

1. Classroom discussion.

classroom

Everybody is surrounding 'the bitches' as they are animatedly saying something.
ENTER BEN AND MICHAEL.

Raven:

So I don't know but its creepy, that whatever we think will happen in the future, DOES happen! I swear it does! Doesn't it Bubbles?

Bubbles (towards the rapt audience):

Yeah! Like totally! Yesterday, Malees said that the principle Peterson will come for a surprise drug check and he did! And then this other day I had a feeling our English teacher is going to wear a black skirt...and guess what? She did!

Various students:

Ooh...

OMG!

Awesome!

Unbelievable!

Michael: (laughing)

Oh please Bruce that is probably just a mere co-incidence. Because otherwise it would mean that you guys are psychics. Do you claim that?

Malees:

First of all Bruce is not the name. You call him Bubbles.

Secondly, I don't know whether what that makes us but all we're saying is that it is happening!

Yes it's weird. But it is the truth!

Michael:

Alright then. Why don't you foretell something for me then?

Malees:

Okay, let's see. (Closes eyes) I have a feeling that you are going to make the soccer team this time!

Michael:

Yeah, that is true. I did make it. The results were out yesterday! So that doesn't count, you probably already knew that.

Bubbles:

Oh please! We did not know that! I mean seriously, do you 'really' think 'we' would know something like 'that'?

Anyway, no point arguing with you!

Ben:

Yeah exactly.

You guys can't get any weirder.

Because you guys are already the perkier, most girlish and the meanest people at school. And to add to it, one of you is a guy.

(Everyone laughs)

Raven:

Girls, ignore the nerd! Let's go.

RAVEN, MALEES, BUBBLES EXIT.

Michael:

So tomorrows the match, huh.

Ben:

Yeah...I'm really excited. We are totally going to beat them.

Michael:

Yeah...but I really need to play well tomorrow. I need the scholarship. I don't know how that will happen, me being in the defence. Only the captain or the quarterback get the scholarship.

Ben:

We'll figure it out! Don't fret over it.

Michael:

I am not even going to consider trying to be captain because we can't ever have a better captain than Daniel. And then our quarterback has no reason to back off either.

Ben:

For now, all we gotta do is play as well as we can and win this game.

BEN AND MICHAEL EXIT.

2. Michael-Bethany talk.

corridor/hallway

Michael:

Hey babe! Here are the notes you needed.

Bethany:

Thanks (smiles weekly)

Michael:

Is everything okay? You don't look too good.

Bethany:

No yeah, I fell during cheer practice. But I'm okay now.

Michael:

Oh my god Beth! Why do you even want to be one those? That is so unlike you!

Bethany:

Well, so that I don't have to make excuses to my parents every time I want to come and watch you play.

I have a proper reason...

Michael: (grins)

Okay babe, I'll see you later then, I gotta go for practice.

Beth:

Okay, take care Mike!

Michael:

YOU take care!

3. Michael-Helen (Hecate) talk.

* Locker room, before the match *

Helen:

Hey mike, can I talk to you for a minute?

Michael:

Yeah sure!

Helen:

Well, there's this thing I wanted to tell you since a long time.

Michael:

Oh okay, what is it?

Helen:

Umm...I just wanted to...know...if, you know!...ah! Never mind.

Michael:

Oh come! Tell me! What did you want to know?

Helen:

Ok, fine. Here it goes. (inhales)

Do you like me? Coz I do. (exhales)

Michael:

Whoa. Okay. I appreciate that but Helen, you know I am going out with Bethany!

Helen:

Yeah but I thought -

Michael is pulled away by his team mates.

Michael:

Sorry! Talk to you later!

EXIT MICHAEL AND TEAM.

Helen :(alone in locker room)
It is for the denial you gave me,
That will never ever let you go free.
It is for you have truly hurt me,
That never happy, will I let you be.
It's your turn to suffer now.
Soon, you'll know, I get my revenge anyhow.

4. after the match-prophecies.

Match won.
Ben and Michael heading towards their bikes in the parking lot.

Ben:
You blew them away! Wow what a game it was.

Michael:
You were no less either.

Ben:
I can't compete with a score like yours. I mean we owe half our total points to you! And I guess you didn't notice, that Bethany wasn't the only one cheering her heart out for you today.

Michael:
Oh come on!
It wouldn't have been possible without you guys as my team, and Daniel as captain. And about the girls...that's something I really can't help!

ENTER RAVEN, BUBBLES AND MALEES.

The bitches' car screeches to a halt and the roof of their convertible red car opens to reveal the three of them.

Raven:
You were great today Michael!
And I have a feeling that you are going to be our quarterback soon.
And you may also be the captain someday!

Ben:
You really need to stop with this mumbo jumbo of yours.

Malees:
Why? Are you jealous that we only got something to say about Michael?

Ben:
No, I am not! But if you really do have some of these powers than do your voodoo stuff and tell me something about me then!

Bubbles gets out of the car and slams the door.

Bubbles:

First of all, it's not voodoo. We are simply more special than your kind.

Ben:

Yeah I can see that way too clearly!

Bubbles:

You are going to peacefully sleep for a long time.
And your little brother will grow up to be a captain.

So now, toodles!

Ben:

I couldn't imagine them to get any weirder, but they just did!

Before he could complete the sentence the bitches had already drifted away into the darkness.

5. Daniel praises.

hallway, next morning

Daniel:

Here are the stars of the game!

There is an applause and several people hoot.

Daniel:

I am so proud to have you guys in my team.
And you Michael! You were like a bull at the field. I think you deserve much more than just our
applause. Tell him guys!

Several guys:

You are our quarterback now. Congratulations!
And we also have a new assistant captain now!

Michael:

Assistant captain? Who's that? But yeah, thanks a lot!

Several guys: Malcolm!

Michael: (aside)

Is it a co-incidence or are those weirds true?
Can they really tell what I'd be and who?
They are creepy and though they scare me with their voodoo.
This only means I might soon be the captain too.
But how will that be,
With Daniel around to see?
But wait, what is happening to me,
This is not the path on which I should be.
Why are these thoughts exciting?

To be dark and devil is so tempting.
My conscious and ambition are fighting,
From me my goodness is fleeting.

ENTER BETHANY

Several guys:
This calls for a celebration.

Bethany:
A celebration? What's the occasion?

Michael:
I a quarterback now, babe.

Bethany:
Wow! I am so happy for you! And in that case the party is at my place, tonight at eight then!

The crowd cheers and hoots.

6. Michael and Bethany talk

* Parking lot*

Michael:
So this other day the bitches said I was going to make the team, but I had already made it by then.
And then yesterday they said I will be the quarterback.
And I am a quarterback today.
They also said I will be the captain.
I don't know, Beth.
It's so confusing and overwhelming.

Bethany:
Mikey, you know what this means?
You will get what you deserve.
Don't listen to them. You know most things they say don't make any sort of sense.
Regardless of what they say, if you are destined to be the captain. You will be that too!

Michael:
But how? Daniel!?

Bethany:
Oh Mike! You think too much. Leave it on fate. Fate is a better judge than all of us whether who would be and should be captain.

Michael: (aside)
The one who deserves, shall be the one.
It was because of me that they won.
I know I deserve it more.
For it, desperate is my core.

It's time to take things in my hands.
Because according to destiny I don't know where I might land.

7. Celebration party

Bethany's house

People squeezing into the house and music getting louder. People were moving in and out of the house constantly. The place was saturated. The party was already a blast.

Daniel:

Wow! Your party is just awesome! The ambiance is unbeatable.

Michael:

Ah thanks! It's all Bethany's efforts.

ENTER THE BITCHES.

Bubbles (leaning on Daniel):

Aye aye captain! Weed is not only the thing that is smoking in here.

Daniel (pushing bubbles away):

And now the smoking thing goes away.

Bubbles goes away.

Beth:

You look worried...Is there something you want to tell me?

Michael: (shaking his head)

Just tired.

Beth:

Liar liar pants on fire! Oh come on. You'd think I know you by now? Tell me. What's wrong?

Michael:

Even though I am the quarterback now, I am not happy. But I should be happy and satisfied right? I am getting half the scholarship, I should be more than happy. But I just don't know.

Bethany:

Awww...don't you worry baby, the heavens got a plan for you. You just keep pushing your limits and I am sure you will achieve what you desire.
So just don't think about it. Enjoy the party, okay baby?

Michael (aside):
She is so right,
She knows me so well.
I can see my future bright,
But the deed even to myself I won't tell.

Oh captain oh captain
It is time to fear
Light your lantern
Cause darkness is here.

I know the guilt will worry me,
But I guess there's no way now.
My friend you are now my enemy,
It's your turn to bow.

Michael hears Bubbles asking someone where Daniel is.

Michael:
Perfect. The victim is at the crime scene on his own.

Michael looks around to check if anyone is looking. He silently heads towards the terrace unnoticed.

8. Dagger scene.

While Michael is climbing the stairs, he sees a huge injection pointing towards the terrace door, with 'captain' written over it.
Michael's eyes widened.

Michael:
Is it real?
Or am I too drunk?

The injection starts moving upstairs he follows it to soon realise that both their destination was same.
They reach the terrace and the injection pointed directly towards Daniel.

Michael puts his hands into his pockets to reveal an injection filled with drugs. But just then Daniel turns around. Michael freezes.
Michael runs towards him, like a bull and pushes him and he falls of the edge of the terrace.

Daniel: Mich....ahhh

Daniel is badly hurt but everybody is so drunk that nobody notices Daniel until later on.
Michael quickly heads downstairs and acts as though nothing has happened at all.

9. Ashton.

The celebration was on when a new face entered the crowd. He was different than others and maybe that's what drove the girls crazy about him.

Viola:

Who is the new guy, Beth?

Bethany:

Must be a new kid, or a new player or something.

Viola:

But then why is he here?

Bethany:

I don't know. Let's go ask him?

Girls, do you want to join us?

Hey, are you looking for someone?

Ashton:

I am here to see Daniel, he told me he would meet me here.

I am Ashton by the way.

Several girls chuckle and half of them continue staring at the new guy.

Ashton:

Could you help me find him?

Bethany:

Yeah of course, sure. Let's go.

They look for Daniel everywhere but he is nowhere to be seen. Finally somebody spots Daniels body lying in the backyard.

An ambulance is called and Daniel is taken to the hospital. The cops also come and check the whole situation.

They later find out that he was definitely pushed off the terrace or he committed suicide because it was definitely not an accident as Daniel was in his complete senses, he was not drunk.

He did not fall on his own by losing balance.

10. Drake and Malcolm change teams.

Drake:

Who could it be? I mean who could be so desperate?

Do you know how Daniel doing now?

Malcolm:

No, I have no idea. I haven't seen him after he was taken to the hospital.

You know, the police has forbidden everybody from our school to enter the hospital without their permission.

Drake:

God! The worst part is, whoever did this to Daniel was someone from our school. Because who else would come to the party!? It's all getting too dangerous. Because of the scholarship and all. But you know what this means right? You being assistant captain and all.

Malcolm:

Yeah it means, that if whoever hurt Daniel is behind the scholarship, then I am his next prey.

Drake:

I think we should quit the team. It isn't really a good idea to continue with this group. Our well-being is more important than some stupid scholarship.

Malcolm:

Yeah, what other option do we have any way?

11. Unnatural things.

Ben:

Did you here all the noise? During recess?

Jake:

Yeah it was the window of our classroom. It shattered all of a sudden.

ENTER VIOLA

Viola:

Oh my god! Did you guys hear about the lab accident? You wouldn't believe it but the curtains caught fire. Out of nowhere! And then all of that caused a big explosion with the chemicals and all.

Tony:

Not just that, did you see the tilted cross over the chapel? What could be worse than that?

ENTER BUBBLES, RAVEN, AND MALEES.

Bubbles:

And I was in the lady's room, dazzling up and the lights started flickering and before I could apply any mascara the mirror cracked. Literally from side to side. And my gosh, was I scared!

Ben:

What's going on?
What's wrong with our school?
All these years in this school, there never has been anything this weird!

Malees:

Yeah, exactly! This year is just too creepy to be true.

Bubbles, Malees and Raven (together):

So wicked!

12. Ben-Michael confrontation

*school parking lot, after school *

Ben:

So you made the team. AND you are a quarterback AND you are the captain.

Michael shrugs.

Ben: (frowning):

Mike, I don't know but I have a feeling that you took the weird voodoo sisters too seriously. And you did things you shouldn't have.

Michael:

Ben, I have no clue whether what it is that you are talking about.

Ben:

No no no you do you do! You know exactly what I am taking about.

But this means only one other thing.

The things they said about me, will come true too.

And my brother...

ENTER BETHANY.

Bethany:

Babe! You're here! I was looking for you everywhere!

Oh and you're here too ben.

Did you tell him mike??

Ben:

Tell me what?

Michael:

Prom tonight, we've rented a limo and stuff so was just wondering when we should pick you up.

Ben:

Oh no, I will come on my own. I need to be at home. For a while.

Michael:

Oh okay... then by what time will you come?

Ben:

I guess I will be there by nine or something.

Michael:
See you then.

EXITS BEN.

13. Michael planning against Ben.

* Gym *

Michael finds two people who envied Ben for his merit in studies.
The school was giving out scholarships to people excelling different fields.
The pair that would win the debate competition would also get a scholarship.
Because of Ben's intelligence many people felt threatened by him in the competition.
The two people that Michael found were poor and needed the scholarship more than anyone else.

Michael: (doing push-ups)
Wassup?

Boy 1:
Nothing just getting ready for the competition.

Michael:
Cool. So you're competing against Ben aren't you?

Boy 2:
Yes unfortunately, we are!

Michael:
Well, I don't know how to say this...he is my best friend, well, he was.
All I can say is beware of him. Watch out.

Boy 1:
What is that supposed to mean?

Michael:
It's just that I know him really well. He has his connections and he because of that he manages to win every time. He doesn't understand that its people like you and me that actually need the scholarship. And you must be wondering whether why I would say such things about my own best friend.

Boys nod.

Michael:
Ah, I don't know. Let's just say I got a good look at his other side.
The evil one. He cheats. And he has broken my trust.
And now, I have decided, I won't let other innocent people like you, suffer because of him.
I mean it would just kill me if I let a traitor like him win over deserving people like you by cheating.
It's just plain wrong.

Boy 2:
Ohm. Okay...
We were initially really confused and had second thoughts about competing.

Because of Ben. As he wins every single time.
But now we know the truth and I think we have to do something!
You are right we deserve it. And nothing can stop us from winning now.

Michael:
And what do you plan to do?

Boy 1:
I don't know. There has to be a way!

Michael:
I do have a plan. But I don't know whether you guys have the guts to follow it.

Boy 1 and 2 (together): tell us.

Michael:
Make him unfit for the competition anyhow. Do something that will compel him to bin bed instead of at the competition.

Boy 2:
But...

Michael walks away.

Michael:
Never mind. I knew you don't want your dreams to come true hard enough.
You don't have the guts.

Boys follow and stop him.

Boy 1:
We can do it. And we will.
We will make it look like an accident.

Michael:
Are you sure you can manage that without goofing up?

Boy 2:
Yeah. We can. We have to.

Michael:
Well, I was just trying to help.
Couldn't see guys like you being wronged.

Boy 2:
Yeah, thanks for that man!

Michael:
Just remember, this conversation never happened.

EXIT MICHAEL.

14. Michael - Bethany, secret.

* Outside gym *

Michael sees Bethany waiting for him outside gym.

Michael:

Hey! What are you doing here? Everything alright?

Bethany:

Yeah it's just that I had a bad feeling. I'm worried about you.

Michael:

Don't worry Beth. Everything's fine. It's just that this Ben thing is really worrying me.

Bethany:

Oh baby, he is your best friend! You need to trust your friendship and that he will never tell on you. You need to trust that's it.

Michael:

But isn't it the wrong time to take risks like that?

Bethany:

Risks?? He is your best friend Michael!

Michael: okay (looking away and then looking back at Bethany)

You look really really pretty, babe. Have you done something to your hair?

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15. Ben Injured

* Bens house*

The two boys hide in the bushes in the garden of ben's house.

They were aware that Ben was going to leave for prom on his bike. They manage to manipulate the bikes system.

They disable the breaks.

Ben leaves and they follow.

Ben soon meets with an accident. And is badly injured.

He is taken to a hospital and is declared to be in a permanent comma.

Meanwhile the boys inform Michael.

Boy 1:

It's done, the thing that was to be done.

Michael:

Good.

Boy 1:

I don't think he ever be able to attend another debate competition after this.

Michael: (smirking with relief) great. I am happy for you.

16. Prom.

school

Enter Michael, Bethany, and several other team mates with their dates.

Michael:

Beth, you look beautiful tonight. Would you like to dance with me?

Bethany: (blushes)

Yeah sure.

They begin dancing in slow circles. But just then Michael sees Ben with his head bleeding, near the food counter.

He screams.

Michael:

What is this! Oh my god! (Pushing Bethany away)

Is it really him! What are you doing here!?

You are not supposed to be here.

Don't you dare grin at me that way!

Jason:

Who are you talking to Mike?

What's wrong?

Michael: (still looking at the food table)

I told you in the evening itself! I have no clue about anything you are saying.

It was not me. Really, I didn't want to.

But I had no other option.

Don't blame me!

EXIT BEN GHOST.

Ross:

What is wrong with this guy?!

Bethany:

Oh nothing! He is just joking! Ha-ha

Got you didn't we!?

We were just joking. Right Mike?

Michael: (coming back to his senses)

Yeah! Had you fooled didn't I?

Bethany:

What's happening to you?

XYZ:

Where's ben? Ashton?

Ross:

Ashton said he won't come. But ben was going to come. Wonder why he isn't here yet.

ENTER GHOST, leaning against the wall, looking angry now.

Michael:

You are back? Why are you here?

Go away!

Be dead.

Stop bothering me.

Jake: what is wrong with you Michael?! You need a doctor man!

Michael:

What? Can't you see him?

Look! He is smirking. (Pointing at the wall)

This is so freaky.

Jason:

I don't know at all that, but you definitely are freaking us out.

Michael:

Trust me. If you could see him you would have fainted by now. The blood is...

GO AWAY YOU!

EXIT BEN GHOST.

Bethany grabs Michaels hand and pulls him away from there.

EXIT BETHANY AND MICHAEL.

17. witches- Hecate (Helen)

* Ladies room, at prom *

Helen:

Hey girls, how it going?

Bubbles, raven and Malees together:

Just awesome, as always! (Giggle together)

Helen (a little irritated):

Ah nice. So anything weird happening with you people lately?

Foretelling stuff, burning people's (those you don't like) hair, causing thunder and stuff?

Bubbles:

How do you know about the hair thing?

Helen:

Well, you weren't this powerful since birth were you?

Raven:

No we haven't.

But what have you got to do with it anyway?

Helen:

Do you like these powers?

Malees:

Of course we do.

It makes us even more special.

More than we already are.

Helen:

Right. So if you want to avoid losing them.

Just bring Michael to the dorm tomorrow.

Raven:

And why should we listen to you?

This makes no sense at all.

Helen:

Because otherwise you can close your eyes and concentrate all you want...

But you won't be able to make even one decent prediction.

Bubbles:

And who are 'you' to tell us that?

Helen:

The great great great (into million) granddaughter of Hecate.

The goddess-

Malees:

Goddess of witchcraft.

So this means we are witches??? And 'you' gave us the powers.

And 'you' can take it away?

Helen:

I must say you're really smart for a blonde.

Anyway, dorm. Tomorrow.

EXIT HELEN.

Bubbles: damn! What a bitch.

Malees: can we still call her that?

18. Malcolm a substitute.

One day after school, the principle is approaching his car, when his eyes fall on a figure going up and down by the bench on the football field. He starts walking toward that person to find out who it was and what was that person doing after school hours. On closer speculation it turn out to be Malcolm skipping rope.

Malcolm: is there a problem principle?

Principle Peterson: no no. Why are your practicing, Malcolm?

Malcolm: I am in the soccer team now sir. I don't get to practice much as I have opted for extra subjects so I practice now. I am a substitute in the team but that doesn't mean I don't practice.

Principle Peterson: I've always like the courage you have. On a related note, will you be a substitute for the football team as we don't have any after Daniel and Ben got injured?

Malcolm: that is very thoughtful of you sir but I quit the football team for reasons.

Principle Peterson: I'm asking you as we have a real chance of winning for the first time. Could be in the team please.

Malcolm: ok sir. I will be a substitute for the team. But I would like to be it a secret sir, between the coach, yourself and me. I will practice football out of school own my own.

Principle Peterson: anything is fine with me till you are on the team. I will let the news to the coach and he won't refuse it.

19. Apparitions.

The day after the prom, the bitches as instructed bring Michael to the dome. He doesn't ask them anything as he secretly expected the witches to foretell something for him again.

The dome of Westward High is a unique example of the French architecture with three huge French windows. During day, the dome is filled with xanthic light and one is enabled to clearly see the glass chandeliers hanging like icicles. A rumour prevailed that people behaved weirdly many-a-times inside the dome. The reason of this peculiarity is a subject of debate.

Michael:
So Tell me.

Bubbles:
Tell you what

Michael:
What's the deal with the dome?

Bubbles:
Um, nothing. You want to know more about your future? Because evidently last time what we said did come true.

Michael:
Yeah, tell me!

Bubbles:
-Laughs- desperate much? You want to hear from us from the one who taught us?

Michael:
I don't care who says it as long as it makes me happy.

Raven:
Oh let's just cut to the point, this hungry man can't resist anymore. Shall we call them, ladies?

Together bubbles melees and raven:
We hereby call to you our masters,
We owe Our powers to you
Reach here faster,
Tell him, in his life what is new.

We request you to appear
And make yourself visible.
The time is near,
Show him who is reliable.

The room turns smoky and the lights dim themselves. The windows get covered in fog and there is smell of lavenders in the air. The apparitions appear.

The first is a referee, with a football in his hand.
Michael could see tiny words written on the ball.
Before he could digest the severity and weirdness of the situation the referee blows his whistle and throws the ball at Michael.
Out of natural instinct and involuntary reflexes Michael catches the ball and reads out what is written on it.

Michael:
The one not there,
Will lead to victory.

Now the game will be fair,
Here is the end of treachery.

Be sure of one thing,
No team can beat you.
The winner will be shining,
Your eyes won't be able to bare it too.

Michael looks up to recognise the second apparition, which is flying towards him and gently lands on his head.

He takes the graduation hat off his head which reveals a scroll. Which said

The deserving will get the real scroll

It is he who is the pride of the team,
As he truly played his role,
In the darkness he will be like a lightening beam.

The captain gets the scholarship,
As he leads with his pure heart.
The one who loses his grip,
Will be the one who used dark art.

Michael was relieved as he read everything in his own defence. Not once did he stop to consider that maybe fate was smarter than that,
He grins to himself and leaves without even appreciating the bitches.

Bubbles:
Excuse me?

Michael: yeah yeah thanks

Raven:
Man that guy is going to have to pay for his ungrateful ness.

20.

Students at started talking that Ben and Daniel's injuries might not have been totally accidental. The word in the school was that Michael had intentionally injured them so that he could become the captain and the hero of school. This piece of doubtful information had not reached the teachers' ears. Why he did so was not known. Everybody was confused whether who is a good and who is not.

Ashton feels that Michael is responsible for all the things that are going on. He wanted to do something about is so he decided to go and talk to Malcolm, as he was the assistant captain.

Ashton:
Hey! How's it going?

Malcolm:
What brings your here?

Ashton:
I just wanted to talk to you about all the things that have been going wrong. I think I need your help.

Malcolm:
My help? What can I do?

Ashton:
I think all these injuries happening are devised by Michael. As you were in the team, you might know how things work.

Malcolm:
How would I know, if u r not just another thing waiting to go wrong!

Ashton:

Isn't the fact that I am openly willing to talk to you about that enough for you to trust me?

Malcolm:

I don't know what enough is. You are in the team right?

Ashton:

No I quit too.

Malcolm:

Okay tell me, if I was your captain and had a chance to pass the ball to you but still wouldn't because I want the point and fame to myself. Would you still choose to stay here than with Michael?

Ashton:

Yes I will still be with you!

Because at least you show your true colours unlike Michael whose face is covered in the mask of innocence while he stabs his own people in the back.

Malcolm:

Not just that, I am greedy about my chicks too. And who knows I might hit on your girl too.

Ashton:

At least you won't literally hit anybody. And anyway I don't have a girl.

Malcolm:

I am hungry for money. I would do anything for a few extra bucks. So ready to sign blank cheques.

Ashton:

Okay, this is my limit. Just needed help to set that devil right. I guess I am going to have to do it on my own.

Malcolm:

I don't want any cheque, I was just checking you.

If I could really trust you.

If you really sincerely want to do something about all this.

Ashton:

That is really weird but I don't blame you. So shall we get working?

Malcolm and Ashton engage into a serious detailed discussions of all the events that took place in the last few months.

They joined dots and understood exactly what had been going on.

21.

It was dusk when Bethany and Viola were in the dome. They were photographing the sunset as they had an assignment on landscape photography. It was about forty minutes science they had been there. Viola getting exhausted by stand for a long time, went to get some fresh air and also couple of espressos from the cafeteria.

But when she returned, she found Bethany walking weirdly and mumbling words. Quickly, she hid beside the huge window to see for herself if the rumour of the dome was true or not.

Bethany: you would be kicked out of the football team and all your hopes to win the scholarship will be lost. To vacant the position of captain was a necessity if you wanted to become the captain. Daniel had to be disabled from playing football. What is the big deal if you pushed him and he broke his leg? See the bright side of it that you might actually be able to win the scholarship. By the way, the story that you told the police that Jason was doing drugs at the party and not you was a piece of work though you say that didn't want him to be in problem. Don't worry, all this will fade away when you win the scholarship.

In the meantime, Bethany has placed the camera in her bag. The sun had set.

Bethany (after a pause): I wonder where Viola has been.

Bethany picks up her mobile to call her. In fear that Bethany might realise that she had been eavesdropping, she rushes into the dome with the espressos.

Bethany: I was on the verge of calling you. This is weird. I don't know when I put me camera inside the bag? Did I keep it before you left, Viola?

Viola: no you didn't. I guess the dome affected your memory, as the rumour goes.

Viola and Bethany laugh at the possibility of that.

Viola: I better get going oath wise my mother will scold me. I had told I'd return by half past seven and its already quarter to eight. Will see ya tomorrow.

Bethany: mothers I know. Anyways, you better get going. Bye.

After leaving the dome,

Viola's thought ran: I can't believe that Bethany could do such bad things. She has been my friend since the fourth grade. What has happened to her? I don't know what I should do. Being her best friend, why didn't she tell me about this? Now I believe what everyone is saying in school.

22.

It has been four days since Michael didn't come to school. Principle Peterson is upset as the football finals are coming and the captain himself, Michael is absent since a four days. This year the team had a real scope of winning and so a lot of pressure is put on the team as well as the coach Mr. Russell.

Principle Peterson: I'm very upset with Michael's absence during these critical days. Why the hell is he absent?! I want him in school as soon as possible. Bring him to my office the first thing tomorrow. If you need to go to his home and drag him here then do so.

Mr. Russell: I'm going to him home this instant to find a first-hand reason for his absence and if he is well then I will bring him to school.

Reaching Michael's home, his mom opens the door.

Michael's mom: good morning coach. What is the reason for this surprise visit?

Mr. Russell: good morning madam. I have come to know the reason for Michael's absence for the past four days. Can I talk to him?

Michael's mom: Michael has been going to school every day! He left every day of the past week on time. Even today he has gone. Are you sure coach you are talking about Michael?

Mr. Russell: yes, I'm sure madam. It seems that he has been bunking school. The finals of inter-school football championship is in three days .I'm very worried as the captain has been absent for so long. Let me know if he returns home. Here is my number. Do not tell him that I came and also you do not scold him. Act normally as if everything is normal.

Michael's mom: I'll inform you when he come and will not say a word.

Michael returns home early in the evening. He is "curious-angry" mood.

Michael: I'm home!

Michael's mom: how was school today?

Michael: boring.

Saying this he climbs the stairs and locks himself in his den. His mom waits for the door the door to lock, then takes her mobile and dials Mr. Russell's phone. He answers immediately and informs that he'll come in ten to fifteen minutes, so that she should anyhow keep him home.

Michael is furious when Mr. Russell asks him the reason for his bunking school and even not practicing for the football finals.

Michael: I neither come to school nor practice for the game at the ground as I have been practicing football every day since four days with my friends in the east side neighbourhood all morning. I guess it is better that studying as the game is coming.

Mr. Russell: well, if that is true than I will come to know it tomorrow when you come for practice. I want you at the field after you report to the principle first thing in the morning. I won't accept any excuses.

Michael: ok sir! I'll be there.

After the coach leaves, his mom take a turn on him. Asks him all sorts of question and but he only gives one answer to all, that he has been practicing football in the east side neighbourhood. In reality what he did was smoke weed, have drugs and drink liquor.

23.

It is a cloudy morning with no forecast of rain. A soft and eye pleasing environment is present because of the clouds. In the absence of direct sunlight, the shadows are almost nil. Day for the finals has come. The Jefferson stadium is overflowing with spectators. One cannot spot an empty seat. If one looks at the other side of the stadium, the people with different coloured clothes hurrying to get seats, looks like the pixels of a photograph. One had to really speak loudly for the

person beside them to hear them as one's voice would drown in the large scale jibber jabber going on. The match is between The Red Wolves and The Scavengers.

The match is of critical importance for the teams. For The Scavengers it is important as they had never won the championship before. They would have even lost hope for this match if it hadn't been for their team's new players and the excessive amount of practice they had put in. This time, they had a real chance of becoming the champions.

If The Red Wolves won the game, they would do a hat trick which had never happened in the history of Inter-School football championship. Their team had very tough players even by the terms of football. The new addition of Malcolm strengthened the team.

The first half was disastrous for The Scavengers. They only score 10 points against the Red Wolf who score 15 points. Michael rarely passed the football as he wanted to become the hero by scoring the highest points. During the time-out, Mr. Russell scolded Michael.

Mr. Russell: what's the problem with you? Why aren't you passing the ball?

Michael doesn't answer.

Mr. Russell: if this happens again then I'm taking you off the field.

The whistle blows.

Mr. Russell: now go and play properly or be ready to sit on the bench.

During the second half, Michael keeps up his selfish spirit, the coach is about to call him when he triples over and the Red Wolves pile on him like layers of sandwich. Michael gets a head and shoulder injury even though he was wearing the guards. He is taken to a hospital immediately. This time, the Scavengers had a score of 21 to 27 of the Red Wolves. They had twenty minutes left.

Mr. Russell: it's your opportunity to show what you got Malcolm. Go and win it!

The next twenty minutes, Malcolm released all his skills and energy. He passed the ball at exact times and tackled the other players as if he was a troll. The Scavengers eventually won, creating a history of Westward High. If Michael had been playing then the outcome would have been opposite. Malcolm had entered his name in the history of the school and he reigned the air for months to come. He is made the captain hereafter.

24.

Michael opens his eyes in the hospital. Bethany and his mother are sitting beside the bed. From behind the door blind, Mr. Peterson emerges. He takes a seat next to Bethany. No one utters a word.

After Michael's head stopped spinning, he asked "what happened? Did we win the match?"

Principle Peterson: no we didn't. Get well soon kid. I had just come to see if you were alright and say good bye.

The principle leaves. Michael's mom bursts out crying and shoves herself out of the room. Bethany stands up from her chair. Her eyes are red and her cheeks have flushed red. She talks in a sobbing tone as if she is drowning while talking.

Bethany: why didn't you listen to me when I said you should quit drugs after what happened at the party. While you were unconscious, the doctors did your blood test and found high level of drugs and alcohol.

The principle had come to inform that you are expelled from the school. I was boosting your ambition but not at the cost of drugs and other substance abuse. Good bye and do whatever the hell you want!

Bethany leaves the room.

Michael is sent to jail for breaking federal laws by the intake of alcohol and drugs. All his dreams of winning the scholarship have shatter because of blind ambition.

25.

Principle Peterson: it's good to see one of our school's brilliant students again joining us. Congratulations! For winning the Louis scholarship. I'm proud of you.

Malcolm: I'm honour sir. I will do my best.

Principle Peterson: it is good to have you back as captain Daniel.

Daniel: thank you sir.