

BRIDGELOW

FADE IN:

EXT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL - DAY

It is a bright sunny day in Dallas at Texas Preparatory High School. Kids hustle around outside as others enter into the front entrance before class commences.

A drone flies high for a bird's-eye view of the school. It then swoops down entering the front doors that are propped open.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAIN HALL - DAY

The drone flies down the hall about head height. Taller students have to duck and dodge out of its way as it travels down the hall then turns left.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL SIDE HALL - DAY

It pauses for a moment and focuses its camera on the most popular girl in school.

BRITNEY WATSON, 17, long reddish-blond hair with a red bow wearing the school's uniform. She bends over to grab something out of her locker causing her skirt to rise up. The camera on the drone zooms in.

Hearing the BUZZING of the drone she looks up.

BRITNEY

Pis off or I will break that thing
in two!

The drone then zips away flying in and around students in the hall. A young male student REGINALD GOLDSTEIN, 16, short black hair with round-rimmed glasses sits in the second hall further down out of site watching the drone through its controller.

The drone comes to an abrupt stop. Reginald has a puzzled expression as the camera now focuses its gaze on who is holding it. PRINCIPLE CONROE, female, early-fifties, battle-ax of a woman scowls into the camera.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Reginald Goldstein! My office,
right now mister!

Reginald stands to his feet complaining.

REGINALD

Damn man! Okay, I'm on my way.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Watch your language young man! Do you want me to contact your father?

REGINALD

Uh, no ma'am that will not be necessary.

INT. PRINCIPLES OFFICE - DAY

Reginald sits at the Principles desk staring at his drone. It lays on the desk displayed as a trophy.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

This has been the third occurrence of this magnitude in the last month. What have I told you about flying drones in school?

Reginald shifts uneasily in his seat. Then explains why he needs it.

REGINALD

I need the drone for my science class. Today I have a presentation on angular momentum. Angular momentum is a lot like linear momentum, and you calculate it by multiplying the angular velocity by the moment of inertia.

The door opens and a six-foot man with sandy hair slips in. SCOTT WILSON, mid-forties, is a science teacher and head coach for the school's basketball team.

Principle Conroe and Reginald hesitate for a moment to look at him then go back to talking.

REGINALD (CONT'D)

Wait! What is the moment of inertia? It is similar to the mass, except it deals with rotation!

Scott steps forward responding.

SCOTT WILSON

Very good son! That is correct!

He turns his attention to the drone.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

I see that the drone has landed you into trouble yet again sir? The fair and honorable Principle here wishes for you to be placed into detention for the nex...

She cuts him off.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

And not allowed to play basketball!

Reginald scoffs.

REGINALD

Oh no, not that! Anything but that!

Scott responds fast.

SCOTT WILSON

Reginald is just having a bit of fun with you. No harm no foul right? I need Reginald here for our game with THE REMINGTON ACADEMY on Friday or we will be disqualified.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Ah, yes, the Remington Academy Blue Devils. Screw those devils! They annihilate us every year in both sports and academics!

SCOTT WILSON

Yes, it is true that we are not that good at sports. Well, come to think about it, we are kinda good at Lacrosse and Cricket I reckon?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Yes, but we all know that it is the academics that are most important here at TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL. Our debate team has won...

Scott interjects.

SCOTT WILSON

For the last eight years. We know! Class is about to start and I need Reginald here to get going so he can present his findings.

As he says this, he and Reginald both stand to make a hasty retreat. Reginald leaves the office. Scott is stopped at the door.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

There is something else that will need your attention Scott. Later today a new student is enrolling. He has a famous father.

SCOTT WILSON

A famous father? Who is it?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

ADONIS BRIDGELOW

Scott is in shock.

SCOTT WILSON

Adonis Bridgelow The NBA Star? Adonis Bridgelow the Former Harlem Globetrotter? Holy crap! My friends are never going to believe this!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

His son's name is Ty short for Tyrone Bridgelow. He wishes to play basketball here while excelling in his academics.

SCOTT WILSON

Did you know that Adonis Bridgelow claims that his father is the best basketball player of all time and no, not MICHAEL JORDAN, WILT the stilt CHAMBERLAIN! Oh My god!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

What's wrong?

SCOTT WILSON

We suck royally in basketball! They are likely to see our team and turn and run the other way! When will they be here again?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Later today. Ty will be at practice this afternoon.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, I can do this. I'll figure something out. Thanks again, Mrs. Conroe.

Scott turns then shuffles out of the door.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Scott Wilson rolls into his classroom to a bunch of smart kids sitting orderly talking amongst themselves. Reginald has taken his seat in the middle of the room. He walks over to the chalkboard and begins writing out a scientific equation.

SERIES OF SHOTS - CLASS

- A) Scott lecturing
- B) Reginald presenting his project
- C) Girl with red hair presenting her project
- D) taking a quiz

A bell RINGS and the students all rise to gather their things.

Scott address the class.

SCOTT WILSON

Can I please see my basketball team here right now? Thanks!

Five kids all stay behind including Reginald. They all stand around waiting for Scott to finish organizing papers. KIDS are loud in the halls outside. He then stands and walks over to address them.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Guys, I have some news to report. A really good player is transferring to our school and with him, we might actually have a decent shot at winning a game.

LUIS GREENE, 17, mid-cut brown hair stands five-foot-eight. He asks.

LUIS GREENE

Who is he?

The boys begin to get excited in anticipation. Scott hesitates.

CHARLES RYDAVIER, 18, sports a bow-tie and a large gap in his front teeth. Taller five-nine.

CHARLES RYDAVIER
 Coach, you are killing us! Who is
 it already?

SCOTT WILSON
 Guys, his name is Ty and he is the
 son of a famous NBA star Adonis
 Bridgelow.

HENRY ZIEGLER, 16, gay, dressed overly nice with perfect
 polished shoes. Stands five-eight.

HENRY ZIEGLER
 Oh, fresh meat! I hope he's cute!

SCOTT WILSON
 I'm sure he is. Now, why am I
 telling you all of this?

NIGEL WIMBERLY, 17, health-conscious. A professed vegan is
 the shortest at five-foot-six. Nicknamed Shorty Magee. Thick
 black glasses fall down his nose.

NIGEL WIMBERLY
 Because we suck and have not won a
 game in two years? And, maybe this
 kid will change all of that?

SCOTT WILSON
 That is what I am hoping for but
 you can't expect one player to save
 an entire team. Now, he will be at
 practice today so we need to not
 look bad. We need to make a good
 first impression!

REGINALD
 So basically you are asking us to
 pull a miracle?

The boys all look at each other and slump down.

SCOTT WILSON
 In all honesty guys, I don't know
 what will happen. I just want to
 make a good impression and win at
 least one freaking game!

REGINALD
 Honestly coach, maybe we should
 just stick to academics. As you all
 know, I am the state champion in
 debate.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Yes, we all know but we debate if you can even make a basket. You are the brainiest of all but I'm not sure how that will help us.

SCOTT WILSON

I just figured that I would give you guys the heads up. See you guys after school for basketball practice.

The boys exit the room leaving Scott deep in his thoughts.

INT. GYM - DAY

A JANITOR, early-sixties, with long black and grey peppered hair, pulled back into a ponytail. He wears a khaki full-body jumpsuit as he mops the floor near one goal.

The boys now wear their tattered bright red basketball uniforms with a Grizzly bear on the front. They are standing around talking with each other as Scott BLOWS a whistle.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay guys it is time to look alive! They should be here any moment. Try your best to look like you know what you are doing.

LUIS GREENE

But coach we don't know what we are doing. Just saying.

SCOTT WILSON

Form two lines facing each other and practice passing the ball to each other to warm up.

The Gym DOOR opens as two tall silhouetted men walkthrough. The boys stop passing to watch the pair enter. As the pair walk forward, their faces and full bodies come into view revealing their ages. Adonis Bridgelow is in his early thirties six-eight. Standing next to him at six-five is his son Ty.

The boys stare as they approach Scott and begin to whisper to each other.

LUIS GREENE

Oh my god, they are giants!

NIGEL WIMBERLY
We could climb that kid!

HENRY ZIEGLER
I can think of better things to do
with him.

REGINALD
Cheesist crust man, you just don't
stop. We plan is to use him to win
not seduce him besides, that kid
will end up with Britney just you
watch!

Scott shakes hands with Adonis and his son. He cannot stop
looking at Adonis.

SCOTT WILSON
Welcome to our humble abode uh, I
mean school, Yeah school. Sorry,
uh, we are not used to having folks
of your caliber here. This is a
true honor really.

ADONIS
No Scott, the honor is all mine. I
believe that my son Ty here will be
a great asset to your team.

SCOTT WILSON
That is the statement of the year.
Is there any way that Ty can show
us a little of what he will bring?

ADONIS
Show em what ya got kid.

Ty smiles and heads toward the guys who were still standing
there slack-jawed.

NIGEL WIMBERLY
Guys, try and look cool, here he
comes.

The boys all stand to attention to try and look taller. Ty
approaches.

TY
Sup dudes. You all are a bit
smaller than I thought but hey I
can work with this as long as you
guys can shoot good?

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Oh, we got you, bro. We can shoot like no tomorrow.

Ty smiles and has the ball tossed to him. He begins to dribble as he slowly walks toward the three-point line.

Reginald elbows Charles.

REGINALD

What the hell man? We shoot like no tomorrow? Where did you pull that out from man? Great, now when he sees that we can't shoot good he will not want to be on our team! Way to go nut job!

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Sorry guys, I froze and it was the first thing that came out of my mouth.

Ty then begins to perform complex dribbling while spinning as if a defender was there pulls up and drains a three.

The boys are shocked and wide-eyed.

Ty then dribbles it around in and out of his legs like a pro. He then posts up for a baseline jumper. Swish.

HENRY ZIEGLER

He is like a god!

Ty then goes for it all and tosses the ball into the air toward the rim. He then runs and grabs the ball performing a reverse jam that shakes the entire goal post.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh, now he is just showing off. My god! We are so screwed!

The Janitor stands in the back observing it all. Then pulls out his cell phone to make a call.

Scott then looks to Adonis.

SCOTT WILSON

The apple does not fall far from the tree huh?

ADONIS

That's my boy. He already has a full ride to play for Gonzaga next year if he can keep his nose clean and stay out of trouble.

SCOTT WILSON

We run a pretty tight ship here. I'm sure he will fit right in. Come with me and let's talk more in my office. Ty, why don't you get to know your new teammates while I talk with your dad.

TY

Okay

Scott leads Adonis off into the back part of the gym. They enter a small office and close the door.

Ty walks over and talks with the team.

INT. GYM OFFICE - DAY

SCOTT WILSON

Can I offer you a refreshing beverage?

ADONIS

Oh no, I'm good for now. Maybe later man. I just wanted to say thank you for working with us here. Ty was getting into too much trouble at his school and was...

Scott cuts him off.

SCOTT WILSON

Messing around with the wrong crowd?

ADONIS

Yes! That caused his grades to drop and he will have no chance to play in college if he does not keep a passing grade. So, here we are, in the company of some of the brainiest kids around.

SCOTT WILSON

And in turn, Ty would assist our team in winning some games and not be the laughing stock of all of the private schools in Dallas! Okay, I see where this is going.

ADONIS

This is his last chance to not screw things up. If you have any problems with him, just let me know.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, will do. Now that is out of the way. I have a special request for you.

ADONIS

Sure no problem.

INT. GYM - DAY

Scott and Adonis walk back out onto the floor to meet the guys.

SCOTT WILSON

Guys gather around. I have asked Adonis here to show us some professional ball moves from his time when he played with the Harlem Globetrotters. This is a real treat!

Adonis grabs a ball laying on the ground next to them he spins it on his finger to the kids' amazement. Ty acts like whatever.

ADONIS

This was the first thing we were taught to learn. How to have perfect balance by spinning a ball.

He then continues to spin the ball but now moves it all around his body. Through his legs. He lets it roll across his chest then back onto its finger.

SCOTT WILSON

I used to love the Globetrotters when I was a kid. They would destroy other teams with their antics and sleight of hand ball movements.

ADONIS

Once you learn how to have ball control, then you can focus on scoring!

SCOTT WILSON

Remember that boys! Thank Adonis here for showing you a few ball-handling skills.

They go through their pleasantries as the Janitor continues to report to an unknown source what all had transpired that day. Little did they know that news crews would soon arrive.

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott sits in his recliner with his wife CHERYL, early-thirties, long brown hair with an average build on the couch thumbing through her smartphone. A movie plays on the TV. She pauses and zooms in on a breaking story. She looks over at Scott.

CHERYL

Love, quick turn on the news channel four. They are talking about your school and Adonis!

Scott fumbles the remote then sits to attention pointing it at the TV. The channel changes to a news REPORTER SUSAN SCHMITT, late-twenties, attractive reporting live from outside the school.

REPORTER

We are live in front of Texas Preparatory School in Dallas where there has been a new development with the transfer of high school standout Ty Bridgelow.

A picture of Ty is on the TV.

Scotts face is in shock. He looks to his wife and shrugs.

REPORTER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Let's go live to our ESPN correspondent in the studio.

Scott looks back to the TV. RON, late-twenties, professional in a suit behind a desk.

REPORTER ESPN

Thanks, Susan! There has been much debate about the young high school standout Ty Bridgelow with his standout play and his extracurricular activities.

Cheryl looks to Scott who is slack-jawed. BASKETBALL video of Ty plays in the background.

CHERYL

Looks like your new player is creating quite the stir.

SCOTT WILSON

How did they find out about his transfer so fast? Hell, he just showed up today!

A video plays with Ty running and scoring impressively on a varsity defense. Statistics splash onto the screen. Then a picture of Adonis is on the screen.

REPORTER ESPN

Ty is the son of Adonis Bridgelow the NBA standout for the Dallas Mavericks and ex Harlem Globetrotter. He could not be reached for comment at this time.

The video goes back to Ty being arrested and entering into the back of a police car.

REPORTER ESPN (CONT'D)

Ty has had his run-ins with the law and we can only speculate at this time if this transfer is a cry out for help. We will keep you posted as the story develops. Ron out.

The ESPN logo zooms in and out as it plays its JINGLE. The program goes back to the reporter at the school.

REPORTER

We will continue to follow this story closely and will keep you apprised of any new developments. Susan Schmitt reporting live and signing off.

The TV shows a banner that reads "We will now take you back to our normally scheduled program." The TV then goes back to a show already in progress.

Scott looks over to his wife who is looking at him.

SCOTT WILSON

Adonis did say that Ty had run into some trouble but I did not know the full extent. I sure hope that we don't have reporters snooping around all of the time now.

He slips into deep thought.

CHERYL

Looks like you will have your hands full with this one babe.

Scott looks up.

SCOTT WILSON

What love? Sorry, my mind is racing now about how to handle all of this. I just want to be a good influence on this kid.

CHERYL

I have faith in you that you will figure it all out and know what to do.

He slips back into deep thought.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL - DAY

Scott walks down the hall talking and nodding to various students as he passes. He then stops and turns to enter the Principles office. He opens the door and enters.

He is surprised to see Ty sitting across from Principle Conroe. He nods to the Principle and then to Ty and sits down next to him.

SCOTT WILSON

Principle Conroe, Ty, What's going on?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Coach, you have no doubt heard or saw the report last night about mister Bridgelow here.

SCOTT WILSON

Yes, I did catch that! Does there seem to be a problem?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Not as of yet but I am attempting to be proactive in this situation. Now, we do not want any negative press and Mr. Bridgelow here promises to stay out of trouble.

Ty looks to Scott.

TY

I thank you sir for coming to this place. I wish to use this opportunity to better myself.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, son, time will tell. They're no judgments here and you are now part of our family.

He turns to look at Mrs. Conroe.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

I will take personal responsibility for his actions while he is a student here. Now if it is all right, I would like to escort him to my classroom to meet the kids.

Principle Conroe motions with her hand to proceed.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

By all means. Good luck son!

TY

I won't let you down.

Scott and Ty both rise and nod to the Principle then exit the room.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Scott walks side by side with Ty who is much taller than Scott who is six-foot. Students stop what they are doing to stare at Ty as he passes. Ty nods at a few of the girls. They stop at the door to Scott's classroom. Scott turns to Ty.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay son, are you ready to embark on your new adventure? I'm sure you will have no issues and fit right in. Shall we?

Scott opens the door and motions with his hand to enter.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

The kids are BUZZING with gossip. Reginald, Nigel, and Luis excitedly talk to the kids around them.

REGINALD

And then he tossed it into the air
and did a reverse jam His
projectory was most impressive!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Yes, that was awesome but, I was
most impressed with the amazing
ball-handling skills that take
precision and focus!

An overly stoic kid BRIAN, 16, gossips.

BRIAN

Well, I saw him getting arrested
and my dad said that I am not
allowed to do anything with him. He
is a bad apple!

Britney perks up.

BRITNEY

Well, I kinda like bad apples!

Reginald elbows Nigel.

REGINALD

See! I told you they would be
together and they haven't even met
yet!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

You're just jealous because you
have been in love with her since
the third grade!

REGINALD

Shut up, man! You lint licker!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh, yeah, you like to spread your
mom's toe jam on toast!

The door opens. Kids are talking as they sit in an orderly manner. They look up at the door and stop talking. Scott and Ty enters.

SCOTT WILSON

Class, we have a new student for you to meet. This is Ty and he will be with us for his senior year to play basketball. Ty, please find an empty seat.

Ty meanders to the back of the room as all eyes are fixed on him. He sits down placing his backpack on the back of the chair. He pulls out a notebook and a pencil. He looks up, all of the students quickly face forward to full attention.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Now it can always be an odd transition from school to school especially midterm but I would like to ask for a volunteer to show Ty around the campus.

Several boy's arms shoot in the air including Reginald and Nigel. Scott surveys the room and looks to Reginald.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Reg, the task is yours. Besides, Ty already knows Reginald from practice yesterday. So it is settled now everyone open your books to page twenty-three.

Ty surveys the room. His eyes land on Britney. She turns to look back as they exchange gazes with each other. He nods as she smiles back. She turns around twirling her hair.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Who can explain to me the thermodynamics of heat displacement?

Nigel raises his hand. Scott smiles and nods at him to answer.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

There are three basic ways that heat is transferred. Convection. Conduction and Radiation.

SCOTT WILSON

That is correct sir! Tell him what he's won, Bob!

Scott goes into his fun guy voice.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Nigel has won a free hall pass that
can be used at his discretion.
Thanks for playing!

Ty cracks a smile at Scott's expense. He goes back to
writing.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL LUNCHROOM - DAY

Mid-day lunchtime. The school's lunchroom is full. Students
form a long line while others are seated. Ty stands with
Reginald midway through the line. Several kids watch Ty.

TY

I can fo sho tell that I'm the new
kid round here. I feel like 2PAC
"All eyes on me." Feel me?

Reginald is nerdy.

REGINALD

What is it exactly that I should be
feeling Ty?

Ty cocks his head.

TY

Nevermind, bruh.

Ty surveys the room. Kids are seated in groups. Ty spots the
table with the rest of the team. They are clowning around
with each other.

TY (CONT'D)

Hey, the rest of the team is over
there.

They move closer in the line.

REGINALD

Yes, that is where we always sit.
The science guys sit over there.
The math guys there. The music guys
over there and the jocks are over
there.

Reginald points to the back of the room. A table with five
athletic guys sit. BARRY, 18, the blond guy stands out.

TY

Oh yeah? Tell me about them? Who is
that guy?

REGINALD

Oh, that is Barry. He is Captain of the Cricket and Tennis teams.

Ty's eyes move to Britney.

TY

And what's hottie's deal? She was vibin me in class. Who she with?

Reginald becomes uneasy inching forward.

REGINALD

Uh, that is Britney the most popular girl in school. She used to go with Barry but now dates a guy that plays on the S-M-U football team.

TY

Good to know.

Ty and Reginald sit at the table with the team. Ty sticks out. The boys carry on nerdy talk.

LUIS GREENE

I totally aced the math quiz today. It was super easy.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Well, I scored the highest on the practice A-C-T.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Ewe, Sir Nigel of Wimberly. So distinguished!

Charles plays along.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Yes, and thou shall not smite me or I shall cut you down with my sword!

Ty looks to the group.

TY

King James is who I like. And King Henry. That man is a true beast!

The kids get excited that Ty is trying to fit in.

REGINALD

King James what a great King. Rewrote the bible! And King Henry!

Henry looks up from his bag lunch.

HENRY ZIEGLER
Did someone say my name?

REGINALD
King Henry the eighth(1491-1547)
ruled England for thirty-six years,
presiding over sweeping changes
that brought his nation into the
Protestant Reformation.

Ty scoffs.

TY
I was referring to Labron James of
the LA Lakers and Derrick Henry,
the running back for the Tennessee
Titans, he had a killer year of
over two thousand yards last
season!

The boys are dumbfounded. Charles tries to save face.

CHARLES RYDAVIER
We were just messing with you. Of
course, we know who those guys are!

NIGEL WIMBERLY
Yeah! I love to watch the Lakers!

Nigel sits the furthest from Ty. He leans over to whisper in
Henry's ear.

NIGEL WIMBERLY (CONT'D)
Who are the Lakers again?

Nigel shrugs his shoulders. He changes the subject.

NIGEL WIMBERLY (CONT'D)
So, Ty, Mr. Basketball, do you have
a girlfriend?

Ty shakes his head.

TY
Not no mo. I had to kick shorty to
da curb as she was crampin' my
style draggin' me down. Feel me?

REGINALD
Oh, we feel you. Don't we guys?

Ty looks down to take a bite. Reginald shrugs to the group?

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh yes! Feeling you... so feeling
you...

INT. GYM - DAY

Scott anxiously awaits to get started. The boys are tooling
around procrastinating.

SCOTT WILSON

Guys gather around. We have to get
ready for Friday's night game
against Remington. Now that we have
Ty here, we should give them a run
for the money!

The kids begin to gather.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Everyone grab a ball and let's do
some warm-up layups. Guys, just do
whatever Ty does.

Ty grabs the nearest ball taking off for the basket. He lays
it up then circles around. One after one the boys attempt to
make layups. They fail miserably. Balls shoot off in
different directions. Charles throws the ball over the
backboard.

Scott calls the boys over.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Guys remember it is all about ball
control. Watch Ty closely and do
exactly what he does.

Ty takes off again performing the same layup. Again each boy
fails miserably. Scott becomes frustrated.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Common guys, I know you have it in
you. Let's try something different.
Form a line after Ty at the free-
throw line.

The boys all line-up. Ty shoots draining his shot. Reginald
throws the ball well short of the goal. Charles throws it too
hard. Henry is worried about breaking a nail. He holds the
ball with his fingers out. He pushes the ball making it hit
the front of the rim with a loud DUNG.

Ty approaches Scott who is shaking his head. The boys
continue embarrassing themselves.

TY

What is going on here coach? Either these guys are punking me or they are the worse basketball players in history.

SCOTT WILSON

I'll be honest with you son, these boys royally suck. Always have. They are required to take an extracurricular activity. These guys are math-athletes, not sports athletes.

TY

Yeah, I gathered that. But being good at math won't win us some games. Feel me? Now if we have a game this Friday, we gotsta be figurin' somethin' out.

SCOTT WILSON

You are right son. I just have to find a way to get into their heads so they can grasp the concepts of the game. Look, give it one game at least, and lets see what happens.

TY

Okay, coach but none of my friends or ESPN better see me with these dudes. Just sayin'! I have a reputation man...

Scott tries to act cool.

SCOTT WILSON

I feel ya broheim, broseph, brugh!

Ty cracks a smile.

TY

At least you're cool coach. Okay, I'll give it a shot even if I have to make every shot. Let's see what happens.

SCOTT WILSON

See, now that's the spirit!

Scott motions the boys to gather around him.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Okay after talking with Ty here, you guys suck, common, you know it. So, during the game just throw it to Ty. But boys, it's time to actually learn to play basketball.

LUIS GREENE

You mean coach, that we have to learn how to play? Common, look at us we are small fry compared to Typhoid over there.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Good one man. Typhoid. I like it! Sup Typhoid?

TY

What is a typhoid?

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh common, you don't know what the typhoid is? How did you get through school and qualify to come to one of the smartest schools in America?

SCOTT WILSON

Shoots Nigel a stern look.

Ty steps up towering over Nigel. Nigel begins to stutter.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Uh, uh, I did not mean any disrespect, Ty.

REGINALD

He didn't mean anything by it. Please don't kill him. I need him for the debate team!

Ty remains stern as he stares down Nigel.

TY

You got some balls saying that to me little man.

Nigel is about to cry. Tears well up.

TY (CONT'D)

Naw, I'm just messin' which-ya. It's all good little dude. But for realz, you guys are super nerds just sayin' no offense.

The boys SIGH in relief.

TY (CONT'D)

You guys would not last a day at my old high school in Euless where we hang dudes like you up by your underwear and force you to do our homework.

REGINALD

That sounds atrocious!

TY

See cool kids don't say words like atrocious.

LUIS GREENE

Well, I find it quite atrocious that cool kids don't use the word atrocious!

The boys chuckle at this.

SCOTT WILSON

You better watch yourselves, boys.

TY

It's all good coach. I am here to play ball and stay out of trouble so that is what I will do. So what are we again? The Grizzly's or something?

REGINALD

Yeah, Our first choice was The Book Worms but it was already taken.

Scott smiles.

SCOTT WILSON

Well alrighty then. It is settled. Oh, and for your information, Typhoid means that you are a life-threatening force to be dealt with.

TY

Ah okay, Typhoid, I like it. Coming to getcha.

The Janitor emerges from Scotts office with a trash bag. He watches intently as he works.

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott sits with his wife on the couch watching TV.

CHERYL

So how did it go today? Today was the new kid's first practice, right?

Scott scoffs.

SCOTT WILSON

It was a disaster Cheryl. The boys made a laughing stock out of themselves today and I thought that Nigel would be killed.

CHERYL

Killed? Was that kind of day huh?

SCOTT WILSON

You should have seen it. Nigel basically called Ty stupid then Ty almost pounded Nigel calling them all super nerds.

CHERYL

So then what happened?

SCOTT WILSON

Well, we decided to just pass the ball to Ty for the game Friday but, the boys will have to learn to actually play basketball.

CHERYL

Good luck with that. I have seen some of those boys. A regular high school would chew them up and spit them out.

SCOTT WILSON

That's basically what Ty told them too. I have to do some brainstorming to figure out a way to get into these kids' minds.

CHERYL

It will come to you, babe. I believe in you.

EXT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OUT FRONT - DAY

A nice sunny day as students move about. Some are arriving at school while others are pooling around talking. Britney stands with two girlfriends talking.

A convertible Red Mercedes SL600 pulls into the parking lot. Students stop to see who it is. Ty rolls by the front entrance slow. All can see it is him. Britney lowers her sunglasses then goes back to talking.

Ty rolls into the Seniors' parking lot. He parks away from other cars and exits. He grabs his backpack from the back seat slinging it over his shoulder. He walks up slow and methodical through the kids.

The kids all turn to look at him. They whisper as he enters the building.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Ty strolls down the hall toward science class. Reginald spots him. He approaches trying to act cool.

REGINALD

Typhoid! What's hangin' my man?

Ty is uncomfortable with Reginald hovering around.

TY

Oh, hey man. Could you do me a solid and like stay back a ways from me like during the day. Practice is whatever but I'm fishin' for some honeys. Feel me, little dude?

Reginald steps back and his face saddens.

REGINALD

Okay, I'll do whatever you want man. Sorry if I am messing up your game. I'll catch you at practice then.

He is butt hurt. He turns then disappears into a group of kids hustling about.

Ty continues strolling and scoping girls.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - Day

Students file in the classroom. Reginald is sitting pouting. Luis, Charles, Henry, and Nigel all roll in together. Charles notices this.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Sup my homie? Did that make any sense? I have been working on my hood slang. Who peed a stream in your cheerios or something like that?

Reginald looks up.

REGINALD

Oh hey, guys. I was trying to act cool and talk to Ty and he acted like I was a leper or something?

CHARLES RYDAVIER

I'm sure he is just having a bad morning that's all.

The boys take their seats. Ty rolls in and says nothing to them. He walks to the back of the room and sits down.

Reginald leans over to whisper to Charles.

REGINALD

See I told you. He did not even say hi to any of us.

The bell RINGS. Scott enters the room. He sets down his briefcase on the desk.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, everyone. We have a pop quiz today on thermodynamics at the end of class. Now let's talk Chemistry. Everyone open your books to page forty-five.

The kids open their books. Scott begins to lecture. He walks around the room as he talks. He tells a joke.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

A neutron walks into a bar. He asks the bartender, "How much for a beer?" The bartender gives him a smile and says, "For you, no charge."

Most of the class chuckles.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Now, who can tell why this is?

Several arms rise. Scott looks to Ty who is drawing. He looks up.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Ty, maybe you can shed some light on this?

TY
Well the way I sees it, The neutron is some famous homie and he gets mad respect wherever he go, feel me. So he get all da free stuff.

The class turns to look at him.

SCOTT WILSON
Wow, Ty that was sure insightful but completely wrong. Who can depart their wisdom upon this class?

Reginald slips his hand up. Scott nods to him.

REGINALD
Do you want to know about a carbon atom, a Magnesium atom, or a calcium atom?

SCOTT WILSON
How about what an atom even is comprised of?

REGINALD
Oh okay, dumbed-down explanation. Got it! An atom itself is made up of three tiny kinds of particles called subatomic particles: protons, neutrons, and electrons.

SCOTT WILSON
Correct! Keep going.

REGINALD
The protons and the neutrons make up the center of the atom called the nucleus and the electrons fly around above the nucleus in a small cloud.

SCOTT WILSON
Now bring it home Reginald.

REGINALD

The electrons carry a negative charge and the protons carry a positive charge. Neutrons have no charge thus the joke.

SCOTT WILSON

Very good sir. Spot on as usual.

Scott goes back to his lecture.

Charles leans over and whispers.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Show off!

He whispers back.

REGINALD

It is common knowledge.

SCOTT WILSON

It's time for the quiz. Put away your books and have your pencils on the ready.

He passes out the quiz.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Begin.

The wall clock reads 8:40. It now reads 8:59.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Pencils down. Turn in your quizzes on your way out.

The class all stand to exit the room. Scott looks at Ty as he approaches.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Ty, can I please have a moment of your time? I wish to talk to you a bit before you go.

TY

Sure coach, what's up? Is there a problem?

SCOTT WILSON

I am seeing a pattern in you or more like you not trying to learn. Let me look at your quiz real fast.

Ty hands the quiz to Scott. Scott scans the quiz and looks at Ty.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Son, you did not get one answer right. Thermodynamics is not thoroughly dynamic like you are on the court. Now, what gives son? Have you always struggled in your studies?

Ty shakes his head then raises his hand to his chin.

TY

Man, I don't like being put on blast like that. It makes me look bad and I am Ty Bridgelow, I don't look bad! Got it.

SCOTT WILSON

I'm not sure I like the tone you are using right now. For your information Ty, school is for learning not just to play sports.

TY

Well, I go to school to play sports. All this other stuff is for Nerds like your team. I am no god damn nerd! Besides, teachers just pass me cause of who I am.

SCOTT WILSON

Look I get you are some big shot spoiled ass brat with a famous father. You think you hung the god damn moon! Life can change in a moment and kill your dreams.

TY

And what do you know about dreams being killed?

SCOTT WILSON

Maybe one day I'll be more inclined to discuss it with you. Now get out of here before I say something that I will regret.

Ty exits the room. Scott places his hand on his forehead.

INT. GYM - DAY

Today is a pep rally. The entire school is in the bleachers. Crude banners hang. BEN wears the Grizzly's mascot. He runs around trips and falls. The kids all laugh. He often removes his head to take large drags from an inhaler.

Cheerleaders move at half speed lackluster. A small group of band members plays a crappy version of the school song. An accordion player is in their midst.

A Microphone CLICKS on. Girl with pigtails speaks.

GIRL WITH TAILS

Thank you. Are we ready to kick some Remington's butts tomorrow night?

The students are not thrilled to be there. Some half-ass clap. Most go back to messing with their smartphones.

GIRL WITH TAILS (CONT'D)

Ben the grizzly, are you ready for tomorrow's game?

Ben the Grizzly has his head off hitting his inhaler. He is startled and wrangles it on his head. He shows thumbs up. He then runs out into the middle of the court and attempts a half-ass cartwheel.

Most of the students don't look up. He collects himself attempting to be spirited.

GIRL WITH TAILS (CONT'D)

Thank you, Ben the Grizzly. Now before I bring them out, our school has a new student that will change how we play the game of basketball.

Barry sits with a small group of jocks.

BARRY

This should be interesting.

GIRL WITH TAILS

He hails from all of the way from Eules TX.

BARRY

Yeah more like useless Texas.

His buddies chuckle.

GIRL WITH TAILS

So without further adieu, I present
to you Ty and our 2021 grizzly
basketball team. Woo!

More kids look up for a second then go back to their phones.
WOO HOO sprouts out with mediocre CLAPPING.

Ty runs out with the other five tailings. They stand side by
side in the front of the stands. Ty looks out of place.
Britney perks up in her seat. She elbows her girlfriend next
to her

BRITNEY

Oh, look here he is. He sure is
cute! And a bad-boy! Who cares if
he is not too bright when he has
money and skills!

Barry is not impressed.

BARRY

Even with a really good player,
they suck and will not win a game
watch! I feel kinda bad for the new
kid having to play with these
scrubs.

GIRL WITH TAILS

Now I would like to bring out the
coach of the Grizzly's, Scott
Wilson!

Same half-ass CLAPPING.

Scott runs out on the courts and stands next to Ty. Girl with
pigtails takes the microphone out to him. The mic CRACKS then
FEEDBACK. She hands it to Scott. He BANGS it on his hand. He
leans in to test the mic.

SCOTT WILSON

Is this working, check one check
two.

It cuts out and then in a few times then stays on with
FEEDBACK.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Yes, how are all of you today?

More kids half clap.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Look, guys, I know that we have not been very good in the past.

Barry leans over to the guy next to him.

BARRY

That's the understatement of the year.

SCOTT WILSON

But now we have a new hope and a new beginning! Tomorrow night begins our new road to excellence and we will give those Blue Devils a run for their money!

The band halfway pipes up.

Scott motions to the team to follow him out.

GIRL WITH TAILS

And with that the pep rally is concluded, you can now go back to your classes with newfound spirit! Yeah, team!

The kids all stand and slowly meander out of the bleachers.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

Friday night game. A smattering of parents and students is present. Ben the Grizzly attempts to rile them up. The band squeaks out the school fight song. Both teams are out on the court warming up.

The Blue Devils are sharp and disciplined. Our boys are sloppy and an embarrassment. Ty looks sharp making all of his shots.

Pigtail girl sparks up the mic.

GIRL WITH TAILS

Players take your side, the game is about to commence.

Both teams head over to their sides. Scott motions for the boys to gather around.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, boys, it's finally time. Let's give these Devils a run for their money.

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SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Remember, when in doubt throw it to
Ty. On three! One, two three!
Break!

The boys suck at that too. Ty runs out there with Charles,
Luis, Henry, and Nigel. Reginald rides the bench. Ty lines up
for the jump ball. Blue Devils number 3 lines up opposite
him.

BLUEDEVIL 3

We are going to bury you just like
we do every year!

Ty scoffs.

TY

You guys are nothing compared to
what I am used to playing.

The REF holds the ball up.

REF

Boys, cut the chatter, and let's
play some ball.

A WHISTLE sounds and the ref throws the ball in the air. Ty
jumps higher and grabs it. The boys are confused as to what
to do next. Ty quickly directs their movements.

TY

You go here, and you glasses go
here. Girly boy goes there. Okay.
Now, Luis, I'm gonna pass it to
you.

The teams all take their positions. Ty has the ball. Luis is
open. Ty passes him the ball. Luis is confused as to what to
do so he half-ass throws it back to Ty. Blue Devil number 3
grabs the ball and races down the court. He slam dunks the
ball. He runs back to taunt Ty.

BLUEDEVIL 3

What happened there? I'll be
bringing that all damn game son!

Ty takes offense to number 3. He gets in his face.

TY

What did you call me? Cracker!

The ref steps in.

REF

Common boys cut the chatter and
keep it clean or I will eject both
of you. Capiche!

Scott yells out from the sideline.

SCOTT WILSON

Don't let that guy get in your
head, Ty. Show em what you got!

Ty dribbles the ball with precision. He runs past the
Bluedevel defenders with ease and dunks it over number 3. He
looks at him.

TY

What now? Let's go!

Number 3 squinches his face then shows his teeth.

Some of the parents stand to their feet and cheer! Charles's
parents the Rydavier's are shocked. NED RYDAVIER, mid-
forties, round glasses with balding hair.

NED RYDAVIER

Wow! Did you see that! We actually
have a chance!

Adonis slips into the back door so that no one would notice
him. He watches from the shadows.

The boys have no clue how to defend and just stand there.
Number 3 easily goes down and pulls a 3 point jumper. Ty
grabs the ball and passes it to Charles. Charles walks with
the ball. The ref blows the WHISTLE.

REF

Foul walking!

Blue teams ball. He tosses the ball to NUMBER 12. He blows
the WHISTLE. Number 12 throws the ball into number 3 and he
faces Ty.

BLUEDEVIL 3

This game is going to be all about
you and me.

Ty guards him well not budging an inch. Number 3 passes to
number 12. Number 12 then shoots and scores. Number 3 rubs it
in.

BLUEDEVIL 3 (CONT'D)

What do ya know, all of my team can shoot just as good as me! Looks like your ship is going to sink!

Scott shakes his head. He yells out.

SCOTT WILSON

Shake it off guys shake it off!

The game clock says 5 minutes in the first half. Blue Devils 35 and the Grizzlies 18.

Scott calls a time out.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Time out Ref.

The boys all gather around.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Okay guys, try to keep a level head out there.

LUIS GREENE

But coach, we are getting creamed out there.

SCOTT WILSON

This is true but again we have never scored this many points in a game so far. Ty, I know this is not what you are used to.

Ty shakes his head in disappointment.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Guys this is all about having fun out there. Try to have as much fun as you can!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

It's not fun when we are so bad coach. We only have some points because of Ty here.

SCOTT WILSON

I get that son, but that is how this first game will have to be. The game will be 100% on Ty's shoulders. Let's just get through this guys and I will buy pizza after the game!

Adonis slips out of the gym unnoticed.

The boys break and run back out, Three Blue devil defenders guard Ty at all times slowing down his scoring. Play after play the Blue devil's run down and easily score. Every play Ty brings it out being triple teamed and does his best with his ball handling skills.

The score clock now says 3 seconds to go in the game. Devils 112 and the grizzlies 52. Ty brings out the ball and shoots it from the half-court. It swishes. The BUZZER sounds.

The teams line up to congratulate each other. Number 3 gets to Ty.

BLUEDEVIL 3

You are good man but it's hard to win all by yourself. Good luck dude your gonna need it.

TY

Yeah, your pretty good too man. Good luck on your season.

The teams finish and walk over to the sideline. Scott gathers them around.

SCOTT WILSON

There is not much that can be said. We all know we are not good except for Ty here. He can't carry this team all by himself.

The boys hang their heads.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

We can only go up from here. Now go get changed and let's go eat some pizza.

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott sits in his chair as his wife sits on the couch on her phone.

SCOTT WILSON

Honey, it was horrible and awesome all at the same time. That kid can play! But, I feel horrible for the other boys who are flat-out horrible.

CHERYL

Babe, you have known this for years now. You cant expect one great player to magically fix everything. Now, if you had five Ty's it would be a different story.

SCOTT WILSON

If I had five Ty's we would win the state championship for sure. But at this point that is a pipe dream. And Ty is expecting his teachers to just pass him on minimal or no effort. I have a lot to think about.

ESPN Sports Center pops on the TV.

REPORTER ESPN

We have a report on Ty Bridgelow's first game as a Grizzly. The high school stand-out was humbled today by the Remington Blue Devils 112 to 52 ouch! Will be this be the trend or will he be able to turn this team around this season. Only time will tell.

The reporter then goes on to other stories.

SCOTT WILSON

Great, how did ESPN even hear about this? We are the laughing stock of all of Texas!

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Ty strolls through the hall en route to class. Several students all congratulate him on the game. Ty just nods smiles and moves on.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Ty enters the classroom and takes his seat in the back. A few students not on the team congratulate him.

TY

Don't congratulate me. We lost. It was horrible. We suck. Just sayin'.

The boys on the team have their heads hung low.

Scott enters the classroom and lays his briefcase on the desk. He is all business.

SCOTT WILSON

Class, please open your textbook to page seventy-two. Today we will be discussing antigravity with magnetism...

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

The kids file out of class into the busy hallway. Ty exits the room with Britney behind him. She taps him on the shoulder.

BRITNEY

Uh Ty, I just wanted to tell you that you are an amazing player. I enjoyed watching you. A few of us are meeting at the pizza joint if you want to come hang out.

TY

Okay, let's see what happens. Maybe I will check it out and see you there. See ya around.

He turns and walks off.

BRITNEY

Oh, yes, you will.

INT. GYM - DAY

The boys are there getting ready to practice. Scott noticed Adonis enter the gym.

SCOTT WILSON

You boys practice passing the ball around why I talk with Ty's father.

Scott walks over and shakes Adonis's hand.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Adonis, what brings you here today?

ADONIS

I was hoping to have a little word with you today. Can we sit down in your office?

SCOTT WILSON

Of course.

ADONIS

And I wish my son to be present.

Scotts heart sinks.

SCOTT WILSON

Ty, will you please come and meet
with your dad and me?

Ty runs over and all three enter Scotts office. Scott closes
the door.

INT. GYM OFFICE - DAY

They all take a seat.

SCOTT WILSON

Can I offer you a drink or
something sir?

ADONIS

No that will not be necessary as
this will be a short meeting. That
game was an embarrassment to Ty my
entire family and all of Texas!

SCOTT WILSON

Well, sir, I...

ADONIS

I have decided to pull my son from
this program! He will not be the
laughing stock of ESPN! What papers
do I need to sign for his transfer?

Scott shuffles in his seat nervously.

SCOTT WILSON

Sir, with respect I would like to
hear what Ty has to say? Ty, do you
share your father's sentiment?

TY

What's a sentiment?

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, it means, do you agree with
your father?

Ty hesitates then answers.

TY

I don't like feeling like a clown!
That was the worst thing that I
ever experienced in my life. I'm
the laughing stock of all of my
friends! I wanna go back to my
regular school!

SCOTT WILSON

It sounds that you both have made
up your minds but I do have
something to say and I don't care
at this point if it offends you.

Ty has a surprised expression.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Adonis, your son is not smart
enough to play here. It is not the
basketball game that makes him look
like a clown, it his lack of
trying!

ADONIS

Now, wait one minute here...

SCOTT WILSON

Pardon me, but it's my turn to
talk!

Adonis and Ty both sit back unimpressed.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Sir, just now he did not know what
sentiment is. The other day in
class, he thought that
Thermodynamics was thoroughly
dynamic. Laughing stock all right!

ADONIS

I think that I have heard enough. I
will not have you bash my son like
this.

SCOTT WILSON

Sir, he is bringing it on himself.
How do you expect him to play at
Gonzaga if he cannot pass a class?
Did you know sir that all of his
past teachers just passed him?

ADONIS

Uh, no, I was under the assumption that he was a good student as I have never heard something like this before. Son is this true?

Ty hangs his head down and looks up.

TY

Yes sir.

ADONIS

Tyrone Thaddeus Bridgelow! I am very disappointed in you! The Bridgelow's do not half-ass anything! Wait till your mother hears about this!

Ty pleads with his dad.

TY

Please, don't tell mom! She will kill me!

ADONIS

Well you should have thought about that before rubbing our good name in the mud like this. All Bridgelow's in our family were honor roll students. This is like a black eye!

TY

I am sorry sir that I have let my family down and especially you.

ADONIS

Okay, well now that all that is out what shall we do with you?

Scott sits up and pulls out a notebook with scribbled writing on it.

SCOTT WILSON

Well, I have a few ideas about how we all can help each other. Let me show you.

Adonis and Ty both sit forward in their chairs to see what Scott had written down. Adonis looks to Ty who nods back to his father.

ADONIS

Okay, I think we can work with this? Son, if your grades do not improve or you do not graduate then no more basketball! Understand!

TY

Yes, sir, I understand.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Bell RINGS as kids file into the classroom. The boys all take their seats. Scott enters then sets his briefcase on the desk. He walks from behind his desk and stands in front of the class.

SCOTT WILSON

Today we are doing something different. We are going to try and use science and math to assist Ty in winning some ball games.

The class begins to look at each other.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

I need some volunteers to assist Ty in graduating this year. You will receive extra credit. Hit me up after class if you are interested.

Britney has a sly smile on her face.

Reginald looks to the other boys and nods. They nod back. Reginald then raises his hand.

Scott acknowledges him.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Yes, Reginald?

REGINALD

Coach, we would be happy to assist our teammate in his school work. We will try our best but can't guarantee that he will graduate.

SCOTT WILSON

I get that son, but I have faith in Ty that he will do whatever is necessary to graduate as he wishes to go to college.

Nigel raises his hand. Scott nods to him to speak.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Like he said, we will do whatever you guys need. Extra credit is nice and all but again, what are we going to get out of this?

Scott smiles big at Nigel.

SCOTT WILSON

Is helping a fellow teammate not reward enough?

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Well... I guess so...

Scott turns his attention to the class.

SCOTT WILSON

What will the basketball team get out of it? How about the feeling of winning games! Building a tight-knit team! Maybe girls will take interest in you?

REGINALD

Yes, please!

The class cracks up.

REGINALD (CONT'D)

What? Can't a guy have goals?

LUIS GREENE

Yeah, Reggie, your only goal has been to go to M-I-T. We all know your goal of being a rocket scientist!

REGINALD

Well, those goals are firmly planted and well on their way to fruition.

Ty clears his throat.

TY

Little dude, you ain't gonna score any honeys talking like that. Feel me? You work on me and I will help you out with some swagger.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

There we go! Now it's worth it!

Scott smiles nodding his head.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay then Ty, looks like we have a deal. Now let's come up with some ideas on how to outsmart the next team. I have a special surprise for practice today as well.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Surprises? We love surprises!

SCOTT WILSON

Oh, and I have a question for you all? Who is the biggest tallest kid in school besides Ty here?

REGINALD

That's easy, that's OLI, he likes to be called White Eagle. I have him in advanced calculus.

SCOTT WILSON

Perfect! I will be visiting the math department then. I am also looking for the most athletic in school?

Britney raises her hand.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Miss Watson

BRITNEY

That would be Barry for sure. Maybe I can talk him into playing with you guys. Let me see what all I can do.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, Britney, that sounds great. Now we need just one more kid with some size but this time, I want the most tuff kid in school? Who is that?

HENRY ZIEGLER

That would be BILLY PAYNE, and boy does he live up to his name. Billy brings lots of pain!

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HENRY ZIEGLER (CONT'D)

I know because he picks on me every day in Antiquities class.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay then. Good to know. Now that we have all of that in order, shall we get to today's lesson?

Scott picks up a graduated cylinder.

Ty raises his hand. Scott sees it and nods to him.

TY

Coach, I find it easier for me to grasp it when you tell those dumb jokes or tell a story so I can relate. Feel me?

SCOTT WILSON

Oh, so you mean like this. What did the thermometer say to the graduated cylinder? "You may have graduated, but I've got many degrees.

The class chuckles at the joke.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Now someone please explain it to Ty.

Ty shakes his head smiling as he gets it. He writes things down in his notebook.

INT. MATH ROOM - DAY

The room is empty. Math teacher RASHID, late-thirties, middle eastern with medium beard writes on a grease board. A quadratic equation. The door OPENS. Rashid turns to see Scott enter. Rashid speaks with a thick accent.

RASHID

Scott, what brings you to this side of the school?

SCOTT WILSON

Rashid, how have you been? I trust that you and your family have been well?

RASHID

Oh yes! We are all doing very well. How are things in the sciences?

SCOTT WILSON

Oh as good as can be expected I guess. Hey, why shouldn't you let advanced math intimidate you?

RASHID

Why?

SCOTT WILSON

It's really as easy as pie!

Rashid laughs.

RASHID

Good one! You always do have an endless source of jokes! Pie funny!

RASHID (CONT'D)

Hey, I see that you have a new stand-out basketball player, Ty is his name?

SCOTT WILSON

Yes, and he is the reason that I am here now. I know how big of a basketball enthusiast that you are.

RASHID

Oh really, You know how much I love, love, love me some basketball! So then how can I be of assistance?

SCOTT WILSON

I need to get with you and come up with a system so that our brainy kids can get it. Maybe some angles with geometry and equations to outsmart other teams.

Rashid's eyes light up. He turns and begins drawing shapes and equations on the board.

RASHID

Oh, I got this! Sharp brains will prevail!

SCOTT WILSON

That's great Rashid! I have another question for you? Oli, we want Oli on our team. Do you think you could talk him into it?

RASHID

Sure, for you and your endeavor, he will be there as I will offer him something that he can't refuse.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay then, I will leave you to it. Swing by practice and we can see what all you come up with. Thanks again, Rashid.

Scott turns and exits the door.

EXT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Britney walks down the hall and spots Barry hanging with two friends. She stops to talk with him.

BRITNEY

Oh, hey there Barry. How have you been? What's new?

BARRY

Hey, Brit all's good in the hood. How are you? What's up?

Britney flashes a cute smile

BARRY (CONT'D)

You look like you are up to something? What do you want?

BRITNEY

I think it would be the coolest thing ever if you joined the basketball team. They are looking for the most athletic guy in school and that's you!

BARRY

I already play two sports and besides the basketball team sucks all except the new dude. I kinda feel bad for him.

BRITNEY

Yeah, me too and everyone else. Just think about it, You and him together with a couple of other good players and you would run the state.

Barry looks away in thought. A smile emerges.

BARRY

State! That has been a goal of mine. I'll kick it around. Maybe it would be cool. Oh hey, so how're things going with Mr. S-M-U?

BRITNEY

Oh, we are on a break for the moment.

BARRY

So there's a another chance then?

Britney is coy. She then turns revealing an evil smile. She then walks off. He yells out.

BARRY (CONT'D)

So was that a yes or maybe?

He shrugs and goes back to talking with his friends.

Henry walks by Britney in the opposite direction and gives her a thumbs up. She winks and gives the OK hand signal. Henry turns right then walks down the hall to where the bullies hang out.

Billy Payne stands with his back to Henry as he approaches. Billy's friend BRET, 16, a big tuff kid spots Henry.

BRET

Nerd alert three o'clock!

HENRY ZIEGLER

Uh, Bi, Billy?

Billy spins around catching Henry off guard.

BILLY PAYNE

Wha, wha what do you want nerd! Did you come for your daily wedgie? Well, turn around.

His friends chuckle at Henry's expense.

HENRY ZIEGLER

No, I do not wish to have my underwear go between my buttocks.

BILLY PAYNE

Oh my god! If there was a land of nerds then you would be king.

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BILLY PAYNE (CONT'D)

Now shut up and take it like the girl you are!

HENRY ZIEGLER

Wait! Wait! I have a proposition for you!

BILLY PAYNE

Oh yeah like what? Speak fast or I'll do it from the front this time!

HENRY ZIEGLER

We are looking for the toughest kid in school to play on our basketball team.

BILLY PAYNE

Basketball? I don't play basketball? Besides, what's in it for me dweebe?

HENRY ZIEGLER

I will do your homework for the rest of the year for you. All you would have to do is stand there and raise your arms. Our good players will do most of the scoring.

BILLY PAYNE

That would be kinda nice to not have to worry about homework for the rest of the year. What do I need to do?

HENRY ZIEGLER

Swing by the gym after school. That's it! Oh and no more wedgies or the deal is off!

BILLY PAYNE

Okay whatever, now piss off and get back to your side of the school.

INT. GYM - DAY

Scott enters the gym. Two new kids are waiting. They stand to the side of the main group. Scott approaches them.

SCOTT WILSON

So, who do we have here?

Oli steps forward. He is a six-foot-six Native American that is large with long black braided hair. Scott looks up at him.

OLI

My name is Oli but I am known in my tribe as White Eagle. Mr. Rashid sent me.

SCOTT WILSON

That is great! Thank you for coming. Stand right over there!

Scott points to the rest of the team. He then turns his attention to Billy who is six-foot-four.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

And you son?

BILLY PAYNE

My name is Billy Payne and like my name, I bring the pain!

SCOTT WILSON

You are a poet and didn't know it! Thank you for coming today, We will put you to good use. Please go stand over there with the others.

Ty walks over to meet the two tall guys while Scott looks over his clipboard.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

We are waiting for two more people before we get started.

A door OPENS, Scott looks up to see Rashid enter the gym. He is happy and smiling as he carries a large white tablet. He walks up to Scott.

RASHID

I trust that I am not late!

SCOTT WILSON

Just on time my distinguished colleague.

The main door OPENS and in walks Barry which is a shock to everyone. The guys all turn to see Barry and their eyebrows raise. Ty spots him and a large grin creeps on his face.

TY

Hell yeah! Now we talkin.

Scott pumps his fist in the air.

SCOTT WILSON

Yes! Now we have something to work with.

Barry walks up to Scott.

BARRY

Mister athletic is here, just tell me where you need me!

SCOTT WILSON

Thank you son for coming out. With your help, there is a damn good chance that we can make a good run of it this year!

BARRY

Who's red Ferrari is that outside? That is sick!

SCOTT WILSON

That means that he has arrived.

BARRY

Who?

The main doors open, in walks Adonis.

Barry and Rashid's mouths drop as they recognize him from the Pro's.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Holy crap it is Adonis Bridgelow! In the flesh. In this gym, Right now! My friends are gonna think this is so cool!

Adonis approaches Scott. They shake hands doing the bro hug.

ADONIS

How goes it? Looks like we have a bit more now to work with. Yeah, let's see what I can do here.

SCOTT WILSON

Gather around all. Gather around. I have some great news, Adonis here has volunteered to work with you kids and teach you all how to play some basketball. Who better right?

Adonis addresses the group.

ADONIS

Okay, now that I have seen what you can do, I had the coach here contact the math teacher. Where he at?

Rashid's hand shoots into the air so only it can be seen. He pushes his way through the tall kids.

RASHID

Present and accounted for sir. I have calculated all geometric angles for optimum efficiency for these boys to absorb. And, I have something special up my sleeve.

SCOTT WILSON

That's great Rashid! I have a great feeling about this.

RASHID

And to think that I Rashid get to work alongside the great Adonis Bridgelow. I have followed you ever since your college years at USC and all through the Harlem Globetrotters years! Wow!

ADONIS

It is nice to meet you. I can't wait to see what all you come up with for these boys. Anything will be an improvement. Now, shall we?

SCOTT WILSON

By all means! Okay, boys! Go get dressed and be back out here in ten minutes.

Scott blows a WHISTLE. The boys all run to the locker room.

INT. GYM LOCKER ROOM - DAY

The boys file into the locker room. Several practice jerseys and shorts of different sizes are stacked on a table. Each boy selects a pair. They begin to put them on. Reginald is a shrimp compared to Oli. He looks straight up at him.

REGINALD

You look like you could squash me like a bug.

Billy is in earshot.

BILLY PAYNE
He could squash all of you small
fries like a bug.

CHARLES RYDAVIER
Well, you're a basket of deep-fried
curly fries!

LUIS GREENE
Yeah with chili con queso!

Billy gets into Luis's face.

BILLY PAYNE
What did you call me? Speak English
refried beans or I will give you a
wedgie right here and now all in
front of your friends!

Ty and Barry keep to themselves looking over at times at the
bantering. Barry nods to TY.

Barry walks over to Billy to defuse the situation.

BARRY
Common man, we are a team now quit
being a dick to the short stacks
here. All of this talkin' about
food has got me hella hungry!

TY
Straight up Yo. We should go hit up
that taco shack after practice.
That'd be dank! What do you say,
Billy, are you down for some dank
ass tacos?

Billy wears a scowl on his face then lightens up.

BILLY PAYNE
Sure, Okay, why not I guess. Oh, I
got it! We will have a taco eating
contest!

NIGEL WIMBERLY
So what would be the spoils if you
win? What would the loser have to
do?

Billy puts his hand to his chin in thought. He SNAPS his
fingers.

BILLY PAYNE
Okay, dudes, I got it! Yeah!

Billy excitedly rubs his hands together in anticipation.

BILLY PAYNE (CONT'D)

Winner gets my father's full box of playboy mags. Loser has to do something crazy and humiliating in front of the entire school!

CHARLES RYDAVIER

So we have boobs or look bad in front of the entire school. Well, we already look bad in front of the entire school so boobs it is! Sign me up!

BILLY PAYNE

By looking bad in front of the entire school, I mean you would have to ride my YZ 80 through the main halls naked for all to see!

Reginald is wide-eyed and gulps.

Oli cracks a large smile that produces a large gap in his front teeth.

OLI

Tacos, I could eat tacos for days!

Barry scoffs.

BARRY

And in that, there is no doubt! Okay, so it is settled, the TACO SHACK after practice. We all know what is at stake. Do we all agree? If so, bring it in here.

Barry stands in the middle of the room and puts his arm out. One by one each boy gathers around putting their arms in it.

BARRY (CONT'D)

Now let's learn how to play some basketball!

INT. GYM - DAY

SERIES OF SHOTS - learning basketball

A) Adonis shows how to properly pass the ball.

B) Ty works with the tall kids on blocking.

- C) Adonis shows the proper way to shoot a ball.
- D) Scott and Adonis show how to properly dribble the ball and pass.
- E) Oli picks up Reginald like a small kid to shoot the ball.

INT. TACO SHACK - DAY

The boys file into the "Taco Shack" and close the door.

Charles stands at the counter. He is ordering. A pimply-faced TALL KID, 16, with braces, sports a stupid hat and uniform. Takes his order.

Billy makes a shrewd comment.

BILLY PAYNE

Nice outfit bro! I bet you pull
some fine as tail wearing that? A
real lady slayer!

The tall kid working the counters is not impressed and just looks at Billy. Charles steps up and takes over.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

We need a butt load of crunchy
tacos. We are having a taco eating
contest!

TALL KID

Oh, why didn't you just say that?
We have the if you can eat fifty
tacos then you get a free Taco
Shack T-shirt deal!

OLI

That shirt is as good as mine!

The boys are all sitting at the table downing tacos. The wall clock reads five O'clock. Billy sits at the end next to Nigel. He unloads several tacos onto Nigel's pile when no one is paying attention.

The wall clock now reads 5:30. The boys are moving in slow motion as they are having problems stuffing one more taco into their mouths. Oli continues shoving tacos into his mouth. Barry looks half-dead as he quits.

BARRY

Okay Oli or White Eagle or
whatever, you won man.

(MORE)

BARRY (CONT'D)

Everyone sit back and let's count
the remaining tacos.

Nigel has the most taco's still and is the clear loser. Billy
looks at him.

BILLY PAYNE

Well, little dude, it looks like
you are going to be taking the
glory ride!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Luckily for me at least I know how
to ride a motorcycle.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Rashid is drawing out complex algebraic equations on a
whiteboard. The five small kids are glued to him. He then
draws a basic circle, then a square, and then a triangle.

RASHID

Okay, guys, it is up to me to come
up with a complex system that you
guys can absorb and use to your
advantage in a live basketball
game.

REGINALD

That is great news as we royally
suck.

RASHID

You only suck at basketball. Not at
life. Remember that! Okay moving
on. If you can see the basketball
court as a series of geometrical
shapes and equations...

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh you mean to look for say the
square backboard and the red square
over the hoop that is circular?

Rashid draws the key.

RASHID

Correct. The key is from where you
shoot foul shots. Notice that it is
a semi-circle and the three-point
line is also a semi-circle.

LUIS GREENE

I'm starting to see where you are going with this I think?

RASHID

Now when there are players out on the court. They always set up in some sort of a triangular scenario. Who can list the different types of triangles?

Charles raises his hand. Rashid points to him.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

There are six main types. Equilateral, Scalene, Isosceles, Right, Acute, and last but not least Obtuse.

RASHID

Very good Charles. Now I will show you a video of Adonis playing with the Dallas Mavericks.

Rashid picks up his large white tablet and turns it on. An NBA game is playing. The Mavericks go into a defensive state. Rashid pauses the video.

HENRY ZIEGLER

It is so confusing with everyone all running and moving so fast.

RASHID

I get that but do not concern yourself with all of that. For now, look at where the defenders are standing.

REGINALD

Holy crap! Look, guys. Number 7, 9, and 2 are forming an obtuse triangle! 9 in conjunction with 20 and 1 form an acute Triangle. That makes sense. Hum.

Rashid continues the video when they are on offense.

RASHID

The same rules apply while on offense. Sure, one guy will usually dribble the ball down the court till the team is set up in various triangle formations.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

This is gold! Makes perfect sense.
We just have to make sure we stay
in some designated triangles when
playing.

RASHID

Now watch for a while and spot what
different types of triangles you
see and in what order usually for
best ball movement.

The boys see this as a game. Yelling out answers as the game
plays out. Rashid sits back watching the game with the boys
with a big smile.

INT. GYM - DAY

Adonis works with the tall boys on some ball-handling skills.

ADONIS

It's all about keeping a good sense
of balance. You Barry, try to get
the ball away from me.

Barry steps up confidently. He reaches for the ball. Adonis
shifts it fast causing Barry to miss. Adonis now continues
with a complex system of ball movements.

ADONIS (CONT'D)

Common son, get the ball!

Barry pierces his lips together in determination.

Adonis then breaks into some Harlem Globetrotter trickery. As
he does this the boys all gather around to watch the
spectacle. Adonis makes Barry look bad.

BARRY

Come on man, you are a pro!

ADONIS

This is true, but if you have a
good sense of balance and ball
control, you can move on anyone! Do
you understand?

BARRY

Yes, sir!

ADONIS

Now, you dudes practice moving the ball around like I showed you while I go and talk with the math teacher.

Adonis walks over to Rashid who is star-struck.

RASHID

I just wanted to say what an honor it is for you to be assisting us. I would have played myself if I were not so skinny and have two left feet.

ADONIS

Did you have a chance to work with the smart kids to find a way to get through to them? I can't just have my four tall boys do it all.

Rashid gets animated.

RASHID

Oh yes! The boys now understand the geometric angles involved in basketball and with your superior ball-handling skills should have no issues.

ADONIS

All right! Now I have something I can work with. Oh, hey, I was going to ask you. What's up with Scott?

RASHID

Scott Wilson was a college standout at Oregon back in the day. His NBA dreams were dashed when a car he was driving veered off the road and killed a woman.

ADONIS

That is horrible?

RASHID

Yes, and ever since that day, he has lost his drive to excel in basketball and nowadays, just sticks to teaching science. It's sad really?

ADONIS

Depressing more like it! Okay then,
good to know. Thanks for the info.

RASHID

For the great Adonis Bridgelow,
anything!

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Charles is on a small walkie-talkie. Kids walk by him paying
no attention. It is casual dress Friday.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Center checkpoint. All clear. Wait!
Principle Conroe just exited her
office. She is now heading toward
the front entrance. Is everyone in
position?

REGINALD (O.S.)

Exit checkpoint is standing by and
ready.

HENRY ZIEGLER (O.S.)

Beginning checkpoint ready and on
stand by. I see her coming. Nigel.
Are you ready buddy?

EXT. CLUMP OF TREES - DAY

Nigel is on a yellow two-stroke Yamaha YZ 80 under a large
clump of trees. He is wearing a trench coat with a Darth
Vader helmet on. He holds the walkie-talkie up to the
mouthpiece.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

I don't know guys. I could get
expelled for this.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Billy is standing next to Henry. He grabs it out of Henry's
hand then talks into it.

BILLY PAYNE

You lost the bet, you have to do
it! Now grow some nuts and let's do
this! When I say go fire her up and
take off like a bat out of hell!

NIGEL WIMBERLY (O.S.)
 Uh, Okay...

BILLY PAYNE
 Let me give you some incentive. If you don't do it, I'll tape your naked ass to the flag pole for all to see.

LAUGHS come through the walkie.

NIGEL WIMBERLY (O.S.)
 Okay, I'm going to start the engine. You guys just make sure it's clear!

EXT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OUT FRONT - DAY

Principle Conroe stands out front of the building surveying the kids.

EXT. CLUMP OF TREES - DAY

Nigel's walkie CLICKS on.

BILLY PAYNE (O.S.)
 No worries dude. Okay, she is out front. It's now or never! Punch it!

Nigel tears off the trench coat and flings it into the bushes. He takes off headed for the front entrance. All he has on is his helmet, socks, and shoes.

EXT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OUT FRONT - DAY

Principle Conroe is patrolling the front when the TINNY TWO-STROKE ENGINE rounds the bend. She cocks her head like a cocker spaniel trying to locate the sound. It gets louder and louder until Nigel comes into view. Principle Conroe's mouth drops. Her eyes bulge out as he is driving right at her.

She waves her hands like trying to shoo away birds. Kids dart out of the way as they stare and are pointing at Nigel.

NIGEL WIMBERLY
 Everyone into position here he comes!

Nigel almost hits her causing her to stumble sideways. He zooms right through the front doors to a host of cheering kids. Some are laughing with some acting in horror.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Billy steps into the aisle. He yells.

BILLY PAYNE

Everyone get out of the way! Move!

The kids scramble to move to the side as the motorbike enters the building. Smoke fills the entrance corridor as he passes. Principle Conroe is on his tail in hot pursuit. She swats at the smoke as she runs.

Nigel gets to the halfway mark where Charles is along with Barry and Ty. Barry yells out!

BARRY

Everyone, move out of the way!

Kids are now excited to see the spectacle driving down the hall. Cheering erupts as he passes. Principle Conroe yells.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Somebody stop him! Tackle him!

The history teacher jumps out to try and contain him. A fat kid desperately tries to get out of the way and takes out the history teacher.

Ty cracks up covering his mouth. Then he and Barry fist bump.

Nigel slows to make a right turn. Students line the walls making way for him.

Charles gets on the walkie.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

So far so good! One last hall and
escape to freedom! Regie, he is
headed your way!

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Scott sits at his desk as he perceives a loud COMMOTION in the hall. He jumps up to open the door to see what is going on. At that moment, Nigel zooms by him. Principle Conroe is in pursuit.

SCOTT WILSON

What in tarnation?

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Nigel has fifty feet to go. He guns it. The engine begins to cut out. Nigel looks down in terror. He revs the throttle to no avail. The engine spits and sputters.

Reginald is on his walkie.

REGINALD

Oh no! We have a problem. The bike
just died with only ten feet to go!

Ty and Barry look at each other in horror. All of the boys take off running towards Nigel to get a good look. The motorbike's ENGINE sputters and dies. Principle Conroe tackles Nigel off of his bike. The kids watching all wince when he hits the ground.

Oli is the first on scene. He is wearing the bright yellow Taco Shack shirt he won.

OLI

Nice tackle!

Reginald is like an announcer at a match.

REGINALD

Oh and he's down. That looks like
it's going to leave a mark!
Principle Conroe executed a perfect
form tackle! Poor Nigel.

His walkie CLICKS as a voice they recognize speaks over it.

SCOTT WILSON (O.S.)

It's more like poor all of you when
I get done with you! You are all in
hot water and It will take
everything I got to keep Nigel out
of jail. Meeting after school!

Nigel's helmet is removed.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Mr. Wimberly! I don't know who put
you up to this. But you are in huge
trouble mister! I'm going to
contact your parents!

Other teachers arrive and cover Nigel in coats. He is escorted to the principles office with his head down.

Oli pushes the bike out of the back door.

INT. PRINCIPLES OFFICE - DAY

Nigel fully dressed now sits in the principles office next to his parents. BOB, mid-forties, cool dad and SUSAN, late-thirties, uptight. To their right sits Billy and his parents. ROGER, early-forties, and his wife Jill, mid-twenties, smoking hot trophy wife.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

And tell me mister why I should not expel you for this uncouth display of debauchery!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Uh...

Nigel's dad speaks up.

BOB

Oh, come on Mrs. Conroe. They are just boys being boys! No one got hurt!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

That is not the point! Billy here is a bad influence! It was his idea, to begin with! This is his third instance of unruly behavior and it will not be tolerated!

Billy's dad speaks up.

ROGER

Is this true son? Did you put him up to this?

Billy pleads his case.

BILLY PAYNE

It was an honest bet with the guys! Taco eating contest, the loser had to do this? That's all there is to it!

ROGER

You can be a bit intimidating. Did you threaten this young man in any way?

BILLY PAYNE

Uh, no more than usual.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

He said that if I did not do it he would tape me naked to the flag pole.

Roger's wife Jill cracks up at the comment.

JILL

What? That was kind of funny to think about!

BILLY PAYNE

Right?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Well for your information, this is no laughing matter! Several parents have received word of this and are in an upheaval. They are threatening to pull their kids from this program!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Really? All over this?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

They want blood! So, I have to be the bad guy here. Billy, you are expelled from this school! I am sorry but this is my final decision!

BILLY PAYNE

What! This is bull shit!

ROGER

Hey, watch your mouth son!

BILLY PAYNE

What about pipsqueak over there?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Pip sque... I mean Nigel is a model student here. This is his very first offense on anything of this magnitude. He will be punished as well!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Am I expelled too? I will gladly accept any and all punishments that you have for me. I am sorry that you have angry parents. That was not my desire.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

You sir will have detention for a month. You will have to assist the janitor in the collection of trash and janitorial duties.

Nigel's mom interjects.

SUSAN

My son is a Wimberly. And, Wimberly's do not do janitorial work!

Roger nudges Susan.

ROGER

Shut up honey, he is getting off good. At least he is not expelled!

BILLY PAYNE

This is just plain wrong! This school has had it out against me from the beginning. Well, screw you and this school. Come on guys let's blow this joint!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Do you mean literally or figuratively?

Billy throws a fit standing up fast. He huffs and rushes out of the door. His parents are in pursuit.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Most of the team was listening outside of the Principles door as the door flings open. Billy storms out. He then stops and yells.

BILLY PAYNE

Peace out bitches! I'm going out like a G! Where is my damn bike?

INT. GYM - DAY

Scott holds a team meeting before practice. Rashid and Adonis are present.

SCOTT WILSON

Well, I don't have to say how disappointed I'm am with you guys.

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SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Now we have lost one of our big
guys to these shenanigans.

The boys hang their heads as Scott goes off.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
And who knows what kind of fallout
we will have with all of these
pissed-off parents! So, today your
punishment is conditioning till you
puke.

A few of the kid's protest.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Adonis, do you have anything to
add?

ADONIS
Well, when I was your age we were
doing stupid shit like this too!
The point is not to get caught!
Naw, I'm playing with ya. Time to
get serious. Everyone line up.

The boys meander to the line.

Adonis looks to Scott. He nods.

SCOTT WILSON
Gassers, twenty of them! Go!

The boys take off running at different speeds. After several
revolutions, some are beginning to dog.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Pick it up, ladies!

The Janitor emerges with Nigel in tow. They stop to watch.

NIGEL WIMBERLY
Hey, I'm just glad I don't have to
be doing that.

JANITOR
It is because of you that they are
now in trouble. I captured your
adventure on video in 4K?

NIGEL WIMBERLY
Really? I have never seen you with
a camera?

JANITOR

I have eyes on the entire school.
That is how ESPN knew what was
going on here with the new kid.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

So it was you alerting the press
and to what end?

JANITOR

Money boy, it's all about the
greens.

Nigel now watches the janitor closely.

The boys are now running in slow motion and Oli stops
running. Next is Reginald and Luis. Then Charles and Henry.
They are all bent over panting heavily. They begin to throw
up on the floor.

Barry and Ty are still running but get sick when they see and
smell the puke. It makes them stop and start heaving. Barry
is sweating hard.

BARRY

Man, I'm sweating like a whore in
church!

Ty is bent over. He shakes his head.

INT. GYM OFFICE - DAY

Nigel and the Janitor are changing the trash out in Scotts
office when PUKING commences. The Janitor looks over to
Nigel.

JANITOR

It's now your time to shine. Go
fill up the mop bucket. You have a
floor to clean!

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Oh, great! My life's ambition!

Nigel swings a mop in an empty gym trying not to throw up. He
stops momentarily gagging and covering his mouth.

INT. AUDITORIUM - DAY

Scott stands at a podium in the school's auditorium that is
quarter filled with several kids parents. They talk amongst
themselves while waiting. He TAPS the microphone.

SCOTT WILSON

Can I please have everyone's attention? Thank you all for attending this impromptu meeting concerning current events with several students recently.

GRUMBLING erupts within the parents.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

I am Scott and I am the school's science teacher and head basketball coach. I would like to invite our school's Principle to speak with you.

He steps back and allows space for Principle Conroe. She steps forward and leans into the Microphone.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Thank you all for attending on such a short notice. My goal is to inform you of current ongoings to eliminate any concerns that you might be having. Please hold all questions till the conclusion.

She riffles through some papers. Then continues.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

Yesterday morning at 8:23. A student rode a motorcycle through the main halls of school wearing nothing more than socks, shoes, and a Star Wars helmet.

A few of the parents whisper to each other, some GASP.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

Now, the student was pressured into doing it and that student has been expelled. I can assure you that nothing like this will ever happen in this school again.

GRUMBLINGLY grows with louder WHISPERS.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

The situation has been remedied and no further action is necessary. I would like to field some questions now.

Several hands rise.

She surveys the room and nods to a dark-skinned MAN FROM INDIA, mid-forties, in the front on the right. He speaks with an accent.

MAN FROM INDIA

I thought that this school takes academics seriously and does not subject my son to this horseplay! It is inexcusable!

Several other parents SOUND OFF in agreement.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

I assure you that this was a one-time event never to be repeated. We at Texas Preparatory School hold academics as the school's utmost priority! Just research our record!

A BUSINESS LADY, late-thirties, in a business suit raises her hand. Principle Conroe acknowledges her.

BUSINESS LADY

Yes, this school has the highest scores in Texas. But, I have noticed a shift ever since the new basketball player has arrived.

Adonis speaks out of turn.

ADONIS

That is my son that you are referring to. He was not the instigator nor is it fair to point fingers at him. He has done nothing wrong. Is it because he is not like your kids?

The business lady back peddles stumbling over her words.

BUSINESS LADY

Oh, no! I was not going there. I am not a racist or anything! I just noticed a shift in my daughter's diction.

ADONIS

Because of my son? Do you really want to go there, lady?

Another BALDING MAN, late-forties, with a suit, interjects.

BALDING MAN

Well, I've never! She just called
him a dick!

BUSINESS LADY

I did not!

Chaos ensues with parents all jumping to their feet and yelling at each other. It turns into a full-on fight with ladies pulling at each other and men exchanging blows.

A lady gets her wig ripped off. Another women's dress gets ripped exposing her undergarments.

A man performs a wrestling maneuver. He stands on a chair and flies onto another man.

SIRENS and COPS arrive. They arrest several parents. The room clears.

Scott sits in the front row with his head between his hands in defeat.

Adonis approaches him.

ADONIS

I'm sorry it took off like that,
but no one disrespects my son like
that. I will gladly pay for any and
all damages.

Scott looks over to Adonis.

SCOTT WILSON

Thanks man, that will be
appreciated. Let's just start
winning some games and all of these
parents will have a new outlook.
You'll see!

ADONIS

All right! Let's give them
something positive to talk about!

They fist bump.

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott is at home sitting in his chair. His wife sits in her spot on the couch. Breaking ESPN news pops on the TV screen.

SCOTT WILSON

Oh, here we go! Now ESPN is weighing in. How did they even hear about this?

REPORTER ESPN

This just in. Apparently, all is not roses for Adonis and his son Ty at Texas Preparatory School where a fight broke out amongst parents earlier this evening. We contacted him for comment.

ADONIS (O.S.)

There was a misunderstanding and several heated parents were exchanging their differences. Myself and my son did not get involved in any altercations.

REPORTER ESPN

This is not the first time that Mr. Bridgelow has had run-ins with trouble. The Dallas Maverick spokesman could not be reached for comment. In other news...

Scott sighs a moment of relief. He then turns to his wife.

SCOTT WILSON

That went better than I expected. Adonis basically started the crazy brawl. It was crazy hun, you should have seen it!

SUSAN

I can only imagine. Let's just hope we can turn all of this back into some good positive news!

SCOTT WILSON

At least the boys are finally making some good strides on the court. They are actually beginning to resemble a basketball team!

INT. GYM - DAY

Adonis works with the team now running full plays. The smaller guys practice setting up in triangular patterns as the taller boys work on their quick ball movement.

ADONIS

Again, let's go faster!

The boys run through it again picking up speed.

Rashid stands next to Scott observing the play.

RASHID

It is amazing to see something like this come together.

Scott is staring off. He snaps to.

SCOTT WILSON

Yeah, I'm looking forward to the next game Friday night to test out the new system against ROGERS ACADEMY.

RASHID

Is something on your mind coach?

SCOTT WILSON

Now that you mention it yes, Rashid, have you been alerting ESPN to what all has been happening here?

RASHID

No, I do not know how to contact them yet alone report for them. Maybe they have secret reporters or something? It is odd.

SCOTT WILSON

Hmm, secret reporters...

ADONIS (O.S.)

Again! This time Barry you bring it down.

Sneakers SQUEAKING on the floor. Basketball DRIBBLING. A whistle BLOWS. It snaps Scott out of his daze.

SCOTT WILSON

Yes, that has to be it but who is it?

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Nigel swings a mop down the side hall alone. Nigel then opens the Janitors closet to grab more chemicals.

INT. JANITORS CLOSET - DAY

He enters into the closet then leans on the wall for support and a secret door cracks open. Nigel's eyes widen.

He looks left then pokes his head outside of the door to peer down the hall. He then goes back to the door that is ajar. He pushes on it and walks forward into a room.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Hold the phone! What have we got here?

Nigel pulls out his cell phone and begins snapping pictures of a surveillance room with numerous TV monitors. On one monitor the team is in the gym practicing. In another, The entrance to the school. Another shows the lunchroom.

NIGEL WIMBERLY (O.S.) (CONT'D)

This must have been what he meant when he said, he has eyes on the entire school?

Nigel then lunges forward to the right. His mouth drops. On the monitor is the girl's locker room. Three girl's are in it in their underwear. Next to it is the girl's shower! Two girl's are showering.

Nigel enters a message. And hits send.

NIGEL WIMBERLY (CONT'D)

Mission control to earth, We have boobs! Crikey Captain! The guys are never gonna believe this!

JANITOR (O.S.)

Not if I have anything to say about it!

Nigel gasps and flips around in horror to see the Janitor with a scowl on his face.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Uh, sorry man, I accidentally found this room, I won't tell anyone I promise. It will be our little secret?

JANITOR

I can't take that risk. You're not going to tell anyone cause you will be indisposed.

The Janitor grabs Nigel wrestling with him.

Nigel is then bound and gagged in the secret room. The Janitor exits and closes the door.

Nigel wiggles in a panic trying to yell out behind the gag.

INT. GYM - DAY

Reginald sits on the sideline watching the advanced practicing when his cell phone SOUNDS OFF. He picks it up and his eyes bulge behind his round-rimmed glasses. They ride down, he pushes them back up.

REGINALD

Holy crap batman! Go, Nigel! Score!

No one pays attention to him. The team continues practicing.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - Day

The following day. Students file into Scotts class. Everyone is there except Nigel. Scott enters the room and closes the door. He has a pep in his step.

SCOTT WILSON

Good morning to ya' ladies and gents! Are you all ready to expand your minds on this fine morning!

The class looks at him with suspect expressions.

Scott surveys the room and notices that Nigel's chair is empty.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Does anyone know where Mr. Wimberly is this morning? Perhaps he is sick? Shall we continue?

Reginald looks over to Charles who shrugs. Charles looks over to Luis who follows suit. Henry notices this and shrugs. They all go back to the lesson.

INT. LUNCHROOM - DAY

Reginald sits with the other three boys at a table and Oli. Ty sits with Barry and the cool kids. Reginald is in gossip mode.

REGINALD

And then he sent me pictures and a video from a secret room where the creepy janitor watches everyone and I mean everyone! Even the girl's shower!

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Where? Lemme see!

LUIS GREENE

Me too! I wanna see!

OLI

Pass that phone over here!

CHARLES RYDAVIER

When did he send you these pics?

REGINALD

Yesterday during practice. He must be sick or something today. I tried messaging him but he has not responded.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

I'll swing by his house after practice.

REGINALD

Cool.

The kids then go back to eating and carrying on.

EXT. NIGEL'S HOUSE - EVENING

Charles knocks on the front door. Susan answers.

SUSAN

Charles.

She pokes her head out of the door.

BOB (O.S.)

Who is it, honey?

He then joins them at the front door.

SUSAN

Its Charles. Where is Nigel?

CHARLES RYDAVIER

I was coming here to ask you the same thing! He did not come to school today. We thought he was sick or something?

BOB

We thought that he spent the night at your place or something like in the past? Who was the last to hear from him?

Now they are getting concerned.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

He sent pictures and video to Reginald's cell yesterday around four. I hope he is okay!

Bob goes into panic mode.

BOB

Susan, you stay here. Charles, come with me. Let's Contact Scott and Principle Conroe. Where is Reginald right now?

INT. PRINCIPLES OFFICE - NIGHT

Principle Conroe sits at her desk. Bob, Scott, Charles and Reginald all sit opposite her.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

It appears that we have a new problem here. Nigel is nowhere to be found and I wish to exhaust all possibilities before contacting the authorities. Reginald, you heard from him last. Correct?

Reginald squirms in his seat

SCOTT WILSON

Out with it son. What all do you know?

REGINALD

I think we found who has been reporting everything here to the news and ESPN.

SCOTT WILSON

Who and what does that have to do with Nigel?

BOB

Right, Are you saying that Nigel is a spy?

Reginald is flustered.

SCOTT WILSON

Quit talking in riddles boy!

REGINALD

Okay, I just don't want Nigel to get in trouble or something with what all recently transpired.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Reginald!

Reginald cracks under the pressure.

REGINALD

Okay, okay, yesterday during practice he sent me pictures and a video of a secret surveillance room he found with monitors showing everything in school even the girl's showers.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

What? Did you just say a secret surveillance room?

REGINALD

Yeah, here are the pics and there is a video too!

He gives the phone to the Principle. She riffles through the photos to her horror.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Oh, my! I never! What am I going to do?

She pauses for a moment then it clicks.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

He was last seen with the Janitor!

SCOTT WILSON

The Janitor! That guy creeps me the hell out! Let's go check his closet, maybe we can find out more?

They all get up and exit the office.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - NIGHT

The group race to where his janitor's closet is located. Principle Conroe opens the door with her master key. They swing the door open. All they see cleaning supplies and a mop and bucket. Nothing out of the ordinary.

SCOTT WILSON

Perhaps the room is located off-campus?

A strange muffled KNOCK is perceived.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Did you guys just hear something?

BOB

It sounded like it came from inside this closet!

Scott enters into the closet. He listens closely. More MUFFLED knocks.

SCOTT WILSON

It's coming from behind this wall!

Scott pushes on the wall and the door cracks open.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Guys, I have something!

He pushes the door open and rushes into the surveillance room. They find Nigel bound and gagged sitting on the floor.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Now we call the police!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Yes calling them would be the prudent thing to do, but if this got out especially after the last incident, they would shut us down for sure!

Bob jumps into action. He shakes with fear and anger. Tears roll down his cheeks as he is reunited with his son. He grabs him and holds him tight.

BOB

You are safe now son!

SCOTT WILSON

Where is that son of a bitch, I have a few choice words for that asshole!

BOB

I got it! I will take Nigel to the police station and we will then go to the creepy guy's house and have him arrested. I will ask if they can not promote it?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Not our best option but worth a try. I'm just glad that we are on to this predator. He will be cleaning a jail cell!

BOB

First let's get my boy something to eat you must be dying son. I can't believe he did this to you! That bastard.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Now don't go getting yourself arrest Bob that is the last thing we need right now. Let's let the police do their jobs. This sick excuse for a human will be put away for a long time!

Scott is shaking with anger.

SCOTT WILSON

There is a special place in hell for guys like this!

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Please do not do anything rash Scott. Let's not let this get out. The kids do not need to know about this.

Scott tries to compose himself. He exhales loudly.

SCOTT WILSON

Bob, I would like to come along for support.

Bob nods and they lead Nigel off.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Nigel is back in class with orders not to talk about it.

Scott teaches his class like nothing happened holding a strong face.

SCOTT WILSON

Carbon and hydrogen went on a date.
I heard they really bonded.

The class cracks up. Ty smiles as he is starting to get it.

Scott rips off another one.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Anyone know any jokes about sodium?
How about you Ty?

Ty looks up.

TY

Na.

SCOTT WILSON

That is right, good job buddy! The answer is NA!

Ty smiles big. The boys look back at him and give him a thumbs up. He smiles at them.

INT. GYM - DAY

The team is all practicing. Nigel is back with them. Scott calls the team to talk. Adonis and Rashid join them.

SCOTT WILSON

Now, before we go any further, I feel we need to talk about some recent events. Some of you are aware of what happened to Nigel.

Nigel is embarrassed.

BARRY

What happened to Nigel?

SCOTT WILSON

He was caught riding the motorcycle through the school and was caught. It created quite a stir.

BARRY

Oh, yeah, we already knew that.

SCOTT WILSON

He was punished and Billy was expelled. It's all water under the bridge now so let's be done with it and let's play some ball!

HENRY ZIEGLER

At least now my buttock crack won't have my underwear in it!

Ty and Barry shake their heads.

ADONIS

Okay, power-play formation let's run it! Ty, you take point on this one.

They line up and take off down the court.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Reginald is working with Ty explaining basic science subjects with him. Ty acts confused then gets it.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

The girl with tails is on the microphone on the squeaky P-A system.

GIRL WITH TAILS

The first home game with our new and improved new team will be on display! Go, team!

The crowd is in its normal mode with them not expecting to win. The band is half-ass. The cheerleaders are more into their cell phones.

The mascot takes a drag from his inhaler. He takes off running to attempt a front handspring and eats it. The crowd barely notices.

INT. LOCKER ROOM - NIGHT

The boys all look good in brand new red and gold uniforms. They are getting pumped up. Adonis is there with Scott and Rashid.

RASHID

I just wanted to tell you how proud
I am of all of you. I have
something for our fab five!

Rashid pulls out a case and opens it revealing five pairs of goggle glasses. He distributes them out. They put them on.

RASHID (CONT'D)

Reginald here will be the
controller using this pad. It will
in turn send signals to your
glasses showing you the complex
triangles and angle to pass the
ball.

The five guys turn on their glasses and smile large. A HUD display is shown through the glasses.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

This is badass!

LUIS GREENE

Oh, it's on now! We can do this
guys!

REGINALD

With this tech, I can now clearly
see how we can win. Thanks, Rashid!

RASHID

Awe shucks, I am just doing my
small part. It is now up to you to
make it happen.

Scott steps in.

SCOTT WILSON

Thank you, Rashid. Guys, I know we
had a rough start but now is the
time to turn it around. I am proud
of each and every one of you. Now
let's get out there and give them a
show!

The boys are all pumped up and yelling as they exit the locker room and enter the court.

Several in the crowd look up to see what the commotion is about. A GIRL WITH RED HAIR, 16, notices their new uniforms.

GIRL WITH RED HAIR

Well, at least they all match now.
And they do look a bit peppier.

The other team from THE RODGERS ACADEMY is warming up on one side of the court. Our guys occupy the other side and look good. The other team's head coach MIKE, early-forties, takes notice. He turns to his assistant.

MIKE

Is it me or do these guys look like
they upped their game or something?

The assist points to Adonis Bridgelow on the opposite side. Mike calls in his squad.

Adonis calls in his team. They all gather around.

ADONIS

Okay, guys, it's time to show these
guys what we got. As long as you
stick to the plays and keep fast
proficient ball movement we should
smoke these dudes!

RASHID

Turn your glasses to the 1st
position. Reginald, activate! Guys,
follow the lines and pass to the
big guys!

The boys can now see a solid play to follow. They are excited to get in there and try it out.

The main ref BLOWS the whistle. Both teams go on the court. Oli is massive, Barry is athletic and ready. Ty is in his element.

TY

Let's do this!

Jump ball and Ty hits it over to Barry who passes it to Charles who brings it down. Oli, Ty, and Barry set up in the obtuse triangle formation. Charles can see where to pass the ball so he performs a no-look pass to Ty. Ty races to the basket and slams it home.

Nigel is on the sideline with Henry. Reginald is sending messages to the glasses.

NIGEL WIMBERLY

Holy crap it worked!

Reginald then inputs the defense programs into the glasses.

The boys run down to set up an isosceles triangle pattern. Big Oli defends the goal. The other runs-up to the goal and he easily blocks their shots. Barry takes off running as Oli throws him a long pass in stride to the goal. Barry easily makes the layup.

The score clock says The Grizzly's 12 the Rogers Falcons 4 with only three minutes passing.

The BUZZER sounds off for halftime. The boys are excited about their success. The scoreboard reads. The Grizzly's 45 and the Falcons 30.

Adonis calls them in.

ADONIS

Great job out there boys. We sure have them on their heels. What do you say, boys, lets throw some shake n bake at em in the second half.

The boys all nod in agreement.

Reginald sets the program for the Harlem Globetrotter level.

A BOY IN RED CAP, 17, sits in a group of kids all on their cell phones. He looks up at the scoreboard.

BOY RED CAP

Hey guys look! We are winning!
What's going on here?

He stands up and looks over the bleachers. No one is paying attention. He yells out.

BOY RED CAP (CONT'D)

Hey, everyone, look at the scoreboard! We are winning!

People begin to take notice of what is going on around them.

The BUZZER sounds off and they all trot back out there.

TY

It's shake n bake time!

The kid opposite him looks to his team Mate who shrugs?

Jump ball and Ty knocks it to Barry again who dribbles right up to a defender and then trick dribbles right through him to the hoop. He tosses it into the air and Ty slams it home with a reverse jam.

The defender is stunned. The people in the stands rise to their feet and begin to cheer.

A man, approaches the girl working the P-A he pushes her out of the way. He is a professional ANNOUNCER, early-forties, He is now getting into it.

ANNOUNCER

Ty Bridgelow with the reverse jam!

BOY RED CAP

Did you guys witness that! Holy smokes! We finally have a team!

The falcons are stunned. They run down the court and try to shoot the ball. Big OLI with the stuff again.

ANNOUNCER

That's White Eagle with the rejection!

The stands become alive with CHEERS and WHISTLES.

The boys give the ball to Charles to bring it out. The big guys set up the power pass maneuver. Charles rushes forward then does a behind-the-back pass to Luis. Luis swings wide and fakes out his defender then side no-look pass to Barry.

Barry takes it near the goal and goes through complex dribbling showing excellent ball control. He sees that Ty is breaking for the goal and lobs it from behind his back to the goal where Ty grabs it and slams it!

The crowd now goes wild. This spins the coaches around to see everyone in the game and cheering.

SCOTT WILSON

I can't believe this is actually working and now we have the crowd on our side.

The score clock winds down 3,2,1 BUZZER sounds off. The Grizzly's have won their first game 72 to 47. The people in the stands rush down to congratulate the team and the coaches.

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott sits in his chair watching ESPN. His wife is on the couch looking at her tablet.

CHERYL

What a night! I have never seen those boys so excited.

SCOTT WILSON

It was marvelous. It took me back to when I used to play hearing the crowd get into it like that. It was electrifying!

CHERYL

Not to change the subject but I saw earlier on goggle news that janitor man was arrested on several counts. The article did not go into any details.

SCOTT WILSON

Good, they squashed it. We have something really positive finally going for us now and we don't need any more black eyes here.

CHERYL

Well, it sure seems that the tide has turned.

SCOTT WILSON

That it has my love. That it has.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Ty is studying with OLI going over math. Simple at first then more complex. Ty writes things down. He chews on his pencil and then goes back to writing.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

The scoreboard reads. The Grizzly's 82 the NORTHRIDGE VANDALS 72. A larger crowd is present.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Ty is now studying with Charles who is trying to explain the basics of Physics. Ty looks confused. Charles then changes to basketball explanations. Ty begins to get it.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

Barry hits a 3 pointer at the buzzer. The full CROWD goes wild. They chant.

CROWD
Barry, Barry, Barry!

The scoreboard reads Grizzly's 88 GOLDMAN'S LAGERS 87

Scott shakes Adonis's hand.

SCOTT WILSON
Great game coach!

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Ty is now working with Britney. They are not doing much talking. Just flirting back and forth.

Reginald watches from the back of the library. He steps away.

INT. GYM - DAY

Nigel passes the ball to Barry, Barry jukes out his defender, and back pass to Henry who has great footwork and ball movement. He tosses it to Ty in three-point land and Ty hesitates. He nods to Oli to get ready. Ty tosses the ball up and over the rim. Oli grabs it and jams it home.

The crowd comes unglued. Scott looks at Adonis who is elated.

ANNOUNCER
And White Eagle wins the game!
Around these parts, we call him the
mountain! The Grizzly's win 92 to
The THUNDERBIRDS 90

INT. SCOTTS HOUSE - NIGHT

Scott sits back and cracks open a Lone Star beer. His wife is playing solitaire on her tablet.

Sports center comes on. Scott gets excited.

SCOTT WILSON
Look honey it's coming on! I was
told they were doing a story on us.
Are we recording this?

REPORTER ESPN

I don't know what they put in the water over at Texas Preparatory School in Dallas but these kids are on fire! They have won the last seven games! Let's go to our correspondent at school.

The feed cuts to a reporter at the school after the game.

REPORTER

Yes, I am here with the head coach of the Texas preparatory School Grizzly's. What can you say about your big turnaround?

Scott is nervous in front of the cameras. He freezes up.

SCOTT WILSON

Uh... Uh... ask Adonis over there.

The camera moves over to Adonis.

REPORTER

Adonis Bridgelow, what an amazing turnaround this year. How did you take a losing team and pull a miracle with them? Did you rub some of your magic dust on them?

The reporter chuckles at her own joke.

ADONIS

I brought a little shake-n-bake to the show here. Honestly, with enough determination and some solid coaching You can achieve anything you want in life.

REPORTER

Thank you, Adonis, back to you in the studio.

The feed cuts back to the main studio.

REPORTER ESPN

Thank you! Shake-n-Bake huh! We will have whatever he's cookin'. There have been reports from all over the state with teams recruiting their brainiest students.

A video then shows several brainy students trying to play basketball horribly.

REPORTER ESPN (CONT'D)

We will keep you posted. If they keep this up we will be seeing them at the American Airlines Center in Dallas in a few weeks!

The report ends.

Scott is ecstatic.

SCOTT WILSON

Just wait till I tell all of my friends that I was on ESPN Sports Center!

CHERYL

You froze just like at our wedding ceremony. But, you did good Hun, tell all of your friends. I was meaning to ask you how Ty is progressing in his studies?

SCOTT WILSON

I have several students working with him in the library. His big evaluation test is coming up. He will have to take a test. If he fails no basketball and no graduation and no college ball.

CHERYL

Ouch, no pressure. Do you think that he can pull it off?

SCOTT WILSON

He is going to have to. Dad's million's can't buy everything.

CHERYL

True.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OUT FRONT - DAY

Ty rolls in his Mercedes. Barry is with him. They are bumping some old school N-W-A.

They walk into a host of kids congratulating them.

INT. TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Oli the Mountain has a group of girls hanging around him. He takes it all in stride. Several students say hi to him as they pass.

Principle Conroe has a large grin on her face as she surveys the hall. The little five walk past wearing sunglasses en route to Science class. They now sport trendy haircuts. She gives them a thumbs up.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Great game last night boys! Let's take state!

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

All of the students are filing in and taking their seats. All of the players are nodding at each other and smiling.

Scott rolls in on cloud nine. He sets his briefcase on the desk. He looks up and tries to say something cool.

SCOTT WILSON

What's up my home fries?

He turns around and writes POP quiz on the whiteboard.

They all GROAN.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Oh, come on! Who doesn't like a good quiz?

BARRY

Uh, most of us.

The class chuckles at that. He turns and fist bumps Ty.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, pipe down ladies and gents. You have thirty minutos to complete the quiz. Then we will do a super fun experiment.

The students are concentrating on writing. Several are passing in their tests. Ty is taking the longest. Ty sits up and puts his pencil down. He gets up and turns his paper in. Scott smiles at him.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

I'm sure you will do great this time. You have been working hard.

Scott has one of the students grade the papers while he sets up and performs the hard-boiled egg into a bottle experiment.

He takes a bottle and a de-shelled hard-boiled egg. He has matches and some paper. He places the egg on top of the bottle to show it is too big. He then lights the strip of paper and removes the egg then drops the paper into the bottle and replaces the egg. It then sucks the egg into the bottle.

The kids are amazed.

The bell RINGS and the students prepare to leave. Scott hands out the quizzes with grades on them. Ty is the last one to leave and is nervous. Scott has a serious look on his face as he hands him the quiz.

Ty receives it and looks down. "75%" in red marker. His face turns to elation.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

You passed son! Great job. See, I knew you could do it! If you put your mind to it you can achieve anything! Your big test is coming up. Keep at it!

Ty smiles big, grabs his quiz, and scoots out the door saying.

TY

Thanks, coach!

INT. GYM - NIGHT

Ty shoots a close to half-court shot to win the game. The full gym explodes in excitement! The team surrounds Ty. Adonis is proud on the sideline.

ANNOUNCER

Ty Bridgelow has done it again!
Grizzly's 78 RUTHERFORD TIGERS 76!

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Ty is studying again with Britney and not getting much work done. They get up and leave together. He has his arm around her.

EXT. TY'S CAR - NIGHT

SERIES OF SHOTS - car

A) Ty and Britney are at Sonic.

B) Ty and Britney parked near a lake kissing.

C) Ty drives fast down an empty road with the top down. Britney gets on her knees to have her hair blowing in the wind.

D) Ty and Britney are heavily making out and lay down disappearing into the car.

INT. GYM - NIGHT

Scott huddles the team around him. The gym is overly filled with fans and media. He has to yell to be heard over the NOISE.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay guys this is it! The semi-finals! We have had a long road to get to this point! We can't look past these guys! We have to keep a level head!

The boys look to him with focus.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Let's start with Charles and Luis in there. Let's go power number three. And guys, have some fun out there!

They break and take the floor. They watch as Ben the Mascot quickly sets up a mini-tramp. He runs to the half-court mark.

Ben the Mascot is now good at gymnastics. He runs doing a round-off triple back handspring onto a mini tramp near the foul line. He flies through the air. A kid tosses the ball near the hoop. Ben grabs it and jams the basketball. The gym loses it! Kids move the mini-tramp.

ANNOUNCER

Here are your Grizzly's!

This pumps up the boys.

BARRY

Hell yeah! That was sick! Packed house boys let's get this!

The boys line up. The WHISTLE sounds off. Ty jumps to tip the ball to Barry. Barry performs complex dribbling and footwork juking his defender leaving him standing there.

FADE OUT.

The final BUZZER sounds. CHEERING. The BAND pipes up.

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)
Your Grizzly's are going to the
finals!

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Scott is talking with Ty alone in the class.

SCOTT WILSON
Man, that was awesome last night
but that was last night and today
is today. That being said, it has
finally come for you to take your
evaluation test. You will have four
hours to complete it.

He motions for Ty to take a seat and he gives him the test.
Ty picks up his pencil and looks at Scott.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Your time begins now!

Ty opens the first page and reads the first question. A
confused expression splashes over his face. Panic sets in. He
shakes his head and sheepishly marks down an answer.

Ty looks up at the clock, two hours to go.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Ty, you have ten minutes to go.

Ty hurriedly races to fill in answers.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Time. Please put your pencil down.
Bring your test to me. You are free
to go. I will grade it and let you
know later today. Good luck son.

Ty nods to Scott and exits the room.

INT. PRINCIPLES OFFICE - DAY (LATER)

Ty sits in the principal's office with Scott and Adonis.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Ty, I have the results of your evaluation test. I'm sorry but you did not pass.

Ty sinks in disappointment.

ADONIS

So what does this mean?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

This means that your son will not be able to play in the final game and will not be eligible to graduate.

TY

Wait? You're telling me that I can't play in the final game and I will not be able to graduate? I have to graduate to be able to play at Gonzaga.

Ty emphatically looks to his dad for answers. Adonis has a disappointed expression on his face.

ADONIS

Well, son, it was clear that you had to put in the work to make this happen. Can you honestly say that you tried your very best to put your best foot forward on this one?

Ty goes silent.

ADONIS (CONT'D)

Tyrone Thaddeus Bridgelow! I asked you a question!

Ty looks up.

TY

Uh, no sir.

ADONIS

Then you made your bed and you are going to have to lie in it!

TY

Yeah but...

ADONIS

There is no yeah but. Don't you get it, boy! You were not willing to put in the work and the good Principle here is not just going to give you a free pass.

Ty begins to tear up.

TY

I'm sorry for letting you all down and my team. I will try harder and maybe I can graduate next year then?

ADONIS

Well, that would depend if they still want you here. I guess we will just have to wait and see.

They all look to the Principle. She has a stern expression. She then looks to Scott and nods.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Before you came in, I had a few words with coach Scott here. He informs me that you have been excelling and passing his quizzes showing potential.

SCOTT WILSON

This is true. I have been working closely with Ty and I wish to give him one more chance to prove himself.

Ty sits up and is shocked.

TY

Really?

SCOTT WILSON

You are scheduled to re-take the test on the day of the final game. If you pass then you will be able to graduate and not have to re-take the year.

Ty looks to his dad.

ADONIS

Now we just have to figure out he can pass this test!

SCOTT WILSON

I'm already on it. Leave that to me!

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Ty is being taught by several kids.

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Britney is showing him flashcards. He smiles as he is getting it.

INT. GYM - DAY

Students work with him on the benches while practice takes place.

INT. LUNCHROOM - DAY

Ty is studying with the small five while they eat.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

A group of five students is having fun with him. One of the boys points something out to him. Ty looks up smiling and gives him a high five.

INT. AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA DALLAS TX - DAY

REPORTER ESPN

We are live on this beautiful day for the state STEM academy championship at the American Airlines Arena home of the Dallas Mavericks.

He has a Co-anchor CHIP, late-thirties, professional.

CHIP

That's correct! Today we have a shoot-out between the Texas Preparatory Grizzly's and The Remington Blue Devils.

REPORTER ESPN

These two teams met earlier this season with a landslide victory for the Blue Devils, since then, Adonis Bridgelow took up the reigns and the Grizzly's are having a Cinderella story.

CHIP

That's right! Led by his son Tyrone Bridgelow which we have not seen yet today.

The ESPN reporter puts his finger to his ear as to listen.

REPORTER ESPN

This just in. Tyrone Bridgelow will not be playing today because of academic issues.

CHIP

Oh! That's a game-changer. He is an intricate part of this Grizzly offense! I guess we will just have to see what Adonis has in his bag of tricks. Stay tuned for this one folks!

The America Airlines Arena is half full of people here to see what all of the hype is about. The Blue Devils warm up on one side of the court. Their Head coach RICH, early-forties, portly wearing a suit and tie. Yells out to Scott.

RICH

Are you ready to be trounced again!

Scott yells back.

SCOTT WILSON

The tide has turned my friend!

RICH

Yeah well, we shall see about that!

Scott Looks up at the jumbotron and sees himself being filmed.

SCOTT WILSON

Look guys on the Tron!

The guys are all excited to be here in the big show.

Adonis calls the boys to huddle.

ADONIS
Bring it in guys.

The boys all surround him.

ADONIS (CONT'D)
Well boys, welcome to my house!
Congratulations on getting here.
Now it has been a bumpy road but
this is an experience that will
ride with you the rest of your
lives!

The boys look at each other and back to Adonis.

ADONIS (CONT'D)
As long as you keep a level head
and stick to the plays. We should
be okay even without Ty. Let's give
it everything we got! On three, one
two three break!

The boys break and take positions on the court.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Principle Conroe is watching over Ty taking the test. He
diligently is filling out answers.

PRINCIPLE CONROE
Ty, you have one hour remaining.

He bites his lip and looks up counting in the air. Then goes
back to writing down answers.

INT. AMERICAN AIRLINE ARENA DALLAS TX - DAY

Barry lines up to take the jump ball. The WHISTLE sounds off.
The Blue Devil number 3 tips it to number 12. They quickly go
down and score stunning the boys.

Barry brings it out.

BARRY
That's okay boys, shake it off.

He passes it to Charles who performs a fancy pass to Oli. The
pass gets intercepted. Number 3 takes it to the house and
scores. He now taunts Barry.

BLUEDEVIL 3

We can do this all day! No Ty to save your ass. What are you going to do?

He covers his mouth like a little girl. Charles sees this.

CHARLES RYDAVIER

Don't let that jerk get into your head.

The boys are playing out of sync and sloppy. Scott calls a time out.

SCOTT WILSON

Bring it in guys.

The boys come in a surround him.

LUIS GREENE

They are killing us out there like they read our playbook or something! If only Ty was here...

SCOTT WILSON

Yes but Ty is not here and we have to make due. Now I know you guys can do it. Pull your head out of your asses and let's score some points!

The scoreboard shows The Blue Devils 38 and the Grizzly's 20.

INT. SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Ty is finishing the test.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Final minutes Mr. Bridgelow.

He looks up and nods his head then finishes a few last answers.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

Okay, that's it. Please lay your pencil down and hand over your test. I will grade it right now.

TY

No pressure.

She looks at him over her glasses. She pulls out the key. She begins grading it. He sits in anxious anticipation. She is grading it slowly.

TY (CONT'D)

Is there any way you could grade a little faster, I really want to see how my team is faring?

She looks at him and goes back to grading. She makes a few marks on it as she goes. Ty frowns as he watches her. She then finishes and flips the test over and writes a grade at the top in red marker. She looks up to Ty with a stern face.

Ty looks back at her with dread.

PRINCIPLE CONROE

Well Mr. Bridgelow, I must regretfully report...

Ty sinks. He puts his head in his hands.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

That you Pass! Barely, but you pass!

Ty looks up in shock.

TY

I pass? What? Hold da phone what? You messin' with me, Mrs. Conroe?

PRINCIPLE CONROE

I just had to do that to you. It was too tempting. Yes! Ty, you passed with a 72. Now get out of here and help your team. I hear they are getting their asses kicked!

Ty excitedly jumps up and hugs her. Then grabs his backpack and races out of the door. She yells at him as he exits.

PRINCIPLE CONROE (CONT'D)

Don't get pulled over!

INT. TY'S CAR - DAY

Ty is racing down the 635 in his bright red Mercedes. He weaves in and out of traffic. He picks up his cell phone and sends a quick text.

INT. AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA DALLAS TX - DAY

Adonis feels his cell phone buzz in his pocket. He reaches in and checks it. His eyes widen and a smile washes over his face. He contains his composure and says nothing.

He looks up at the scoreboard. Three, two, One the BUZZER sounds off. It reads Blue Devils 48 the Grizzly's 30. Adonis mutters under his breath.

ADONIS

Okay, I think we can do this.

He turns and runs with the team to the locker room.

The ESPN Reporter picks it up.

REPORTER ESPN

Well, Chip, The Grizzly's are being tamed at the moment without their young stand-out Tyrone Bridgelow.

CHIP

That's right! It is like they have lost their mojo. I don't know what they will have to do to turn this one around.

REPORTER ESPN

Adonis is going to have to dig deep on this one Chip. Let's see if they can come up with something after halftime here.

INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY

The boys are drooping as they enter the locker room. They take up seating on benches and drink water out of bottles.

Scott enters and is at a loss of words. He then speaks.

SCOTT WILSON

What happened to us out there? It's like the wind has been taken out of our sails. Are your glasses working properly? Did you all forget everything that you have learned?

Adonis is in the background. He steps forward.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)

Adonis do you have any words of encouragement for the boys?

The boys all look at him.

ADONIS

I am still atomistic that we can pull this one out of the hat.

SCOTT WILSON

Are you watching the same game that I am bro?

ADONIS

Hey guys, I've been in worse situations than this. You have to stay positive and stick to the fundamentals.

Ty pulls into the parking garage. The parking ATTENDANT, late-twenties, orange vest, recognizes him.

ATTENDANT

Boy, are they going to be glad that you are here man. Get your butt in there quick-like. It's half time!

Ty smiles at the attendant and salutes him. He takes off and parks. He exits the car and rushes to the elevators. He enters the elevator. The doors close.

INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY

Barry is now talking to the guys. Ty slips in the door unseen.

BARRY

I know that they are good, but we have proven over the rest of the season that we are better! We gotta pull our heads out and make it happen! What do you think Ty would say if he was here?

Ty steps forward.

TY

Ty would say, let's win this bitch!

The boys whip around with their mouths open in surprise!

CHARLES RYDAVIER

But how? What happened?

Ty begins to change clothes.

TY
I passed! Barely, but I passed! I'm
clear to play!

Scott is beside himself.

SCOTT WILSON
Hot damn! I knew you could do it! I
am so proud of you!

He turns to Adonis.

SCOTT WILSON (CONT'D)
Adonis, your boy did it!

ADONIS
I know! I am so proud of him. Now,
let's buckle down and pull out some
shake n bake.

The boys all jump up in excitement. They begin jumping
getting psyched up.

SCOTT WILSON
Okay, guys, let's get out there,
and lets turn up the heat!

TY
I'll be out in a sec, just
finishing up getting ready.

The boys exit the locker room leaving Ty behind.

INT. AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA DALLAS TX - DAY

The boys run out with new vigor and begin warming up looking
sharper.

The ESPN reporter takes notice.

REPORTER ESPN
Chip, is it just me, or does the
Grizzly's look like they have
something new going on?

CHIP
Adonis must have said something to
get the boys all riled up.

Ty exits the locker room and jogs onto the court.

REPORTER ESPN

Wait, hold the phone, Ty Bridgelow just walked onto the court and is suited up to play!

CHIP

I don't know how or where he came from but Cinderella has just entered the building! Now we are going to have us a game!

The Grizzly's crowd sees Ty and comes alive and begins cheering standing to their feet CHEERING and WHISTLING!

The Blue Devils and their coach turn to look to see what they are CHEERING about. Number three spots Ty.

BLUEDEVIL 3

Oh crap, he's here. Okay, boys time to get serious!

BLUEDEVIL 12

We have been playing serious.

BLUEDEVIL 3

Well, we need to be more serious!

The head coach steps in.

RICH

Seriously guys? Who cares if he is here? We are winning and we are the Champs!

The Ref BLOWS the whistle. Ty steps up to the line across from number 3.

TY

Sorry, I am a little late to the party. Did you miss me?

Number 3 scoffs.

The ref throws the ball in the air. Ty tips it to Barry. Barry passes to Charles who trick dribbles around his defender and tosses in the air for Ty to grab and slam the ball home.

The crowd for the Grizzly's go wild.

Number 3 brings it out and Luis steals it from him. He tosses it to Barry who promptly lays it in the basket. Number 3 has a concerned expression on his face.

The ESPN reporter comments.

REPORTER ESPN

Now we have us a game! Now we are waiting for the shake n bake!

CHIP

Is this the same team from the first half?

Ty has a large smile on his face as he brings the ball down. Oli is in position under the goal. Ty throws the ball to Charles who spin moves launching the ball into the air. Oli jumps and grabs the ball slamming it into the hoop.

The crowd is now howling.

ANNOUNCER

The Mountain with the slam!

The Blue Devils coach is now shaking his head with his head down.

The score clock reads two minutes left. 88 to 83 The Blue Devils. Scott calls a time out. The boys huddle around. They all have big smiles on their faces.

SCOTT WILSON

Okay, guys! Let's bring this home.

REGINALD

Uh, coach?

SCOTT WILSON

Yeah?

REGINALD

Since we have pretty much caught up now, I was kind of wonderin'?

Scott looks to the guys and they all give a thumbs up.

SCOTT WILSON

You want to play in the game?

REGINALD

Yes, Sir! It is my dream to play in a game like this and I will never have an opportunity like this ever again.

SCOTT WILSON

Well then, by all means, Reginald,
get in there! Nigel, get in there
with him.

Scott looks to the big guys and winks. They wink back. Luis will run the pad for the glasses. Now get out there and let's win this thing!

The boys all run out and get into position. Barry takes the ball out and tosses it to Reginald who can see through his glasses to triangulate his pass to Nigel. His defender has his legs spread wide. Reginald passes the ball between his legs to Nigel.

Nigel passes to Ty who shoots and drains a three-pointer. The American Airlines Arena is now very LOUD with people CHEERING and WHISTLING.

Number 3 has a successful play and scores a jump shot. Ty grabs the ball and performs some Harlem Globetrotter maneuvers to weave between all of the other players to take it to the hoop. He lays it in.

The Blue Devils call time out with ten seconds remaining. The scoreboard is tied at 85.

The boys huddle around Adonis.

ADONIS

Reginald, it's your time buddy!

REGINALD

Yes, sir, I won't let you down!

ADONIS

Okay, guys, help this dude out!

They break and get into position. The WHISTLE sounds off sending the boys into a funky formation that confuses the Blue Devils.

REPORTER ESPN

This is highly unusual. A tricky
play perhaps?

Barry inbounds the ball to Ty who draws the Blue Devils to him leaving an open lane for Reginald who takes off running toward Oli. Oli at the last second drops to his all fours in front of the goal. Ty tosses the ball to Reginald running full speed. He steps up onto Oli's back and launches into the air.

All eyes are on him flying through the air in slow motion to the hoop. He rears the ball back to showboat and slams it home for the win!

The final BUZZER sounds off. The Grizzly's win! Their sideline erupts. Rich slams his clipboard on the ground!

ANNOUNCER

And the Grizzly's win!

The Blue Devils walk off defeated.

REPORTER ESPN

Holy smokes folks! The Grizzly's pull it off with a trick play with one second to remain for the win!

CHIP

If I had not seen it in person, I would have not believed it! Unbelievable!

The boys scoop Reginald up and are carrying him. Reginald is elated as confetti rains down! Scott gives Adonis a high five.

ANNOUNCER

The Texas Preparatory School is the new State Champions!

FADE OUT.

THE END