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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 though 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.

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.

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  

4.
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 babyyyyyy.

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 counter.

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 betters!”

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 TALKING HEAD INTERVIEW

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 thooooose?”

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. Pleeeeeesease Jay pleeeeeesease. (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
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

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.