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She searches in their bin of toys and pulls out a doll that has marker marks all over and hair that won't stay down./She vives the doll to Naomi. ASHLEY'S MOM (CONT'D) I told your mom to have you come over with your own dolls. Ashley's Nom leaves the two girls to play. ASHLEY You can't be prom queen with that doll. I'm gonna be prom queen and I'm goina have a boyfriend and he's gonna be prom king. Naomi looks at her dol, she tries to get the hair to stay down but to no avail. Ashley gets up. ASHLEY (CONT'D) I have to find her crown. Naomi is left alone in the room. She pulls at the hair harder. POP! She holds the head in her hand. She grabs Ashely's doll and -POP! She pushes Ashley's doll head onto her doll body and vice versa. She looks at the two mix matched dolls NAOMI Now I can be prom queen. INT. ASHLEY'S HOUSE - PRESENT DAY Naomi, now 18, sits on Ashley's bed. Ashley sits at her vanity, she puts her hair in curlers. Start -┢ NAOMI Sooo, I was thinking. Prom is coming up and I think I'm gonna run for prom queen. I think with the debate club and-Ashley slowly turns her head towards Naomi. ASHLEY Well, I'm running for prom queen.

NAOMI Yeah, but I thought-

ASHLEY You can't run for prom queen. First, you won't win against me and I would hate for you to be disappointed. Secondly, it would look bad if we both run, people are gonna think we're fighting.

Naomi doesn't know how to respond. Ashley turns her attention back to her hair.

ASHLEY (CONT'D) Plus, I already decided you'll be my campaign manager.

NAOMI Oh, I was kinda set on prom-

ASHLEY Naomi, you won't win so you might as well help your best friend win.

NAOMI I guess you have a point.

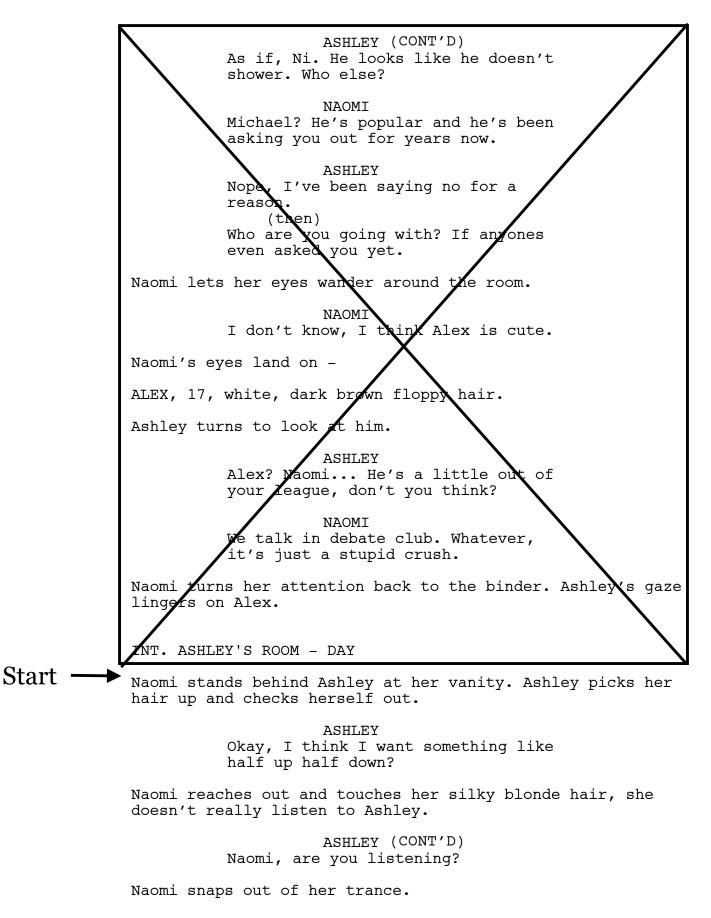
ASHLEY Perfect, it's decided! We make a great duo, I'm the beauty and you're the brains!

NAOMI Yeah, beauty and brains.

End —

NT. CAFETERIA - DAY
Naomi Sits at the lunch table with a binder open in front of
her. Ashley sits across from her and fixes her makeup in a
pocket mirror.
NAOMI
Have you decload who you wanna run
with?
ASHLEY
That's what you're here for
She puts the mirror away.
ASHLEY (CONT'D)
Okay, there's Damien, he-

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NAOMI Yeah, do you wanna try to curl it today too?

Ashley tosses her hair down.

ASHLEY Obviously, the curler is already on.

Naomi grabs the curling iron and gets to work.

ASHLEY (CONT'D) I want to show Alex how my hair would look so we could coordinate.

NAOMI What do you mean?

ASHLEY So we look like we go together?

As Naomi wraps the last of the strand around the wand her eyes wander to the rest of her hair. Silky and blonde, Naomi runs her hand down her hair -

ASHLEY (CONT'D) Ni, what the fuck.

Ashley flinches away from the curler.

ASHLEY (CONT'D) You just burned me.

Naomi quickly releases the curler.

NAOMI I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to.

Ashley shakes out her hair and huffs.

ASHLEY

It's fine. I know you're not used to doing your hair.

Ashley waves Naomi off and Naomi sits on the bed.

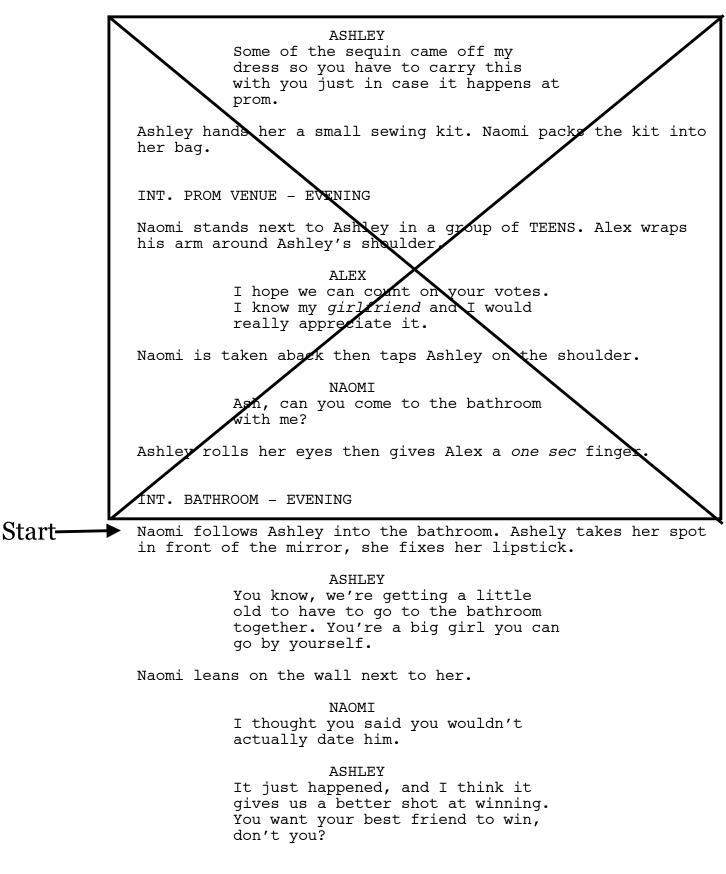
NAOMI I just told you I have a crush on him, you can't take someone else?

Ashley plays with her hair in the mirror.

ASHLEY You said it was just a stupid crush. And people like him so I know he's gonna win. Naomi shifts on the edge of the bed. Ashley turns to look at her. ASHLEY (CONT'D) Oh, come on. It's not like you were gonna ask him, or like he was gonna ask you. You have nothing to worry about, I'm wayyy too out of his league to actually date him. You get it, right? NAOMI Yeah, I mean I quess it makes sense. End Naomi watches as Ashley tosses her hair with not a care in the world. CAFETERIA TNT Naomi st across from Ashely and Alex. Naomi watches a Ashley flops her hair back and laughs at something Alex said. INT. LIVING ROOM Naomi sits on the foor with notebooks and papers around her. She runs her hand over a FLYER: VOTE ASHLEY AND ALEX A photo of Ashley and Alex takes up the middle FOR PROM KING AND QUEEN Naomi shoves the flyer into a binder. INT. ASHLEY'S ROOM Naomi siys at the vanity, she picks her hair up and syles it like Achely had previously. She quickly drops her hair and gets up when Ashley comes into the room.

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NAOMI You could've at least given me a heads up. (then) I just feel like you always do this, I say I like someone or that I wanna do something then you go on and take it for yourself.

Ashley turns to face her.

ASHLEY

Well, you don't ever go after what you want, and I'm the bad guy because I do?

Ashley takes a step back to look at herself.

NAOMI

I would if you didn't always convince me not to.

ASHLEY

I'm just protecting you from disappointment. You were never gonna win prom queen and Alex never would've gone for you. He laughed when I told him about your crush.

Naomi stands between her and the mirror.

NAOMI

You told him?

ASHLEY

It just proves my point. You really couldn't handle the pressure. Just face it, Ni, you couldn't be me, even if you tried.

NAOMI

You only have everything you want because people are afraid to tell you no. But if everyone could see how shallow and ugly you are under the surface we wouldn't be here.

Ashley gasps.

ASHLEY

I am not ugly. Take it back.

Naomi takes a step closer.

