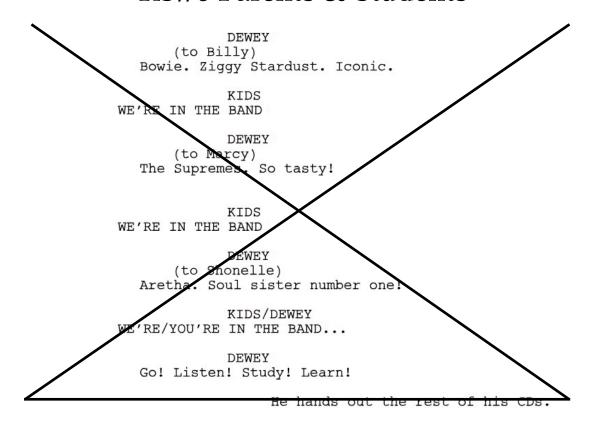




RS#6 Parents & Students



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STUDENT'S HOMES

Freddy enters the garage and tries to avoid his father on his way into the house.

Start Where's your homework?

Freddy hands his father a CD.

MR HAMILTON (CONT'D)
I don't believe it. More music?
Should I tell you what my homework
was? Or how I had to chop wood and
bring it in when I finished? Jeez,
Freddy, if I had your life...

FREDDY

OK, Dad. I get the message.

MR HAMILTON

No, you don't. Do you even know why I'm paying for this school?

(MORE)

MR HAMILTON (CONT'D)

Or why I'll pay for an Ivy League College? So you can have any career you choose.

FREDDY

I choose or you choose?

MR HAMILTON

Pick up that hammer and get to some real work.

BILLY SANDFORD is reading a copy of Sports Illustrated.

MR SANDFORD

What are you reading?

BILLY

Sports Illustrated.

Not convinced, Mr Sandford grabs the magazine finding a copy of Vogue hidden underneath.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Vogue. I'm going to go to my room.

MR SANDFORD

No you're not! You're going to stay and watch the game!

BILLY

Do I have to?

MR SANDFORD

Yes! You're my son, Goddammit! You're a Sandford! My dad played football, I played football, and you're gonna play football, too. It's a legacy, Billy. Now sit down and watch the game.

Billy sits. The light fades up on Tomika with her two fathers.

TOMIKA

But I don't fit in, I miss my old school.

MR SPENCER

But we love your new school!

MR WILLIAMS

Your old school was falling apart. Do you know how long we were on the waiting list for Horace Green?

TOMIKA

But I miss my friends -

MR SPENCER

Don't be silly! You can make friends anywhere you go!

MR WILLIAMS

BFFs! Besties!

TOMIKA

They're so much smarter than me!

MR SPENCER

No one is smarter than you, Tomika. No one is better than you.

MR WILLIAMS

And how cute do you look in that uniform!

The men kiss.

TOMIKA

But I don't know how talk to anyone-

MR SPENCER

Tomika. We know what's best for you.

Zack has arrived home. His father talks into his phone.

MOONEYHAM

Look. I'm not asking anymore, just get it done.

ZACK

Hey, Dad. You won't believe the day we had -

MOONEYHAM

What did I say when Daddy's on the phone?

ZACK

You're working.

MOONEYHAM

I'm working. Hey, Jim? I want ten thousand shares in Northbrook Chemicals. Never mind why. I know what I know. Just do it.

■End

11. IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN

ZACK

YOU ALWAYS TALK, TALK, TALK ALL THE TIME.

MOONEYHAM

Bob?

ZACK

YOU NEVER LET ME GET IN A WORD.

MOONEYHAM

Are you at the meeting tomorrow?

Mooneyham exits.

ZACK

I WISH I HAD, I HAD A DIME FOR EV'RY THOUGHT I'VE SWALLOWED UNHEARD. NO MATTER THAT IT IS THAT I TO, IT'S LIKE I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH.

BILLY

I'VE GOT SO MUCH TO SAY
IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN.
I'VE TRIED EV'RY WHICH WAY,
AND STILL YOU NEVER LISTEN.
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M JURTING?
I COULDN'T BE MORE CLEAR.
BUT I PROMISE,
ONE DAY I'LL MAKE YOU HAAR.

FREDDY

YOU KNOW I TRY TRY, TRY, TRY TO EXPLAIN I'M NOT THE KID YOU WANT ME TO BE.
AND YET TT'S ALL, IT'S ALL IN VAIN-YOU JUST DON'T WANNA SEE THE REAL ME.
YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I'M ALL ABOUT,

ZACK, BILLY, FREDDY, TOMIKA
AND YET YOU JUST KEEP SHUTTING ME OUT.
I'VE GOT SO MUCH TO SHARE,
IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN.
YOU COULD PROVE THAT YOU CARE
IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN.
I'M NOT GONNA BEG YOU--