ACT I

Scene 1

EXT. School - Day

*RYAN (15) and DAD (45) enter stage right. Ryan is dressed for football practice, holding his helmet. Dad is holding car keys, and seems anxious to leave. Stage left, FOOTBALL PLAYERS are practicing in front of the school. ETHAN (16), JACK (17) and DOUG (17) are among them. COACH blows his whistle and gestures for the team to line up.*

DAD

Remember what we talked about.

RYAN

Yes Sir.

DAD

Your whole college career could be riding on this. You have to make it onto the team if you have any chance of a college scholarship.

RYAN

I know.

DAD

Don't argue with me.

RYAN

I'm not arguing.

DAD

Do your best. You're a good player. The coach will see it.

RYAN

Yes Sir.

*Dad exits stage right. Ryan walks over to the team.*

COACH

You here to try out?

RYAN

Yes.

COACH

Get in line. Alright, everyone let's see what you can do. Jumping jacks. Go.

*The team begins to do jumping jacks, but Ryan doesn't participate. He makes a lame attempt to do one, then pulls out his phone and scrolls Instagram.*

*Coach walks the line, examining each of the players. He is not paying attention to Ryan.*

ETHAN

Hey. You're new?

RYAN

Yeah.

ETHAN

Ethan.

RYAN

Ryan.

ETHAN

You trying to make the team Ryan? 'Cause it looks like you don't give a damn.

RYAN

I may be actual crap at this game.

ETHAN

Or you may be legit throwing this try out.

RYAN

You may be right.

*AVA (15) and BETHANY (15) enter stage right. They have come to watch tryouts and scope out the boys. They whisper together, pointing and laughing.*

BETHANY

I'm telling you, the football players are so cute.

*Jack splits from practice and jogs over to meet them.*

JACK

Hey.

AVA

Hey.

BETHANY

Hey.

JACK

(To Ava) You a freshman?

AVA

Yeah.

JACK

Cool. Stick around after practice.

AVA

Ok.

*Jack jogs back into line, nodding secretly to Ava.*

*Bethany grabs Ava's arm.*

BETHANY

Oh my God, he was totally hitting on you.

AVA

Do you think?

BETHANY

Girl, I know. He asked you to 'stick around after practice.'

*Coach blows his whistle.*

COACH

Okay, good effort everyone. The team roster will be posted by the end of the week.

*The team splits up into many side conversations. Ryan and Ethan hang out together.*

*Jack goes back to Ava and puts an arm around her shoulders. He whispers something in her ear and she giggles.*

*Dad enters stage right.*

RYAN

Gotta go.

ETHAN

See ya in school.

*Ryan jogs over to meet Dad.*

DAD

How did it go?

RYAN

Fine.

DAD

Did you make the team?

RYAN

Coach said he'll post results next week.

DAD

Did you give it your best?

RYAN

Yes sir.

*Ryan and Dad exit stage right.*

JACK

You wanna get a coffee?

AVA

Sure.

JACK

What's your name?

AVA

Ava.

JACK

Jack. You're real pretty.

AVA

Thanks.

BETHANY

I would also like a coffee.

JACK

If it's okay with my girlfriend, it's okay with me.

*Bethany and Ava grasp hands and scream.*

BETHANY

He called you his girlfriend!

JACK

I'm right here.

AVA

Sure, I guess.

JACK

Sure to the coffee, or sure to the girlfriend?

AVA

(laughing) Both. I guess.

*Jack throws an arm around Ava's shoulders and leads her off stage left. Bethany hurries to keep up.*

Scene 2