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# **Slotus**

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Act 1

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

DANIELLE MCCAFFERTY (36) comes out of the bathroom in a simple and conservative black and white dress. She looks at herself in the mirror and smiles.

DANIELLE

She's professional. She's stylish.  
She knows what she wants. You'd  
want to be her even if she wasn't  
married to the vice president.

ALANA TRUONG (34, dressed like a real housewife) sits in the corner playing a game on her phone.

ALANA

I mean, that's debatable-  
(she looks up)  
Oh my God- amazing! It's perfect.  
Easily going to be one of the top  
ten dresses at the inauguration.

DANIELLE

Top ten?

ALANA

Top five.

Danielle squeals.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD

SUPER: Danielle McCafferty- Vice President Elect  
Schwartz's wife

DANIELLE

It's definitely been an  
adjustment. Honestly, we were all  
really surprised that the  
President picked Bryan. He was not  
the obvious choice. I didn't say  
that. Nate Silver said that. So,  
like, when I'm saying that right  
now it's a quote not my beliefs.  
Yeah. It's been hard though. Being  
in the public eye.

**EXT. TIMES SQUARE- NIGHT - FLASHBACK**

Bryan and Danielle are walking around Times Square. BRYAN SCHWARTZ (50, silver fox) has his arm around Danielle. Paparazzi take photos. Bryan closes his eyes from the flash.

DANIELLE

I guess this is our new normal.

Bryan nods.

The paparazzi turn a corner and follow JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS as she walks.

She smiles and waves to the camera.

BACK TO:

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

It's just kinda crazy, you know? Like, he might run for president in 2028. If you had asked me ten years ago if I ever thought I would be First Lady I would have told you you were crazy. That's for like, the Kennedys and stuff, you know? I guess we're next.

Her eyes widen.

DANIELLE (CONT'D)

I guess I'm like... the matriarch. I've got to make sure we're ready for that.

BACK TO:

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Danielle has her phone out and a FaceTime call is ringing. Bryan picks up and appears on the screen.

DANIELLE

Babe! My dress is ready!

Muffled noises come out of the phone and Bryan's face gets out of focus. He comes back into frame and we can see that he is walking along a hallway in the White House.

BRYAN (On Phone)

That's awesome! My suit isn't even back from the cleaners yet.

Danielle hands her phone to Alana. Alana films her as she spins around.

BRYAN (On Phone)  
Ooh. I like that zipper.  
Very subtle.

DANIELLE  
You just want to take it off,  
you perv.

BRYAN  
Maybe I do.

Alana makes eye contact with the camera.

ALANA TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

ALANA  
Yeah, Danielle's kind of a weird boss. Honestly, I needed the job. A change of scenery. Got a little too wild in New York. Wound up staying out on Long Island for a while. But, uh, then Dani needed an assistant, so uh, here I am.

BACK TO:

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Danielle has hung up the FaceTime call. She runs over to a door which adjoins her room to another one. She knocks on the door.

DANIELLE  
Quinn! You have to come see this!  
The dress is here.

The door opens and QUINN SCHWARTZ (14, dressed in a fitted shirt and skinny jeans with a skinny tie) is standing on the other side. He is drinking a glass of orange juice and wearing AirPods. He takes one of his AirPods out.

QUINN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

QUINN  
Yeah, I guess me and Danielle get along the best out of any of the kids. She's fun to hang out with. More like a friend than a mom, but like I have a mom so I'm cool with that.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE

I mean, I never wanted to have kids, but Quinn is the gay son I would have wanted if I did.

BACK TO:

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM -DAY**

Quinn and Danielle are taking a selfie together on Quinn's phone.

Quinn gets a notification from someone named "Alex (Heart Eyes emoji)" that says "I'm so pumped (blushing emoji)"

Quinn quickly pulls his phone back to himself and starts to type a response.

DANIELLE

Who's that?

Quinn blushes.

QUINN

Oh, just someone I went to camp with.

Danielle looks at the camera.

DANIELLE

Ooh! Someone cute?

QUINN

(mumbling)

No. I mean, yeah. I guess. We're friends.

**DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW**

DANIELLE

I think things will be harder for Quinn, with his sexuality and everything, especially in the public eye. I just hope that Alex is a nice kid.

(beat)

I hope he can handle the spotlight.

(another beat)

I really think he'd be better off with Michael Jenson.

**ALANA TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW**

ALANA

Danielle's been trying to set  
Quinn up with the Senate Minority  
leader's son for months.

ON SCREEN: A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE "MICHAEL JENSON, SON OF ROB  
JENSON (R, NH) COMES OUT AS GAY IN EMOTIONAL INSTAGRAM POST.  
SENATOR JENSON WRITES SUPPORTIVE COMMENT" With a picture of  
Michael, an athletic kid in an "Exeter Lacrosse" jersey.

ALANA

She said it could be the  
bipartisan love story of the  
century.

BACK TO:

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM -DAY**

QUINN

Hey, can I talk to you  
about something?

Danielle excitedly looks him in the eye.

DANIELLE

Okay. Just so you know, me and  
your dad will always love you and  
support you. And probably your mom  
too, but there's, like, no way to  
know for sure. It's always the  
right time to be your authentic  
self.

Quinn awkwardly nods.

QUINN

I was wondering if I could wear  
Dad's tie from the Vice  
Presidential debate to the  
inauguration. It just looked-

Danielle's expression turns to disappointment.

DANIELLE

I accept and support you  
wholeheartedly.

QUINN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

QUINN

I guess Danielle would be like the  
older sister I never had.



**EXT. GEORGETOWN STREET - DAY**

SIENA SCHWARTZ (17, impeccably dressed in an expensive floral dress from Anthropologie or some place and thigh high gladiator sandals) is standing outside a CVS, scrolling through Instagram on her phone.

The streets are mobbed with cars and horns blare around her.

Siena rolls her eyes.

SIENA

It's been like half an hour. This is going to be really boring. Not really fun for your show. Like, my dad's vice-president elect, but I'm not that exciting. Sometimes a girl just has to pick up her allergy medication.

CAMERA CREW (V.O.)

Your sister gets your allergy meds for you?

SIENA

My dad and Danielle are too busy.

JILLIAN "JAY J" SCHWARTZ (20, grunge aesthetic with a tasteful undercut and a cut up Che Guevara tank top) comes up behind Siena.

JAY J

Hey heyyyy!

SIENA

We said nine-thirty.

JAY J

The inauguration's fucking with the metro, man.

SIENA

Your apartment's like five hundred feet from here!

Jay J laughs.

JAY J

Yee.

SIENA

Oh my god! Are you high right now?

JAY J  
Wake and bake babyyyyyyy.

SIENA  
You couldn't have skipped one day?

Jay J overdramatically scowls.

JAY J  
Bitch, I'm doing you the favor.

SIENA  
We all have to make sacrifices!  
I'm missing my ACT retake right  
now!

JAY J  
Didn't you get a perfect score the  
first time you took it?

Siena rolls her eyes.

SIENA TALKING HEAD

SUPER: Siena- Schwartz's daughter

SIENA  
Any idiot could get a perfect  
score one time. At MIT, a perfect  
score is the median. Colleges  
might be more impressed if I can  
do it every time I take the test.  
I want to go into V.C., so like I  
have to go to a good college. I  
can't end up like my sister.

JAY J TALKING HEAD

SUPER: Jillian "Jay J" - Schwartz's daughter

JAY J  
I'm in my last year at Georgetown,  
doing math and econ. Wasn't really  
expecting the fam to uh, follow me  
down to DC. It's been ten days and  
honestly, it's already cramping my  
style.

BACK TO:

**EXT. GEORGETOWN STREET -DAY.**

Siena takes a deep breath.

SIENA

It's going to be fine. You just get the pill and I take it and my uterus is cleansed, and then we go to brunch. Idyllic Sunday morning. It's like New Year's Eve never happened.

JAY J

New Year's Eve? I mean if New Year's Day happened then New Year's Eve had to happen because like even if the thirty-first just like, didn't happen, then the thirtieth would become-

SIENA

Nobody cares!  
(whispering)  
That's when the sex happened.

JAY J

Ohhh!

Siena rolls her eyes and nods.

SIENA

Yeah.

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

Jay J is laughing.

JAY J

My grandmother once told me Siena was the pretty one **and** the smart one

**INT. CVS- DAY**

Jay J walks Siena down one of the aisles.

Jay J pulls several different brands of pregnancy tests off of the shelf and puts them into her basket.

SIENA

What are you doing? I just need Plan B.

JAY J

You needed Plan B like two weeks ago. Maybe it's time for Plan C.

SIENA

WHAT?!

JAY J

Calm down, you might not even need a plan.

Jay J starts to walk towards the counter. She notices the cashier, SARA (22, hipster aesthetic).

JAY J

Oh, no.

SIENA

What? Do I look heavier?

JAY J

That's my ex over there. I was trying to ghost her. Just ring up by yourself.

SIENA

God no! You said you were buying.

Jay J rolls her eyes and walks to the counter.

SARA

Jay J? Hey! Did you get my texts?  
(she blushes)  
I know it was a while ago, I just wanted to know if you ever wanted to talk about us-

JAY J

I've been meaning to call you-  
Umm, I've just been so busy, with like, things. In my life.

She puts the tests on the conter.

Sara raises her eyebrows.

SARA

Are you? Like- doing that now? I guess that's why you didn't call me.

JAY J

I mean, like, sexuality is fluid.  
(a beat)  
But no, definitely not.  
(a beat)  
The president of that club that decided College Republicans was  
(MORE)

JAY J (CONT'D)  
too liberal started hitting on me  
at a frat party so I just like,  
banged him, you know, ironically.  
(a beat)  
I was at the party  
ironically, too.

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

JAY J  
Yes, I guess I could have just  
said I was doing the tests  
ironically.

Back to:

**INT. CVS-DAY**  
Sara nods.

SARA  
Oh, yeah. Totally get it.

She scans the items.

SARA (CONT'D)  
Do you have a CVS extra care card?

Jay J's face turns bright red.

JAY J  
Do I- Do I look like I have a CVS  
extra care card?

SARA  
I mean... maybe?

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

JAY J  
I'm losing my edge. Last semester  
I didn't even go to a chain store  
once.

**EXT. GEORGETOWN STREET- DAY**  
Siena and Jay J are walking outside the CVS. Siena has a large  
water bottle.

SIENA  
Welp, now I just have to pee. Does  
that place have a bathroom?

JAY J  
I mean, technically it does-

SIENA  
What about that place?

JAY J  
You need a code.

SIENA  
What about your place?

JAY J  
Oh, we haven't had a working  
toilet in weeks.

SIENA  
Okay, let's go somewhere else.  
I'll get us an Uber.

JAY J  
No you god damn won't. We're  
taking the Metro.

Siena rolls her eyes.

SIENA  
No.

JAY J  
Uber and Lyft are the downfall of  
modern transit and the one thing  
stopping the public from embracing  
multimodality! You want to support  
that just so that we can make it  
to brunch on time?

SIENA  
I mean, yeah.

Siena opens the Uber app on her phone.

Jay J grabs the bag from Siena and runs across the street. A  
car making a right on red almost hits her.

JAY J  
CARS ARE EVIL! PEDESTRIANS HAVE  
THE RIGHT OF WAY!

She points at the illuminated "walk" sign. The driver flips  
her off.

She runs into a Metro Station.

Siena continues to order the Uber.

Jay J runs back out.

JAY J (CONT'D)  
Major delays! We're walking.

Siena rolls her eyes and walks over to Jay J.

SIENA  
Fine.

JAY J  
Ha ha!

SIENA  
Get over yourself, it's  
surge pricing.

**INT. LIMO- DAY**

Danielle, Alana, and her secret service detail, ANDRES (31) are sitting in the car on their phones.

Andres chuckles.

ALANA  
What?

ANDRES  
Oh, it's just a Reductress  
article. "Ten Reasons why North  
Korean First Lady Ri Solju should  
be your 2021 style muse."

Alana rolls her eyes.

ALANA  
Oh.

ANDRES  
This is actually a look.

He shows them. It's the same dress that Danielle has picked for the inauguration.

Danielle starts hyperventilating.

Alana holds her phone to her mouth.

ALANA  
Hey Siri, add getting a dress for  
the inauguration to my to do list.

END ACT 1.

**INT. QUINN/ SIENA'S DC HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Jay J and Siena rush into the hotel room and to the bathroom door. Siena is holding the bag. It's closed.

SIENA  
Hey I need the bathroom!

QUINN (O.S.)  
I'm using it!

SIENA  
How long?

QUINN (O.S.)  
Indefinitely?

Jay J rolls her eyes and moves her hand up and down.

SIENA  
You can't-

QUINN  
Just go next-door!

Siena rolls her eyes and opens the door to the adjoining hotel room.

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Danielle is facing the window and talking on her phone.

DANIELLE  
I was under the impression it was an original design. No, I do not believe the design arose from the collective unconscious!

Siena sneaks past Danielle and into the bathroom.

DANIELLE  
No! It would be even worse if Beyonce wore the same dress! She would win all of the "Who wore it better!"

Jay J enters the room.

DANIELLE  
Absolutely do not have a good day!

Danielle hangs up the phone and throws it onto the bed.

She turns to see Jay J.



DANIELLE

Hey! How's one half of my top two stepdaughters list?

JAY J

You know, gettin by.

DANIELLE

Any thoughts on a cute outfit for the inauguration?

JAY J

So I was thinking like a really classy dress, super modest and conservative-

DANIELLE

Ooh. I like that.

JAY J

And then I was going to like put my own spin on it-

DANIELLE

You know we always want you to be yourselves.

JAY J

Yeah. I was thinking that I would take it and cut just the nipples out. You know, to show that we put this expectation that that's like the one thing we're not allowed to show, and I think it'll just be a really beautiful way to say like "I know you're watching, America! Capitalism hurts everyone! Like, this dress may look one way from the back but I'm not taking this sitting down!"

There is a LOUD CRASH in the bathroom.

DANIELLE

What was that?

JAY J

I'll check it out. And then I have to go to the bathroom. That's why I'm here. We don't have one at my place.

Jay J goes into the bathroom

**INT. BATHROOM- DAY**

Siena is sitting on the bathroom floor.

SIENA  
(whispering)  
Finally!

JAY J  
She's right outside.

SIENA  
Pretend you have diarrhea to get  
her to leave!

Jay J gawks.

JAY J  
I have spent years monitoring the  
fiber in my diet. I don't get  
diarrhea.

SIENA  
Just pretend

JAY J  
(yelling)  
Oh! It was just Siena in here!  
She's hungover as fuck so she  
needs me to hold her hair back.

Siena punches her.

DANIELLE (O.S.)  
Oh! You're really a little young  
for- ah, fuck it. You need  
anything?

**INT. FANCY DC HOTEL ROOM- CONTINUOUS**

Jay J pokes her head out of the bathroom door.

JAY J  
I think we're okay. Poor thing's  
so embarrassed.

**INT. BATHROOM- CONTINUOUS**

Jay J goes back into the bathroom and closes the door.

Siena has lined up 12 pregnancy tests face down on the ledge of  
the bathtub.

JAY J  
I'm surprised you had enough pee  
(MORE)

JAY J (CONT'D)  
for all of those.

SIENA  
Statistically they're only like  
95% accurate, so we can't.

Jay J flips the first one over. It's positive.

JAY J  
Whelp. 95%.

SIENA  
You don't know which one is which.  
We didn't read the instructions.

She pulls out the instructions.

SIENA  
Okay. Yeah. Positive. 95%

Jay J flips another one. Also positive.

JAY J  
Well, there's more certainty.

A Third one is positive.

SIENA  
Okay, so like there's a .  
3% chance-

A fourth one.

SIENA  
I saw this thing online about this  
girl who had a false positive and  
then she had a disease-

Jay J looks at her.

SIENA  
Not that I want that.

a KNOCK at the door.

DANIELLE (O.S.)  
You girls okay in there?

Siena frantically throws all 12 pregnancy tests in the garbage  
and then takes a bunch of toilet paper to cover it.

**INT. DRESS SHOP- DAY**

Danielle, Andres, and Alana walk in. Quinn stumbles in behind them.

DANIELLE

There's probably not anything they can do.

ALANA

If anyone can do it, it's Delphine. She's the best in the DC Metro area.

DANIELLE

She better be.

DELPHINE (30s), artsy with huge glasses, comes out from behind a rack of dresses.

DELPHINE

Lani? Hey! How's my favorite client.

ALANA

Not so great, Del. Pierre gave Danielle a dress that Kim Jong Un's wife already wore.

DELPHINE

Pierre's a fucking hack. But hey, at least it wasn't Jordyn Woods.

ALANA

True.

Delphine looks Danielle up and down.

DELPHINE

Let's see. I've got just the thing for you.

Delphine pulls a white sheath dress off the shelf. It has little blue flowers on it.

DELPHINE

This would really flatter your figure.

Danielle goes into a try on room. She comes back wearing the dress. It looks like a hospital gown.

DANIELLE

I don't know.

Quinn's eyes are locked on his phone.

QUINN  
Looks great.

Danielle smiles.

DANIELLE  
Aww, thanks Quinn. I'll take it.

Andres cringes.

DANIELLE  
Just kidding, this looks like a  
fucking hospital gown.

She turns around, showing that there are bows all up the back,  
along the zipper.

Delphine comes back with another dress. It is white with red  
tie dyes all over it.

DANIELLE  
That looks like blood!

DELPHINE  
It is blood. It was part of a line  
I did to raise awareness about  
inequalities for girls in their  
education based on a lack of  
menstrual products.

Danielle sighs.

DANIELLE  
I mean, great cause. But not for  
next week.

DELPHINE  
Well, there's one more you could  
try. It's in the last room on the  
right.

DANIELLE  
All right. This better be the one.  
Otherwise I think we might want to  
go somewhere else.

Danielle goes into the room.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD

**INT. DRESS SHOP -DAY**

Danielle comes back out. The dress looks perfect.

ANDRES  
Oh my god!

ALANA  
I think we've got the one.

QUINN  
Yep.

Danielle nods.

DANIELLE  
Let me just send a picture  
to Bryan.

She turns around to pick up her purse.

The back of the dress says "Fries before Guys" and there is an embroidered carton of french fries on the dress.

Quinn looks up from his phone and starts laughing.

ANDRES  
Is this dress from Forever 21?

ALANA TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

ALANA  
I think Del's just gone a little  
too avant garde. It's definitely a  
transitional period for her.

**INT. DRESS SHOP -DAY**

Danielle is getting escorted out of the shop.

DELPHINE  
It is true that pizza will never  
break your heart!

DANIELLE  
WHAT ABOUT HEART DISEASE,  
DELPHINE? DID YOU THINK OF THAT?

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE  
DC isn't really known for being a  
fashion city.  
(MORE)

DANIELLE (CONT'D)  
I'm not super broken up about  
being blacklisted from the stores.  
I will go to fucking New York if I  
have to.

**EXT. STREET- DAY**

Danielle and Andres walk ahead of Alana and Quinn

DANIELLE  
Quinn was being so weird.

ANDRES  
Texting a lot.

DANIELLE  
I need you to steal his iPad. It's  
in the outer pocket of his bag.

ANDRES  
What? I'm not stealing a  
kid's iPad.

DANIELLE  
I'm his guardian! And your boss.

ANDRES  
How?

DANIELLE  
Tie your shoe and go up  
behind him!

ANDRES sighs and kneels down.

ANDRES  
I don't feel ethical.

Danielle rolls her eyes.

DANIELLE  
All right, God.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE  
I don't really feel like I'm  
invading his privacy, no. He's  
fourteen. We gave him that iPad.

ANDRES TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

ANDRES

Well, the videos app was open when I unlocked it. Kid's fucking weird. I've seen enough hentai to see where it was going, if you know where I'm going with that. Not that I actually watch hentai. Or that I don't. No comment.

**INT. HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Alana, Quinn, Andres, and Danielle enter the room. Quinn walks into his adjoining room, his backpack still open from Andres taking the iPad.

Andres checks the door and pulls out Quinn's iPad.

ANDRES

I think you might want to see this.

DANIELLE

What is that Alex up to?

ANDRES

No idea. Quinn's been watching this hentai called Dad's at Work-

DANIELLE

Oh my god, Yaoi?

ANDRES

No. It's about this boy who fucks his stepmother while his dad goes on business trips.

He shows her a frame from the Hentai. The camera zooms in on the stepmother, SHE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE DANIELLE and is wearing the dress Danielle was originally going to wear to the inauguration!

Alana tries to hold back laughter.

DANIELLE

Wait!

ANDRES

I know, it's a bit awkward-

DANIELLE

Quinn is STRAIGHT?



ALANA

I mean, he can answer that question better than us.

DANIELLE

How could? No. He's in denial. It is going to be harder for him, liking boys. So he's trying anything to- He's STRAIGHT?

ANDRES

I think he is.

DANIELLE

I mean she looks like- She looks like a fully formed woman. He would be into girls his own age if that were the case.

ALANA TALKING HEAD

ALANA

I can't tell. She's gotta see it, right? Right?

ANDRES TALKING HEAD

ANDRES

Oh, no. She has no idea.

**INT. HOTEL ROOM -NIGHT**

Danielle and Bryan are lying on the bed watching TV.

DANIELLE

Hey. I wanted to talk to you about Quinn. I think he's in denial about his sexuality.

BRYAN

Well, I think he knows we'll support him no matter what, so I don't know if there's more we can do.

DANIELLE

I looked through his iPad. I found some videos.

BRYAN

He made videos? It's good he's channeling his confusion into art!

DANIELLE

No, Bryan. They were anime  
porn videos.

BRYAN

He drew them?

DANIELLE

No, he doesn't have that kind of  
skill. He was just watching them.  
But anyway, I just think maybe we  
should talk to him before he...  
Y'know... becomes sexually active.

BRYAN

Yeah. I guess it's about time. I  
guess I should do it.

DANIELLE

Oh, yeah, I guess it should  
be you.

BRYAN

Did you want to come?

DANIELLE

I mean, well, what did you do with  
Jay J and Siena?

BRYAN

Well me and Jill had to talk to  
Jay J after the babysitter let her  
watch \*Eyes Wide Shut \*in fourth  
grade.

(Danielle laughs)

Apparently Jay J asked if she  
could watch a Halloween movie.

(a beat)

Siena's talk was- was- oh, shit!

DANIELLE

Mm?

BRYAN

Do you think Jill probably talked  
to Siena? If she didn't, no one  
did.

DANIELLE

Oh my god! Poor girl! We have to  
talk to her! Jill didn't talk to  
her. Have you met Jill?

BRYAN  
My ex-wife? Yeah I've met her.  
(a beat)  
Yeah, nobody talked to Siena.

DANIELLE  
She's probably so confused. Her  
friends are all talking about this  
sex thing and she's like "what are  
thoooooose?"

BRYAN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

BRYAN  
Oh, Jill's a great mom. It's just,  
she's not always on top of that  
kind of thing.

**INT. HOTEL ROOM- NIGHT**

Bryan rushes out of the bathroom and throws on some slippers.

BRYAN  
I'm taking a walk.

DANIELLE  
Okay! I'll be here.

Bryan slams the door behind him.

**INT. BATHROOM -DAY**

The camera walks into the bathroom and closes in on the  
bathroom garbage. One of Siena's pregnancy tests is at the top  
of the garbage.

END ACT 2.

ACT 3

**INT. JAY J'S LIVING ROOM- DAY**

Jay J is sitting on the couch, relaxed. She has an unmarked bag  
of sour straws next to her. Siena is pacing back and forth  
behind her.

SIENA  
Now I guess I'm just a statistic.  
Whatever the fuck percent of girls  
under-

JAY J  
Technically just by being in the  
age range you're part of the stat-

SIENA  
No one cares!

She grabs a sour candy and bites it aggressively.

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

JAY J  
Very few things bother me more  
than a poor grasp of statistics.  
50% of marriages end in divorce?  
You entered that statistic when  
you got married because in order  
to have a non 100%-

INTERVIEW ENDS ABRUPTLY:

SIENA  
Can I just use your ID to, you  
know? We look like, enough alike,  
right?

JAY J  
It's a no for me. I'm pretty sure  
that's a felony.

SIENA  
Drastic times-

JAY J  
NO.

SIENA  
If I go by myself they tell  
our parents.

JAY J  
Dad won't even notice.

SIENA  
Mom would kill me.

JAY J  
What? She blatantly says you're  
her favorite.

SIENA  
Not anymore. And I can't let Quinn  
have that. Pleeeeeeeease Jay  
pleeeeeeease.

(MORE)

SIENA (CONT'D)  
I can't let this ruin me.

Jay J rolls her eyes.

JAY J  
Listen, just get Danielle to go  
with you. She'll probably be  
stupid enough not to notice.

**INT. DRESS SHOP- DAY**

Danielle rushes into an upscale dress shop. Alana and Andres go to the counter while Danielle hangs back. Quinn is walking next to Danielle, his eyes fixed on his phone. He laughs.

DANIELLE  
You texting that Alex again?

Quinn blushes.

QUINN  
Yeah.

DANIELLE  
Well, listen, Quinn, I actually  
wanted to talk to you about that.

QUINN  
Okay.

DANIELLE  
Well, Quinn, as you get older, you  
might start to feel things towards  
girls, or boys, and I just want  
you to be ready-

QUINN  
Is this the talk?

DANIELLE  
Wait, you knew this was coming?

QUINN  
My mom told me everything when I  
was eleven.

DANIELLE  
What? Oh. Well, is there anything  
else you want to ask about?

QUINN  
Well, I kind of wanna ask Alex to  
winter formal-

DANIELLE

Ooh!

QUINN

No, I am ready, I just, I don't know if she sees me as just a friend, you know? She's a popular girl.

DANIELLE

I mean you are a friendly guy. Hey speaking of friends, how's Robbie? He was kind of cute.

QUINN

Robbie? Yeah, Robbie's fine, I guess. Actually I'm kind of worried that Alex might like him instead of me because he's been getting really good at lax recently.

DANIELLE

Ooh yeah. They're probably already bangi- He probably already asked her.

QUINN

You think?

DANIELLE

I don't know. You just have to think about whether you value her friendship too much to take that risk.

Quinn sighs.

QUINN

Yeah.

Andres and Alana come over to Danielle.

ANDRES

She says that after what happened with-

ALANA

You're blacklisted.

DELPHINE (FROM THE DRESS SHOP) TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DELPHINE

She crossed the wrong bitch.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE

Sometimes, you just have to take  
the high road.

(a beat)

In this case, the high road is to  
a place in Annapolis where Alana  
blackmailed the owner to break the  
picket line.

ALANA TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

Alana just shrugs.

**INT. HOTEL ROOM- NIGHT**

Danielle enters the room. Bryan is sitting on the bed holding  
the pregnancy test.

DANIELLE

Hey, how was your night?

She sees the test.

BRYAN

Were you going to talk to me  
about this?

DANIELLE

No? I mean, yeah, obviously. I  
just needed to find the time, and  
then, Alana was like "no don't"  
because- it's Alana's test so like  
that's her privacy. You know, the  
father is like this Kazakh  
diplomat-

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE

I know it's one of the girls'. I  
just, I think that should be her  
decision to tell him. She can  
just, you know, confide in me.

END INTERVIEW.

Bryan squints at Danielle.

BRYAN

Okay.

DANIELLE  
I promise. I would tell you about  
something like that. But I'm  
thirty-seven AND on the pill.

**INT. HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Danielle is sitting on the bed. She is reading selected  
writings of Abigail Adams.

Quinn comes in through the adjoining room door.

QUINN  
Am I off the dress search  
committee?

Danielle shrugs.

DANIELLE  
I thought you weren't  
interested anymore.

QUINN  
Is this because you thought I was  
gay and I'm not?

DANIELLE  
I didn't- are you sure you're not?

Quinn nods.

DANIELLE  
Well, me and your dad love you no  
matter what.

QUINN  
I know.

DANIELLE  
I just thought, with you starting  
to date you wouldn't want to hang  
out with me anymore. You know,  
like your sisters.

QUINN  
Hey! I'm much better than my  
sisters. Even if you doubted me.

DANIELLE  
I want you to pick my new dress.  
You had great taste with the last  
one.



QUINN

Yeah, Mrs. Kim Jong Un agrees.

He sits down on the bed. Danielle gives him a hug.

DANIELLE

I liked it.

QUINN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW.

QUINN

I probably shouldn't have given Jay J Danielle's dress for her nipple protest. Welp, guess I should have let Danielle prove herself as a mom.

**INT. JAY J'S LIVING ROOM- NIGHT**

Siena is pacing around the living room.

Jay J is sitting on the couch, watching her.

SIENA

Why did you let me eat that?

JAY J

I thought it would help calm you down!

JAY J INTERVIEW

JAY J

I'd say that cannabis consumption induces anxiety in a small percentage of people, but honestly, she's just extra.

END INTERVIEW

SIENA

You can't just give weed edibles to a pregnant woman! It's really bad for the fetus!

JAY J

I thought you were getting an abortion.

SIENA

Duh. I'm not about to be a mom.

SIENA INTERVIEW

SIENA

I have no intention of being pregnant for very long, but, like, I'm not going to be *bad* at it while I am.

END INTERVIEW

SIENA

I'm really spiraling, aren't I? First I have sex and get pregnant at like the first opportunity-

JAY J

That was your first time? Dude, that sucks.

SIENA

Well, it was like, one of them. Like, top 25. Unless you like count different times in the same like *time* as separate ones, then it's more like- whatever. There was that, and now I'm high, on drugs! Oh fuck, I'm pregnant *and* high, I'm going to gain like six pounds tonight. Fuck!

JAY J

Okay, well, we'll figure it out. I'm here for you.

There is a KNOCK at the door.

SIENA

Oh, God. The cops.

Jay J rolls her eyes and opens the door.

Danielle is standing outside.

SIENA

Worse than the cops.

DANIELLE

Better than the cops. If you guys went missing, I'd find you ages before the cops.

SIENA

Apparently.

DANIELLE

Oh come on, you posted a story.

(MORE)

DANIELLE (CONT'D)  
Cyber security 101.

JAY J  
Do you wanna come in, or?

Danielle enters the room and sits on the couch. She notices Jay J's bag of edibles on the coffee table. She and Siena lock eyes as she looks back up.

SIENA  
I thought it was normal candy.  
Then it tasted gross.

DANIELLE  
You kidding? Mango's the  
best flavor.

Siena's mouth drops open.

DANIELLE  
I have anxiety.

Danielle takes one of the sour straws and eats it.

Jay J looks at her eating it.

DANIELLE  
I'd offer to pay you back but your  
dad's bankrolling this, so...

SIENA  
Which one of us are you even here  
to see?

DANIELLE  
Whichever one left twelve  
pregnancy tests in my bathroom.

The girls look at each other.

DANIELLE  
Come on, I'm not going to narc on  
you. Because honestly, mood.

SIENA  
What?

JAY J  
Oh, shit, you made a Twitter,  
didn't you?

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE  
Follow me, I'm @slotus7. Just  
Slotus was taken. I'm trying to  
work that out.

END INTERVIEW

DANIELLE  
Not important right now.

She turns to the camera and mouths "Slotus Seven"

DANIELLE (CONT'D)  
What's important is that you girls  
are getting proper medical care.  
Come on, I'm not going to tell  
your parents.

Jay J sighs.

JAY J  
I may have left one.

DANIELLE  
The one negative one?

JAY J  
I was really high, I don't  
remember which one.

SIENA  
Okay, fine! The other eleven  
are mine!

JAY J  
She kept saying that maybe we were  
reading the tests wrong so I  
wanted to show her a negative one.

DANIELLE  
How did this happen? I mean, like,  
intercourse, obviously, but like,  
what's his name, is he a good kid,  
he is a kid, right? Like, not a  
kid kid, but like the same as you?

SIENA  
He's eighteen. But he was  
seventeen the first time we did  
it.

DANIELLE  
Did you guys use a condom? Did  
it break?

SIENA

He lost his wallet. I was gonna get Plan B but then I just got really busy.

DANIELLE

Are you okay? Like, girl, it's honestly such a mood. I can help you.

SIENA

Stop saying mood, you're not using it right!

JAY J

I mean, technically she was that time. But yeah stop.

DANIELLE

But isn't your stepmom failing to say "mood" itself a big mood?

SIENA

Big mood is I know whatever I do is going to get criticized in the media.

DANIELLE

Hey. Haters gonna hate. You gotta do you. And I'll help you do you. I mean like, within reason. Not gonna like, help Dahmer do him, that would be weird.

SIENA

I don't think I can, you know, raise it.

DANIELLE

I mean, you'd have help. But that doesn't mean that you have to.

Siena nods.

DANIELLE

I think you should sleep on it. But for anything that you choose, I know a guy.

SIENA

Yeah, I think I want an abortion. Gonna exercise that right to choose, I guess.

DANIELLE

Well, I mean either way you're exercising that right. That's like, how a choice works. Anyway, I know a guy. Now, you guys wanna eat some more mango belts and then watch video tutorials about how astrology works if you think the earth is flat?

SIENA

I mean, I already had-

DANIELLE

Come on, you're getting high for two!

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

JAY J

She understands how statistics work; she gets high; she supports reproductive rights; Fuck! Dani's actually cool as shit. So I didn't cut the nipples out of her dress.

END INTERVIEW:

**INT. HOTEL ROOM- DAY**

Bryan comes in the door and sits down on the bed. He is wearing a suit.

Danielle comes out of the bathroom in an unzipped jumpsuit.

DANIELLE

Babe, can you zip me? I hate how this thing needs me to unzip it every time I go to the bathroom.

Bryan zips her jumpsuit.

BRYAN

Couldn't find a dress, huh?

DANIELLE

I mean, I thought this-

BRYAN

You look beautiful. And, listen, I'm sorry I freaked out about the bathroom garbage.

(MORE)

BRYAN (CONT'D)

If that thing in the garbage was yours, we'd make the most of it.

DANIELLE

Well, it really wasn't mine. It was still Alana's.

BRYAN

Okay. Just like, if it was, it's fine.

DANIELLE

Babe? You didn't like...want it to be, did you?

BRYAN

I mean, if you-

DANIELLE

Bry, we talked about this. I said I didn't want kids and you said you didn't want any more either.

BRYAN

Oh, thank God. There was a rumor going around my office that you switched your dress because it got too tight and then the test-

DANIELLE

Wait, they said I was *showing*?

BRYAN

And I was like, if she did gain weight she should keep it because she looks fucking stunning. That's my woman.

DANIELLE

Oh, shut up. But I *am* stunning, that's true. Honestly the only reason I'd want to have a kid is just to see how hot a combination of us would be.

BRYAN

Ooh! I mean, my current kids are good looking and Jill is like, nowhere near as hot as you-

DANIELLE

Pssht. Jill's hot.

BRYAN

Okay, yeah she is pretty hot. I still kind of wanna see what ours would look like.

DANIELLE

Yeah but if we do that we'd have to take care of it. Right now, there's only five more years until Quinn's at college and you can devote all four of your hours off per week to me.

BRYAN

Four hours? How would we possibly fill that?

He leans in and kisses her.

JAY J opens the door in between the two hotel rooms.

Bryan and Danielle pull away from each other.

Jay J is wearing Danielle's original dress.

Danielle looks at the camera.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE

I don't even want to ask if she knew about the North Korea thing.

**EXT. CAPITOL- DAY**

Danielle and Bryan walk up to their seats. A limo is pulling up on the street. Secret service agents get out, followed by the PRESIDENT. She is wearing the same dress as Danielle.

DANIELLE

Are you fucking kidding me?

There is a SCREAM.

Danielle and Bryan turn to see that Quinn has fallen down the stairs on his way to his seat. He gets up and shrugs, and then walks back up the stairs.

DANIELLE TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

DANIELLE

I mean, everyone loved the President's dress, so I guess I picked well.

(MORE)



DANIELLE (CONT'D)

Like, by the transitive property,  
I'm on the best dressed list.  
Because, like, I was wearing the  
same dress. I guess Quinn wound up  
being the star.

SIENA TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

Siena is watching a video on her phone, and laughing.

She holds the phone up to the camera. It's a video remix of  
Quinn falling down the stairs.

SIENA

Oh my God! There's so many good  
ones. My boyfriend sent me this  
one. Shit, I gotta call him.

QUINN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

QUINN

Yeah, I'm a meme now. They call me  
shrug boy. Apparently I capture  
the voice of my generation.  
According to BuzzFeed.

JAY J TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

JAY J

Yeah, mostly they've been talking  
about Quinn's fall, and Danielle's  
dress getting on the best dressed  
list. Should have scrolled to  
number four.

She turns her phone around for the camera to see. It's her.

JAY J

Jillian Schwartz.  
(a beat)  
Yes, ladies. I am single at  
the moment.

BRYAN TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

BRYAN

If something happens to President  
Chen, I get the Nuke codes.

END.