

= It 's On Bitch =

" It 's On Bitch " is the eleventh episode of the fifth season of The Hills . It originally aired on September 29 , 2009 , on MTV . In the episode , Kristin Cavallari and Audrina Patridge begin a feud involving the latter 's ex @-@ boyfriend Justin Brescia , while newlyweds Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt disagree about having children . It is the first episode in which Cavallari appears as the series ' lead , and also marks the first episode in which her predecessor Lauren Conrad does not appear .

" It 's On Bitch " was produced by Adam DiVello , Liz Gateley , Kristofer Lindquist , Sara Mast , and Sean Travis . After the season was retroactively divided into Part I and Part II , respectively separating installments featuring Conrad and Cavallari , the episode became the premiere of Part II .

" It 's On Bitch " was met with generally mixed reviews from critics , who were ambivalent towards the decision to replace Conrad with Cavallari . According to Nielsen ratings , it was watched by 2 @.@ 1 million viewers . The episode was released on DVD on April 27 , 2010 , packaged with the remainder of Part II of the fifth season .

= = Plot = =

Newlyweds Heidi and Spencer plan a " welcome back party " upon returning from their honeymoon . Audrina , Lo , and Stephanie become concerned after learning that Kristin was invited , recalling earlier confrontations between her and Lauren . Brody 's girlfriend Jayde Nicole is concerned that he still has residual feelings for Kristin , though he dismisses their relationship as being too young and maintains that they are still friendly .

Audrina is dismayed to see that Justin is flirting with Kristin during the party , and Stephanie tells Justin to be respectful of Audrina . Kristin learns of the conflict , and begins yelling at Audrina and Stephanie . As the developing fight almost becomes physical , Kristin yells " if it 's going to be like this it 's on , bitch ! " as the others walk away .

The following day , Audrina rejects an invitation to Frankie 's birthday party when she realizes that Kristin will be in attendance . Lo and Stephanie are shocked that Justin tells Kristin that he and Audrina were not officially a couple , but decide against confronting Kristin . Audrina is saddened after hearing of Justin 's comments , and is worried that he and Kristin are seeing each other . During a later date with Justin , Kristin confesses that she thought he still has feelings for Audrina , and understands that Audrina looks at her as a threat .

Meanwhile , while looking for houses with Heidi , Spencer is alarmed that she wants have children . Heidi is excited to decorate a nursery in a suburban neighborhood , but is upset that Spencer secured another , more modern rental property without her prior knowledge . She tells him that they should have selected a home together , though Spencer refuses to take her concerns seriously .

= = Production = =

" It 's On Bitch " was produced by Adam DiVello , Liz Gateley , Kristofer Lindquist , Sara Mast , and Sean Travis . The episode was filmed throughout May and June 2009 .

The series ' original lead Lauren Conrad first indicated that she wished to leave The Hills upon the conclusion of its fourth season in December 2008 , looking to pursue other career opportunities . She commented that " five years on TV is a really , really long time " , adding that she was " ready to walk away " . However , per the producers ' requests , Conrad filmed ten episodes for the fifth season , in which she closed her storylines . She added that the season was potentially its last , stating that series personnel felt her presence would " give the show some sort of closure " .

The tenth episode of the season , " Something Old , Something New " , aired on May 31 , 2009 , and was initially billed as the fifth season finale . However , in April 2009 , MTV announced an extension of the season , and confirmed Cavallari as Conrad 's replacement the following month . Consequentially , the first ten episodes of the season were retroactively labeled Part I , while Cavallari 's forthcoming episodes were titled Part II . In January 2014 , Patridge revealed that the

conflict between her and Cavallari had been fabricated at the producers ' request , elaborating that " [she] had to leave early for another event , [they] were there for about three hours and [the producers] were like , ' You can 't leave until you and Kristin get into a fight . ' ... It was about Justin and [they] did it and [they] got to leave . "

= = Reception and release = =

" It 's On Bitch " was met with generally mixed reviews from critics , who were ambivalent towards the decision to replace Conrad with Cavallari . A writer from PopSugar criticized Cavallari 's " sassy , bad @-@ girl attitude " for lacking originality and preferred Conrad for " [keeping] it real " . Rachel Krasnow from the Weekend Watchers was disappointed in the " overdone " and " ridiculous " scenes involving Cavallari and Brescia , and suggested that they had been staged by producers . Brian Moylan from Jezebel felt that Conrad 's departure " doomed the show " and added that he " just [doesn 't] get The Hills " despite " [watching] a lot of really trashy television " .

In contrast , Amy Kaufman from Los Angeles Times opined that Cavallari was more intriguing than Conrad , whose storylines she felt had been overshadowed as the series progressed . Tracie Egan Morrissey of Jezebel commented that she " kind of [loves] Kristin " , and was glad to see her replacing Conrad . Julie Miller from Movieline was critical of the episode 's " staged showdowns " , but nonetheless noted that the series " continues to compel " like professional wrestling and enjoyed a scene in which Jenner became irritated with Nicole , labeling it the sole genuine reaction of the episode . Writing for Homorazzi , Patrick " loved this episode " , and expressed an interest in the love triangle that seemingly develops between Cavallari , Jenner , and Nicole . Furthermore , a writer from The Hollywood Gossip opined that The Hills " can annoy the crap out of you sometimes " but " still entertains " despite appearing to be heavily scripted .

In its original broadcast in the United States on September 29 , 2009 , " It 's On Bitch " was watched by 2 @.@ 1 million viewers . In doing so , it suffered a 30 @-@ percent ratings drop from the season premiere " Don 't Cry on Your Birthday " , which garnered three million viewers on April 6 , 2009 . In the country , Season 5 , Part II was released as a two @-@ disc DVD set on April 27 , 2010 .