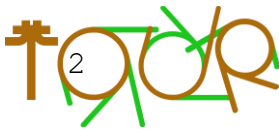


POLY

A Lyrical Play

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CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Character

ZOO

A student at Polytech. They hall monitor.

BIO

A student at Polytech. They wear animal/plant-like garments.

PYRO

A student at Polytech. They glitter as an artist.

GEO

A student at Polytech. They do sports.

NANO

A student at Polytech. They are smart in a short attention span.

MUSICAL NUMBER

Title

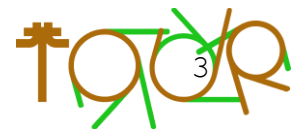
Characters

Fund Me

ZOO|BIO|PYRO|GEO|NANO

NOTE

There should be no narration. The stage directions are written for Zoom performances.



(ZOO turns their video on.)

(BIO turns their video on.)

ZOO

How long have you been here? Technically, this hallway is off premise. Bio, do I have to hunt you down again?

(PYRO turns their video on. They toss glitter into ZOO's eyes.)

Pyro?! First, glitter on my hall monitor uniform. Now in my hall monitor eyes?

(GEO turns their video on. They shove ZOO into a locker.)

Geo! Don't shove me into a locker!

(GEO swipes their arm across the screen.)

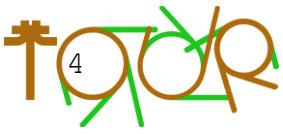
(ZOO immediately turns their video off but keeps their audio on. They are muffled.)

Nano, is this your idea?!

(NANO turns their video on.)

NANO

Zoo?



ZOO

Your attention span is microscopic as usual.

(BIO, PYRO, and GEO focus on NANO.)

NANO

We're going to pull a macroscopic prank that Polytech has ever witnessed.

(PYRO grows energetic.)

BIO

No, Pyro. Don't make this cannon, like last time.

PYRO

I know... I set the school on fire.

BIO

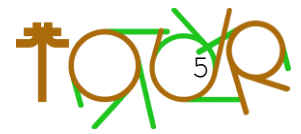
Pyro, it just took months to clean up glitter.

GEO

It didn't stop the school journalist from placing "School Set Alight" as a headline and Pyro's gruesome picture from winter's theatre production on the fourth page.

(PYRO makes faces.)

You're just upset my sports are always the front page and your fireworks are on the fourth. What's the prank, Nano?



NANO

What prank?

BIO

The one where I made myself bait.

FUND ME

NANO

Oh... We're just going to make the school...

BIO

Yeah?

NANO

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE SCHOOL...

PYRO

Uh huh?

NANO

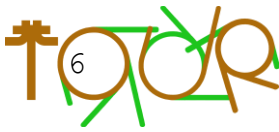
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM...

GEO

Come on...?

NANO

Come now what?



ZOO

YA'LL GOING TO MAKE THEM...?

(GEO holds up their index finger.)

NANO

FUND US!

BIO

FUND ME?

PYRO

FUND ME?

GEO

FUND ME?

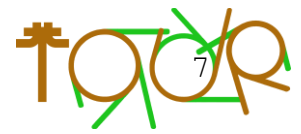
NANO

WHEN WE GET FUNDING.
OUR TECH WILL GET FUNDING.
YOUR SPORT PROGRAMS WILL STOP BEING FUNNY.

GEO

THEY ONCE SAID THERE'S NO BUDGET
TO STOP HEADS BULGING.
NO MORE CONCUSSIONS, JUST SIMULATIONS...

(Demonstrating football in their space.)



BIO

AND THE FOOTBALL FIELDS WILL BLOOM
WHEN WE UPGRADE ALL SPRINKLERS.
NATURE TAKES THEIR COURSE.
NOT JUST GO GREEN, GET...

NANO

SOME FUNDING,

BIO

PYRO

GEO

NANO

OUR POLYTECH.

BIO

CUT A CHECK!

GEO

A NEW MICROSCOPE ON DECK.

BIO

...THAT IS MORE NANO'S THING.

NANO

WHAT EXACTLY'S MY THING AGAIN?

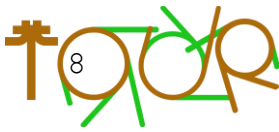
(BIO recalls.)

BIO

SHORT ATTENTION SPANS...

GEO

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CASH!



PYRO

DON'T I GET A VERSE?

BIO

GEO

NANO

LET'S GET FUNDING!

PYRO

AT LEAST A RATE?!

BIO

GEO

NANO

OH, FUND YOU?

PYRO

ALRIGHT, I AM A BAD IDEA.

(Feeling down about themselves.)

(BIO, GEO, and NANO reaches out to PYRO.)

NANO

YOU'RE INSURED.

BIO

GEO

WE ARE SURE!

PYRO

DON'T MEAN TO BLOW THINGS OUT
PROPORTIONS, JUST YOUR DOUBT.
EACH TIME THE ART'S ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK,
I DO START THE CUTTING
OFF OF SOCIALIZING.

PYRO (cont.)

WHERE ELSE AM I GOING TO STORE ALL OF THIS GLITTER?
THAN TO SHARE THE MAGIC OF ART FAR AND WIDE?

(BIO, GEO, and NANO look concerned.)

OR KEEP TOSSING THEM INTO THE HALL MONITOR'S EYES.

*(ZOO turns their audio on. They bang on the
locker.)*

*(BIO, PYRO, GEO, and NANO look upon in
agreement.)*

BIO	PYRO	GEO	NANO
FUND IT ALL!			
FOR OUR POLYTECH.			

BIO

ALL THEM CHICKS!

(Motioning like a bird with their arms.)

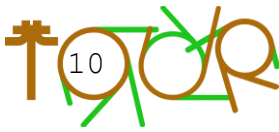
GEO

THIS IS NOT AT ALL 'BOUT POLITICS.

(Raising their fist.)

NANO

Imagine the subatomic particles we can see with state-of-the-art
microscopes.



PYRO

Particles? That is so lame, Nano. Why would you care about these tiny things that barely move when confetti make the world?!

BIO

With these hall enforcers out of the way, maybe, just maybe this school will focus on us.

GEO

It's all Polytech!

(BIO, PYRO, GEO, and NANO dance in place.)

BIO

PYRO

GEO

NANO

FUND ME. FUND ME. FUND ME. FUND ME! FUND US!

(ZOO turns their audio on. They use their phone to play the theme song of COP ROCK.)

(BIO, PYRO, GEO, and NANO stop dancing.)

(ZOO turns on their video.)

GEO

That locker is bigger than I remembered.

PYRO

It's cleaned too...

BIO

Still tacky.

NANO

Was this your idea?

ZOO

It was Polytech's.

GEO

But you haven't done anything since you were suspended in there!

ZOO

They got to keep me funded, so I can keep the order.

BIO

You never did that while you were *honor roll*.

ZOO

Every time ya'll scream at me, this hall monitor grows powerful. Except that one time, Pyro got glitter everywhere. Then the janitor got the power. What a riot.

PYRO

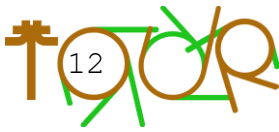
And instead of dismissing you for failing, the school took our mailboxes, so we couldn't vote on the homecoming themes.

ZOO

Don't make it all Polytech. Blame Caltech. All the best club officers were shipped over there.

GEO

Polytech, can't you be anymore one-dimensional?



{Option Alpha}

(ZOO's reader's literal parent/guardian enters.)

BIO

They also provided you a service pet?!

(ZOO's reader's literal parent/guardian gives a juice box to ZOO.)

ZOO

And so justice was served.

{Option Beta}

ZOO

On the contrary.

(Displaying a round glassware.)

Very poly. And so justice was served.

(Drinking.)

(GEO swipes their arm across the screen.)

(ZOO immediately turns their video off.)

(BIO, PYRO, GEO, and NANO turn their videos off.)

Close Circuit