

SCENE 1NIAINT. 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.

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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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— UNT. RAVEN —

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.

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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 stanky feet in your face?

NIA HOLDS 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.

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NIA

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

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END.

SCENE 2

INT. SCHOOL - HALL - DAY

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

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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.

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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 "BEES!"

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.

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NIA

Yes, they looked totally fake and  
everyone knew!

END

END.



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

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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?

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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!

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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.

END

END.

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