

THE STUDENT CPO.
"PILOT."

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TEASER.

1 INT. BOXING ROOM - ROCKVILLE -DAY.

The Rockville Teen Boxing Competition is just around the corner. All the participants are spending days and nights practicing.

LOYALTY GATLIN(13) is at the boxing room watching her best friend LEO(14) box with one of his opponents MARK(14).

MARK.

(Panting)

Take five.

(Breathing heavily)

I'm sweating buckets. I have to go home.

LEO.

Don't give up so easily.

MARK.

The competition is in a week. I still got time.

LEO.

You think so?

LEO gives MARK a friendly punch.

MARK.

I'll come back tomorrow.

MARK removes his boxing gloves.

MARK. (CONT'D)

See you guys.

LEO.

See ya.

MARK leaves the room.

LEO gets out of the boxing square and walks towards the wall of the room where there are several punching bags in line. He starts punching one of them.

LOYALTY approaches him.

LOYALTY.

Really? You're not gonna take a break?

1 CONTINUED:

LEO.

I still got energy. Why don't you grab some gloves and join me?

LOYALTY.

No, thanks. Right now all I'm thinking of is food.

LEO.

Order some take out for me.

LOYALTY.

I'll be right back.

LOYALTY leaves.

CUT TO:

2 INT. LIVING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - DAY.

MICHAEL HUNTLEY (50) is one of the richest men in North Potomac, Maryland. He is seated on his beloved couch.

Two of his male bodyguards ARTHUR (40s) and TREVOR (30s) walk in.

MICHAEL.

Took you long enough to finally appear.

ARTHUR.

(Bowing)
Sorry boss.

MICHAEL.

I want you to do a little something for me. You both remember Will Gatlin's case. I've never given anyone such a long time to start repaying. Go to Rockville and bring whatever of his you think is valuable.

ARTHUR.

Sure boss.

MICHAEL.

I expect you to be there in thirty minutes. You're dismissed.

2 CONTINUED:

ARTHUR and TREVOR bow and walk out hurriedly.

CUT TO:

3 INT. BOXING ROOM - ROCKVILLE - DAY.

LOYALTY gets in carrying a half full shopping bag. She sits on the floor on one part of the room and takes out three food boxes.

LEO comes and sits down.

LOYALTY.
Take off your gloves.

LEO.
Oh.
(Taking off gloves)
Three food boxes?

LOYALTY.
Yeah. You have to eat a lot to get
energy to box. You know?

LOYALTY throws a few silly punches.

LEO.
I have to be fit. I can't take take
any more junk foods.

LEO opens his food box. Two boxes contain noodles and the other one has meat.

LOYALTY picks a number of pieces of meat and puts in her food box. She picks one ready to add to LEO's food box. LEO moves his food box away.

LEO. (CONT'D)
What are you doing?

LOYALTY.
I'm putting it in your box.

LEO.
I don't want meat.

LOYALTY.
Even one piece?

LEO.
Nah. I'm still on a diet.

3 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY.
You're always on a diet.

LEO.
I'm not like you. No matter how
many junk foods you eat you never
get fat.

CUT TO:

4 INT./EXT. LIVING ROOM - WILL GATLIN'S HOUSE - DAY.

TREVOR and ARTHUR arrive at WILL GATLIN's house.

WILL GATLIN(deceased) was one of MICHAEL HUNTLEY's company
workers who passed away almost two years ago.

TREVOR knocks. WILL GATLIN's wife LEAH GATLIN (38) opens the
door.

LEAH.
(Shocked)
You again?

TREVOR.
Long time no see Mrs Gatlin.

LEAH.
What do you want?

TREVOR.
You know why we are here, don't
you?

LEAH.
I still haven't got enough money to
repay you.

TREVOR.
Don't worry. Just let us in. We can
talk.

LEAH let's them in. They get in and look around.

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
Nice decorations.

TREVOR throws himself on the couch.

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
(Sarcastically)
This is comfy.
(MORE)

4 CONTINUED:

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
 How much did it cost you? I think
 we can get good money if we sell
 it.

LEAH.
 What are you trying to say?

TREVOR.
 Relax. We have to make a deal.

LEAH.
 What deal?

CUT TO:

5 INT. BOXING ROOM - ROCKVILLE - DAY.

LEO is busy punching the punching bag.

LOYALTY is standing beside LEO.

LEO.
 Why don't you give it a try? I mean
 after all these years you've spent
 staying here, you still don't want
 to learn how to box?

LOYALTY shakes her head.

LEO. (CONT'D)
 Who's gonna defend you when you're
 in danger?

LOYALTY.
 (Smiling)
 You're always there to protect me.
 I don't have to learn boxing.

LEO.
 (Smirks)
 Really? I'm not with you all the
 time.

LOYALTY.
 You wanna be with me all the time?

CUT TO:

6 INT./EXT. LIVING ROOM - WILL GATLIN'S HOUSE - DAY.

TREVOR and ARTHUR are still there.

TREVOR.
Do you live here all alone?

ARTHUR.
She has a daughter.

TREVOR.
Oh that tiny beautiful girl.
Where's she?

LEAH.
(Stuttering)
She's...at...the boxing...

TREVOR.
Give me her number.

TREVOR hands over his phone to LEAH.

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
Put it in there.

LEAH puts LOYALTY's phone number and hands over the phone to TREVOR.

TREVOR makes a call.

INTERCUT WITH:

7 INT. BOXING ROOM - ROCKVILLE - DAY.

LOYALTY's phone rings. She gets her phone out of her side pocket and looks at it a bit.

LEO.
Who is it?

LOYALTY.
No idea. Should I ignore it?

LEO.
Just answer it and give it to me.

LOYALTY answers the call and gives LEO the phone.

LEO. (CONT'D)
Hello?

TREVOR.
Am I talking to Loyalty?

LEO.
Who are you?

TREVOR.
Can I speak to Loyalty?

LOYALTY.
(Mouthing)
Who is it?

LEO.
(Mouthing)
I don't know. He wants to talk to
you.

LOYALTY takes the phone.

LOYALTY.
(In a low voice)
Hello.

TREVOR.
Loyalty, right?

LOYALTY.
Yeah. Who is it?

TREVOR.
Trevor. Your mom wants to talk to
you.

TREVOR hands over the phone to LEAH.

LEAH.
Hello sweetie.

LOYALTY.
Who is that man and why is he at
our house?

LEAH.
They are Michael Huntley's men.
They're here for the loan.

TREVOR snatches the phone from LEAH.

TREVOR.
I would appreciate seeing you in
ten minutes.

TREVOR hangs up.

LOYALTY.
I have to go home.

LEO.
What's wrong? Should I come with
you?

LOYALTY.
No. Family issues.

LOYALTY leaves hurriedly.

LEO.
Loyalty!
(Scoffs)
Everything is family issues.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF TEASER.

ACT ONE.

FADE IN:

8 INT./EXT. LIVING ROOM - WILL GATLIN'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON.

LOYALTY arrives at home.

TREVOR.

That was fast.

LOYALTY.

We will repay the loan. Just give us some time.

TREVOR.

You're barely in high school. And your mom is just a peasant flower vendor. Where do you think you're gonna get the money?

LOYALTY.

(Angrily)

Where we're gonna get the money from is none of your business.

TREVOR.

We talked about this a year ago and you still haven't responded yet. My boss is very furious with you. Arthur, is everything ready?

ARTHUR.

Of course.

They hear the sound of moving trucks outside the house. LOYALTY looks out through the window and sees two long trucks.

Within a minute, several uniformed men get in and start carrying the Gatlins' belongings.

LOYALTY.

(In a high voice)

What are you doing you psychos?

TREVOR.

Relax love.

The men carry everything from the house and load them on the trucks.

8 CONTINUED:

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
Guys we still have two valuable
things left.

The men stare at TREVOR.

TREVOR. (CONT'D)
Them.

The men grab LEAH and LOYALTY.

LOYALTY.
(In a high voice)
Where are you taking us?

TREVOR.
Somewhere safe.

LOYALTY.
We're safe here.

The men drag them out and force them into the car. TREVOR and ARTHUR get in the car and they drive away.

CUT TO:

9 INT. LIVING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER.

TREVOR and ARTHUR escort LEAH and LOYALTY to the house.

MICHAEL.
(Smirking)
You sure do know how to obey rules.
I told you to bring valuable
things. I didn't think you'd bring
more valuable ones.

LOYALTY.
We're not things.

MICHAEL.
You're just like your father.
You're fearless and that's what I
loved about him. Trevor take them
to the guest room. We'll talk after
their tears have dried.

TREVOR.
Sure boss.

9 CONTINUED:

TREVOR, LOYALTY and LEAH head upstairs.

CUT TO:

10 INT. WARM'S BEDROOM - LATE AFTERNOON.

WARM TYSON (14) is the second son of BILL TYSON (48), one of North Potomac's richest men. WARM is packing his things in a suitcase.

WARM is about to join high school. He's supposed to join a prestigious boarding school in North Potomac, Maryland, a few kilometers from home. WARM's twin sister KENDRA TYSON (14) opens the door and walks in.

WARM.

Don't you know how to knock?

KENDRA.

Why should I knock? Unless you're hiding something.

WARM.

I want privacy.

KENDRA.

What's with the mood swings nowadays? You're not the only one going to boarding school. We all hate school.

WARM.

I don't hate school I hate the uniform.

KENDRA.

You really hate uniforms that much?

WARM remains silent.

KENDRA. (CONT'D)

Anyway have you seen Edgar?

WARM.

Edgar will never be in my room. Why would you look for him here?

KENDRA.

(Scoffs)

You know what? I don't like your attitude.

10 CONTINUED:

WARM.

(Smirks)

Of course you don't like it. He went out with his bodyguard.

KENDRA.

I'll wait for him here.

WARM.

(Smiles)

Sure Kendra Tyson.

KENDRA.

You always smile even when you're pissed.

WARM.

What should I do? Cry?

KENDRA.

No. You can at least sulk like you did a few minutes ago.

WARM.

Lemme sulk then.

WARM fakes a frown.

DISSOLVE TO:

11 INT. GUEST ROOM 5 - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - EVENING.

LOYALTY and LEAH are lying on bed.

LOYALTY.

This bed is so damn comfy. What do you think they're gonna do with us?

LEAH.

I don't know. Make us their servants.

LOYALTY.

Servants?

Someone knocks, opens the door and gets in. It's ARTHUR.

ARTHUR.

Boss wants to see you in the living room.

11 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY.

What does he want from us? He already took our things. Aren't they worthy of repaying the loan?

ARTHUR.

Please hurry up.

LEAH.

Let's go.

LOYALTY and LEAH leave the bed hurriedly and leave the room.

CUT TO:

12 INT. LIVING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS.

LOYALTY and LEAH come and stand a distance away from him. LEAH looks scared.

MICHAEL.

Have a seat.

LOYALTY and LEAH sit together on one of the couches.

There's silence for a while.

MICHAEL. (CONT'D)

We're here to discuss the terms and conditions for repaying the loan. Even after the things we took from your house, they are not even worth half of the loan...

LOYALTY.

(Interrupting)

Sir I swear we'll pay by the end of this year. We'll pay in installments.

MICHAEL.

I already gave you more than enough time to start repaying the loan. If you had started paying early I would have let you pay in installments. It's too late now and you don't sound promising.

LOYALTY.

Sir I will do any job you want me to do as long as you leave my mom alone.

MICHAEL.

Any job? What can you do?

LOYALTY.

(Anxiously)

I can cook, I can do laundry and I can do dishes too. Anything you want.

MICHAEL.

We already have more than enough staff doing that. So I'm gonna offer you any job like you said.

LOYALTY.

What is it?

MICHAEL.

I have a son of your age and tomorrow he's leaving for school. I want you to be his bodyguard.

LOYALTY.

(Shocked)

What? A bodyguard? Don't you have more than enough bodyguards?

MICHAEL.

(Sarcastically)

You said you could do any job. Why are you still arguing? Be careful your words can be used against you. As for your mother, I heard she's a really good decorator, so she already knows what she's supposed to do with my beautiful mansion.

MICHAEL smirks.

One of the maids comes.

MAID.

Sir, your dinner is ready.

MICHAEL.

I'll be there.

(To Loyalty and Leah)

I hope you don't mind having dinner with me.

The maid leaves.

CUT TO:

13 INT. DINING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER.

The dining room is large with two long dining tables and a number of chairs along the tables. MICHAEL's seat is along the width of the table.

MICHAEL.
Take your seats.

LOYALTY and LEAH are still surprised and looking around.

MICHAEL. (CONT'D)
(To the maids)
Where are the others?

MAID 1.
They are in their rooms sir.

MICHAEL.
Even Adelaide?

MAID 2.
Yes sir.

MICHAEL.
Then we'll have an early dinner
then. Just the three of us.

The maids serve them and they settle down to eat.

MICHAEL's younger brother COY HUNTLEY(30s) walks in with a pretty slender woman EMMA (29).

COY.
I had no idea we had other guests.
I brought a guest too.

COY and EMMA take their seats as the maids serve them.

COY. (CONT'D)
Where's the rest of the crew?

MICHAEL.
Upstairs.

COY.
(Smiles)
Oh. Boarding school drama.

MICHAEL.
Loyalty, Leah this is my younger
brother Coy. Coy...

COY.
(Interrupting)
I heard their names. This is my
girlfriend Emma.

EMMA smiles brightly at them.

MICHAEL fake coughs and smirks while looking at Coy.

MICHAEL's wife ADELAIDE (45) comes.

ADELAIDE.
Oh these are the two debtors?

MICHAEL.
You're late for dinner.

ADELAIDE.
Am I?

LOYALTY stands up.

MICHAEL.
Where are you going?

LOYALTY.
I think we're full. Thanks for the
meal.

LOYALTY grabs LEAH's hand and drags her out of the room.

ADELAIDE.
What's her name? The girl.

MICHAEL.
Loyalty Gatlin.

ADELAIDE.
Bold as Will Gatlin. Lucas is going
to school tomorrow. Have you
assigned him a bodyguard?

MICHAEL.
Of course. Two of them actually.

ADELAIDE.
Benji and who else?

MICHAEL.
You'll see.

13 CONTINUED: (2)

ADELAIDE.

I hate it when you leave me in
suspense but this time I think I
can guess it right. But doesn't
the school allow only one
bodyguard?

MICHAEL.

Every rule has an exception. I
already talked to Principal Matt
and he agreed to make an exception.

ADELAIDE.

Fine then.

DISSOLVE TO:

14 INT. LIVING ROOM - BILL TYSON'S HOUSE - NEXT DAY.

BILL TYSON is seated with his wife LAURA TYSON (46). His
first born son EDGAR TYSON (17) comes dressed in school
uniform.

EDGAR is in cream coloured pants, a white shirt, blue with
white stripes tie and a royal blue blazer engraved with the
school badge on top.

EDGAR's bodyguard is standing beside him dressed in a black
suit.

EDGAR.

Dad we'll be going first.

LAURA.

Make sure you take care of Warm and
Kendra when they come.

EDGAR.

(Smirks)
Sure I will.

EDGAR bows before them and leaves with his bodyguard.

The other seven bodyguards (male and female) come and stand
in line.

WARM comes to the living room with his suitcase.

BILL.

Pick a bodyguard for yourself.

WARM.

I don't need a bodyguard.

BILL.

Of course you do.

WARM.

Fine then.

WARM walks past each bodyguard while scrutinizing them.

WARM reaches the second last bodyguard BAYLOR (24), the youngest bodyguard. WARM winks at him.

WARM. (CONT'D)

I choose Baylor.

BAYLOR steps forward.

BILL.

You're so unpredictable.

WARM.

Why? You wanted me to choose someone else?

KENDRA comes.

KENDRA.

What's going on?

LAURA.

Your father wants you to pick a bodyguard.

KENDRA.

Sure. I pick Laylah.

BILL.

You're unpredictable too. Your brother picks the youngest bodyguard while you choose the oldest bodyguard.

KENDRA.

A bodyguard is a bodyguard, right? Gender is what matters.

BILL.

Sure. Laylah and Baylor will be in charge of everything from here.

14 CONTINUED: (2)

LAURA.
Take good care of them.

LAYLAH.
(Bowing)
Sure ma'am.

BAYLOR.
(Bowing)
Sure ma'am.

LAYLAH (39) and BAYLOR take the kids' luggage and lead the way out.

CUT TO:

15 INT. LIVING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - DAY.

LUCAS HUNTLEY (14), MICHAEL's last born child, comes to the living room with his suitcase.

MICHAEL is seated on his couch.

MICHAEL.
Are you ready?

LUCAS nods.

One of MICHAEL's bodyguards Benji(20s) walks in.

MICHAEL. (CONT'D)
Benji, where's she?

BENJI.
She'll be down in a minute.

CUT TO:

16 INT. GUEST ROOM 5 - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS.

LOYALTY is standing in front of a full length mirror adjusting her coat. She's in a black pantsuit.

LOYALTY.
What do you think mom?

LEAH.
It looks good on you.

LOYALTY.
I can't believe I'll be away from you for a while.

LEAH.
You can visit me whenever you can.

LOYALTY.

I'm nervous. I don't even know how to throw a punch. How am I gonna be someone's bodyguard? I wish I had followed Leo's advice and allow him to teach me how to box.

LEAH.

All will be fine my child. Remember we have to repay him.

LOYALTY.

But the loan is getting bigger. He said he'll even pay my school fees and that school's semester fees is equal to four years' fees at my old school.

LEAH.

Let him do what he wants. God is with us. C'mon let's go downstairs they're waiting for us

LOYALTY.

Pick up the suitcase.

LEAH.

You packed all the suits, right?

LOYALTY.

I think so.

LEAH.

Let's go then.

LOYALTY and LEAH leave the room.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - MICHAEL HUNTLEY'S HOUSE - DAY.

LOYALTY and LEAH arrive.

MICHAEL.

(To Loyalty)

That suit looks good on you. Lucas I believe you haven't met Loyalty and her mom Leah because they have been quite busy hiding in their room. I wonder what they're plotting against me.

(MORE)

CONTINUED:

MICHAEL. (CONT'D)
 Anyway Lucas this is your other
 bodyguard Loyalty Gatlin.

LUCAS.
 (Shocked)
 What?

COY walks in.

COY.
 What's going on?

COY looks at the shocked LUCAS and figures out what is going
 on.

COY. (CONT'D)
 Oh. You haven't met your new
 bodyguard.
 (To Michael)
 Brother, you sure do know how to
 surprise people.

COY taps LUCAS' shoulder.

COY. (CONT'D)
 (Sarcastically)
 Don't be shocked we know you're not
 used to girls. Don't worry she's
 not that different from Monica, just
 the age.

MONICA HUNTLEY (22) is MICHAEL HUNTLEY's second born child
 who is in Australia for her college studies.

MICHAEL.
 (To Adelaide)
 Do you have anything to say?

ADELAIDE.
 Take care son. I believe Loyalty
 and Benji will take good care of
 you.

MICHAEL.
 Then I guess you can tell everyone
 bye.

LEAH's eyes are wet with tears as she hugs LOYALTY.

LOYALTY.
 I'll miss you mom.

17 CONTINUED: (2)

LEAH.
I'll miss you too.

LOYALTY and LEAH release each other.

LOYALTY, LUCAS and BENJI walk out.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF ACT ONE.

ACT TWO.

FADE IN:

18 INT./EXT. MOREGATE ACADEMY - DAY.

Several prestigious cars arrive and drive in to the prestigious well built school.

Some of the students being admitted are lined up outside the registrar's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

19 INT. SCHOOL HALL 1 - MOREGATE ACADEMY - EVENING.

The freshman students assemble all dressed in home attire. They settle down as Principal Matt(48) arrives at the podium. He takes a mic and taps it.

PRINCIPAL MATT.

(With energy)

Good evening everyone and welcome to Moregate Academy, the future starts here. I'm your school principal Matt Brewster. I know it's not an appropriate time to hold such a meeting but I thought it was necessary so as to give you some guidelines. As you all know, Moregate Academy is a well known boarding school and unlike other schools it is our tradition to bring CPOs along with us.

There are some murmurs among the students generating some noise.

PRINCIPAL MATT. (CONT'D)

Silence please. I'm guessing you're not familiar with the acronym CPO. CPO simply stands for Close Protection Officer or in simple terms a bodyguard. In our school we call them CPOs to show professionalism. You'll get used to it. Even after fifteen years of practicing this tradition, we mostly allow same sex CPOs and as you can see there are many female CPOs than expected.

(MORE)

19 CONTINUED:

PRINCIPAL MATT. (CONT'D)

And for the very first time we have a student CPO. Anyway you've all been assigned dorms and you'll share your room with your CPO. And lastly you all know uniforms are part of our tradition. You all got uniforms so tomorrow I won't favour anyone in civilian. As for the CPOs, you'll wear black suits and you'll receive special identity cards for easy movement to and from the school compound. That's all. You're dismissed.

The students get up and leave the hall.

CUT TO:

20 EXT. LAST ROOM - SPARTAN HALL DORM - MOMENTS LATER.

LUCAS has been assigned the last dorm room in the last storey of the building.

LUCAS, BENJI and LOYALTY stand outside with their luggage.

The dorm master, MR FOHN (30s) Comes.

MR FOHN.

Hello. You're Lucas Huntley I guess. The principal asked me to assign you this room. It is the special room of this dorm. Unlike other rooms it has two rooms in it and a bathroom so you don't have to share the main bathroom with others. One room is for your other CPO. The principal rarely accepts opposite gender CPOs but this is an exception. Anyway welcome to Spartan Hall Dorm I'm your dorm master Mr Fohn. Have a good night.

MR FOHN leaves.

LOYALTY.

That sounded like a speech.

LUCAS.

Benji let's get in.

20 CONTINUED:

They open the door and walk in.

DISSOLVE TO:

21 INT. HALLWAY - MOREGATE ACADEMY - MORNING.

LUCAS is walking with LOYALTY and BENJI behind him.

WARM is walking with BAYLOR beside him.

BAYLOR accidentally bumps into LUCAS.

BAYLOR.

Sorry.

LUCAS.

Watch your way buddy.

WARM fixes eye contact on LUCAS.

WARM.

Do you have a problem with us?

LUCAS.

Tell him to watch his way.

WARM.

He said sorry, right?

LOYALTY.

He didn't sound sincere.

WARM.

Excuse me this is between us two.
Bodyguards should not interfere.

(To Lucas)

(Sarcastically)

Oh I thought we were allowed to
have only one bodyguard but you
went high and brought two of them.
Or maybe your father underestimated
one of them and gave you a backup.

LOYALTY.

Why do you care whether we were
underestimated or not.

WARM.

(Sarcastically)

Congratulations you have a very
fierce CPO. I'm Warm Tyson and this
is Baylor, my CPO. Nice to meet you.

21 CONTINUED:

LUCAS, BENJI and LOYALTY leave.

CUT TO:

22 INT./EXT. FRESHMAN CLASSROOM - MORNING.

LOYALTY, BENJI and LUCAS stand the door while looking inside.

BENJI.

You guys should get in. I'll go
back to the dorm. I'll bring you
snacks later. Loyalty, Lucas is now
in your hands. See ya.

BENJI leaves.

LOYALTY.

Should we sit together?

LUCAS gets in and leaves LOYALTY hanging there.

In class, LUCAS picks a seat next to a little fat short
boy, MILO(14).

LUCAS.

Hi.

MILO.

Hi.

LUCAS takes off his backpack and sits.

WARM and KENDRA walk into the classroom arm in arm and
attract everyone's attention.

LOYALTY gets in and everyone stares at her since she's the
odd one out and she's dressed in a suit. She walks towards
the end of the last column from the door and sits at the back
next to a nerdy GEORDI(14).

LOYALTY.

Hey.

GEORDI.

(Stuttering)

Uh... Hi.

LOYALTY's pretty face has surely caught the attention of
GEORDI.

A few minutes later, an elegant lady walks into the classroom.
She's their class teacher MISS HARLOW (20s).

MISS HARLOW.

(Smiling)

Morning everyone. I'm Miss Harlow
your class teacher. I believe we
should start by introducing
ourselves.

The introduction session starts.

LUCAS is seated in the first column, third desk from the
front.

LUCAS.

I'm Lucas Huntley.

MILO.

Milo Johnson.

WARM and KENDRA are seated in the middle column, last desk.

WARM.

Warm Tyson.

KENDRA.

Kendra Tyson.

Some two girls at one of the columns whisper to each other.

GIRL 1.

So, they're not really a couple.
They are siblings.

GIRL 2.

Thank God.

The introduction continues.

In front of GEORDI there's an attractive guy AJ(14). From his
dressing code, he seems naughty and obviously a law breaker.
His shirt is hanging and he's not wearing a tie.

AJ.

AJ.

MISS HARLOW.

Is that your full name?

BOY.

(In a high voice)
Absolute Jerk.

The rest of the students laugh hysterically.

22 CONTINUED: (2)

AJ.
Adam Joseph.

AJ's desk mate is a modest girl ASHLEY DAWSON (13).

ASHLEY.
Ashley Dawson.

They reach the last desk of the column.

GEORDI.
Geordi McQuaid.

There's silence for a while.

Everyone turns to look at LOYALTY.

MISS HARLOW.
(Smiling)
I believe you're our special
student this year.

LOYALTY remains silent and busies herself.

MISS HARLOW. (CONT'D)
(To Loyalty)
What's your name?

LOYALTY.
Loyalty Gatlin.

MISS HARLOW.
Interesting name.

DISSOLVE TO:

23 EXT. OUTDOOR TABLES - MOREGATE ACADEMY - LATER.

It's snack break.

The students settle down to take their snacks.

BENJI brings three packets of coconut cookies and pretzels.

LOYALTY's phone rings. It's LEO. She gets up and walks away to receive the call.

INTERCUT WITH:

24 INT. LEO'S BEDROOM - DAY.

LOYALTY.

Hey.

LEO.

Hey where are you? I've been looking for you everywhere.

LOYALTY.

You remember Michael Huntley?

LEO.

Yeah. Your dad's rich employer.

LOYALTY.

My dad borrowed a loan from his company before he died and it's been a year now and we still haven't paid it yet. He and his men came the other day and took our things and carried us along. Now I'm working as his son's bodyguard.

LEO.

Whoa. Whoa wait a minute. A bodyguard?

LOYALTY.

Yeah. You heard me right.

LEO.

You don't even know how to throw a punch.

LOYALTY.

I think I know right now.

LEO.

The Boxing Competition is on Saturday. Will you come?

LOYALTY.

I'm not sure. I'm in a fucking boarding school and I need an identity card to be able to leave the compound.

LEO.

That's disappointing.

24 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY.
I'll call you on Friday night and
confirm whether I'll come or not.

LEO.
Sure.

LOYALTY.
I have to go. Bye.

LEO.
Bye.

LEO ends the call.

LOYALTY goes back to her table and finds nothing but his
small black velvet bag.

LOYALTY.
These jerks! They ate all the
snacks. So selfish.

WARM.
Who is selfish?

LOYALTY turns around to face WARM.

WARM stretches out his right hand to give her a packet of
assorted biscuits.

WARM. (CONT'D)
(Smiling)
Take this.

LOYALTY.
I don't want them.

WARM.
Are you sure you don't want them?

LOYALTY.
Keep them to yourself.

LOYALTY scoffs and leaves.

CUT TO:

25 INT. FRESHMAN CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER.

LOYALTY walks in and walks straight towards LUCAS.

25 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY.
Where are my cookies?

LUCAS ignores her and pretends to be reading.

LOYALTY goes to her seat.

GEORDI.
(In a low voice)
Hey do you like waffles?

LOYALTY.
Why do you ask?

GEORDI.
I have some and I thought you might
like them.

GEORDI takes out a lunch box full of waffles.

LOYALTY.
I thought you said you had some not
full.

GEORDI.
(Stuttering)
I...said...

LOYALTY.
Never mind I'll eat them.

LOYALTY eats them angrily and hurriedly as GEORDI stares at
her unbelievably.

CUT TO:

26 INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA - MOREGATE ACADEMY - DAY.

KENDRA and LAYLAH are seated together taking their lunch.

ASHLEY DAWSON serves her food and looks around for a table.
All the tables are occupied since she's the last one to
serve. Only one seat is left at KENDRA's table. ASHLEY walks
towards the table.

ASHLEY.
Hey, is the seat taken?

KENDRA.
(To Laylah)
Is Warm coming?

LAYLAH.
He already left.

KENDRA.
You can sit.

ASHLEY.
Thanks.

ASHLEY takes the seat.

LAYLAH is done eating. She's waiting for KENDRA to finish up eating.

KENDRA.
You can leave. Don't wait for me.

LAYLAH picks her plate and leaves.

ASHLEY.
Seems like you don't like her.

KENDRA.
It's not that. I just hate this whole bodyguards thing. Where's yours?

ASHLEY.
(Smiling)
Shopping.

KENDRA.
Shopping? Where?

ASHLEY.
Just around town.

KENDRA.
They don't have identity cards yet.
How did she manage to leave?

ASHLEY.
(Smiling)
Connections.

KENDRA.
So, what kind of shopping is she doing there? Snacks?

ASHLEY.

A little snacks and dozens of clothes for the freshman welcoming party. We have to look a little classy and we won't be in uniform.

KENDRA.

When is the party?

ASHLEY.

This Saturday.

KENDRA.

(Smiling vibrantly)

I bet I have to get ready too.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF ACT TWO.

ACT THREE.

FADE IN:

27 INT. LAST ROOM - SPARTAN HALL DORM - MORNING.

It's Friday.

LUCAS wakes up and gets ready for class. He leaves LOYALTY and BENJI sleeping.

LOYALTY wakes up five minutes to eight and uncovers herself quickly after checking the time on her phone.

LOYALTY.
 Damn it! I'm late.

CUT TO:

28 INT. FRESHMAN CLASSROOM - MORNING.

The strict math teacher MR KEIR (40s) gets in class.

The students suddenly become silent and maintain order.

MR KEIR.
 Morning everyone.

Mr KEIR places his books on his desk and looks around the room. He notices an empty seat.

MR KEIR. (CONT'D)
 I guess someone is absent today.

Everyone turns to look at LOYALTY's empty seat. The attention shifts to LOYALTY who is standing at the door knocking.

MR KEIR. (CONT'D)
 I didn't expect someone like you to be this late. I wonder how you even got this kind of job if you can't be punctual. Why are you late?

LOYALTY.
 (Nervously)
 Sir I for...

MR KEIR.
 (Interrupting)
 Don't even think of giving me an excuse. Get in.

28 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY gets in and hurries up to her seat.

CUT TO:

29 EXT. OUTDOOR TABLES - MOREGATE ACADEMY - DAY.

BENJI brings snacks as usual. LOYALTY isn't there today.

BENJI.
Where's Loyalty ?

LUCAS.
How am I supposed to know?

BENJI.
You're in the same class. Why
didn't you wake her up by the way?

LUCAS.
She has a watch and a phone, right?

BACK TO:

30 INT. FRESHMAN CLASSROOM - DAY.

LOYALTY lays her head on the desk and covers herself with her arms.

Some students are taking their snacks in class.

GIRL 1.
I can't wait for the Freshman
welcoming party.

GIRL 2.
What are you gonna wear?

GIRL 1.
It's a secret. You'll see.

GEORDI comes back. He sits for a while then finally gains courage to wake Loyalty up after several attempts.

GEORDI.
Hey are you okay?

LOYALTY.
Yeah I'm fine.

GEORDI breathes in. He looks like he wants to say something but he changes his mind and remains silent.

30 CONTINUED:

It's now afternoon and the CPOs haven't received their identity cards yet.

LOYALTY is stressed out because she can't figure out how to leave the school. She has to think of an escape plan. She notices other students leaving the class with their notebooks.

LOYALTY. (CONT'D)
Where's everyone going?

GEORDI.
The library.

LOYALTY.
Do I have to go?

GEORDI.
Yeah. Miss Harlow said it's compulsory.

LOYALTY.
Wait for me then.

LOYALTY finds her notebook and they leave.

CUT TO:

31 INT. SCHOOL LIBRARY - MOREGATE ACADEMY - AFTERNOON.

After twenty minutes of reading, LOYALTY leaves her seat and stands near the window. She can clearly see what's going on outside. She sees bodyguards lined up outside the registrar's office. She dashes out of the library.

CUT TO:

32 EXT. REGISTRAR'S OFFICE - MOREGATE ACADEMY - CONTINUOUS.

The CPOs are being given their identity cards.

LOYALTY arrives while breathing heavily.

LOYALTY.
Thank God.

DISSOLVE TO:

33 INT. LEO'S BEDROOM - NIGHT.

LEO is waiting for LOYALTY's phone call. He gives up when he checks the time on his phone and sees it's eleven already. He sleeps though disappointed.

DISSOLVE TO:

34 INT. LAST ROOM - SPARTAN HALL DORM - MORNING.

LOYALTY wakes up a bit early, cleans up and dresses up. She picks her bag and knocks at LUCAS and BENJI's room.

LUCAS.

What the hell does she want?

BENJI opens the door.

LOYALTY.

Morning.

BENJI.

Morning.

LOYALTY.

I'll be out of school for a while so take care of Lucas for me.

BENJI.

Roger that.

LOYALTY.

I'm leaving. Bye.

BENJI.

Bye.

LOYALTY leaves.

BENJI. (CONT'D)

I hope you heard that.

LUCAS.

Heard what?

CUT TO:

35 INT. TAXI - MOVING - LATER.

It's thirty minutes past nine.

35 CONTINUED:

The taxi had a little puncture so LOYALTY had to wait for it to be fixed.

The competition is in thirty minutes and she has to be there earlier so as to support LEO before the competition starts. LOYALTY keeps looking at her watch desperately.

CUT TO:

36 INT. ROCKVILLE EVENTS HALL - MORNING.

The boxing competition participants are getting ready. They are at the backstage waiting to march in.

LEO looks sad.

LOYALTY.

Leooo!

LEO turns to look at LOYALTY who running towards him. LOYALTY is now in her usual home attire. She reaches him and they hug tightly.

LOYALTY. (CONT'D)

I can't believe I made it.

LEO.

Yeah you did.

They release each other.

The coach comes.

COACH.

Boys it's time.

LOYALTY.

I guess I have to go. I'll be cheering you on.

(Smiles)

Guess what? I even bought a ticket.

LOYALTY shows LEO her ticket.

LOYALTY. (CONT'D)

Keep fighting.

LEO.

Thanks.

LOYALTY leaves.

36 CONTINUED:

BOXER 1.
(Smiling)
Your girlfriend is pretty.

LEO.
(Smiling)
She's not my girlfriend.

BOXER 2.
You're joking, right?

LEO.
(Chuckles)
No, I'm not.

COACH.
Let's go boys.

The boxers march to the podium and stand in a line. The MC takes the mic.

MC.
Ladies and gentlemen welcome to
2023 Rockville Teen Boxing
Competition.

The audience cheers as others wave poster flags bearing the names of their favourite boxers' names. LOYALTY sits somewhere at the back.

CUT TO:

37 INT. LAST ROOM - SPARTAN HALL DORM - DAY.

BENJI.
Where do you think she went?

LUCAS.
I don't care. She's not around.
That's what matters.

CUT TO:

38 INT. ROCKVILLE EVENTS HALL - AFTERNOON.

The Boxing Competition is going on.

LEO is on the boxing square. He's wrestling with one of his opponents. The audience keep cheering them. An hour later, the winners are announced. LEO emerges at the second position. LOYALTY is waiting for him backstage. LEO finally comes.

38 CONTINUED:

LOYALTY.
I'm sorry I can't hug you.

LEO.
I get it. I can't stand the smell
of my sweat too.

LOYALTY places a garland around LEO's neck.

LOYALTY.
Congratulations.

LEO.
Thanks though I wasn't the best.

LOYALTY.
To me you're the best. How much did
you win? Should we go on vacation?

LEO.
I think we should go to my house.

LOYALTY and LEO laugh hysterically as they walk out.

DISSOLVE TO:

39 INT. KENDRA'S DORM ROOM - EVENING.

KENDRA keeps changing dresses so as to find the right one for
the party.

KENDRA.
What do you think of this one?

LAYLAH.
It's a bit more revealing than the
others.

KENDRA.
Perfect choice then.

KENDRA sashays around the room.

KENDRA. (CONT'D)
Perfect for an aspiring model like
me.

CUT TO:

40 INT. SCHOOL HALL 2 - MOREGATE ACADEMY - MOMENTS LATER.

The hall is perfectly decorated, all the lights are bright. Snacks and drinks are ready. Some of the students have started walking in, dressed to kill. In an hour the hall is full of students.

The student president MALCOLM ANTHONY(18) gets to the podium and grabs the mic. He's the MC for the party.

MALCOLM.

Hello everyone. Welcome to 2023 Moregate Academy freshman welcoming party. I'm Malcolm Anthony your student president. Also the MC of the night. Let the party rock!

The deejay puts on some music as the students grab their drinks and join the dance floor.

CUT TO:

41 INT. LEO'S BEDROOM - NIGHT.

LOYALTY and LEO are seated on LEO's bed.

LEO.

You're not going back, are you?

LOYALTY.

(Smiling)

Isn't it a little bit late to ask such a question?

LEO.

Yeah right. My sister sleeps with my mom nowadays so you can crash in her room.

LOYALTY.

Sure.

LEO.

Are you ready for game night?

LOYALTY.

Ain't you tired?

LEO.

Just a little.

CUT TO:

42

INT. SCHOOL HALL 2 - MOREGATE ACADEMY - NIGHT.

KENDRA and ASHLEY are dancing wildly on the dance floor.

KENDRA.
This is fun.

ASHLEY.
Much fun.

WARM is walking around. He seems distracted looking for someone. He finally gives up and sits somewhere. AJ approaches him.

AJ.
Hey bro I saw you roaming around.
Are you looking for someone?

WARM looks up at him and gives him a piercing look.

AJ. (CONT'D)
Sorry I called you bro.

WARM.
(Smiling)
Actually I don't mind being called
bro.

AJ.
I'm AJ. We're in the same class.
You're Warm Tyson, right?

WARM.
You love parties, don't you?

AJ.
Yeah. And you?

WARM.
Kind of.

WARM stands up. He sees LUCAS and BENJI walking around. He gets distracted looking at them. AJ notices it.

AJ.
I haven't seen that girl Loyalty. I
wanted to see her in something
sexy.

WARM.
(Sighs unsatisfactorily)
I think I'm gonna go to my dorm.

42 CONTINUED:

AJ.
Let's go together.

WARM.
What's your dorm room?

AJ.
Spartan Hall Dorm room 37.

WARM.
Then we're almost neighbours. Let's
go.

They leave.

DISSOLVE TO:

43 EXT. OUTDOOR TABLES - MOREGATE ACADEMY - NEXT DAY.

WARM and BAYLOR are seated together at the outdoor tables.

BAYLOR sees LOYALTY walking from the gate.

BAYLOR.
There she comes.

WARM turns to look at LOYALTY.

WARM.
I'm gonna go talk to her.

WARM stands up ready to go and meet LOYALTY. He suddenly sees LUCAS and BENJI coming from the other side. GEORDI shows up too and walks straight towards LOYALTY. They all spoil WARM's plan.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF EPISODE ONE.