

“Under Her Skin”- Ashley’s Mom Sides (1/1)

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

NAOMI, 6, Black, tight curly hair and dark eyes, sits on the floor watching the TV. Her MOM, 30's, Black, sits behind her and straightens her hair.

Naomi flinches, the hot iron gets too close to her scalp.

MOM
Sit still, Naomi.

NAOMI
It hurts, it's too hot.

MOM
Well, we can have you walking around with your roots not done.

Her mom pulls a section of her hair out and brings the iron just as close as before.

MOM (CONT'D)
Beauty is pain. If you wanna have nice hair you have to sit still.

Naomi brings her knees to her chest and focuses on the commercial.

ON THE TV:

A blonde haired WOMAN tosses her hair around. She poses with a shampoo bottle and her blue eyes twinkle.

INT. ASHLEY'S HOUSE - DAY

Naomi sits on the floor with -

ASHLEY, 6, long straight blonde hair and blue eyes.

They play with Ashley's dolls.

NAOMI
When I grow up I'm gonna have a dress like hers and I'm gonna be prom queen.

Ashley's MOM, 30's, blonde hair, blue eyes. Enters the room.

Start



ASHLEY'S MOM
Now dear, what did we talk about?
Ashley's dolls are for Ashley, you don't look like them. Here, play with one of these.

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 gives the doll to Naomi.

ASHLEY'S MOM (CONT'D)

I told your mom to have you come over with your own dolls.

End → Ashley's mom 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 gonna have a boyfriend and he's gonna be prom king.

Naomi looks at her doll, 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 Ashley'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.

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.