

SETTING:

In the living room of Evie and Imagin's house. An old couch is center stage with a battered end table to the left of it. Upstage right is an old chair. All the furniture looks as if it has been in storage for several years. There is an exit stage right to the outside and an exit stage left to the kitchen. There is also an exit directly upstage center to the upstairs.

AT RISE:

Opening music begins to play, which is upbeat and popular. Music continues to play nonstop through the play while still reflecting the mood of the scenes. Evie and Juniper enter from outside, obviously in a good mood.

EVIE

That was the last piece of the good furniture.

JUNIPER

Evie, I'm so excited you decided to have this party. We're going to have so much fun.

EVIE

Oh, I know, Iceman's coming tonight. I can't wait. I'm going to show him a good time.

JUNIPER

You're so bad. I wish I could be like that with Gabe. You did invite him right?

EVIE

No way. I don't know what you see in him. He's such a jerk.

JUNIPER

Then why did you go out with him for so long?

EVIE

I don't know. I ask myself that a lot.

(Imagin enters from kitchen.)

IMAGIN

Evie, this had better not get out of control. Mom and Dad are going to freak if they even suspect there's been a party.

EVIE

Oh shut up Imagin. Me and Juniper moved all the good furniture into the garage. Nothing is going to get wrecked. God, you're such a pain. Why don't you go stay over at one of your friend's tonight?

IMAGIN

Because it's not fair that you get to have a party and I can't have any fun. That would make it grounds to tell Mom and Dad. And you wouldn't want that now would you?

EVIE

You're such a brat!!! I can't stand this any more. Every time Mom and Dad go out of town you black mail me into letting you hang out with me and my friends. When will you get your own life?

JUNIPER

Oh, just let her stay, Evie. What harm could it do?

IMAGIN

Please?? I'll help you clean up the house after the party.

EVIE

I don't know... if you're rude to any of my friends or get in my way at all tonight.

IMAGIN

I'll stay out of the way. I promise.

EVIE

Fine. (*Doorbell sounds.*) Someone's here already. Oh and by the way, Imagine, if you want to stay, you can clean up the house by yourself. Remember what I said.

(*Evie exits right.*)

IMAGIN

Yes! This is going to be awesome. I've never been to a real party before.

JUNIPER

You'll have so much fun. It's going to be a blast.

(*Sampson enters.*)

IMAGIN

Hi, Sampson, how are you? I...I didn't know you were coming. (*Fixes hair.*)

JUNIPER

What's up Sampson?

SAMPSON

Hey.

EVIE

You got the keg, right?

SAMPSON

Yeah. It's in the car, dude.

EVIE

Awesome. Why don't you pull the car around back and we'll bring it through the kitchen.

SAMPSON

Cool.

JUNIPER

Let the party begin.

SAMPSON

Yep. *(Evie and Sampson exit.)*

IMAGIN

Yeah. This is so cool. I can't believe Sampson is here.

JUNIPER

Whatever. He's the only one old enough to buy us beer.

IMAGIN

Yeah, but he's so cool. He does what he wants all the time.
(Riley and Vaila enter. Vaila is carrying a book.)

RILEY

JUNIPER!

JUNIPER

Riley! *(They hug)* I'm so glad you made it. Oh, hi, Vaila.

RILEY

Yeah, I didn't want her to come but my mom thought I was going to go to the mall and made me bring her with. It's all good though, 'cause she can be the designated driver.

IMAGIN

Hi, Vaila. How are you?

VAILA

Fine, I guess.

RILEY

Enough chatting. Where's the beer? I swear I saw Sampson going into the house with a keg.

(After Riley leaves, Vaila sits at chair upstage right and reads.)

IMAGIN

Yeah, he's in the kitchen.

RILEY

Right on. I'll catch you later. *(Sampson walks out of kitchen with a beer in his hand.)*
What's up, Sampson? How's the beer?

SAMPSON

Flowing.

(The doorbell sounds. EVIE enters from kitchen with a beer.)

EVIE

I think that's Ashley. Go get a beer, Juniper! *(Exits)*

JUNIPER

Yeah, yeah. *(Gets up.)* Hey, thanks for getting the beer, Sampson. *(Exits)*

SAMPSON

Any time. *(There is an awkward pause as Imagin struggles to say something.)*

IMAGIN

So, what did ya' do today?

SAMPSON

I don't know. Just sat around. Drank some beer. You know.

IMAGIN

That's so cool. *(Suddenly feels stupid and exits quickly to the kitchen. Evie enters with Ashley.)*

EVIE

You got here at the perfect time. We just tapped the keg. Want one?

ASHLEY

Um, no thanks.

EVIE

What? You're not gonna drink?

ASHLEY

Not right now. Thanks anyway.

EVIE

What? Why not? *(Riley enters.)*

RILEY

Ashley! You made it.

ASHLEY

Yeah. I wasn't sure, but I finally decided to come.

EVIE

But she says she isn't going to drink.

RILEY

Gimme a break. You gotta drink. Here, have a beer.

ASHLEY

No. Do you know how many calories that has? They call it a beer belly for a reason.

RILEY

Whatever. (*Finishes beer.*) I'm gonna go get another one. (*Exits*)

ASHLEY

Man, she's going to gain like ten pounds after tonight.

EVIE

I've been drinking too. Am I going to gain ten pounds?

ASHLEY

Look, it's just not good for you, that's all.

EVIE

I'm not really worried about it.

ASHLEY

Well, I am. Is there something wrong with trying to be healthy and wanting to look good?

EVIE

No, but it's not healthy to be obsessed about calories and getting fat either.

ASHLEY

I'm not obsessed. I'm just being more conscious about what I eat.

EVIE

Why? You look fine as it is.

ASHLEY

Look, we're all seniors now. We got all those little underclass posers watching every move we make. Don't you want to make a good impression?

EVIE

I guess, but I want to have fun too. *(Pause. The doorbell sounds.)* I better get the door. I'll talk to you later. *(Exits. Ashley looks around and approaches Sampson.)*

ASHLEY

Sampson! How's it going?

SAMPSON

Hey.

ASHLEY

Good party?

SAMPSON

Yeah, dude. You wanna go do a shot?

ASHLEY

No, thanks.

SAMPSON

C'mon, man. You wanna have some fun or not?

ASHLEY

I don't need to drink to have fun.

SAMPSON

Oh, I get it. You been smokin' a little, huh?

ASHLEY

Yeah, right. I heard that stuff gives you the munchies.

SAMPSON

(Laughs) Something like that. *(Pause)* Hey, I got a better idea.

ASHLEY

What's that?

SAMPSON

You want to split a stack?

ASHLEY

Huh?

SAMPSON

Yeah, I just picked it up downtown. It's supposed to real good.

ASHLEY

Picked what up?

SAMPSON

x. *(Pause)* Ecstasy, dude. Man, do you live in a cave or something?

ASHLEY

You take Ecstasy?

SAMPSON

What don't I take?

ASHLEY

I've never done it. What's it do?

SAMPSON

It makes you feel good. You want to try one? It's only \$40.

ASHLEY

I'm not sure...

SAMPSON

Hey, whatever. It's cool.

ASHLEY

No, wait. I'll try it. Why not?

SAMPSON

Nice. Here, take this. *(Riley, Imagin, and Juniper enter and sit at couch as Ashley is about to take the pill.)* Not here, you idiot. If someone sees you take it, then they'll all be wanting some. Go to the bathroom or something.

ASHLEY

Okay. Be right back. *(Exits)*

SAMPSON

See ya. *(To self)* And good luck. *(Evie enters with Iceman)*

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