionately and they proceed up the walk way and into the hotel.

MUSIC UP: MIDNIGHT ROMEO - ROMEO

THE END