SCENE 1

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

NIA (12, CONFIDENT, BOLD BUT OFTEN GETS IN OVER HER HEAD) AND HER BROTHER, BOOKER (10, SWEET, NAIVE), SIT ON THE COUCH WATCHING TV. NIA WRINKLES HER NOSE IN DISGUST.

NIA
Booker, go wash your feet. They stink.

BOOKER
Those are your feet.

NIA PULLS HER TOES UP TO HER NOSE AND SMELLS.

NIA
Oh wow, that is nasty. Booker, I apologize.

BOOKER
You gonna go wash 'em?

NIA
(SHRUGS) Eh, the stink isn't so bad now that I know I'm makin' it.

RAVEN ENTERS WITH SARAH AND HER SON, LEVI (10, CONNIVING, MANIPULATIVE).

RAVEN
Nia, Booker, I have some exciting news! Aunt Sarah and Levi are moving in with us! Isn't that great?

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NIA

(OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC) Great? It's better than great! It's... (SEARCHING) whatever's better than great! (THEN, QUICKLY) Mom, may I have a word?

NIA YANKS RAVEN ASIDE.

NIA (CONT'D)

They're moving in with us?! I mean, I know we call her Aunt Sarah, but she's not really our aunt. Like how Dr. Pizza isn't really a doctor.

RAVEN

Nia, look, things haven't been easy for Sarah since her divorce. Plus we'll be splitting rent, bills. This is gonna be a great for all of us.

NIA

But I already have one annoying little brother, I don't need two.

RAVEN

See! You're already thinking of him like family. I knew I could count on you. (SOTTO) This is why you're my favorite.

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NIA

Mom! Yesterday you said Booker was your favorite. The day before that you said Dr. Pizza was your favorite.

RAVEN

Dr. Pizza only takes twenty-five minutes to deliver. You took two days. (THEN) Nia, I need your support on this. Can you do that for me?

NIA

Yeah, Mom. I can do that.

NIA GOES BACK TO THE COUCH TO FIND LEVI SITTING IN HER SPOT.

NIA (CONT'D)

Levi, I see you made yourself right at home...in my spot...that I always sit in.

LEVI

(MANIPULATING) Oh I'm sorry, this is your spot? I didn't know. I've been a little out of sorts since mother and I fell on hard times.

NIA

(TRYING TO BE GRACIOUS) You know what? Go ahead and sit there. That can be your spot. I'll find a new spot.
BOOKER
You're giving him your spot?! You said I wasn't allowed to sit there because you finally got the cushion the way you like it!

NIA
(WISTFUL) It's like sitting on a cloud that perfectly cradles my booty.

LEVI
I can't tell you how much your generosity means to me.

NIA
Whatever you need, Levi.

LEVI
In that case, I'm gonna need you to pick up some sparkling water--Italian, but I'll settle for French; a fresh loaf of bread--French, but I'll settle for Italian; and--

NIA
Maybe you could settle for my stinky feet in your face?

NIA HOLDS A FOOT UP IN LEVI'S FACE.

LEVI
(DISGUSTED) How about I just give you your spot back.

LEVI RUSHES AWAY. NIA TAKES HER SPOT BACK. (cont'd→)
NIA SIDES (Untitled Raven)  11/7/16  5.

NIA

(CALLING AFTER HIM) Welcome to the family, Levi!

END
SCENE 2

INT. SCHOOL - HALL - DAY

NIA AND HER BEST FRIEND, TESS (12, LOUD, BRASH, UP FOR ANYTHING), WALK TO CLASS.

TESS
I'm gonna fail this english test, I know it.

NIA
Tess, you're not gonna fail. We studied for three hours yesterday.

TESS
But we spent most of that time on the internet trying to find a place to buy fake Yeezies.

NIA
Which reminds me: we gotta be home by 5PM so I can sign for my new "Weezies". (THEN) Tess, it's gonna be fine. We've been speaking English since we were babies. We got this.

SUDDENLY NIA STOPS WALKING. SHE FREEZES, WIDE-EYED AS SHE HAS A VISION: NIA APPROACHES THE CLASSROOM WHEN TESS SLIPS OUT.

TESS
Nia, run!

NIA
Why?

NIA OPENS THE DOOR WIDE AND A SWARM OF BEES FLIES OUT. NIA SCREAMS. BACK TO NIA AND TESS IN THE HALL. (cont'd-→)
NIA (CONT'D)

(RE: VISION) Bees! Bees in English Class!

TESS
You think we're gonna get B's in English Class? Sweet!

NIA
No, bees! The stingy kind that make honey and sell cereal! (THEN, CALM)
But I totally see how that could be confusing, we were talking about grades and I scream "BEEES!"

TESS
Nia, what's going on with you?

NIA
It was the craziest thing. I was standing here in the hallway and BAM! I was standing in the hallway...but it was the future!

TESS
How do you know it was the future?

NIA GRABS TESS AND PULLS HER SUPER CLOSE.

NIA
(FREAKED OUT) I was wearing Weezies!

TESS
I just have one question.
NIA

Yes, they looked totally fake and everyone knew!

END
SCENE 3

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

RAVEN SITS ON THE COUCH, READING A MAGAZINE. NIA CROSSES QUICKLY THROUGH.

NIA
Hey mom.

RAVEN
Hey baby, how was school?

NIA
(RAMBLING QUICKLY) School? School was fine. Nothing to tell. Nothing happened. It was super boring. Total snoozer. Almost fell asleep. Except I didn't because then I would'a gotten detention. And I would'a had something to tell. But I didn't. So I don't.

RAVEN
(KNOWING) O-kay. If you say so.

RAVEN GOES BACK TO HER MAGAZINE.

NIA
(OUTRAGED) Really? That was some pretty suspicious behavior. You're not gonna ask any follow-up questions?

RAVEN
Do you think I should?

NIA
No. I don't wanna talk about it.

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RAVEN

O-kay.

RAVEN GOES BACK TO HER MAGAZINE.

NIA

Really?! You're just letting that go?!

RAVEN

(DONE PLAYING GAMES) Nia, get over here and tell me what happened at school.

NIA

Okay but you have to promise that you're not gonna get all up in my business.

RAVEN

I don't get all up in your business.

(OFF NIA'S LOOK) Fine, I promise.

NIA SITS DOWN WITH RAVEN.

NIA

It's hard to explain. I was standing in the hall talking to Tess about our English test and... it just kind'a happened.

RAVEN

What happened? (REALIZING) Oh! It happened!

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NIA
Wait, you know what it is?

RAVEN
Of course I know what it is. I was about your age when it happened to me.

NIA
It happened it you?!

RAVEN
Yeah. Me, Grandma--

NIA
Grandma? How far up the chain does this go?!

RAVEN
Nia, why are you acting so surprised? We talked about this when you were eight.

NIA
We did?!

RAVEN
Remember? I bought you that book about your changing body...?

NIA
(REALIZING) Whoa! Whoa, wait! That's what you think I'm talking about?  

(cont'd->)
RAVEN
This is such a huge moment. We should celebrate. We could be like one of those commercials with the mom and the daughter where they're playing volleyball on the beach--

NIA
I don't wanna talk about this...

RAVEN
Then what do you want to talk about?

NIA
Anything else! The weather.

RAVEN
Do you want to talk about changes that are happening to the weather now that the weather is growing up and becoming a woman?

NIA
Ew! Mom! Stop!

NIA HOPS UP.

RAVEN
Too late, Nia! You let me into your business! It's our business now!

(cont'd->)
NIA

And this is why I don't tell you things. I'll be in my room. Trying to forget this conversation ever happened.

NIA HURRIES OFF.

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