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### 1 INT/EXT. SMALL BEDROOM APARTMENT - NIGHT

The bedroom is a sad and aging relic of a once-talented high school football star. GREG, is a washed-up twenty-something, fit, clean-cut who is in desperate need of a maid. The floor and furniture are littered with fast-food wrappers, empty beer bottles, rolling papers, and the stench of failure.

Greg is stuck on a video game load screen on a large flatscreen TV. The only nice piece of furniture in the room. All the while he is swiping a dating app on his phone. The game controller in one hand, phone in the other, wearing headphones with a mic.

> GREG It's loading just call out.

He continues swiping the phone mindlessly

GREG Nope. Nope. Shiiiit.

A beat. On the phone screen, we catch a glimpse of a beautiful woman provocatively posed on a floral bedspread.

GREG Someone's taking nasty pictures in their Nana's house. (a beat) Oh, now you're interested. Fuck you, man, go to work; I'm about to go tear this up. Yeah, man.

He rattles off a quick text and hits send, pushing his headphones off his ears and around his neck, not expecting much to come from the blanket message. An electronic chirp is heard, and he tosses the controller on the bed next to a half-emptied six-pack of cheap beer. He excitedly sits up, pleasantly surprised, ready to devote his entire attention to the woman on the other end of the app.

> GREG (Reading to himself aloud.) Oh. you're in town for a few nights, and you're bored?

He thinks for a moment, then replies.

GREG Same. Send.

A poet GREG is not. But he verbally telegraphs every step of his interaction with the raven-haired beauty on the other end of the phone, very pleased with himself. He then goes for broke after a moment of contemplation.

# GREG (While typing) You looking for some company?

There is a long silence as he waits for a reply. Each second is excruciating. Realizing he has been too forward, he starts to toss his phone when it chirps again. He excitedly reads it.

> GREG (Reading aloud) Maybe. Send pics.

He smirks and laughs to himself with pleasure, then jumps off the bed knocking a large to-go cup over on the floor spilling its contents onto even more trash.

GREG

Shit.

He ignores it and hops across the room to the mirror hanging on the back of the closet door. Greg takes off the dirty tee shirt he is wearing and flexes a little, pleased with what he sees, and opens the camera on his phone.

As he holds the phone up toward the mirror he catches a glimpse of one of his old trophies in the background. He pauses for a moment, then has a spark of inspiration and opens the closet door, pulling out an old letterman jacket that was far too easily accessible.

He slips it on and looks at himself in the mirror again. He shakes his head, then takes the jacket off and tosses it on the bed, then nearly immediately grabs it again and throws it on. He poses, pulling his shorts down to expose himself for the photo; he strikes a flexed, well-rehearsed pose giving off some real 'Big Dick Energy.'

He snaps the photo and hits send, hurling himself back onto the bed.

The reply is nearly immediate.

Greg reads the message and tosses the phone on the bed.

CAMERA MOVES TO THE PHONE.

BAMBI

I'm staying near the liquor store on Court and Elm. Meet you there in 15?

He smells a shirt just before throwing it on and dousing himself in cologne, and grabbing the phone to reply.

GREG Oh yeah. Meet you in 15.

# 2 EXT. LIQUOR STORE PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Greg's truck pulls up. The parking lot is empty. He immediately feels stupid.

GREG

Got dangit.

He has been stood up. Then, BAMBI, the raven-haired beauty, struts around the corner of the building on the sidewalk. Greg haphazardly parks his pick-up, hops out, and jogs over to her. There is an awkward hug, handshake moment.

> GREG You want to go get some wine coolers or something?

BAMBI Why don't you go in there and surprise me?

GREG Wait, you're 21, right?

BAMBI (Laughs) Yes. I just like surprises. (She leans in, whispers to him, and gently bites his ear) Do you like surprises?

GREG (nodding) I like surprises.

Greg hustles into the liquor store, and we can see his frantic shopping experience play out in real-time. He emerges moments later with a large bottle sticking out of a brown paper bag.

Bambi smiles at him.

He hurries to the passenger side of his truck and opens the door to let Bambi in, swipes some trash to the floorboard, and helps her up into the truck closing the door behind her, and climbs in.

### 3 INT. GREG'S TRUCK - NIGHT

BAMBI Take a left up here.

GREG I didn't know anybody still lived out this way.

#### BAMBI

My grandparents live right around the corner. They are out of town for a few weeks, so I decided to crash here on my way through.

GREG Oh yeah? I wondered about that old as shit bedspread in your pictures.

### BAMBI

You have no idea. Wood paneling, satin flowers, and roosters on every square inch of the place.

### GREG

(laughs) Sounds like your grandma likes a lot of cock?

BAMBI (playfully pulls at the arm of his letterman jacket) I guess there is no accounting for taste.

GREG

(slightly embarrassed) I just wore this so you'd know it was me.

BAMBI (Laughs) I'm kidding! It looks good on you.

GREG

(Chuckles nervously) Thanks. I - uh - played football in high school.

BAMBI Oh yeah, hey, this is me right up here. You can just pull in behind the Lincoln Continental.

The truck pulls in, and a curtain moves slightly in the window, but Greg is oblivious to the omen. Bambi grabs Greg's hand and playfully leads him up the steps to the front door.

BAMBI opens the door, leads him into a darkened foyer, and closes the door behind them, locking it. GREG kicks off his boots, making himself at home. He takes his jacket off to throws it on the back of a chair.

BAMBI The bedroom is down the hall on the left.

She picks up his jacket from the chair. Greg walks down the hall, disrobing as he goes, and he flops down on the bed in nothing but his boxers. Bambi steps into the doorway and tosses his letterman jacket on top of him.

BAMBI Did I tell you that I was a cheerleader in high school?

Greg quickly puts the jacket back on and throws his arms behind his head. Bambi walks over and takes his hand and pulls it up to the post of the headboard and puts his wrist through a looped rope, and tightens it. Greg is too enthralled to care that it is extremely tight on his wrist. She climbs on the bed straddling him as she ties his other wrist to the wooden bed frame, then steps off the bed and moves to the foot of the bed and is looking at her oblivious captive.

> GREG So-what are you going to do to me?

BAMBI I'm going to kill you.

GREG (Laughs awkwardly) Wait-what? Bambi opens her mouth, revealing fangs as she begins crawling on the bed toward him.

GREG What the fuck!?

Greg instinctively and forcefully kicks her in the chest, throwing her off the bed to the floor. He begins trying to free himself, realizing how tightly he is bound.

Bambi climbs up from the floor, no worse for wear. She holds his legs down, crawls on top of him, and stares at him.

# BAMBI I thought you liked surprises?

She leans forward, preparing to bite him.

GREG

I do!

Greg brutally headbutts her, pulls his right arm with enough strength to break off the finial of the bedpost and push her off of him, and unties his other hand quickly enough to escape the room as Bambi is trying to get up. He runs out of the house into the dark street. A thick fog has settled in.

### 4 EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - NIGHT

Greg runs to one of the houses next door, banging on the door and asking for help, but no one answers. Bambi comes to the front door. Greg sees her and decides to make a run for it. He stops and slips on the asphalt in an empty parking lot of an abandoned store. Through the fog, three female silhouettes float ominously toward him. He tries to climb to his feet but is too late. As the shadowy figures get closer, he realizes the women are on roller skates, he gives a confused look as one of the skates comes up, kicking him in the face.

MATCH CUT TO:

### 5 INT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

Roller skates hit the wooden floor of the skating rink.

CUT TO:

#### 6 INT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

REGINA, a twenty something black woman, effortlessly cool on the outside yet fragilely balanced, at best, internally.

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Regina skates around the rink with a few kids who are barely managing to keep upright. She whips and glides around them deftly in the zone. She comes to the opening, hops off the rink, and makes her way to a booth, waving at a woman coming in the door.

VERONICA, early twenties, mousey, the mom of the friend group, comes into the frame. She is already dressed for practice, helmet in her hand. She goes to sit down at a small booth across from Regina and TABITHA, a college student with a sharp as a whip wit and cool demeanor. She is already seated, lacing up her skates with an open textbook and notecards in front of her. CARSON, a vanilla, run-of-the-mill guy, runs in, catching Veronica before she can sit down.

> CARSON (Carrying a bag) Hey, you left your bag in my car earlier.

He gives a sheepish wave to the other girls and a peck on the cheek to Veronica and heads back out the door.

He is gone before Veronica can even thank him, but she smiles dreamily.

REGINA Was that a public display of affection?

TABITHA Did you stay the night with Carson?

VERONICA We had an early dinner. He just drove me here.

Veronica opens her bag to pull out equipment and gives a giddy, shrill scream, startling Regina and Tabitha. She pulls out a bouquet of cheap, half-wilted flowers.

GRAYSON, the "in a band" manchild and Regina's on/off-again boyfriend, walks up carrying three water bottles and sets them on the table for the girls.

GRAYSON Is it your anniversary or something?

> VERONICA (with the attitude of someone who is impressed easily)

No! I guess they're 'just because' flowers. Regina cuts raised eyebrows over to Grayson, who responds with obliviousness. REGINA Why don't you ever get me anything 'just because?' Grayson casually motions to the three water bottles he just brought for the women. GRAYSON And don't I always give you the cookies from my lunch? REGINA (under her breath) Grown fucking man, eating kids' meals. (Angrier and louder than expected) And it's like a slap in the face. I like brownies, Grayson, BROWNIES. GRAYSON (Holding up a small bag of cookies) So you don't want my cookies? REGINA I don't want anything from you. GRAYSON Did I do something?

# CUT TO:

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#### 7 INT. SKATING RINK CONCESSION AREA - THAT MOMENT

ORBACHE, late-twenties, blonde, cleancut trust fund kid and JERRY, a good old country boy, are sitting eating while watching the routine bickering between Regina and Grayson.

> JERRY Five dollars says she breaks up with him again.

ORBACHE Over cookies? No way. (A beat.) Make it ten, and I'm in. 8.

JERRY

You're on.

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### 8 INT. SKATING RINK - THAT MOMENT

REGINA That's it, Grayson, we're done.

GRAYSON

(Unaffected)

Okay.

REGINA Why aren't you more upset about this? I'm breaking up with you.

GRAYSON (Matter of factly) Because I know you, Regina, in ten minutes, you'll get over it and forget about the damn cookies, and we'll be right back where we were. Just like we've always been. I think I'm just going to ride this one out.

Grayson turns to walk away.

REGINA (Thinking out loud) What if that's not good enough anymore? What if I don't want to be like we've always been?

GRAYSON Are you fucking serious right now?

### REGINA

I don't want to be like we've always been. I don't want to just be.

GRAYSON Are you really breaking up with me over some cheap flowers?

REGINA No, I'm breaking up with you because you don't understand that this isn't about some cheap, ugly-ass, flowers-

VERONICA

(Hurt)

Hey!

REGINA (Covering her tracks) Sorry, they're so cute.

GRAYSON You know what? You're right Regina, we are done.

He tosses the cookies on the table.

GRAYSON I don't have to put up with you or your shit. I'm going back to work.

In a dramatic display, Grayson walks away, aggressively swinging the single saloon door by the front counter open, then loudly kicking a folding metal chair, sending it skidding across the floor to the opposite end of the counter. He stomps over, sits down, and throws his feet up on the counter. A futile, embarrassing attempt to save face.

The girls are all silent. Regina has tears streaming down her face. Tabitha breaks the tension by taking her hand and painfully slowly sliding the bag of cookies over to herself.

Veronica stares at Tabitha.

TABITHA She said she didn't want them. (mouths) Brownies.

A stocky woman, COACH, walks by the booth unbothered by the emotional display.

COACH Lace-up, ladies, time to roll.

CUT TO:

# 9 INT. SKATING RINK CONCESSION AREA - MOMENTS LATER

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JERRY

Pay up, Richie Rich.

ORBACHE Technically, he broke up with her.

JERRY

Come on!

Orbache begrudgingly gives Jerry a ten-dollar bill.

ORBACHE Double or nothing they're back together by tomorrow night?

# 10 INT. WAREHOUSE-STORAGE ROOM - NIGHT

The room is dark. Greg is unconscious, unclothed, and bloody, sans his letterman jacket. A woman, short dark hair, pale, athletic, MADELINE, is holding a bottle of Gatorade with a bendy straw up to his mouth, trying to get him to drink. He coughs/gags and rouses to consciousness. Squirming, trying to move his arms and legs only to realize he is bound to a vertical steel beam.

> GREG Who's there!? Where am I?

MADELINE (calling to someone out of the room) He's awake.

Madeline holds the bottle for him to drink again. He reflexively gulps from the bottle, dehydrated, then stops and pulls his face away.

GREG What is that?

MADELINE Gatorade. You need to drink; gotta keep you hydrated.

He begrudgingly continues to drink.

GREG Where am I?

MADELINE Does it matter? Drink up, please.

He drinks, finishing the bottle.

MADELINE That's a good boy. This is better than water. The electrolytes will help your body replenish its supply. And if your electrolytes get too low, your blood will stop clotting, and you'll bleed out all over the floor, and that won't do anyone any good.

GREG I don't-I don't understand.

MADELINE Did you know that the average person can lose around 30% of their blood before they pass out?

Greg looks at her, still completely confused.

MADELINE But it's only about 40% before they die? It's such a narrow window.

Greg begins to realize the desperation of his situation and tries to break free again unsuccessfully.

MADELINE Oh, oh, stop, stop.

GREG What do you want with me?

MADELINE (unfazed by his plea, opening another bottle of Gatorade) For a guy your size, I estimated what 215-220? Big guy. A former athlete like yourself, strong, tall. That would probably be somewhere around two, maybe even three more liters if you'll do as your told. We could probably push our luck with you, though. But we never do. We're very careful. You last longer if we are. And you're a fighter. You fought back, just swinging in the dark.

GREG (Suddenly remembering)

Wait, where is-Where is the girl?

MADELINE (Embarrassed for him) Oh. Aren't you a sweetheart?

GREG (Yelling) Where is she?

Bambi walks into the room.

BAMBI I'm right here, baby.

She walks over and kneels in front of him as several other girls filter into the room.

Bambi puts her hands on his stomach. Greg flinches slightly from the cold and fear. She leans in close.

GREG (Pitifully sincere) Whv?

Bambi runs her hands up his torso to his bare chest and leans forward, kissing him on the forehead. She then digs her fingernails into his skin and drags them down to his waist, leaving a trail of blood. He screams in agony.

Bambi licks her fingertips as she stands up.

BAMBI No teeth, girls. Madeline, make sure they stop before he's dead. I'd like to keep him around for a few days.

Bambi walks out of the room as the girls descend on Greg, licking the blood from his body.

GREG (He is screaming) WHY?!

Victoria, one of the vampires, rises up from his body, wiping blood from her face.

MATCH CUT:

# 11 INT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

ABBY, a derby girl, wipes her face angrily, and throws her mouthguard to the ground, her nose bleeding. Regina pushes

off of her circling the rink aggressively.

ABBY (tilting her head back) Damn, Regina, it's just practice.

Regina whips around the rink, passing several girls as the Coach is on the sidelines cheering her on emphatically. Regina closes her eyes, trying to block everything out but is immediately taken away into her own mind.

FADE TO:

# 12 INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Regina silently creeps down the darkened hall into her bedroom and shuts the door behind her. She drops her bag to the floor, reaches up, grasps the handles on the top drawer of her dresser, and catches her reflection in the mirror, she has been crying. She tugs out an oversized t-shirt from the inexplicably full drawer of nightgowns. As she struggles to push the drawer back into the dresser, a frame with a photo of her and Grayson taken in a photo booth falls over. She looks at it, tears running down her face, her shirt halfway on, and her lycra shorts at her ankles, sobbing.

Her phone on the bed lights up.

GRAYSON (Via text) Are you still mad?

#### 13 INT. WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

Greg startles himself awake with a gasp. He is caked in dried blood. He is no longer bound, but he is too weak to make any sort of escape.

GREG

Hello?

He is shivering from the cold and blood loss. His eyes are closed.

GREG Is someone here?

No one answers, but a shadowy figure moves across the room.

GREG

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14.

Please. Don't go.

It is quiet for a few moments; only shallow breathing is heard.

GREG

I don't want to die alone.

# 14 INT/EXT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

Regina tries to casually walk past the counter without having to make eye contact with Grayson. He is facing the other way on the phone and doesn't notice.

She races over and sits down at the booth with Veronica and Tabitha.

TABITHA My God, that was awkward.

REGINA Well, anything is awkward if you call attention to it.

VERONICA We can go somewhere else?

# REGINA

No, we can't! I can't be afraid to come to the rink just because he's here. He literally lives here.

VERONICA Are you wearing make-up?

TABITHA She is! Look-mascara, lipstick.

REGINA I'm allowed to look nice.

TABITHA Her nails are painted, too.

Tabitha holds up Regina's hand. Regina snatches it away.

VERONICA You look very pretty.

REGINA Did I make a mistake breaking up with him?

Tabitha nods her head vehemently.

VERONICA (Giving a glare to Tabitha) Regina. No. You didn't. Was it a proud moment, also no. But it was honest. Look, I love you both, and you both deserve to be happy. I think maybe that just isn't with each other anymore.

REGINA He texted me nine and a half times.

They both look at her.

REGINA The half was just the little typey dots, and he never sent it, but I mean, that counts, right?

# TABITHA

(mockingly) Absolutely.

### VERONICA

Regina, you guys have been together since I've known you. You can't just expect to get over it in a week. (Deciding on tough love.) Do nine and a half texts make up for five years of half-assing your relationship? He's used to winning you back with the bare minimum. If he really wants you back, he'll put in some effort this time. Real effort. And if he doesn't, well, sweetie, I think that's your answer.

REGINA

You're right! Of course, you're right.

# TABITHA

(incredulously) Are you guys really not getting back together this time?

Regina seems uncertain with how even she feels about it.

REGINA Unless he makes some kind of - TABITHA Oh my God.

VERONICA (Whispers) Regina, look.

Regina turns around as Bambi is walking up to the counter. She immediately gets Grayson's attention, who jumps up from his chair and goes over to greet her, straightening his shirt and flexing as he leans on the counter to greet her.

> TABITHA That's the fastest I've ever seen him move.

REGINA Who the hell is that bitch?

VERONICA Shhh-Regina!

TABITHA Those are some short shorts.

REGINA Those aren't shorts. Those are denim underwear. Who the fuck even wears shorts in November?

TABITHA You're wearing shorts right now.

REGINA

Athletic!

TABITHA I'm digging it. It's a whole ass mood.

REGINA It's a yeast infection is what it is.

VERONICA She does seem awfully flirty with Grayson, doesn't she?

Regina whips her head back around to watch.

REGINA

I'm going to kill him. No, you know what, I'm going to kill her first, and then I'm going to kill him.

VERONICA Don't be that girl. Fighting over Grayson. You're better than that.

#### REGINA

Like hell I am. Flaunting herself all in his face like that. Look at him! If he flexes any harder, he'll shit himself. I'm sitting right here.

TABITHA You know, you broke up with him.

### REGINA

Eight fucking days ago. Just because I broke up with him doesn't mean I'm ready to move on or I'm ready for him to move on, especially before me. I thought at this point-he should still be in a period of mourning.

TABITHA He doesn't look that mournful to me.

#### REGINA

Thank you, Tabitha. Your insight has not gone unnoticed.

VERONICA She is kind of pretty, though.

Tabitha nods in agreement.

TABITHA She is perfection.

REGINA Yeah, if you like that onlyfans off brand Elvira thing.

TABITHA I think I do. Might be my new kink.

# REGINA

Look at her! Laughing at him like he's ever been funny in his life, it's desperate. Practically throwing herself at him. Big pale tits right up in his face. It's called the sun, girl. Ever hear of it - Oh god! He's coming over here. Quick, Veronica, act like I said something funny. No wait, be mad at him! No funny...abort, abort. Oh God, oh God!

Regina awkwardly laughs out loud. Veronica and Tabitha are equally embarrassed for her.

REGINA (To Grayson) Oh hey.

Grayson comes up to the table, seemingly unswayed by the weird display.

GRAYSON

Did you guys see that girl I was talking to up and the counter?

REGINA

Every little nook and cranny. You know, you should really consider a dress code for in here. I'd hate for her to catch a cold or something-and die.

GRAYSON She's a derby girl.

REGINA Oh no. We just finished tryouts. The team is all full up. (rambling) Probably for the best anyway. She looked frail.

GRAYSON She actually has her own team.

VERONICA (Genuinely interested) There's another derby team in town?

GRAYSON They reserved the rink for tomorrow night and paid the deposit upfront. No one ever actually pays me the deposit. (Good naturedly) The Hunny Bees better watch their backs. Regina scoffs and rolls her eyes.

#### GRAYSON

I don't know, she seemed pretty legit. She showed me some videos on her phone. The Bloody Mother Suckers are like hardcore derby girls.

### VERONICA

That's their name? Ugh. That is borderline offensive.

# TABITHA

Are they even in our conference?

# GRAYSON

I think they're like a traveling team or something. Bambi said they are on the road a lot.

### REGINA

Bambi? Like the cartoon deer? Is that like her derby name or something? There is no way that's her real name.

#### GRAYSON

It looked pretty real when she gave me her phone number. Even dotted the "i" with a little heart.

# REGINA You're an asshole.

Regina grabs her bag and storms out of the door, followed closely behind by Veronica and Tabitha.

# 15 EXT. SKATING RINK PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Regina pushes out the door as Orbache and Jerry are walking in.

ORBACHE Hey Reg-bye Regina.

VERONICA Regina, wait!

REGINA I'm not going to let him see me cry. (pause) Again. VERONICA He's just trying to make you jealous.

REGINA Well, it's working! Look at me!

Regina sits up against her car and slides to the ground of the parking lot, crying.

TABITHA No offense, Regina, but it's Grayson. He's not the most go gettum'. What are the chances he ever even calls her?

# REGINA

Pretty damn good. You saw her. Hell, I'd consider calling her. He's probably in there having sex with her right now.

Grayson comes running out the door into the parking lot.

TABITHA That was quick. Not saying a lot about his stamina.

Veronica chuckles. Regina doesn't break a smile.

Grayson runs over, a little out of breath.

GRAYSON Hey, I'm glad I caught you. Have you guys heard from Greg-why are you on the ground?

REGINA

I-

VERONICA She dropped her keys, and they fell under the car.

TABITHA What's going on with Greg?

# GRAYSON

No one has heard from him in over a week. He's no called no showed three times at work. Jerry and Orbache met with his parents earlier and helped

them get into his apartment. They are going to the police station to file a missing person report.

VERONICA

Oh my gosh.

TABITHA He's kind of flaky, though, right?

GRAYSON Not like this.

REGINA Maybe you could get Bambi to help you look for him. Cute first date idea.

#### GRAYSON

If you want me back, I'm standing right here. Just say the words, Regina. I texted you like 10 times this week, and you don't even respond and then come here and make a scene in the parking lot because some girl is nice to me?

REGINA Fuck you if you think a couple of texts make up for five years of half-assing our relationship.

Veronica gives an awkward look to Tabitha, having fed Regina the words.

GRAYSON Okay. Okay. You know what, Regina, I wasn't going to call Bambi, but I am now. And I'm going to take her to dinner, a cheddar bay biscuit dinner.

REGINA (angry) How dare you! That's our place! (softening, remembering, pleading) That's where you told me you loved me for the first time. (devastated) That's our place. GRAYSON Not anymore. Veronica, Tabitha-if you hear from Greg, please give me a call. Goodnight, Regina.

Grayson walks away back into the Skating Rink.

# 16 INT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

Grayson storms back into the building. Orbache is waiting with his outstretched arm holding an open beer.

GRAYSON (stumbling over his words) Can you believe-she-why!WHY?!

Grayson grabs the beer and takes a swig.

GRAYSON

Why?!

ORBACHE You know what you need to do?

GRAYSON What? Some dumb romantic gesture to win her back?

ORBACHE No. You need to come to the bar with me and Jerry tonight. My treat.

JERRY Don't you mean daddy's treat?

ORBACHE Fine. My dad's treat.

### GRAYSON

I don't know. I'm really not in the mood.

#### ORBACHE

All the more reason you should come with us. Drink a little, smoke a little, drink a little more, drown those sorrows, my brother.

GRAYSON I guess I could use the distraction.

ORBACHE That's what I'm talking about.

GRAYSON (genuinely) Do you think I half-assed my relationship with Regina?

ORBACHE Do you ever really whole-ass anything, though?

# 17 INT. BAR - LATER THAT NIGHT

A loud, mediocre band is playing, and the bar is moderately crowded. Grayson is sitting alone in a corner booth. There are several empty glasses and bottles on the table. Orbache comes walking up with two more drinks in his hands, dancing along to the music leading a blonde woman in her early twenties to the table.

Orbache sits one of the drinks down and slides it over to Grayson, and points to the girl.

ORBACHE This is - [inaudible over the music].

Grayson smiles politely, clearly not having heard the girl's name. She holds up her hands and points to her shirt, it is one of Grayson's band's UPSTATE NOWHERE t-shirts. She points to his face printed on the shirt and then back at him. He smiles, nods, and gives Orbache an angry look. Orbache just smiles and encourages the girl to sit down and slide over toward Grayson. Orbache hands her the other drink, and he dances away. Grayson is furious but polite.

> BLONDE GIRL (talking loudly over the music) I saw you guys play here last year! So good! I can't believe I get to meet you in person!

GRAYSON (politely mouths) Thank you.

BLONDE GIRL (Starts singing some of the lyrics aloud to him) That one is my favorite!

# 18 INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM - SAME TIME

Veronica walks into Regina's bedroom and sets a plastic bag on the small desk. She pulls out some paper cups, then two bottles of wine. Regina is tangled up in the blankets on her bed, softly singing along with a sad song on the stereo.

Veronica walks over with the bottles.

VERONICA Okay, we have red and whi-

Regina's arm emerges from under the covers, takes the whole bottle of white wine, and disappears back into the blanket cocoon.

VERONICA I did get cups and tequila.

Regina emerges from the covers.

# 19 INT. THE BAR - SAME NIGHT

GRAYSON is still politely listening to the blonde girl who is actively talking. It would appear she hasn't stopped talking since she sat down.

GRAYSON (talking loudly over the music) I've got to piss.

She shakes her head, not having heard him.

GRAYSON

Bathroom.

She still doesn't understand. Grayson starts sliding out of the booth. He points down at his crotch she seems caught off guard but into it, and he then does a hosepipe motion with his fist. She nods and laughs.

Grayson disappears down a hall and tries to enter the men's room, but the door is locked. He drunkenly slides along the wall to the exit into the alley behind the bar.

# 20 INT. REGINA'S ROOM - SAME TIME

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Regina is dancing up on the bed with the bottle of wine to a power girl anthem. Veronica is sitting on the floor with a paper cup of wine, enjoying the show. Regina sees her dresser mirror covered in photos. She stops immediately, flops on the bed, and looks at Veronica.

# REGINA I should just like throw all of these pictures of us in the trash. That way, I don't have to look at his stupid fucking face and be sad.

Regina looks down, realizing she is wearing a band tee with Grayson front and center. She less than gracefully rips the shirt off and throws it on the ground, sitting on the bed in shorts and her bra. Proud and cold.

Veronica can't help but find it amusing. She grabs another shirt from the half-open dresser drawer next to her and tosses it to Regina.

# 21 EXT. BAR ALLEY - SAME NIGHT

Grayson unbuckles his pants and is peeing on the wall. The muffled sounds of music offer him a quiet respite from the blonde girl. He suppresses a gag. He buckles up and tries to get his bearings. He pulls on the door handle, but the door has been locked from the inside. He pulls out his phone, goes to scroll to Regina's name, and then the phone goes black, only flashing the battery symbol. He shoves it back in his pocket, resting his forehead against the cold damp brick wall before deciding to walk home.

# 22 INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM - SAME NIGHT

Regina is humming a sad song lying in bed. She looks at her phone, then puts it face down.

REGINA I thought he might text me.

VERONICA He still might.

REGINA (Shaking her head decidedly) It feels pretty real this time.

Veronica smiles sadly at her.

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# 23 EXT. STREET/SIDEWALK - MOMENTS LATER

Grayson is walking down the sidewalk with minimal success.

A voice comes from behind him.

BAMBI A little late to be out for a stroll, isn't it?

GRAYSON I don't have any cash.

The quick turn around to see her catches his gag reflex, and he puts his hands on his knees to suppress vomiting.

GRAYSON Bambi? Oh, hey-

BAMBI

You look like you could use some help.

GRAYSON I might be a little bit drunk.

BAMBI I can see that.

GRAYSON This isn't really the impression I was hoping to make on you. I don't normally drink like this. I swear. I just -

BAMBI puts her hand on his shoulder and gently rubs his back.

GRAYSON I just got dumped, and my stupid friends took me out to get trashed.

BAMBI (gently with humor) Mission accomplished?

GRAYSON Uh huh. Definitely. And then I peed in the street and got locked out, and I should've left off that part. I'm just trying to get home-

BAMBI Which way are you going?

GRAYSON (confused) Well-this way, but-

BAMBI Wow. You are so drunk

A beat.

and kind of adorable.

GRAYSON

Yeah. (laughs) Wait-what?

BAMBI

Look, some of the girls and I are crashing at a friend's house like ten blocks that way. I needed shampoo, and this town has a regrettable lack of stores open after 10 pm.

Bambi holds up a plastic bag with shampoo.

BAMBI I don't normally do this, and it's probably really dumb, so as long as you promise not to be a crazy murderer, why don't you walk me home, and you can sleep it off at my friend's place?

Grayson is caught off guard trying to process the situation that is presenting itself.

GRAYSON

I don't know.

### BAMBI

Well, I can't just leave you out here. If you got run over by a truck or something I would feel terrible. Don't put that on my conscience, okay?

GRAYSON I don't want to get hit by a truck.

BAMBI Can I just say something? No offense, but whoever dumped you is really missing out. GRAYSON She's, she's-

Bambi holds out her hand, and Grayson takes it. She tucks her arm under his, and they start walking down the sidewalk.

BAMBI I'll just text the girls and let them know I'm bringing company.

# 24 EXT. BAR ALLEY - NIGHT

The blonde girl is walking down the hall. She knocks on the men's room door, then casually opens it. There is a man at the urinal who turns and gives her a look.

BLONDE GIRL Sorry! I was looking for someone else. Sorry!

She sees a couple of girls walk out of the door to the alley, and she is about to head the opposite way when she turns, thinking maybe Grayson had had the same idea. She heads out into the alley, and the door immediately locks behind her.

### BLONDE GIRL

Grayson?

Looking around. The alley is now quiet and empty.

### Grayson, are you out here?

She is disappointed and goes to reenter the bar but realizes the door is locked.

BLONDE GIRL

Oh, shoot.

She beats on the door, but no one answers. She is annoyed, looks around, and decides to walk back to the front entrance.

BLONDE GIRL I swear if I have to pay the cover charge again-

A loud noise is heard from behind her. She turns to look. Not scared, but not unaffected.

BLONDE GIRL Hello? Grayson?

She turns to see the opening to the main road, but then turns back to the direction of the noise.

A whimper is heard.

BLONDE GIRL Is there someone over there?

The sound of crying is heard.

BLONDE GIRL Are you ok?

The blonde girl walks over in the direction of the noise walking away from the safety of the open street. She maneuvers around some boxes and sees a woman crouched behind a dumpster with her head in her hands.

> BLONDE GIRL Oh my goodness! Are you ok? Do you need help? I can go get help.

There is no response.

BLONDE GIRL

Hello?

A voice answers from behind her.

FEMALE VOICE

Hello.

A bag is thrown over the blonde girl's head and the screen goes black.

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### 25 INT. REGINA'S BEDROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Regina stirs in her bed, throwing the sheets off of her face an empty bottle of wine falls out of the bed onto the rug with a thud. Regina sits up, looking around. Veronica is curled up on the end of her bed. Regina nudges her with her foot.

# REGINA Hey-psst-hey wake up.

VERONICA Are you okay? Do you need the trash can again? REGINA Grayson said that bitch Bambi and her team are practicing at the rink tonight, right?

VERONICA Yeah. I think so. Why?

### REGINA

We're going to crash their practice. She may have taken Grayson from me, but she isn't going to take derby.

VERONICA Nobody has taken Grayson from you.

REGINA I want to see what I'm really up against.

VERONICA (exasperated) Regina.

REGINA We'll get decked out in black and sneak in there. How good could they possibly be? You can't tell me you aren't the least bit curious?

VERONICA (Sighs begrudgingly) What time do we leave?

# 26 INT. BAMBI'S BEDROOM - SAME MORNING

Grayson is lying naked in a strange bed alone, partially covered by a thin floral sheet. It is the room of a much older occupant. He stirs awake as the sun is pouring in through the window.

Grayson looks around, not sure where he is at.

GRAYSON (a gravely, hungover whispers) Hello?

Realizing where he is.

GRAYSON

Reg-Bambi?

(slightly louder, still a whisper) Bambi?

He looks around, then looks down, noticing he is naked and begins to remember what happened. Flashes of he and Bambi run through his head.

### GRAYSON

Oh fuck.

He puts his hands over his face, then leans over to the side table where his phone is plugged in next to a glass of water with a little note. "Remember to hydrate :)"

His phone shows a number of missed calls and texts from Orbache. He notices the time.

### GRAYSON

Shit.

He throws his legs over the bed and pulls on his jeans from the floor.

GRAYSON Hey Bambi! I've got to open up the rink for senior skate. Bambi? Hey, I hate to run, but I'll see you tonight okay. (finishing dressing still no response) Okay. (He scribbles something on the back of the note and leaves)

# 27 EXT/INT. REGINA'S CAR/TABITHA'S YARD - LATER THAT NIGHT 27

Regina and Veronica are parked in front of Tabitha's townhouse, dressed in black, with the car running. Regina honks the horn gently. A light comes on from the front stoop and Tabitha comes out the door and runs to the car. She jumps in the backseat and immediately sticks her head in between the front seats.

> TABITHA Okay, so what's this big secret plan? Are we going to key Grayson's car, or teepee the rink, or something?

No!

VERONICA (scolding and shutting the idea down)

REGINA Could we though? I think that would make me feel better.

VERONICA No! We're just going to crash the Bloody Mother Suckers practice.

TABITHA Why the cat burglar look then? You guys realize there are lights all over the rink?

Regina ignores the rational and accurate commentary and pulls off, hitting the curb and ignoring that as well.

# 28 INT. SKATING RINK - SAME NIGHT

Grayson and Orbache are sitting watching the team practice. The women are all dressed in black and skate around the rink with little regard for safety, brutally hitting and knocking each other to the ground.

> ORBACHE So did you go home with that blonde chick last night? I called you like 40 times.

GRAYSON Not exactly.

ORBACHE Uh oh. Here comes trouble.

Regina, Veronica, and Tabitha swing the door open and strut in like they own the place.

> TABITHA (whispers) Okay, good call on the black.

VERONICA Regina, look at them.

REGINA

I see it.

Grayson jumps over the counter and runs over. This also catches Bambi's eye, who starts making her way over.

GRAYSON What are you guys doing here? You don't need to be here.

Bambi rolls over with two other girls, Madeline and Victoria.

BAMBI Hey ladies, sorry, closed practice.

VICTORIA

Yeah. Sorry.

BAMBI We reserved the rink for the night. Right, Grayson?

GRAYSON (uncomfortable) Right. Regina, they did reserve the rink tonight.

Madeline and Victoria break away from Bambi and start skating a circle around Tabitha.

GRAYSON I'm going to need you guys to leave, alright?

MADELINE Do they have to leave so soon?

VICTORIA Yeah, they just got here.

BAMBI

Girls.

MADELINE We like this one.

Victoria looks over at Bambi and nods.

REGINA Yeah, well, we like her too.

Regina pulls Tabitha over between her and Veronica.

REGINA

In a much less 'it puts the lotion on the skin' kind of way. Anyway, she already has a team. So handsoff.

BAMBI (condescendingly) Oh? You play?

REGINA (cocky chortle) We're on the Hunny Bees.

Regina points to the large banner on the back wall.

REGINA We were undefeated in our conference last season.

VERONICA (jumping in boastfully) Pardon the pun, but we're sort of the bee's knees around here.

BAMBI I wonder how you'd fare with some real competition?

Madeline and Victoria wheel back to either side of Bambi.

REGINA I'll let you know if I ever find any.

Bambi motions to the door.

BAMBI I take it you can make your way to the door and see yourself out. Or will you need some help finding that too?

REGINA Come on girls, let's go. We're not wearing nearly enough eyeliner to fit in here anyway.

Regina and Veronica turn to leave, but Tabitha is frozen in a stare with Madeline who blows her a kiss and winks. Veronica comes back, grabs her arm, and leads her out with them.

VERONICA Ok-Come on, sweetie. Madeline leans over and whispers something into Bambi's ear and Bambi smiles and nods with approval without breaking her stare.

## 29 EXT. SKATING RINK PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

Regina, Veronica, and Tabitha are walking out to Regina's car.

REGINA Can you believe that?

VERONICA How creepy are they?

REGINA (mockingly) "Oh, you play?"

A beat.

I know I say this about a lot of people, but I really don't like that woman.

TABITHA (still unsettled) She blew me a kiss.

VERONICA You can do so much be-

The door swings open behind them, and Regina immediately turns, ready to fight.

Grayson runs out to them. Urgency is plastered on his face.

GRAYSON You need to go home right now.

REGINA

We left the rink. Go back in there, and tell your girlfriend she didn't rent the damn parking lot.

GRAYSON They found Greg. His Dad just called Orbache.

VERONICA It's not good news, is it?

Grayson shakes his head.

VERONICA Is he...ok?

GRAYSON (somewhere between scared and emotional) No. It's bad. It's really, really bad. Just go-go home, please.

Regina goes to speak but senses the tone of his voice.

VERONICA (understanding the situation) Okay, we'll go home. Thank you, Grayson.

As the girls climb into the car and pull out of the parking lot three shadowy figures on skates come into frame and quickly follow heading in the direction of the car.

## 30 INT. REGINA'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

The trio is riding silently. Veronica's phone lights up.

VERONICA (nodding as if they'd been discussing it) He's dead.

### REGINA

Greg?

VERONICA Yeah, Abby just texted me to see if I'd heard.

Veronica slumps back into her seat.

VERONICA He was a really sweet guy.

TABITHA Do they know what happened?

VERONICA No. Oh my gosh. She said the news called it a "gruesome discovery." His poor parents.

The car pulls up to Tabitha's walkway.

## 31 EXT. TABITHA'S WALKWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Tabitha climbs out of the car. Veronica rolls down the window.

VERONICA We'll make sure you get inside, ok. Be sure to lock your door.

TABITHA (Still sort of dazed) I will.

VERONICA Are you okay?

TABITHA (Trying to shake something) Yeah, I'm good. Thanks.

Tabitha pulls out her phone, turns on the flashlight, jogs up to her door, and unlocks it. She turns off her flashlight, throws her phone in her bag, and waves to Veronica and Regina. Tabitha goes inside the dark room, closes the door behind her, and locks the deadbolt and chain.

Regina's car starts to pull off.

## 32 INT. TABITHA'S HOUSE - THAT MOMENT

Tabitha hits the light switch and nothing happens.

TABITHA Hey? I think we blew a fuse again.

A rustling is heard in the room.

TABITHA

Stacy?

Tabitha immediately flips the switch a couple more times, then starts rummaging in her bag for her phone. A familiar but unidentifiable clack is heard moving toward her.

> TABITHA Stacy, if that's you, this isn't fucking funny.

Through the window, Regina's car is seen pulling out of sight.

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The sound comes closer. Tabitha is now panicking and is scrambling to try and get the door unlocked. She is ambushed and screams. A thud is heard as Tabitha's body hits the floor. A shadowy figure drags her body out of frame.

### 33 INT. SKATING RINK - SAME TIME

A girl is dragged from the rink dark, nearly black blood spilling from her face.

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## 34 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT NIGHT

Grayson and Orbach are sitting back, watching the derby girls practice. A sense of unease hangs in the air. Grayson sets his phone back down on the counter after glancing at it.

GRAYSON Greg's sister just asked if we'd be pallbearers.

ORBACHE Fuck. That's grim.

A girl is knocked over the railing and rolls toward the front desk. She jumps back up and pops her shoulder back into the socket.

ORBACHE That's a real boner killer. I'm bolting.

GRAYSON Yeah, man. Later.

Grayson grabs Orbache's arm as he goes to leave and pulls him down to whisper in his ear.

GRAYSON Do you think that's normal?

ORBACHE It's derby. Those girls maul each other all the time.

GRAYSON (unconvinced) Yeah. Be careful, ok.

Orbache pats him on the shoulder and leaves. Grayson continues staring at the practice.

## 35 INT. SKATING RINK - THE NEXT NIGHT

Orbache walks into a very empty skating rink. Grayson is mindlessly wiping tables.

ORBACHE I guess Greg isn't the only thing dead around here.

Orbache holds up a very fancy-looking bottle of liquor.

#### ORBACHE

From the Bachman private estate, perhaps an impromptu memorial is in order?

## GRAYSON

I don't know.

ORBACHE You're right. You do look busy. It's not like one of our friends is dead or anything.

Grayson begrudgingly and forcefully takes the bottle from Orbache, who cracks a smile.

ORBACHE Jerry is on his way.

Regina and Veronica walk into the rink and head over to the table; Regina cuts eyes at Grayson.

## VERONICA

Oh, we thought Tabitha might be here-

REGINA (under her breath) We thought somebody might be here.

ORBACHE Did you guys hear about Greg?

### VERONICA

Yeah, bits and pieces. Grayson told us they found his body, and then Abby was texting us about it last night. Any idea what happened?

## ORBACHE (sing-songy voice) Some weird shit.

Struggling to disguise his morbid fascination with it all.

ORBACHE Like, really weird.

Unbeknownst to the girls, Jerry has entered the door behind them and is standing right behind Veronica. His low voice startles her.

> JERRY I heard he was mangled.

Veronica jumps.

VERONICA Oh my God! Jerry! (slaps his shoulder)

## REGINA

What is wrong with you? There is a murderer on the loose, and you're just sneaking up behind people like some kind of farm-bred psychopath.

JERRY

(unfazed) The way I heard, it looked like it was some kind of animal attack.

REGINA (A mix of contempt and disbelief) Oh yeah?

## JERRY

Yeah. Found him buck naked. My cousin, the one who works over at the funeral home was the one who picked up the body. He said he happened to take a peek in the body bag and it looked like the embalmers would have an easy go of it.

VERONICA What does that even mean? REGINA I think it means your cousin should be fired. JERRY I mean he was drained-(sucking straw noise) He was sucked dry. ORBACHE Bone dry. Like a mummy. JERRY Exsanguination. My best guess [pause] we are dealing with a vampire. REGINA That's your best guess? That's why

you're a fucking idiot. JERRY

Well, if you're so smart what-

VERONICA (Preemptively stopping the bickering) Please, please don't start, I can't deal with this right now. Someone is literally dead.

ORBACHE Regina's just mad that new derby team has it out for her.

REGINA Excuse me? Says who?

ORBACHE Says your banner over there.

Orbache motions to the defaced Hunny Bee banner on the wall. A large black flyswatter has been crudely scrawled onto the vinyl. The artwork is signed "The Bloody Mother Suckers."

> VERONICA Oh no! Susan Bee Anthony!

The girls run over the banner. Regina runs her finger along the signature, which smudges under the pressure of her finger. She rubs her fingers together and turns back to Veronica with blind rage.

### REGINA

Black eyeliner. It was them, alright.

Grayson walks over to them.

VERONICA How could you let them do this?

### GRAYSON

I swear I didn't see it until I got to the rink this morning for Senior Skate. It looks like it will wipe off. I can go get some paper towel-

VERONICA This is unacceptable! It's a declaration of war.

REGINA When are they practicing again?

GRAYSON They don't have the rink reserved again until next week-

REGINA

What?

#### GRAYSON

I overheard them talking, and I think they are having some kind of practice or bout at the old Shop 'n' Save tomorrow night.

REGINA

Those girls are in a rude awakening.

Regina walks back toward the door, followed by Veronica and Grayson close on her heels.

## GRAYSON

Wait-

Regina ignores the requests and keeps walking toward the door. Grayson pauses next to Orbache, watching them walk away.

ORBACHE (To Grayson, but louder than expected) If she's that upset about the banner, imagine how pissed she's gonna be when she finds out you slept with her. Regina stops in her tracks, clearly having heard. Orbache also realizes his mistake. The room goes silent as Regina turns around, staring at Grayson.

> REGINA You slept with her?

Regina refuses to wait for an answer from a silent Grayson, she grabs Veronica's wrist they storm out the door to the parking lot.

## 36 EXT. SKATING RINK PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Grayson runs out the door behind them.

GRAYSON Please! Please don't go, please don't go find them.

Regina whips around, somewhere between blinding rage and heartbreak.

REGINA Don't. Don't you speak to me!

VERONICA Besides the fact that you're a scummy (struggles to get out the word) asshole, you let them defile our bee.

GRAYSON I know. I'm sorry. (specifically to Regina) I'm sorry, but you have to listen to me. You can't go there! These aren't normal girls.

#### REGINA

Don't talk to me about how extraordinary she is. I don't want to hear a word about her. We just broke up, Grayson. How could you? How could you sleep with her? With anyone?

GRAYSON That's not what I meant! I was drunk-(He tries to grab her arm, but she snatches it away) Please just listen to me.

(very serious, bordering on emotional) I saw things last night. They aren't normal wom-derby girls. Please don't go.

#### REGINA

You're right. They're not normal. They're rude, pale bitches who need to be taught a lesson. And you. You have no right to ever ask me to do anything. Ever again.

Grayson is nearly frantic.

## GRAYSON

Oh my God, Regina, just listen to me. I'm serious! Those girls, I saw things last night. They are brutal and violent. They aren't regular weekend derby girls. Please, please, don't get involved with this. I don't think they'd hesitate the hurt you.

### REGINA

I guess you both have something in common, then. Look, I know you got your little goth Barbie girlfriend now, but they started this. Now it's time to return the favor. I can fucking take care of myself.

Regina gets in the car and closes the door. Grayson is beating on the window, pleading with her.

GRAYSON Please just fucking listen to me! I don't want to see you get hurt. This isn't about her or us! They're

Veronica opens the passenger door to climb in but pauses, looking over at Grayson, unable to deny his sincerity.

> VERONICA What did you see, Grayson?

dangerous!

GRAYSON There is something wrong with them. They-just, you gotta stop her from going out there. She won't listen to me. Veronica gets into the car, and it peels out of the parking lot.

## 37 INT. REGINA'S CAR - NIGHT

Regina and Veronica are in the car.

VERONICA What if Grayson is right?

## 38 INT. SKATING RINK - SAME NIGHT

Grayson storms back into the rink and makes a charge at Orbache, who runs. The two men give a sad, short chase before Grayson picks up the bottle of cleaner left on the table and chucks it at Orbache, hitting him in the back as he tries to dodge it. Both men are stopping to catch their breath.

> ORBACHE (yelling across the room) I'm sorry! It slipped out!

JERRY Did you think y'all were getting back together?

GRAYSON No, but I didn't want her to hate me.

Orbache walks back over, joining the men.

ORBACHE I really am sorry.

GRAYSON I shouldn't have told them about the practice tomorrow night.

JERRY My money's on Regina.

## 39 EXT. FENCE BY THE PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Regina and Veronica are parked next to a tall chainlink fence. As they get out of the car, Veronica is loading bags of bumble bee stickers.

VERONICA They're not going to know what hit them! Mess with the bees, you're 37



gonna get stung.

Regina shoves her phone back in her pocket.

REGINA Her phone is still going to voicemail.

VERONICA You know, if she pulled an allnighter studying, she is dead to the world.

The women start walking along the fence. Regina is tapping it and counting to posts.

VERONICA How do you know where the hole in the fence is?

### REGINA

Grayson's band used to play secret shows in the old grocery store. It still had a bunch of chairs and sofas and stuff from when the second-hand furniture store was in there before it was condemned. It's not the first time I've had to sneak in-here it is.

The women crawl through the hole in the fence and start heading for the abandoned building. They hear voices coming from around the back and see what appear to be headlights. Regina motions for them to move in that direction as they creep along the wall. Veronica slaps a sticker on a metal pole as they go.

## 40 EXT. LOADING DOCK - NIGHT

The two women climb up on the loading dock ramp to get a better view. From where they are laying, they can see a group of women in the shadows, only lit by two sets of headlights. They are crowded around something, but they can't tell what from where they are positioned.

> REGINA I can't tell what's going on.

VERONICA Some kind of huddle?

REGINA

I don't know. Something doesn't feel right.

VERONICA Agreed, let's go back to the car.

As they turn to leave, the girls in the crowd shift, revealing the center of the circle. The blonde girl lies at the center, on the ground, bloody and battered.

Veronica grabs Regina's arm.

REGINA

I see it.

VERONICA

Hazing?

REGINA I don't think so, we need to get out of here.

Bambi comes to the center and picks the blonde girl up by the hair, and holds her shoulder as she squirms and bites the girl on the neck. She drops her to the ground, and a cluster of the girls jump on her and feed.

Veronica gasps, covering her mouth, hoping the sound wasn't heard.

VERONICA Oh my God! We have to call the cops.

REGINA We've got to get out of here.

VERONICA We have to help her!

REGINA Fuck her, she's dead, and we are, too, if we don't go.

BAMBI (Loudly) Ladies.

Regina and Veronica are terrified they've been spotted, but they realize that Bambi was just getting the girls' attention. She is walking toward the center with another person, this one has a bag covering her head.

BAMBI

I'll let you get back to enjoying the spoils of war, but I wanted to show you what we're competing for next. Madeline, would you like to show them what you picked?

Madeline walks over toward Bambi, ripping the hood off.

#### MADELINE

With pleasure.

As the hood comes off, Tabitha is revealed to be under the hood.

Regina stands up and shouts instinctively.

## REGINA

Tabitha!

The crowd of female vampires all turn and face her. Regina doubles down and, instead of retreating, runs down the ramp and starts barrelling toward them, followed less confidently by Veronica.

## REGINA

Let her go!

Several vampires run over, grab them by the arms, and finish bringing them to the group while ensuring that they won't run off.

BAMBI You just love showing up when you're not invited, don't you?

Blood is still around her mouth.

VERONICA What have you done to her?

### MADELINE

Nothing yet.

VERONICA Tabitha, can you hear me? Are you ok?

BAMBI I thought I made it clear that I wanted you to stay away from us.

REGINA Fine. Give us Tabitha, and we'll go. We're gone. We didn't see anything.

## VERONICA

Regina!

She glances down at the blonde corpse on the ground.

REGINA It ain't about her now.

## VERONICA

You killed Greg, didn't you?

BAMBI

I don't even know who that is. But if you mean football glory days, yeah. No. I didn't.

## VICTORIA

We did.

MADELINE He was feisty.

VICTORIA

Until he pissed his shorts the first time we fed on him, he was so scared for a big guy.

VERONICA How dare you mock him! He was sweet and didn't deserve to die.

BAMBI It kind of seems like you do know something.

Victoria hovers over Bambi's shoulder.

VICTORIA

(whispers) Kill her.

## REGINA

We just want to take Tabitha and go home. We don't any trouble.

## BAMBI

All you know is trouble. You're a smart girl. You've put it together by now. You know what we are. You're probably thinking to yourself, but they can't be real. But we are, Regina. Bambi leaves forward inches from Regina's face with fangs on full display.

REGINA So what? You're some kind of roller derby vampire girls?

BAMBI

(laughs) Something like that.

REGINA

What can we do? I get it, I am a smart girl. She's some kind of prize, right? What will it take for the three of us to walk out of here tonight and forget this all happened? Our friend is really rich, you name a price, and we can make it happen.

BAMBI She's a trophy.

VERONICA We have team!

BAMBI

What?

REGINA

Yeah, what?

VERONICA The Hunny Bees! We have a derby team. We'll play you for her.

REGINA (loud whisper) Are you out of your fucking mind?

BAMBI

I'm listening.

VICTORIA Let's just kill them now.

BAMBI Shhh. This seems like more fun.

VERONICA If we win, you leave town. Immediately. And you never come back. We win Tabitha unharmed. BAMBI And what do we get when we win? Those terms seem a little one-sided, don't you agree ladies.

Rumbling from the crowd.

VERONICA I don't know-. What do you want?

Bambi thinks for a moment.

BAMBI For starters, we keep your friend here, and I'm going to wring her out like an old dishrag. And You're gonna watch.

She turns to face Regina.

BAMBI And I get to keep Grayson.

Regina is stunned.

BAMBI He'll be my own personal cock-tail.

Regina lunges for Bambi but is held back by the girls.

REGINA He has nothing to do with this! Leave him out of it! What do you even want with him?

BAMBI

I want to taste him. He was too drunk and his blood was too thin to be any good to me the other night other than some sloppy sex. I don't think he'd mind though. You can ask him. Blood isn't the only thing I'm good at sucking.

Regina is raging.

BAMBI Plus, I think just being with him might be enough to kill you.

REGINA I'm gonna kick your ass.

BAMBI

Forty-eight hours. Back here. You've got a deal. If you back out. We kill you. If you call the police, we kill you. Show them out, please.

VERONICA Tabitha will be back! We're going to save you!

Madeline and Victoria lead the women back to the fence.

MADELINE Bambi doesn't make deals often. I wouldn't disappoint her if I were you.

## 41 INT. REGINA'S CAR - NIGHT

Regina and Veronica are sitting in the parked car, silent.

VERONICA It's probably not the best time to bring this up, but you probably owe Jerry an apology.

Regina looks at her, confused.

VERONICA He was right. It was vampires.

REGINA Over my dead body.

She slams the car into gear and pulls off.

## 42 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT NIGHT

A banging is heard on the glass doors. Grayson comes around the corner from his bedroom in pajama pants brandishing a baseball bat. He realizes it is Regina and Veronica and runs over, and opens the door. Regina rushes in and wraps her arms around him, almost causing him to fall, and Veronica closes the door behind them and immediately locks it.

> GRAYSON What's going on? Do you know what time it is?

REGINA They've taken Tabitha!

GRAYSON

Who? What do you mean? Regina, what is going on?

### VERONICA

We went to their practice tonight. They, the bloody mother suckers, we went there-

### GRAYSON

What did I tell you? I told you not to-

### REGINA

They're vampires, Grayson! I know that sounds crazy, but I need you to believe me. They kidnapped Tabitha and they're going to kill her unless we can beat them in a derby bout.

#### GRAYSON

Vampires? Do you have any idea how crazy that sounds?

## VERONICA

They killed Greg.

## REGINA

I am here. I'm asking you to believe me. I came here to you. I need you to believe me.

#### GRAYSON

Ok. Fuck. We got vampires.

REGINA I've got to get the girls here; I've got to convince them to play. They'll kill her if I can't get the team together.

GRAYSON Hey, hey, it's going to be ok. It's going to be ok.

### REGINA We have to win.

Regina avoids eye contact with him.

## GREG

What aren't you telling me?

Regina stares at him, tears streaming down her face, unable to speak.

VERONICA You were a part of the bargain too.

There is a long silence. Grayson finally nods with acceptance.

VERONICA What do we do now?

REGINA I have to call all the girls and get them here!

GRAYSON No. For now, we'll get some sleep. You can both stay here. I'll keep watch. You can call the girls in the morning.

REGINA Grayson, we have to do something now!

GRAYSON You can't do anything right now. You're safe here tonight. If they are vampires, no one is safe being out until sunrise. You can call them all in the morning.

VERONICA What about Tabitha?

GRAYSON You can't help her tonight.

Regina embraced Grayson again.

GRAYSON You know they're really good, right?

REGINA

I know.

## 43 INT. SKATING RINK - THE NEXT DAY

Regina is pacing around the lobby while Grayson tapes a hand written sign on the front door "Rink Closed for Maintenance" Veronica is sitting at the desk watching the morning news on a small TV while eating a bagel.

REGINA

Yeah, it's mandatory. I'll explain when you get here. Thanks

Grayson walks over to pour a cup of coffee when the TV catches his eye.

GRAYSON Hey, turn that up.

Veronica caught of guard turns up the volume.

## REPORTER

and Linda Beverly were discovered in the box freezer, now the third in a series of mysterious deaths. Local police remain baffled and are reaching out the public for any information.

### GRAYSON

I was in the house. I was in their bedroom. I was in their bed and they were dead in the basement.

#### VERONICA

Oh my God, when Grayson?

He looks over at Regina and pauses.

#### GRAYSON

The night she took me home. That's where she took me.

VERONICA You couldn't have known.

REGINA I have more calls to make.

## VERONICA

Is this what they do? Come to town, kill people and vanish into the night.

Grayson walks away and goes to the storage closet and grabs a wooden handled broom and takes it over his knee and snaps it in half startling the girls.

#### GRAYSON

Stakes.

## 44 INT. SKATING RINK OFFICE - LATER THAT MORNING

Grayson is whittling the broken broom handle into a pointed end when Orbache busts in the room.

> ORBACHE What the fuck is so important that you wake me up and won't even tell me what's going on?

A beat.

What are you doing?

Grayson sets the knife and stake down on the desk as Orbache flops down in the chair in the corner and kicks off his shoes not realizing the severity of the situation. Grayson gets up and looks out the door seeing Regina and Veronica skating around the rink and then shuts the door quietly.

## GRAYSON

Ok, look. I need to tell you something and I just need to go with it no questions asked. Ok?

ORBACHE Is Regina pregnant?

He excitedly hops up in the chair like a gargoyle.

#### ORBACHE

Wait, what's the pointy stick for?

Coming to his own terrible conclusion.

#### ORBACHE

Dude.

#### GRAYSON

No! No, she's not pregnant. Just listen. Okay, look, so, ok, Regina and Veronica, in order to save Tabitha, have challenged a team of roller derby vampire girls to about. Bambi is their leader. Real-life, blood-sucking vampires, and they're going to need our help.

Orbache slides back into the chair and then leans forward.

ORBACHE You had sex with a vampire?

GRAYSON Is that what you got out of all that?

ORBACHE Did she bite you?

Grayson frantically feels his neck, just now occurring to him.

GRAYSON (sigh of relief) No, we're good.

ORBACHE Is that the only place her mouth was?

Grayson's eyes go wide from fear, then turns facing away from Orbache and pulls open the front of his pants, quickly inspects himself, and turns back around with a thumbs up.

GRAYSON

We're good!

ORBACHE Good. You know that's how they turn you. Recruiting new members of the undead.

GRAYSON You're right. You're a fucking genius. That's why she accepted Regina's challenge. They aren't going to let them win. They're going to turn them or kill them trying.

Orbache holds up the other unsharpened stick.

ORBACHE We're going to need a lot more of these.

Grayson nods.

GRAYSON Get online, and find out anything you can about vampires. We're going to need a plan B.

Grayson goes to walk out of the room.

ORBACHE Wait, this is real? Like, for real? GRAYSON Hey man, we don't have time for that. I need you all in.

## 45 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT DAY

Several women are sitting around, getting increasingly impatient. A few more walk in the door laughing, overall annoyed about the last-minute meeting.

ABBY I swear, if it's another fundraiser, I'm quitting.

MINDY I bet it's about a curfew with all the murders.

Veronica is standing off the side anxiously. She crosses over to Grayson.

VERONICA They're getting restless? Where is Regina? Should I go get her?

GRAYSON I will. Hang tight.

Grayson walks down the hall to his bedroom and opens the door. Regina is on the bed with her legs crossed, staring into space.

GRAYSON So, hey, the girls all showed up. Everybody but that new girl, Lizzy. They're all waiting on you.

REGINA I can't do this.

GRAYSON

Sure you can.

REGINA

I'm serious. I can't do this. I'm so scared.

GRAYSON Good. It's good to be scared. You're going to need that adrenaline. Hey, I know you can do this.

REGINA

you're not going to let the people you care about get hurt. You won't let that happen.

REGINA You're full of shit. I hurt you. I care about you, and I hurt you.

You will win! You always do. And

die if I don't win. You'll-

GRAYSON

GRAYSON Hey, we both hurt each other. But hey, I slept with someone else, so I think we're even.

what if I can't? Grayson, if I can't do this, real people die, and it will be all my fault. Tabitha will

#### REGINA

Even?

GRAYSON I mean, we were broken up.

#### REGINA

For like a week. Let's just drop it, ok.

GRAYSON You're right. It didn't mean anything. No harm done, right?

REGINA Are you fucking kidding me right now? You slept with someone else. Of course, harm done. I'm not just going to forget that.

GRAYSON Me either, if you know what I mean.

REGINA

Excuse me?

GRAYSON Just so uninhibited, don't take it personally she said you were probably just a little repressed.

Regina jumps off the bed, hot.

REGINA Repressed? I'll show that bitch repressed. I'm going to press my skate up her ass.

Regina goes to leave the room, now fully engaged and charged. She turns to Grayson.

REGINA Thanks. I needed that.

GRAYSON You focus better when you're angry. Thankfully it's one of my best talents.

She leaves the room and then pops her head back in the door.

REGINA Did she really call me repressed?

GRAYSON I was drunk, I honestly don't remember any of it.

She gives a sad smile.

GRAYSON Except she had the most perfect tits.

REGINA

Too Far.

She storms out of the door frame. Grayson Smiles.

## 46 INT. SKATING RINK - MOMENTS LATER

Regina walks up and stands up on a table, getting the girls' attention in a less than rousing manner.

REGINA One of our own has been taken!

The bold statement is met with confusion among the girls.

#### REGINA

I asked you all here because we're in danger. The Bloody Mother Suckers are a team of derby vampires, and they've kidnapped Tabitha and will kill her unless we can beat them.

MINDY Is this like cosplay?

ABBY Springville did like a zombies versus aliens bout, it was fun. They didn't have like the backstory though

### REGINA

No! It's real! I know it sounds crazy, but we saw them kill a girl with our own eyes! She ripped this blonde girl's throat out right in front of us, and they are going to kill Tabitha unless we do something!

The group is annoyed and gets up and starts to leave.

MINDY Look, sweetie, whatever post-breakup crisis you've got going on here is, um...get some help, ok.

They turn to leave, but the door is blocked by a disheveled blonde woman, LIZZY.

LIZZY She's telling the truth.

#### MINDY

Look, new girl, brownie points ain't the way around her. Why should we buy any of this?

LIZZY Cause she saw them kill my sister. They found her body this morning. She had had her throat ripped out and drained of all her blood.

There is an uncomfortable silence that falls over the group.

REGINA If we're going to beat them, I need all of you.

MARY, a middle-aged mom-type who was still seated, stands up.

MARY Vampires or not, you don't hurt one of our own. If you mess with one of us, you mess with all of us. Regina, you're our captain. We're here for you.

The group shuffles and shifts, accepting the decision.

## VERONICA Well, are we going to stand around here all day, or are we going to practice? They're good. We've seen them practice, they play dirty, and don't mind hurting themselves or us in the process.

The group divides up and starts getting dressed in gear to practice. Regina walks over to Veronica.

REGINA I don't think they believed me.

#### VERONICA

I don't think it matters. What matters is they're here.

Lizzy walks up.

VERONICA We are so sorry for your loss.

LIZZY I need to tell you something.

REGINA No, I get it, go. Go home. Be with your family.

#### LIZZY

No. Regina, I need to talk to you. I came here this morning because I thought they were trying to send Grayson a message, but now I think it might have been for you.

REGINA What are you talking about?

## LIZZY

Regina, my sister, was wearing one of Grayson's band tee shirts. The one of the cd cover with the three guys. His picture was the only one cut out. It's not a coincidence, is it?

Regina shakes her head.

LIZZY Regina, I don't just want to beat them. I want them to pay for what they did to my sister.

## 47 INT. GRAYSON'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Regina walks into Grayson's room as he and Orbache have broken every broom in the rink and are sharpening stakes.

> REGINA Did I leave my skates in-what is all this?

GRAYSON Stakes. This is how you're going to have to kill her.

REGINA Kill who? I'm not killing anybody. Nobody else has to die. That's why we are playing them. It's a bout!

GRAYSON

Regina.

REGINA If we win, they let us go.

GRAYSON Do you really believe that? We've seen what they've done. Win or lose, they're not going to let any of us

Veronica comes up behind them.

out of there alive.

#### VERONICA

He's right. They were never going to let us go. They're just playing with us. It's always been us or them.

#### REGINA

But why me?

GRAYSON You'll have the best access to her. You're the lead jammer.

ORBACHE

So we're going to need you to just jam one of these in her heart.

REGINA How am I supposed to kill a whole team of vampires?

GRAYSON We don't think you have to.

## ORBACHE

So we found out that there's this old vampire movie from the 30s, only like three copies exist anymore, a snuff film, but the director testified in court that he used real vampires, so it wasn't really murder. But he said he only had one take with all the vampires because once he killed the leader, the rest of them seemed to be released from some kind of blood bond, and they all ran off into the night.

#### VERONICA

When we were there, they did seem to hang on her every word.

REGINA

So we are basing our entire survival plan on what Orbache found on the internet?

#### GRAYSON

I think it's the best shot we've got.

REGINA Ok. Good to know. Damned if we do, damned if we don't.

Regina exits the room.

## 48 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT DAY

The girls are all practicing and showcasing some of their skills on the rink. Lizzy in particular is a rage-fueled machine.

## 49 EXT. FRONT OF SKATING RINK - DUSK

Orbache is walking from his car to the front, where Grayson is waiting for him. He has several plastic bags of supplies.

GRAYSON

Just in time.

ORBACHE Are you going to share with me what all these cryptic supplies are for?

GRAYSON Eventually. The sunset is kind of pretty.

ORBACHE Soak it in, it could be one of our last.

Orbache walks past him to the door.

ORBACHE You better get in here and lock the door before it gets dark or Regina will freak out.

GRAYSON Yeah, I'm right behind you.

Orbache glances in the door and sees the women on the rink still far enough out of earshot. Orbache turns back and grabs Grayson by the arm.

> ORBACHE You know they are going to kill you, right?

GRAYSON It's a possibility.

ORBACHE Take my keys. There is \$5,000 in my glovebox. Leave now. Get out of here. Go. Anywhere but here. You don't have to stay here and die.

GRAYSON What about them?

ORBACHE What about them? You aren't even together anymore.

GRAYSON I can't leave Regina.

ORBACHE She broke up with you.

## GRAYSON

I love her.

#### ORBACHE

For God's sake, Grayson, look around you! Your uncle died and left you a rundown skating rink you fight tooth and nail to keep open, you fucked someone else ten minutes after breaking up with the woman you say you love, and you're willing to give up your life for this? For her?

#### GRAYSON

Yeah. I am.

### ORBACHE

You're a fucking idiot, you know that.

He smiles at him.

## ORBACHE

Then go in there, get her. Leave together. Don't stop until sunrise.

## GRAYSON

I can't. But if you want to leave, I understand. This isn't your fight.

#### ORBACHE

Since I kicked Bobby Millway in the nuts for you in the third grade, and then he kicked both our asses, every fight has been our fight.

GRAYSON Does that mean you're in?

#### ORBACHE

Like there was ever a question. But I swear if I die, I am going to haunt you so hard.

Orbache turns to go in the door.

ORBACHE You better get inside before it gets dark, or Regina is going to freak out.

GRAYSON Right behind you. The two men go inside.

### 50 INT. SKATING RINK CONCESSION AREA - LATER THAT NIGHT

Orbache is rummaging through the cabinets and fridge, and Regina is nursing her ankle from practice.

> ORBACHE Well, I hope everyone is ok with nachos and hotdogs for dinner.

REGINA Save me a hotdog I'm going to take a bath.

Regina walks out of the room.

## 51 INT. BATHROOM - LATER

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Regina has run a bath, and the room has steamed up. She is taking off her clothes when a knock comes at the door. Annoyed, she holds her shirt over her bare chest.

REGINA

Orbache I swear-

From the other side of the door.

GRAYSON Hey, sorry. It's me. I was just checking to make sure you were ok.

REGINA Yes, I'm fine. We're still in the same building.

She glances over at the mirror and sees a little heart in the condensation.

REGINA You know, you should really clean your bathroom.

GRAYSON Hey, I clean!

REGINA Do you know how I know you haven't cleaned this bathroom in weeks?

GRAYSON

How?

REGINA

I drew you a little heart on the mirror in condensation, and it's still there. I haven't been here in weeks. You didn't even notice.

GRAYSON

I saw your heart.

A beat.

And it was on the other side of the mirror. That one was mine to you.

REGINA

I never saw this.

GRAYSON Yeah, I know. You never came back.

Hey, dinner is ready whenever you are done.

REGINA Hey Grayson.

GRAYSON

Yeah?

REGINA The door is unlocked.

Grayson opens the door and walks over to her as they come in close, skin touching, Grayson leans in to kiss her when a crash and the sound of breaking glass is heard.

They both turn in fear. Grayson runs ahead of her toward the front. She follows behind, throwing her shirt back on as she exits.

## 52 INT. SKATING RINK LOBBY - MOMENTS LATER

The Regina and Grayson run to meet Orbache and Veronica in the dark lobby. The front door is shattered and there is a large stone wrapped in a piece of fabric in the floor.

Regina carefully steps over the glass to pick up the stone and unwraps the fabric. It is Grayson's face from the blonde girl's tee shirt covered in blood with a paper note and a polaroid photo attached.

> REGINA So much for the calm before the storm.

## VERONICA

## Regina.

Veronica points out to the parking lot behind her. Regina turns around slowly to see the visage of shadowy figures watching them from the fog-riddled parking lot. Illuminated only slightly by the street lights, a dark figure in the center with others seemingly floating around her ominously. The fog grows thicker, and the figures vanish into the mist.

Regina turns back around to the group and crumbles up the paper.

REGINA Midnight at the old shopping center. They sent us a reminder just in case we'd forgotten.

She walks forward and throws the crumbled paper and fabric in the trash.

REGINA How thoughtful.

She starts walking away.

GRAYSON

Regina.

REGINA My bath is getting cold.

She walks away and Grayson follows after her.

VERONICA I guess we may as well clean this up.

Orbache comes back over and hands her the end of the broom.

ORBACHE Grayson used the rest of it for stakes.

Orbache holds the dustpan as Veronica is sweeping. Her phone is sitting next to her foot on the ground and it lights up with a long paragraph text message.

> ORBACHE Somebody just sent you a book.

VERONICA I know. I broke up with Carson. He's not pleased. She takes the dustpan from him and goes over to the trashcan and pulls out the paper Regina just threw away, and looks at it. The polaroid is of a bloody and battered Tabitha with a caption of "playing with our food."

She quickly throws it back in and then covers it with the glass shards.

# ORBACHE

Something wrong?

VERONICA , same ol' vampires, sa

Nope, same ol' vampires, same old life-threatening situation.

## ORBACHE

Hey, now that you've ditched that goof, Carson. What do you say if we make it out of this alive, you go on a date with me?

VERONICA Is that supposed to be an incentive?

ORBACHE

Ouch.

## VERONICA

You don't really want to date me. Hell, Carson doesn't even really want to date me. I think he just feels like he's put so much time in now I'm bound to sleep with him at some point.

ORBACHE

You deserve better than that.

VERONICA

Are you better than that?

## ORBACHE

No, I'm kind of a terrible person. But you already know that about me. No surprises.

## VERONICA

You have a good heart. And you're a good friend to Grayson. This leads me to believe you have the thus far untapped potential to be a good boyfriend you just choose not to be one.

# ORBACHE

What if I wanted to be one?

## VERONICA

If you did. I might say yes. But only because we're near death, and the risk seems really low right now.

#### ORBACHE

I'd take you to a show where I could see you in a tight dress.

#### VERONICA

You'd have to take me out for drinks before, but you could only have two because I want to be able to talk to you. I don't like you as much when you drink.

#### ORBACHE

Me either. I'll just have one drink cause I've always liked talking to you.

# VERONICA Ok, you've got yourself a deal. If we make it out alive, you owe me a date.

FADE OUT.

## 53 INT. GRAYSON'S BEDROOM - EARLY MORNING

Grayson creeps over and slips the car keys from Orbache's pocket as she sleeps in the chair, steps over Veronica on the floor, turns and looks at Regina in the bed, and then exits the room quietly, closing the door behind him.

#### 54 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT MORNING

Regina comes down the hall looking for Grayson, who is nowhere to be found. She is calling for him. Orbache and Veronica run out to the lobby, awakened by her calling for him.

> REGINA Grayson's gone! They took him!

> > ORBACHE

What?

He feels his pocket and realizes his keys are gone.

ORBACHE No. He said he wouldn't leave. He took my car, and he left.

Regina's hands rush up to her face, and she hits her knees in shock.

ORBACHE I'm sorry. He said he wouldn't leave.

Just then, the door opens, and Grayson stands in the doorway with bags of food.

Regina jumps up and runs over to him, wrapping her arms around him and causing him to drop the food. He does not miss his opportunity this time and kisses her.

> REGINA I thought you were gone. I thought you left me.

## GRAYSON

Never!

They continue to embrace.

ORBACHE Hey, um, was that breakfast you just threw on the floor for all of us?

# 55 INT. GRAYSON'S ROOM - LATER THAT DAY

Grayson is changing clothes when Orbache comes into the room.

ORBACHE So where'd you really go?

GRAYSON To get breakfast.

ORBACHE I'm risking my life to be here helping you. The least you could do is stop lying to me. Is this about your secret shopping list yesterday?

GRAYSON I have a plan. But I didn't want to say anything in case the vampires came. I didn't want to put you in any more danger.

ORBACHE Ok. Well, secret time is over. What you got?

# 56 INT. SKATING RINK - LATER THAT DAY

Regina is watching the clock as only a few of the derby girls have shown up. The group is sitting around quietly. Tensions are high.

REGINA Where is everybody?

ABBY Girl, this is it.

REGINA What? What do you mean?

ABBY Nobody is coming.

REGINA

What?

ABBY A bunch of us got together this morning before coming over here.

#### REGINA

And?

## ABBY

So, they did a story on the news last night about Lizzy's sister, and Greg, and that old couple, and girl, we all kind of realized that this is like really real. I don't know what we thought, but it wasn't that. Like people are dying. Mary and I tried. You know we always got your back, but girl, we're all you got.

Regina slumps in the chair.

MARY

No, nu-uh, bitch get up. We may be few but we are mighty. And we are here for you and Tabitha.

VERONICA

She's right, there are fourteen of us. That's enough. No alternates,

but I don't think they will play with league regulations anyway.

LIZZY She's right. We're here. We have enough people, we didn't give up on you, don't give up on us.

VERONICA Don't give up on Tabitha.

REGINA You're right. This is all we need. Let's get ready. Let's do this.

Grayson walks over, bringing Regina two short stakes painted black.

#### GRAYSON

Oh, you're going to have a keep your wristguard loose, but these should slide in there. Easy access when you get close enough.

MARY Now, do we all get vampire stabbing sticks?

GRAYSON Just Regina on the track, but we have extras in the bag if we need them.

ORBACHE And if things go sour, we have a plan b.

Regina looks over at Grayson, confused.

GRAYSON If things go bad, just haul ass and get out of the building as quick as you can.

REGINA What's plan B?

GRAYSON The less you know, the better.

Regina nodded.

#### REGINA

Ok, we can take three cars. Let's head to the parking lot, we arrive together, we go in together. No one goes anywhere alone.

VERONICA Maybe we could say a prayer?

#### REGINA

Lord deliver us from our enemies. Amen.

## VERONICA

Amen.

The girls start filing outside to the parking lot.

## 57 EXT. RINK PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Grayson and Orbahce are loading bags into the trunk of a car. Regina and Veronica are already inside.

> ORBACHE So you explained the stakes. But what about why you have razor blades duct-taped to your wrists?

Orbache reaches down and pulls up Grayson's sleeve. Grayson hurriedly pulls it back down.

GRAYSON The blood might be enough to buy them some time if they need a distraction.

Orbache nods solemnly. He reaches into one of the bags, pulls out a chain of garlic, and wraps it around his neck.

> ORBACHE You're not the only one with secret plans.

They climb into the car. It cranks and pulls out of the parking lot and out of frame followed by the rest of the vehicles.

FADE TO:

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# 58 EXT. PARKING LOT SHOPPING CENTER - NIGHT

As the last of the girls crawl through the hole in the fence, Regina calls for them to rally up.

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#### REGINA

There is no way to say all the things that should probably be said and thank you doesn't cut it. But it's all I have to offer. Thank you. There's no more time for stalling, though. It's time. Let's play a good game. We can beat them. We can do this. I know you can. I know we can. We can win. We will win.

The girls seem surprisingly hyped as they make their way toward the abandoned store.

As they are walking, Grayson grabs Regina by the arm and stops her. He pulls something from his backpack before letting it fall to the ground and he gets down on one knee and holds out a ring box.

#### GRAYSON

Regina...

Regina realizing what is going on is immediately frantic.

REGINA No! No, stop this! Grayson don't do this.

## GRAYSON

I've chickened out on doing this so many times, and it might be a nowor-never situation, and I love you, Regina. And whether it's ten minutes, ten years, or a hundred years, I want to spend it with you. Regina, will you marry me?

#### REGINA

Grayson. We're so broken.

## GRAYSON

Maybe, but look, we're no different than one of these glowsticks-

He rummages through his backpack and fishes out a glowstick and snaps it and shakes it.

#### GRAYSON

Some things have to be broken and shaken up before they can really shine.

As the glowstick begins to illuminate the area three figures reveal themselves from the dark and grab Grayson dragging him

away from Regina. Grayson tries to fight back, but it's no use.

Regina screams, trying to get him free.

# REGINA

Let him go!

Madeline steps in front of her from the shadows.

MADELINE

It's time for all the prizes to go to the winner's circle. You might see him again there. But I wouldn't count on it.

REGINA That wasn't a part of the deal! Grayson! Grayson! Grayson, my answer is yes! It's yes! I'm going to get you back, I promise.

Madeline begins walking away.

MADELINE Promises. Promised. See you inside.

Regina frantically picks up the ring box and Grayson's backpack from the ground.

The rest of the group come running over, having heard the commotion.

VERONICA What's going on?

ORBACHE Where's Grayson?

REGINA They took him. And it's time for us to go win him back.

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# 59 INT. ABANDONED STORE RINK - NIGHT

Regina and crew walk inside to see a full-scale derby rink fashioned in the abandoned store.

Bambi notices them and rolls over gleefully.

BAMBI

REGINA

I told the rest of the girls they could take the night off, keep their strength for one of our real bouts. Plus, they've all seen me run circles around some mediocre bitches on skates before.

You made it! Team is looking a

little space, though.

## BAMBI

Cute. You can go lace up over there. Should give you a nice view of our prizes. Thought it would be generous of us to give you at least one last look at them. Even if it's from a distance.

As they walk over, they can see Grayson being tied to a wooden chair atop a makeshift mountain of old furniture. Next to him is Tabitha. She is tied to a large pole, her head is slumped over. She is in bad shape.

> BAMBI It's twenty till. We like to start on time, so don't keep us waiting.

#### 60 INT. WOODEN THRONE - THE SAME NIGHT

The two vampires who tied Grayson's arms and legs climb down leaving him alone with Tabitha.

GRAYSON Tabitha, Tabitha, it's Grayson. I don't know if you can hear me, but we're here! We're going to help you!

She groans as if to acknowledge if nothing else, she is still alive.

Grayson tries to remove the razor blades from the duct tape and cut the ropes binding his wrists as subtly as possible.

## 61 INT. ABANDONED STORE RINK TRACK - MIDNIGHT

The Hunny Bees skate to the center of the taped-off rink as Bambi, and the Bloody Mother Suckers lap around the rink's perimeter. Bambi leads, waving a large black flag, displaying the team's insignia on it. An abstract bat outlined on wisps of white, silver, and red.

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Regina reaches up and touches the little felt bumblebee on her helmet, a powerful, sad contrast.

Bambi tosses the flag pole to the side, clanging against the floor, and rolls under several chairs on the edge of the building. Regina slips on her cloth cap with the star onto her helmet and looks over to her girls getting in formation and sighs.

Bambi rolls to a stop on the white line going across the track.

BAMBI Regina, if you'd care to join me.

Bambi crouches into a runner's stance as Regina skates over and joins her.

Bambi looks over and blows Grayson a kiss, and waves. Then turns back to Regina.

BAMBI Just so you know, I'm going to kill you.

Bambi smiles and slides her mouthguard in. Regina smiles back.

REGINA Not if I kill you first.

The remaining teams finish lining up twenty feet in front of Bambi and Regina. A whistle blows to start the bout. Bambi takes her elbow and makes direct contact with Regina's face pushing off of her. Regina. is caught so off guard she stumbles and falls to the ground as the other skaters race ahead of her.

Regina quickly stands up, blood running from her newly busted lip.

ORBACHE (Yelling) They're not going to call a penalty! Regina! You have to go!

Regina takes her forearm and runs her mouth along the length of it, leaving a streak of bright red blood across her skin. She flicked and splattered several drops on the ground before leaving behind. The other girls are already closing in on her, almost making a full lap with the clock ticking down.

She catches the eye line of Lizzy and Veronica, who hit two of the Mother Suckers hard with their shoulders, clearing a

path for Regina to easily come up the center. Regina pushes forward and makes her way up the middle of the girls, now trailing only a few feet behind Bambi.

Bambi whips around, trying to leave Regina behind her as she hits the turn. It is an ineffective move. Soon, both girls begin making real headway from the rest of the team. Scoring is within reach for both.

The teams are now behind them to the point where they were close to lapping the blockers and scoring. Regina and Bambi are skating nearly shoulder to shoulder. They forcefully nudge the other off the track. Blood is running down Regina's face from her lip.

From the corner of her eye, she sees Bambi looking at her bloody misfortune and smiling. Regina takes her hand and rips her mouthguard from in between her teeth, spitting blood into Bambi's face, catching her completely by surprise The stunt temporarily disorients Bambi enough for Regina to pull ahead of her.

> REGINA That's the only taste of my blood you'll get, bitch. I can pull cheap shots too.

Veronica turns, seeing Regina come up from behind.

VERONICA Clear a hole!

The vampires see what has happened and quickly tried to compensate for their temporarily handicapped leader, but the Hunny Bees counter by clothes lining two of them, tripping another, and one stumbles and falls out of confusion after trying to avoid one of the fallen girls.

Mary barrels her shoulder into another of the vampires and knocks them both to the ground. The move dislocate her shoulder but she scrambles back to her feet and she whipped her torso, sending her arm flinging wildly like a rag doll and popping it back into the socket, no worse for wear.

Lizzy turns and looks behind her, Victoria, who is mere inches away from her is the only thing now keeping Regina from making her way through to score. Lizzy turns to Abby, who is next to her fending off another vampire. Lizzy thinks for a moment and then pushes forward, skating a few feet ahead of the pack. She then turns and stops abruptly, facing the oncoming team. Lizzy moves slowly backward, leaning back on her left leg. She kicks her right leg up into the air, and the four wheels of her skate met squarely center with Victoria's face. A guttural, pained groan exits Victoria, and black blood drenches her mangled face. The maneuver sends both Lizzy and Victoria to the ground.

Victoria's face hist the slatted lumber track hard. She skids, her body scraping across the floor like a rock skipping over a lake. As she hits the floor coming to a stop, a foot-long piece of the wood floor is fractured away from the floorboard and splinters between the flesh of her face and her skull. She stands up and screams. The long broken sliver of wood situated firmly through her cheek and eyebrow, just missing her eye. Her road rash covered face is little more than flesh hanging loosely from the bone.

This maneuver catches the attention of several of the other girls creating a diversion for Regina to slide through and score the first five points of the bout.

Victoria reaches up and grabs the top, thicker end of the splinter, sticking up just above her scalp, and rips it out of her face with a scream. She tosses the wooden shard to the ground and reenters the track trying to make up for lost ground.

## 62 INT. WOODEN THRONE - AT THE SAME TIME

Grayson cuts through enough of the ropes keeping him bound to flex the muscles in his arms and chest to force the fibers in the last bit of connecting rope to shred. He reaches down and starts untying the ropes around his ankles and legs.

He immediately turns to Tabitha, keeping a close eye to make sure no one is watching him. He e quickly works his way through her ropes, and she slides off the pole and into his arms. Lifeless and limp, he throws her over his shoulder.

#### GRAYSON

I'm going to get you out of here!

## 63 INT. ABANDONED STORE RINK - MOMENTS LATER

Madeline is standing on the sidelines and brings her finger up to her fang, piercing and drawing blood. She jumps onto the track and skates over, tagging out with another girl. She skates up behind Lizzy and puts a streak of her blood down the back of Lizzy's arm. She has been marked. Victoria sees it and nods. She rips her mouthguard out and makes a beeline, open-mouthed, toward Lizzy.

## 64 INT. WOODEN THRONE AREA - AT THE SAME TIME

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Grayson sees this from his perch as he tries to climb down the pile of furniture with Tabitha over his shoulder. He blows his cover and yells out to get Lizzy's attention.

> GRAYSON (screams) Number twenty-eight, behind you!

## 65 INT. ABANDONED STORE RINK - MOMENTS LATER

In one fluid movement, Lizzy grabs a wooden stake she had rolled in the waistband of her shorts and sends the dagger into the chest of Victoria, who has her fangs ready to bite. A look of shock and horror rushes over her face as she looks down, sees the stakes, and comes to a screeching halt falling to her knee. Lizzy spins out from the centrifugal force and hits the ground.

Victoria grabs feebly at the stub of the wood that protrudes from her chest. She scratches at it numbly.

LIZZY That's for my sister!

Victoria's eyes go lifeless, and her body falls face forward to the floor.

Madeline sees the attack and screams, rushing over to her.

Regina skates by without stopping. Bambi is close behind Regina but sees the commotion of the other girls.

> BAMBI Keep playing! Keep playing!

Orbache, cheering from the sidelines, realizes the Hunny Bees are winning.

ORBACHE Oh shit! We're winning.

A beat. A realization of what that means.

ORBACHE Oh shit! We're winning.

He fumbles, looking through the duffle bags and searching for Grayson's backpack.

The vampire girls on the sidelines now see Grayson, who is almost halfway down the furniture pile with Tabitha still over his shoulder. He realizes he has been spotted and looks around at his options.

GRAYSON I'm so sorry, I'll come back for you, I promise!

He drops Tabitha, and she rolls to the ground, motionless. He jumps from the pile and lands on his feet but rolls. He stands up, makes eye contact with Orbache, and starts running toward him. Three vampires are close on his heels. Orbache throws him a bottle of lighter fluid from the bag, and he holds out the backpack with his arm, and Grayson grabs it as he rushes past. Orbache flips the cap open on the lighter fluid and douses the women chasing Grayson. He lights a match and throws it at one of the vampires, and she freezes in her tracks, expecting to go up in a blaze, but the match goes out as it hit her.

She realizes she isn't on fire and meets Orbache's eyes, who is shocked the plan didn't work. She darts toward him, and he rips the garlic from around his neck and holds it out to stop her, and she tackles him to the ground, unaffected. He holds her back as she tries to bite him as Grayson pulls a makeshift flamethrower from his bag made from spray paint and a lighter. He sprays the two vampires still chasing him, and they go up in flames screaming. Then he rushes over and sets ablaze the vampire on top of Orbache, who kicks her off him at this first opening.

> ORBACHE The garlic didn't work!

Grayson nods, out of breath, and hands him a second flame thrower from the bag.

GRAYSON This seems to do the trick.

Bambi looks around, seeing the room catching on fire and her vampire soldiers dropping like flies. She throws her mouthguard to the ground.

BAMBI

Fuck it.
 (she screams)
Kill them all! Kill them all! Except
Regina, she's mine.

A chaotic free for all breaks out almost immediately. Blood begins flying. Madeline heads straight for Lizzy, Lizzy starts trying to skate away, but Victoria leaps to the ground and catches her ankle, sending her tumbling back to the floor.

Madeline crawls up toward her, fangs bared, hissing. Lizzy tries desperately to kick Madeline away but to no success.

Orbache comes running up from the right, holding a long metal rebar and sending it through Madeline's back. The rebar comes ripping out through the front of her chest, connecting with the floor as she tries to crawl closer to Lizzy. The rebar catches Lizzy's leg leaving an open gash as it comes out the other side of Madeline's chest, and she thuds against the wood floor. Madeline rocked and slid down the rest of the length of the rebar. Her body was already lifeless by the time she reached the bottom.

Regina has fallen in all the commotion and scrambles along the ground, backing herself into a corner. Bambi rolls slowly towards her, towering above Regina while Regina struggles to find a way out or get her footing to get off the floor.

Bambi pulls her helmet off, and it hits the floor with a thud.

BAMBI I just want you to know that I'm going to enjoy this.

Regina looks up at her.

REGINA Not as much as you think.

Regina takes her leg and rams her skate into Bambi's ankle, sending Bambi face-first into the floor right beside her, just a few inches from her. Regina scrambles over Bambi out of the corner, trying to get back on her feet.

Bambi claws at her, but Regina manages to get to her feet, finds Veronica fighting off another vampire in the center of the room, and skates over to help her. Regina turns and sees Bambi skating up behind her fast.

Regina grabs for the stake hidden in her wrist guard, but it is gone. She panics, searches the room and floor, and sees the splinter that had found its way in and out of Victoria's face. Regina skates hard, reaching down mid-skate and picking it. Veronica sees it and nods at Regina. She turns and punches the vampire she is fighting in the face and skates fast right toward Regina head-on.

Veronica veered off only inches and held out her arm, hand clenched tight. Regina grabs Veronica's fist and forearm and whips her body around using the added momentum. The move slings her in a tight, concise loop, ending right behind Bambi.

Regains grabs Bambi around the neck, choking her with the crook of her arm. Regina's other arm hovers above Bambi's chest with the makeshift wooden stake.

Bambi struggles, but Regina holds tight, takes the stake, and plunges it into Bambi's chest. Finally, Regina lets go as Bambi falls to the floor, staring at her in fear and panic.

REGINA I want the last thing you ever hear is my voice, telling you that I just kicked your ass at roller derby.

Bambi squirms, but before she can make another ploy at escape, Regina sends the splinter deeper into Bambi's chest. Bambi reaches and claws at the air.

Regina stares, unable to look away.

Bambi slumps to the ground. Regina sighs in relief.

REGINA

We did it.

Regina looks around the room and sees the entire building going up in flames around her. The vampires start running away, whether from the fire or the death of their master. Regina scans the room looking for Veronica. Then she spots her.

Veronica is lying on the ground with a vampire hovering over her in a pool of blood.

REGINA

No!

Regina screams and tries to run over to Veronica, forgetting she is wearing skates. Regina stumbles and falls to the ground, crawling over to her and kicking her skates off as she makes her way over.

Regina reaches Veronica and scoops her up in her lap. Veronica's eyes are open, and she is breathing. There is a brief look of relief.

> REGINA We did it! They're all leaving!

Veronica shakes her head and then pulls back the blood-soaked hair from around her neck, revealing the source of the blood.

VERONICA

I was bitten.

REGINA No! No! No! But we won! We won!

VERONICA

I'm cold, Regina, I'm cold, my hands feel like they're asleep. I'm scared.

Grayson and Orbache come running over, and Tabitha is draped over Grayson's shoulder.

GRAYSON We have to get out of here!

Regina sees his lips moving, but the orange glow around them consumes the words. She is in shock.

GRAYSON We have to go now, or the whole building will come down on us!

REGINA She was bitten!

GRAYSON Get her out of here, we can't let her burn!

Veronica is on the floor, convulsing. Regina looks at her, and she is shaking, too overcome with emotions to move.

## REGINA

I can't, I can't.

Orbache grabs Veronica under the arms and drags her across the floor to the exit as she flails and hisses at him. With Tabitha still over his shoulder, Grayson reaches his free arm, grabs Regina's shoulder, and moves down to her arm to pull her up.

> GRAYSON (softly) We have to go.

# 66 EXT. ABANDONED STORE PARKING LOT - NIGHT

The store burns and begins collapsing behind them as a few straggling vampires try to escape and are burned.

They get far enough from the fire to be safe.

ORBACHE It's like we just escaped hell.

Grayson looks down at Veronica, who is writhing on the ground.

GRAYSON Not all of us.

Grayson pulls a stake from the back of his jean waistband and walks forward toward Veronica.

Regina sees him and is immediately horrified.

REGINA No! Are you crazy?

Regina places herself in between them.

GRAYSON Regina, she's one of them now.

REGINA She's my best friend, you can't kill her!

GRAYSON She's already dead.

REGINA What if we can fix her? What if there is a cure? We don't know anything about this. Maybe we can fix her. She won't be like them. She is still Veronica. She won't be like them, I swear she won't. I know she won't.

Some of the other girls start heading over. A couple of girls help Lizzy limp.

Orbache stops them.

ORBACHE It's bad. Don't go over there.

Grayson sees them, remembering he has Tabitha.

GRAYSON She's still breathing. Can you get her to a hospital?

LIZZY Heading that way anyway.

MARY Alright, girls, we've got our marching orders.

A couple of the girls take Tabitha, and they all walk away.

GRAYSON Whatever we're going to do, it needs to be now. Someone has bound to have seen this fire and called the cops.

He tosses the stake on the ground next to her.

# GRAYSON It's your call.

Regina takes the stake and throws it.

REGINA Help me get her out of here!

ORBACHE Regina, you know that even if it is still Veronica in there, she will need blood to survive. I don't think that's what she would want.

# REGINA

I don't care! She can tell us for herself when she wakes up! Help me get her out of here.

Grayson reaches into his back, takes duct tape, and tapes her mouth shut.

GRAYSON Not taking any chances.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

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## 67 A SMALL COFFEE SHOP AROUND - NIGHT

Regina is sitting at a coffee shop nicely decorated for Christmas. It would appear some time has passed and she is overall in good spirits. Grayson comes and sits down in front of her.

> GRAYSON Just so we're both clear, you know this is a set-up, right?

Regina casually nods.

The wooden door swings open, ringing the little brass bell at the top. A taller gentleman in a grey, ill-fitting suit, carrying a briefcase, enters. He is thin, with an unevenly blended coat of tinted foundation on his face and hands.

Grayson and Regina both shot the other a glance.

## MALE VAMPIRE

Regina?

Regina smiles politely and stands up to shake the man's hand when he lunges at her neck and tries to dig his teeth into her flesh, only to be met with a metallic thud.

He whips his head back in pain, grabbing his mouth. Regina pulls the end of her scarf to reveal a custom metallic choker that runs the entire length of her neck. His eyes were wide, fear shooting through his body. He has failed his mission and was now surely dead.

> REGINA Think again, bloodsucker.

Regina pulls out a dagger and sends it through the thin white dress shirt into the man's chest. He falls onto the floor, and Regina looks back at Grayson.

REGINA I'm kind of offended they thought that was going to work.

Suddenly the mousy-haired girl at the cash register comes leaping over the counter with fangs at the ready. Grayson jumps up and grabs the empty chair between him and Regina, hitting her with it like she had been pitched to him. The chair shatters, and he walks over, takes the broken leg, and stabs her through her chest before she can even get up off the floor.

> REGINA Oh, that one I didn't see coming.

> GRAYSON Eh, I sort of figured. The coffee sucked.

REGINA Grayson, don't speak ill of the dead.

GRAYSON Speaking of the dead, when are we meeting up with Veronica?

REGINA After she feeds.

# CUT TO:

#### 68 INT. PARKING LOT ASSISTED LIVING - NIGHT

Orbache and Veronica as sitting in a car together.

## ORBACHE

So I know the last year hasn't been the easiest, but now that Regina and Grayson are shacked up. What do you say about us going on that date?

VERONICA They're married. And you knew the deal. If we made it out alive. Only one of us technically did that.

She smiles, gets out of the car, and walks up to the facility. She walks in.

Orbache looks in the back seat at a nicely wrapped gift box that he slides under his coat.

#### 69 INT. PATIENT'S ROOM - NIGHT

ELOISE, an old woman, sits on the edge of her bed. Veronica walks in the door and closes it behind her. She smiles at Veronica.

ELOISE Are you the angel? Are you here to take me to heaven?

VERONICA Yes, if you're ready.

Eloise smiles and turns her head to expose her neck, and Veronica lunges forward and bites the woman.

# 70 INT. SKATING RINK - NIGHT

Grayson and Regina sit with Tabitha eating some nachos, as Orbache and Veronica come in the door and sit and join them.

#### TABITHA

We've got a new job.

REGINA Our biggest one yet, a man named Merrill, has a cult that worships

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vampires. Veronica ready to go undercover?

# VERONICA

Always.

# REGINA Vampires beware.

Regina smiles and crunches a chip.

FADE TO BLACK.

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