

101 WAYS TO SURVIVE HIGH SCHOOL

2x10: Drama Fest, Here We Come!
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Starring

Anna Kendrick as Hayley Parker
Tyler Posey as Danny Ford
Liz Gillies as Riley Hamilton
Grant Gustin as Will Hamilton
Emma Watson as Katerina Cove
Rebel Wilson as Fiona Westley
Alfie Enoch as Tatum Lyons
Chris Pratt as Charlie Clarke
Mamrie Hart as Maureen Lynwood

Also Starring

Arden Cho as Nellie Yang
Diane Guerrero as Izzy Flanagan
Zoe Sugg as Christy Sparks
Michael Johnston as Cal Quincy
Justine Ezarik as Jennifer Parker
Sarah Hyland as Misty Cobb
Lilly Singh as Liv Carter
Holland Roden as Ivy Lynwood
Tristin Mays as Connie Mitt

Guest Starring

Kelly Clarkson as Veronica Wellington
Victoria Justice as Willow Raddingtong
Daniel Radcliffe as Erick Denver
Riley Volkel as Mellie Queens
Melissa Benoist as Kellie Corden
Billie Lourd as Becki Porter

TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. SERENITY HIGH, LOADING DOCKS - DAY

THE DRAMA KIDS are walking in and out of the school, pushing sets, props and costumes onto the moving truck. MAUREEN comes by, checking things off a list.

MAUREEN

Alright, Misty and Christy, please tell me all the make up is all set and ready to roll?!

Misty and Christy are fighting with one another, tugging at the makeup bag as they pull it onto the bus. Maureen notices and sighs.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

Well, at least it's getting on the bus.

Maureen turns on her heels and walks towards the back of the moving truck, watching as Will and Tatum struggle to get the sets into the truck.

WILL

Maureen, I'm telling you, we really should have practiced putting the sets on. This won't fit.

TATUM

That's what he said.

Will chuckles and laughs with him. Cal walks by, dropping off some stuff.

CAL

Well... wouldn't you know?

He turns off and leaves Tatum to control his anger.

Jennifer comes on, plopping some more things. She turns around and sees Fiona. The two girls stare each other down before turning and walking away from each other.

Coming off the truck, Hayley walks with Riley and Danny.

HAYLEY

You think we'll be able to survive?

RILEY

Come on, this is Drama Fest. We've only been stressing about this day since day one.

DANNY

Stressing about it would be putting it lightly.

RILEY

It's exactly everything I didn't want to deal with --

INT. SCHOOL BUS - DAY

RILEY

-- Everyone fighting, and forgetting lines. I'm in my own personal hell. What would make it worse would be seeing Madonna trying to act young.

Riley plops down into a seat, and curls up with Danny.

HAYLEY

Look we're going to be okay, everything is going to go smoothly and we're going to win.

Suddenly -- CRASH. BANG!

Maureen comes running on the bus.

MAUREEN

(out of breath)

Misty just threw a chair at Christy.

Hayley then looks at Riley and Danny, smiling nervously. And off that we --

BLACKOUT

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, ENTRANCE AREA - DAY

Busses are lined up, Drama Students piling out and entering the large school. A large banner "DRAMA FEST 2016" hangs above the entrance.

The Serenity High Drama Club stands in a group, looking up at the banner. Maureen claps a little bit, keeping up the positivity.

MAUREEN

Here we are! We have finally made it.

She takes it all in and turns around to the group.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

Alright, when we go in there, we can't fight. If I see one of you fighting, you get stuck in a closet.

CONNIE

Can you even do that?

MAUREEN

It was in the permission slip.

(beat)

Now, I'm going to check us in, and you all are going to go in there, smiles and sunshine.

The Drama Kids start to protest.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

(shouting)

SMILES AND SUNSHINE!

They all groan and put on fake smiles. As soon as Maureen turns away, the smiles go away and they walk in.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, MAIN LOBBY - CONTINUOUS

The Serenity Kids enter into the bustling lobby, other schools being led to their rooms by Northwood Students. Maureen leaves the Drama Kids alone and goes over to a table. Hayley looks over at Katerina and nudges her.

HAYLEY

Not exactly a cheer competition now
is it?

KATERINA

Well, Cheerleading competitions are
filled with a lot more bitches.

HAYLEY

These are Drama Kids. They're
always looking a reason to act out
a scene or you know, be dramatic.

Suddenly, walking over to them is a young, perky girl, pig
tails and fifty pounds of makeup. Meet STACEY SWASHBUCK, a
Northwood Student.

STACEY

Hello! Welcome to Northwood High
School! Host of the first round of
Drama Festival since 2009.

RILEY

Oh no.

STACEY

I'm your student guide! Please
refer to my badge!

She points to the badge on her chest and then looks at the
students.

STACEY (CONT'D)

So, I will be bringing you to your
room. "Room 101".

DANNY

God, she makes Misty and Christy
look like depressed monkeys.

CHRISTY

That's offensive because I love
monkeys'.

STACEY

Alright! If everyone will just get
in a straight line and we will
march to our room! Who's excited
for Drama Fest?!

The Serenity Kids do a fake cheer as they follow Stacey to
the room.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, ROOM 101 - CONTINUOUS

The Room is decorated to look like a Paradise get away. The door opens and in walks Stacey and the rest of the Serenity Kids as they lug in costumes and supplies.

STACEY

This years theme for Drama Fest is
"Tropical Get away".

MISTY

I've never been to a Tropical
location.

CONNIE

Probably because you're on the no
fly list for saying there's a
colonial woman on the wing.

MISTY

(mumbling)
Well there was.

STACEY

We love to have themes here.
You're allowed to take your
decorations home. And you'll be
going after lunch so you won't be
missing any of the plays!

Everyone groans.

STACEY (CONT'D)

So, I'll leave y'all to your set
up. And remember above all, to
have fun!

Stacey exits and the Drama Kids begin to set up.

HAYLEY TALKING HEAD

HAYLEY

So far, Drama Fest is pretty...
Chill. We haven't killed each
other yet. Yet, being the key
term.

BACK TO SCENE

Jennifer is putting the costumes up on the rack. She then reaches over and grabs her drink.

But then suddenly, Misty and Christy back into her, causing her to spill her drink over the costumes.

JENNIFER

Oh my god! *Christy!*

CHRISTY

Wasn't my coffee!

JENNIFER

God, you British Tea Drinker!

Christy lets out an offended noise and starts to slap fight with each other.

Over to the side, Maureen and Riley fuss over the script.

MAUREEN

So we just gotta -- !

(beat)

Hayley and Will! We're changing the line in the bar scene from "I wish you were mine" to "I always hoped you'd be mine"

RILEY

I was outvoted by Maureen and our paper mache parrot who I named Pete-y the Pirate Parrot.

Hayley walks over and sighs.

HAYLEY

Well, Pete-y needs to cut out the line changes because I can barley keep it up.

MAUREEN

We also made blocking changes. The set stays on stage and we don't move it. At all. If it moves an inch, I'll cut off your toe.

HAYLEY

I'm pretty sure that's not in the permission slip.

Will and Danny focus cleaning some of the props up. Danny works on a bottle but it then slips out of his hand and smashes on the ground. Hayley and Riley let out a groan.

Katerina notices and then walks over to the girls.

KATERINA

Why don't we take a walk. Go and meet the other schools?

HAYLEY

Kat, I don't really think that's a -
- .

Katerina then pulls Hayley and Riley out of the room, leaving everyone to the mess.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Riley, Katerina and Hayley walk slowly, the tension is very high as everyone around them is happy.

KATERINA

Look, I know I'm not really the positive one here, but we gotta do something.

RILEY

About what? The elephant in the room. Or the fact that the entire Drama Club is fighting over a stupid twitter account.

KATERINA

What's the Elephant in the room?

HAYLEY

And I swear to god if you say it's my ego -- !

RILEY

-- Hayley's Ego!

HAYLEY

And whomp there it is!

RILEY

What?! You're always in a positive, try and fix everything mood!

HAYLEY

We have to fix everything in this Drama Club or we can't win!

Katerina jumps between the two of them.

KATERINA

Alright, before you tear each other
a new one. Let's be civil and work
together.

RILEY

(sighing)

I never thought the day would come
I would listen to a Barbie Doll.

KATERINA

Um, excuse you? Former Barbie
Doll. Now I'm a Drama Ner -- I
mean Drama Kid, like the rest of
you.

HAYLEY

I know you're trying, but it's
going to be hard to figure it all
out. Getting everyone to talk and
solve their problems.

RILEY

We could do a dodgeball fight?

HAYLEY

Dodgeball was banned.

The girls then stop in front of a room, on top of the door is
a sign that says JEFFERSON TECHNICAL.

HAYLEY (CONT'D)

Ready?

RILEY

We're never ready. On the other
side of that door, could be tiny
lizard students.

KATERINA

That's not even real.

RILEY

That's what the government wants
you to think.

HAYLEY

I suggest that we go in like
Maureen would want us to go in.

RILEY

Smiles and Sunshine?

HAYLEY
Smiles and Sunshine.

They then enter the room --

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, ROOM 109 - CONTINUOUS

The three girls enter into a room filled with clean cut, preppy students. They all turn, giant smiles on their faces. Riley jumps back in fear. A tall, blonde boy walks over to them, all smiles. MEET JESSIE HALL.

JESSIE
Hi! The name is Jessie Hall!
President of the Jefferson
Technical High School Drama Club.

The Jefferson students then applaud. Katerina's eyes widen.

KATERINA
Oh my god. I'm in hell.

Hayley then steps forward.

HAYLEY
Hi, I'm Hayley Parker --

JESSIE
Oh my god! You had a Viral YouTube
video?!

HAYLEY
-- and that's all I'm going to say
on the matter.

She then pushes Riley forward.

RILEY
Okay... I'm Riley Hamilton. We're
students for the Serenity High
Drama Club. It's our first Drama
Fest.

JESSIE
Well, salutations and congrats on
your first Drama Fest. We would
like to welcome you with a gift.

The kids then applaud. From behind his back, Jessie pulls out a gift basket filled with cheese.

KATERINA
A basket...?

JESSIE
Filled with exotic cheeses from
Russia.

HAYLEY
Russia is exotic?

Riley then takes the basket and the group stands there awkwardly. Jessie then clears his throat.

JESSIE
Are you not aware that you are also
supposed to present a present to
the schools as well?

HAYLEY
That wasn't in the rule book.

JESSIE
It's tradition. We never break
tradition.

JEFFERSON STUDENTS
Don't break tradition.

Katerina then shuffles through her bag and pulls out chapstick. She then steps forward and gives it to him.

KATERINA
It's chapstick. To, you know...
unchap things.

JESSIE
Has it been used?

KATERINA
I'm pretty sure it hasn't.

JESSIE
(smiling)
That makes it even more sanitary!
Thank you for the gift!

The girls then turn out of the room.

RILEY
I think they were Mormons.

JUMP CUT TO:

SERIES OF SHOTS:

- The Whitter Kids, standing in front of them holding a bucket of lobsters is a kid in a NECKBRACE. Lets call him Donny.

DONNY

We hope you enjoy the crustaceans
we fished from the New England
coast line.

HAYLEY

I'm pretty sure they go well with
butter.

DONNY

And other sauces!

JUMP CUT TO:

- The Bolton Kids. A young girl, with spazzy hair, lets call her DARLA. She hands Katerina a box of tissues.

KATERINA

Thank you for the gift.

Darla then sneezes all over Katerina's face and Katerina screams.

JUMP CUT TO:

- A group of Goth kids, all looking very sad and done with everything. The main Goth leader, ELVIRA holds up a stuffed dead crow.

ELVIRA

We call him cuddles.

RILEY

What does Cuddles eat?

ELVIRA

Pain, suffering, and Edgar Allen
Poe fan-fiction.

The three girls slowly back out.

JUMP CUT TO:

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, ROOM 101 - DAY

The Three Girls enter into room, tossing all the gifts to the side. Maureen studies them.

MAUREEN

I know gift giving is a tradition,
but fresh lobsters. We're not even
that fancy.

KATERINA

Tell me about it. I had to give up
half the things in my bag. I lost
my couture lipstick.

IVY

(sarcastic)

Oh no! Not your fancy smancy
lipstick!

MAUREEN

Ivy! Now is not the time for your
off hand sarcastic comments.

IVY

Well, at my old school --

Everyone groans, and Liv picks up a prop, throwing it towards
her. Hayley steps between them as soon as Ivy starts to get
closer to her.

HAYLEY

Why don't we take the time and
actually breathe. The plays are
going to start soon and we're going
to have fun!

WILLOW and ERICK then walk in, Erick carrying a giant box all
wrapped up.

ERICK

Don't worry you guys. Drama Fest
is just starting.

WILLOW

But lets be real... we would rather
you losers weren't here.

CAL

Well, we wish you weren't here
either.

ERICK

Oh, are you a angry that your
boyfriend finally knows what it's
like to have a real man?

CAL
You're going to wish you never said
that.

TATUM
Cal, stand down.

CAL
Don't tell me what to do.

Hayley steps forward, sighing a bit.

HAYLEY
Is there something we can help you
with? Or are you here to break up
another couple.

WILLOW
Well, no matter how much we hate
you. We still have to honor
tradition.

They set the box down and wink at them.

WILLOW (CONT'D)
See you at the stage.

They EXIT. Hayley sighs and walks over to the box. As soon
as she opens it, DUCKS come flying out. The Serenity Kids
scream loudly and panic. Off all the screams we --

BLACKOUT:

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, MAIN LOBBY - DAY

The Serenity Kids walk down the stairs, as mobs of other Drama students walk with them. Hayley, Riley and Katerina walk together.

KATERINA

I hate ducks. It's official. Next time I go to Disney World, I'm punching Donald Duck in the face.

RILEY

Have any of you ever wondered why he doesn't wear any pants.

HAYLEY

This sucks. Drama Fest was supposed to be fun and bring us all back together.

RILEY

But instead it's a crap fest. Where we're attacked by killer, and possibly rabies infested ducks.

Will walks up behind Hayley, taking her hand.

WILL

We just gotta think positive about it all.

HAYLEY

Babe? No offense, but thinking about being positive is not in my mindset right now.

WILL

Well, what is in your mindset?

HAYLEY

Lots of fried chicken and chocolate.

KATERINA

That's a lot of trans fats.

They turn and enter into --

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

The large setting is perfect for Drama Fest. The schools are divided into sections amongst the seats. The Serenity Kids ENTER and walk towards the center, upper level.

RILEY

Look, we're here. And there is nothing we can do to destroy the past.

KATERINA

Unless we build a time machine, step on a butterfly and alter history so that we become mega-evolved monkeys'.

They stop walking and look at Katerina in shock. She shrugs.

KATERINA (CONT'D)

I've been hanging out with Billy a lot. Don't judge me, he has some cool things to say.

HAYLEY

I never thought the day would come with Katerina Cove associates with the Nerd Crew.

KATERINA

He's pretty cute alright.

Izzy passes by, heading to her seat.

IZZY

And she totes has a crush on him.

(beat)

I always wondered what that meant. It's probably from the Stone Age. Like if one caveman liked another caveman or cavewoman, he would crush them with a rock.

Hayley turns to Katerina, a smile growing on her face.

HAYLEY

You have a crush on Billy Rydell?

(beat)

Well, color me shocked.

KATERINA

Don't get cocky over it. Vincent left me for the mountains. And I was lonely and vulnerable.

RILEY

I swear this whole year is topsy
turvy. What's next, the Jocks
liking Anime?

KATERINA

It's just a puppy dog crush,
nothing will come from it.
(beat)
But how are we going to get back at
the Preston Kids?

Riley thinks for a second, but when she's about to speak up --

HAYLEY

If the next words out of your mouth
are Waterballoons filled with
Elephant pee, we're not doing it.

RILEY

GOD! You never let me do anything
cool!

She then trudges up to her seat, sitting down next to Danny.
Hayley then turns to Katerina.

HAYLEY

We'll figure it out. Just right
now, I don't want to think about
getting people back. We just need
to take in the culture that is
Drama Fest.

WILL

Do we have to take notes on this?
Because I already have a math test
I didn't study for.

Hayley and Katerina just roll their eyes and walk off to
their seats.

As soon as everyone is in their seats, the lights dim and
coming out onto the stage is Stacey.

STACEY

How is everyone today?!

Everyone cheers loudly, except for the Serenity High Kids.
They just do their, why are we here, clap. Except for Izzy
who clearly is just overly happy.

STACEY (CONT'D)

Welcome to Drama Fest! We're so excited to kick off our events today.

(beat)

Also if anyone has lost a duck... we found it backstage terrorizing the stage hands.

(beat)

But anywho! Our first performance today may contain strong language, and a possible nipple.

Fiona leans over to Misty.

FIONA

What's a possible nipple?

Misty just shrugs.

STACEY

Ladies and gentlemen, Whitter High School for the Gifted, proudly presents "Two and a half Women", an Original play written by the students!

Everyone applauds and the plays starts.

The lights come up and the Serenity Kids slump back into their seats.

DISSOLVE TO:

(LATER)

The play continues on and everyone just looks bored. Will is fast asleep, snoring softly. Hayley looks over and elbows him in the stomach. He shoots up.

WILL

I'm awake.

HAYLEY

(sighing)

If I can't sleep, then you sure as hell can't.

WILL

The past two plays have been boring.

HAYLEY

Yeah, I'm not exactly finding myself enjoying this play. I mean who names a play "The Fart Explosion"?

WILL

I'm actually getting really nervous right now.

HAYLEY

Don't worry, you're going to do great. Just don't make out with me.

WILL

Okay, now that's like asking me not to eat a cheeseburger that's sitting in front of me.

Hayley takes his hand and rests her head on his shoulder.

Maureen looks equally bored, trying to stay awake. Suddenly, a note comes flying down onto her.

MAUREEN (V.O.)

I would like to have a word with you. Your Humble Enemy, Veronica Wellington.

She glances over at Charlie, who is asleep. She then slowly makes her way to the exit.

EXT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, MAIN LOBBY - CONTINUOUS

Maureen ENTERS and standing there waiting for her is VERONICA.

MAUREEN

Really passing notes? Couldn't just shoot me a text.

VERONICA

You know I don't text. I could get carpal tunnel and it could ruin my hand modeling career.

MAUREEN

You don't even have a career to begin with. You're a high school Drama teacher that works for minimum wage just like the rest of us.

VERONICA

You are such a -- What's the word --
Red Headed Bitch.

MAUREEN

I'm a Red Headed Bitch with a
fiance.

Maureen holds up her hand, showing off her ring. Veronica studies it.

VERONICA

Really? Is that all your blue
collar boyfriend could afford.

MAUREEN

I think it's perfect. Like my
boyfriend.

VERONICA

I knew you enjoyed the little
things in life!

Maureen scowls at her, obviously trying to hold herself back. Veronica flips her hair and walks off. The doors then open and the students come walking out. Maureen goes and joins the kids.

MAUREEN (PRELAP)

My mother raised me on the "If you
ain't got nothing nice to say,
don't say nothing at all"

MAUREEN TALKING HEAD

MAUREEN

But, Mama didn't raise no fool. So
here is what I have to say about
Veronica Wellington.

Maureen opens her mouth and comes out is a series of BLEEPs. She continues yelling, waving her arms around.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

Sarah Jessica Parker's nipple!

Maureen then takes a deep breath and walks off.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, ENTRANCE AREA - DAY

Katerina walks out of the auditorium, texting on her phone quickly. She then walks right into the QUEEN BEES.

MELLIE

Will you watch where you're going,
nerd.

KATERINA

Just the bitches I didn't want to
see. What are you doing here?

MELLIE

We can't come in support of our
school?

KATERINA

You hate us.

MELLIE

That's right I do.

KELLIE

Don't get used to the Drama Club,
Katerina.

KATERINA

What do you mean?

MELLIE

What she means is. If you don't
win today, you'll have no purpose
to be in Drama anymore.

KATERINA

I'm pretty sure we're going to win.

MELLIE

Are we now?

KATERINA

Yup. We have a kick ass play.

BECKI

Even with everyone fighting? Must
put a bit of strain on everything.

KATERINA

We'll work past it.

MELLIE

I doubt it.

(beat)

I can't wait for the performance
though. I hear it's going to be
memorable.

The girls walk off, leaving Katerina in confusion.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - DAY

The Queen Bee's walk in. Willow and Erick head towards them. They just nod at each other as Mellie is handed something by Willow.

The girls then head up the stairs and knock on a door that says "CONTROL BOOTH". They open the door and walk in. A maniacal smile across their faces as it shuts.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - DAY

Erick sneaks backstage, going towards the Serenity High sets. He then grabs what is the bar set and moves it.

CUT TO:

He then has a bag, it moves violently and quacks. He then places it behind one of the sets. A smirk comes across his face.

BLACKOUT:

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - DAY

Students sit around, talking and laughing a good time.
Maureen enters with Charlie.

CHARLIE

You okay?

MAUREEN

I'm nervous about this. They
clearly aren't ready yet.

CHARLIE

It's going to be okay. We're going
to win. Then you and I are going
to City Hall and getting married.

MAUREEN

Only if we win. I want this to be
a perfect day.

CHARLIE

And it's going to be.

Charlie then leans in, kissing her softly. She smiles and
pats his chest. Veronica walks up behind her, Willow and
Erick in tow.

ERICK

Gag.

Willow and Erick high five as they head to their seats.
Maureen sighs.

MAUREEN

Veronica, will you mind telling
your students to show some respect?

VERONICA

They follow my lead... So, how can
I tell them to respect you when I
don't even respect you.

Veronica then walks up to her.

VERONICA (CONT'D)

But, in all fairness... I do wish
you the best of luck. May the best
woman win.

MAUREEN

May the best woman win.

They then shake hands, glaring each other down.

MAUREEN (CONT'D)

You're short.

VERONICA

You have a pimple.

Maureen gasps loudly as Veronica walks off.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Hayley stands to the side, all ready to perform. Will then
walks up behind her, putting his head on her shoulder.

WILL

You okay?

HAYLEY

Do you think we should quit? Just
run off stage and not look back.

WILL

And give up all this work we did?
We're not quitters.

Hayley sighs.

HAYLEY

We have to win. It's the only way
we can bring everyone back
together, right?

WILL

Maybe. But Hayley sometimes
winning isn't everything.

(beat)

Look, how about this, win or lose,
we don't give up. We power through
it. We'll get back to the way we
were.

Danny walks up behind him, putting his arm around Will.

DANNY

He does have a point. We're going to be okay.

Riley walks over, resting against Danny.

RILEY

And believe me, it could be worse. We could be attacked by killer ducks again.

DANNY

Or have an unintentional kissing scene.

WILL

Or sing a song about masturbation.

Katerina walks up behind them.

KATERINA

Or be bought out by the popular girl and have her be your Queen.

Hayley sighs and turns and looks at them.

HAYLEY

You're right. It could be worse. We're gonna get through it.

WILL

So, does this mean group hug?

KATERINA

Oh no, I don't do hugging.

RILEY

I'm with the prissy princess here.

Will then pulls everyone in for a hug and they are all squashed together.

KATERINA

(groaning)

This sucks.

They all pull apart and the lights start to dim. Connie looks over at them.

CONNIE

Hayley and Will, get in positions.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

Stacey comes back onto stage, her big smile never leaving.

STACEY

Well folks, I hope you all had a good lunch! But now it's time for our next play.

(beat)

This play is called "Faithfully". It tells the story of two lovers, from two different worlds who find themselves in an eternal battle between what is right and what is wrong.

(beat)

Ladies and Gentlemen --

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Hayley and Will stand in position. They turn and look at each other.

STACEY (O.S.)

-- The Serenity High Drama Club --

HAYLEY

Break a leg.

WILL

You too.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

Maureen grips onto Charlie's hand.

STACEY

-- Proudly presents --

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Riley holds onto Danny, sighing a bit as she watches the curtain start to rise.

STACEY (O.S.)

Faithfully.

The audience applauds and --

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

Hayley stands on stage, no spot light on her, but there is one on Will. The music starts and she just goes with it.

HAYLEY

(as Lyla)

Just a small town girl. Living in a lonely world. I was born with nothing, and I still don't have it. I've had to work every day for what I wanted.

The spotlight dims on Will and then comes on Hayley.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Connie's eyes widen as she looks at Will.

CONNIE

Will doesn't have his mic on.

Riley walks over, her eyes widening.

RILEY

What?!

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, AUDITORIUM - CONTINUOUS

WILL

(as Scott/quietly.)

Just a city boy. Born and raised in South Detroit.

Everyone in the audience notices that something is off. Will then takes a deep breath.

WILL (CONT'D)

(projecting)

I was born with everything. I never had to work for anything. I always got what I wanted.

HAYLEY

I never imagined my life would change when I met him.

WILL

I never imagined my life would change when I met her.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE

RILEY
We're screwed.

CONNIE
Just roll with it. We gotta get
ready for the first meeting scene.

Hayley and Will enter, the music getting louder as everyone sets up the stage. Nellie helps Will get his mic on as Hayley switches her costume quickly.

NELLIE & IZZY TALKING HEAD

NELLIE
It hasn't been going good.

IZZY
We already had a costume
malfunction. Tech isn't working
and a duck came on stage.

NELLIE
But we have hope that it'll all go
well.

Suddenly, there is a loud crash that comes from the stage and everyone in the audience gasps.

IZZY
After that.

The two girls smile.

BACK TO SCENE

The stage is set up as a restaurant.

HAYLEY
I could never afford to go to place
like this.

WILL
Well, I want to make a good first
impression.

HAYLEY
A first impression is when I walked
right into you and almost was left
a very expensive dry cleaning bill.
(beat)

(MORE)

HAYLEY (CONT'D)
 Okay, enough with the small talk.
 Tell me about yourself, who is
 Scott?

WILL
 Who is Scott?

Hayley nods as she drinks her water. Will then sits there frozen. He then looks at Hayley and she mouths his line.

WILL (CONT'D)
 OH!
 (beat)
 Scott, he's a nobody.

HAYLEY
 Oh come on, you gotta have some
 kind of personal history that is so
 shocking and crazy, I have to write
 a short story about it.

WILL
 Well, Scott is a dick.

He then freezes again. Hayley leans in and whispers in his ear.

WILL (CONT'D)
 (loud and proud)
 He always took his money for
 granted, and then he lost it.

NELLIE & IZZY TALKING HEAD

NELLIE
 Okay, so update.

IZZY
 Will forgot some of his lines.

NELLIE
 And we are completely missing the
 bar set.

IZZY
 We think the trolls took it. Or we
 just forgot it.
 (beat)
 It's mainly the second option.

BACK TO SCENE

The stage is set up to *look* like a bar scene, but clearly it isn't. Riley walks over to Danny.

RILEY

(as Rayna)

Give me a Jack Daniels, on the rocks.

DANNY

(as Todd)

Seem's like you've had a rough day.

RILEY

You try having the guy at table two hit on you all day, while he stares at your, you know what.

DANNY

Sounds like you're a busy girl.

RILEY

I'm always busy.

Hayley walks on, grabbing her apron and puts it on quickly.

RILEY (CONT'D)

And *look* who is late as usual!

HAYLEY

Sorry! I just had a date.

Riley and Danny glance at each other and back at Hayley. Hayley rounds up some glasses, putting them behind the "bar".

RILEY

You? Lyla? Had a date?

(beat)

Was he human?

HAYLEY

Ha. Ha. Very funny!

(beat)

But it was actually really nice.

DANNY

Do we know him?

HAYLEY

He's actually new in town. And I'll probably bring him around sometime.

She's about to walk off, but Riley stops her.

RILEY

You're going to see him again?
 (beat)
 I'm shocked, you never keep a
 boyfriend.

HAYLEY

Yeah, that's because they either
 dump me or cheat on me before I can
 get to the "Meet the Parents" date.

Hayley grabs a tray but then trips over a chair, falling onto the floor, throwing all the bottles off stage, causing them to smash.

NELLIE & IZZY TALKING HEAD

Izzy is picking fake glass out of Nellie's hair.

NELLIE

This isn't going well, at all.

Izzy sighs as she pulls out more glass.

BACK TO SCENE

It's now the final scene, Hayley stands alone on the stage and is not set up the right way. But the music still plays and Hayley sings.

HAYLEY

(singing)
*They say that the road, Ain't no
 place to start a family / Right
 down the line, It's been you and me
 / And lovin' a music man, Ain't
 always what it's supposed to be /
 Oh, boy, you stand by me*
 (crying)
I'm forever yours / Faithfully

The bright white light doesn't turn on and Will shuffles himself forward into Hayley's spotlight, to make it known he's there. He then slowly backs up and the stage goes black.

After a few beats, there is a slow applause, but it's not as energetic as it should be. The lights then come up and the curtain shuts.

INT. NORTHWOOD HIGH, BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

Hayley stands up, looking off to the sides of the stage as everyone watches on in horror. She then sighs and walks off.

HAYLEY (PRELAP)
It's official.

HAYLEY TALKING HEAD

HAYLEY
We're screwed.

Off Hayley's sad sigh, we --

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TO BE CONTINUED...

END OF EPISODE