

*Acting Edition*

# The Wolves

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**THE WOLVES** was produced by The Playwrights Realm (Katherine Kovner, Artistic Director; Roberta Pereira, Producing Director), at The Duke on 42nd St. in New York City on September 8, 2016. The performance was directed by Lila Neugebauer, with sets by Laura Jellinek, costumes by Asta Hostetter, lights by Lap Chi Chu, sound by Stowe Nelson, and wigs by Anne Ford-Coates. The Production Stage Manager was Lori Lundquist. The cast was as follows:

#11 . . . . .	Susannah Perkins
#25 . . . . .	Lauren Patten
#13 . . . . .	Jenna Dioguardi
#46 . . . . .	Tedra Millan
#2 . . . . .	Sarah Mezzanotte
#7 . . . . .	Brenna Coates
#14 . . . . .	Samia Finnerty
#8 . . . . .	Midori Francis
#00 . . . . .	Lizzy Jutila

**SOCGER MOM** . . . . . Mia Barron

**THE WOLVES** was remounted on December 5, 2016 by special arrangement with Scott Rudin and Eli Bush. The producers, location, director, and design team remained the same. The Production Stage Manager was Amanda Spooner. The cast remained the same, except:

**SOCGER MOM** . . . . . Kate Arrington

Originally presented by New York Stage and Film and Vassar in the Powerhouse Season, Summer 2016.

Playwrights Horizons Theater School produced a workshop of *The Wolves* in 2015 in association with Clubbed Thumb, where the play had been developed previously.

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## **CHARACTERS**

- #11 – Midfield. Brainy, morbid, budding elitist, thoughtful. Seventeen.
- #25 – Defense. Captain. Classic (ex.)coach's daughter. Seventeen.
- #13 – Midfield. Stoner, older pot dealer brother, into her wackiness. Sixteen.
- #46 – Bench. New girl. Awkward, different, just wants to fit in. Sixteen.
- #2 – Defense. Innocent, unlucky, kind, skinny. Sixteen.
- #7 – Striker. Too cool for school. Sarcastic, "fuck," thick eyeliner. Almost seventeen.
- #14 – Midfield. #7's insecure sidekick. Just switched to contacts. Sixteen.
- #8 – Defense. Childlike and determined to stay that way. Sixteen.
- #00 – Goalie. Intense performance anxiety, perfectionist, high achiever. Seventeen.

## **SOCER MOM**

## **SETTING**

An indoor soccer field somewhere in suburban America. The field is AstroTurf. We only see the field: no goals, no bleachers. Fans, fluorescents. There should be the sense that the field goes on forever.

Winter. Saturdays.

## **SPEED**

The play should take ninety minutes.

## AUTHOR'S NOTES

Each scene is a warm-up for a game. The warm-up is a series of exactly-timed stretches: lunges, quads, hamstrings, butterfly, etc. The team executes it wordlessly, in perfect unison and with military precision.

Over the course of the play, #46 learns the warm-up.

In Week Three, if #46 can't juggle a soccer ball, she should perform footwork or tricks to the rhythm of the yogurt chant. It ought to be an impressive show of ball-handling skill.

In Time-Out, #00 must exhaust herself with great feats of athleticism and strength that build to the final scream. What that sequence looks like is open to interpretation. It could be kicking soccer balls offstage. In our production, the actor devised an escalating series of exercises, including high knees, butt kicks, burpees, jumping jacks, etc.

In the passing drill in Week Three, p. 56-63, the team pairs off into duos or trios as illustrated by the discrete columns of text. Characters should only be onstage when they have text in their column. They should enter passing the soccer ball when their column begins until they pass it off as their column terminates. The idea is that we're catching the snippets of conversation that transpire while each pair moves through this particular patch of turf. The stage should never be empty and there should be no dead air between the transitions from one pair to another.

## PUNCTUATION NOTE

(text in parentheses) – sotto voce

(**bold text in parentheses**) – orange slice in mouth

*We are always the same age inside.*

*Gertrude Stein*

## WEEK ONE – THE CAMBODIAN

*nine girls in uniform stretch in a circle on an AstroTurf indoor soccer field  
they do the same stretch at the same time for the same amount of time*

#11.

but it's like  
he's old

#25.

he murdered 1000s of people

#13.

literally 100s of 1000s

#2.

*(to #8, quiet)*  
have you played with it before?

#11.

yeah but did you see the photo?

#8.

what?

#46.

what photo

#13.

the photo

#2.

nothing

#25.

oh yeah the photo

#14.\*

what'd you say?

#2.

*(a little louder)*  
have you played with it before

#7.

like yeah of course we have  
We're Women  
that's like what we do

#11.

yeah he's like 90 years old

---

\* #14 has a cold this week

#11.

and like has the old person eyes

#2.

has it been a problem?

#11.

and all these wrinkles

and like gave testimony on Skype from his hospital bed

#7.

like has blood run down my legs?

#14 *laughs hysterically*

#25.

I don't think they have Skype in Cambodia

#13.

that is like so

#25.

what

#13.

like so bad

#8.

it's really no big deal

#13.

like you can't say that

cause it's like

#11.

yeah

#13.

insensitive

#8.

seriously

#25.

no

no it's not

it's not insensitive

#11.

they definitely have Skype in Cambodia

#25.

the internet isn't the internet everywhere you guys

#46.

are you talking about Cambodia?

#2.

(*terrified*)

what if like my pad falls out?

#13.

that's the stupidest shit

#11.

no  
she's right

#8.

omigosh

#25.

yeah  
(thank you)  
it's like  
like here we can look up whatever we want

#7.

you still use those?

#25.

but like in China they don't have Twitter in China

#7.

that's like running around with a diaper or something

#14.

you gotta get off of those

#11.

well that's not exactly

#14.

you want a ?  
cause I can get you one

#8.

same

#2 *shakes head no*

#7.

no you want it  
trust me you want it

#11.

I'm pretty sure they have a Twitter like platform in China

#14.

(*motions off*)  
they're just in my backpack

#2.

(*on the verge of tears*)  
no  
thank you

#25.

uh platform?

- #8.  
you should like totally take one
- #2.  
yeah
- #13.  
are you saying  
you're on Chinese Twitter  
or something?
- #11.  
no
- #11.  
I'm not on Chinese
- #11.  
I'm just
- #11.  
I mean like  
yeah we *should*  
take our liberties for granted
- #13.  
um
- #11.  
what
- #13.  
um no we should not
- #7.  
wait
- #13.  
we should like definitely not  
take our liberties for granted
- #7.  
what if it ran down and like
- #11.  
I never said we should take our liberties for granted
- #7.  
stained the ball
- #13.  
um
- #25.  
you did
- #7.  
(you remember Courtney)
- #14.  
(oh jesus Courtney)
- #8.  
it's not so hard  
you just like  
pop!  
I have like  
special sporty ones  
like the ones on tv
- #2.  
we don't have a tv
- #8.  
omigosh  
that's so sad!  
I always forget that  
about you
- #7.  
(with the super plus)
- #14.  
(oh my god yes)
- #7.  
little perv
- #14.  
hahaha
- #7.  
hahaha

#2.

what?

#8.

ew

#11.

no

I didn't

#14.

that would be like so epic

#11.

I would never say that

#14.

like so scary for the other team

#46.

I've been to Cambodia

#7.

yeah like

“score on me with my own baby blood?”

I think not!”

#13.

we should be like very very thankful for our liberties you know

#14.

yeah ha like

#11.

oh my god I like totally know and believe in that

guys you know what I

#46.

(louder)

I've been to Phnom Penh

#14.

“want a piece of me?

here! have a piece of my / ovary”

#11.

/ I am like

#7.

yeah like

*pause to think of joke*

#11.

firmly pro-liberty

#14.

totally

#14.

haha

#7.

like you know  
uh

#11.

I just meant / like

#7.

/ suck my tampon bitchesssss!

#14.

hahaha yeahhh

#13.

DUDE!

#8.

gross!

#25.  
hey

#14.

“you got my period on your cleats fool”

#13.

haha nasty

#7.

SUCK IT

#25.  
HEY

#8.

you guys are being soooo gross

*#2 abruptly stands up  
jogs away from the circle*

#8.

yay! she's doing it!

you go girl!

#2.

no I just um

I have to go to the portaparty

...portapotty

#13.

portaparty?  
more like  
portapartaaay

#14.

take one

seriously

they're in my backpack in a little polka dot thing

#7.

RUN BITCH RUN

#25.

language

#8.

*(to #7)*

you know she doesn't like that word

#25.

HUSTLE BACK

KICK-OFF'S IN TEN

#7.

I don't like your face  
doesn't mean it doesn't exist

#14.

GUYSGUYSGUYS:  
she uses pads

#11.

really?

#7.

yep

#13.

weird

#8.

(scolding)  
you guys her family is like super religious

#11.

um what does that have to do with her feminine product of choice

#13.

word up

#8.

I just don't think we should call her  
we shouldn't use the  
the b-word

#7.

bitch

#14.

ha biotch

#25.

hey

#14.

oh my god it is just like a female dog!

#13.

I hear she like  
she like speaks in tongues

#8.

no she doesn't

#13.

that's not what Kristen told me

#8.

she doesn't  
she goes to my stepmom's church  
she's Episcopalian

#13.

(speaking in tongues aka ululation)  
lalalalalala



#7.

OW!

#25.

Ladies

#14.

(to #7)

baby

#7.

that hurt asshole

#14.

faker baby

#7.

fuck you they're really tender right now

#25.

Ladies

#46.

(trying to get in on the fun)

is it because you are pregnant?

long awkward pause

#8.

were you guys talking about the Khmer Rouge?

#11.

yeah

#8.

did you read that

#11.

that article yeah

#46.

what article

#8.

so horrible

#11.

yeah

#46.

guys what article

#7.

(to #46)

would you shut the fuck up?

#13.

I thought it was (*mispronounces Khmer Rouge*)

#14.

(*to #7*)

(hey)

#11.

no I'm pretty sure it's Khmer Rouge

(hey)

(hey)

#13.

oh Khmer Rouge

#7.

(what)

#8.

yeah Khmer Rouge

#14.

(are you ok?)

#13.

(*British accent*)

#7 *rolls her eyes*

Khmer Rouge

#11.

you are such an idiot

#13.

whatever

I read it and like couldn't tell

#14.

what's the Khmer Rouge

#13.

they're like Nazis in Cambodia

#25.

but in the 70s

#11.

that's not / quite

#7.

/ you don't know about the Khmer Rouge?

#14.

no

am I supposed to?

am I supposed to know about the Khmer Rouge?

*#00 stands up and looks sick and jogs off*

#11.

they don't teach you about Cambodia at St. Albert?

#14.

um I don't think so

#11.

(*superior*)

Oh

#7.

we don't do genocides 'til senior year

#8.

I am getting such a bad grade in social studies  
that Armenia project killed me

#14.

(to #7)  
how do you know about the Khmer Rouge

#7.

I don't know  
it's the Khmer Rouge

#46.

like Hermione right  
when I was little I thought it was like "Herm-ee-oh / n"

#14.

/ were we talking about fucking Harry Potter?  
um no we were talking about the Khmer Rouge  
the Khmer Rouge ok  
who were like Asian Nazis  
and killed billions of people  
so like have a sense of like of like

#7.

not being a dick about it

#2 jogs back on and rejoins stretch circle

#11.

it was 100s of 1000s of people  
not billions

#8.

(did you try it?)

#14.

whatever

#2 vigorously shakes no

#11.

that makes a huge difference  
there are only like 7 billion people on the entire planet

#8.

(omigosh you should  
you should take one  
or at least try it)

#14.

ok

#2 awkwardly smiles

#11.

it's just factually inaccurate

#8.

(they're supes comfortable)

#14.

yeah I get it I was just like making a point

#2 awkwardly smiles

#11.

but it wasn't the right point

#8.

pop!

#13.

cha-ching

#14.

does it matter?  
does it really

#11.

yeah  
I think it does  
I mean of course it does

#25.

you're the one who said you felt bad cause he was old

#13.

yeah  
you were like "oh they can't execute him he's 90"  
when he killed 100s of 1000s of human beings

#7.

but he killed all those people

#11.

no that's not what I /

#2.

what's she talking about?

#13.

she like pities the Cambodian dude just cause he's stupid old

#2.

the who?

#13.

you know the guy  
uh  
like uh  
new-a  
noo-o

#11.

I thought it was chee  
or like chi  
or something

#13.

no I think it was like  
with an n  
pretty sure it was  
with an n

#2.

(to #11)  
you feel bad for him?

#11.

no I don't feel bad I just

#25.

have you done social studies?

#2.

the article response?

#25.

yeah

#2.

oh

#25.

yeah

- #2.  
he enslaved and exterminated his own people
- #8.  
yeah wow
- #11.  
no guys I just think it's uh  
it's  
(finding the word) ethically complicated
- #13.  
what's so complicated about killing 100s of 1000s of people?
- #7.  
well it's probably pretty challenging  
technically
- #14.            #11.            #13.            #8.  
wow              um              that is gnarly man            eww              #2 *shakes head*
- #7.  
what  
think about it
- #25 *sighs*
- #11.  
no what I meant was like  
ok I do think it was horrible  
obviously  
he was horrible
- #00 *jogs back on and rejoins the circle*
- #13.  
IS horrible
- #11.  
yeah ok IS horrible  
but  
I think it's interesting
- #2.  
it's not interesting  
it's like evil
- #11.  
ok but  
imagine if you did something horrible today  
but you didn't think it was horrible
- #2.  
but it was horrible  
is the thing  
it was /

#11.

let me finish  
it was horrible  
it was an an atrocity  
right?

#13.

yeah  
it was

#11.

but YOU didn't think it was an atrocity  
you thought you were like saving your country  
like destroying the enemy to save your own people

#2.

but the enemy WAS your own people

#25.

yeah

#11.

right  
I know that  
but like  
what if  
after you did that  
you just like lived your life  
like went to college and got a job and got married and had kids and grandkids and

#13.

whoa

#11.

and then  
when you were 90 and like on the verge of death with like uh emphysema  
that's when an INTERPOL guy knocks on your door and is like  
we found you  
we know what you did  
and guess what?  
you're going to prison  
For Life

*long pause as it sinks in*

#46.

my grandma has emphysema

*no one really notices that comment*

#8.

prison for life?  
he's only going to prison for life?

#11.

yeah

#8.

but he's 90  
he's probably going to die soon

#11.

Pol Pot's already dead  
most of 'em the big ones already dead

#13.

freaky deeky

#2.

didn't he Skype into court from his hospital bed

#11.

yeah that's right  
he's super sick

#2.

so he might only serve a year in prison  
for doing a genocide?

#11.

yeah

#7.

that is so fucked

*whistle blows*  
*everyone looks off*

#25.

alright  
let's go let's go

*the girls start to stand and get ready*

#8.

who are we playing again?

#25.

the Hornets

#8.

right

#13.

those guys blow

#11.

remember Las Vegas Showcase last year?

*#00 smiles*

#7.

this girl remembers

#00 *blushes*

#7.

you were like  
“shoot on my goal?  
I think not”

#14.

ha ha

#11.

7-0 baby

#25.

4th in our bracket

#8.

and then we went to Circus Circus!  
guys remember Circus Circus?  
with the elephants?

#2.

there were elephants?

#8.

yeah  
in the big tent

#2.

...I don't remember any elephants

#7.

yeah  
fucking school buses

#14.

school buses

#13.

schoooooool bussessssss

*they laugh*

#25.

come on  
let's get on out there  
Coach is waiting

*general eye-roll*

#14.

Coach couldn't give a shit if we paid him

#7.

oh that's right  
we do

#11.

he's like so hungover

it's embarrassing

#2.

he is?

#11.

why do you think he wears those stupid athletic sunglasses  
Inside  
on a Saturday Morning?

#7.

maybe he's still wasted

#14.

definitely

#25.

(ignoring that)  
hustle girls

#2.

maybe he's just sleepy

#13.

oh bleed'y  
sweet sweet little bleed'y

#11.

he's definitely still wasted

#7.

such a joke

#14 has a coughing attack  
everyone looks at her

#25.

are you sick?

#14.

no

#25.

you sound a little

#11.

yeah

#13.

yeah you sound all like (*nasal sounds*)

#14.

(sniffling)

I feel so good you guys

#25.

I don't want you here if you're sick

#14.

I am totally fine

#14.

it's just like  
allergies

#25.

...alright  
get on out there  
hustle

#7.

you better not get me sick before my birthday

#14.

um I am so not sick  
*#14 and #7 jog off*

#13.

(to #2)  
btdubs I think we've synced

#2.

excuse me?

#13.

I mean  
we've like  
our bodies bleed together

#8.

ewwww

#11.

gross

#13.

you bleed I bleed  
catch my drift

#2.

(horrified and small)  
cool

#11.

that happened to me and my sister  
our bathroom is ugh  
it's like a mass grave in that trash can

*#13, #2, #11, #8 run off*

*#25 goes up to #46, who is struggling to tie her shoes*

#25.

um hey

#46.

hello

#25.

can we talk for a sec?

#46.

yes I have lots of secs

*slight pause*

*neither wants to acknowledge what she just said*

#25.

it's just uh

ok uh

try not to make jokes like that

#46.

what joke?

#25.

the uh

the you know

#46 gives a blank look

#25.

the uh pregnancy?

...joke?

#46.

oh

#25.

(nods)

yeah

yeah

#46.

why?

#25.

what?

#46.

why can't I make a pregnancy joke?

*pause*

#25.

I mean

we like to have fun but

you know

uh

"if you can't say something nice

don't say anything at all"?

*pause*

#25.

(captain mode)

great

let's get on out there

#46.

could I play striker?

#25.

7 is striker

...7 has always been striker

#46.

oh

#25.

it's just

we're undefeated

and we want to stay undefeated

right?

especially with the college showcase tournament coming up?

#46.

...it's the only spot in football I haven't tried yet

I just thought

it might be easier

*football??*

#25.

...it never gets easier

you just get better

...

that's something my dad

...

(*energetic*) I'll sub you in ASAP

kay?

now let's get out there and kick some Hornet boo-tay!

*#25 jogs off*

*#00 is still wrapping her hands*

*#46 drinks her water bottle and lets it hang from her mouth, lost in thought*

#00.

she had an abortion

#46.

what?

*#00 doesn't look up from her hands*

#46.

when?

#00.

two months ago

*#00 puts on her goalie gloves*

#00.

just cause Nuon Chea's weak

doesn't mean he shouldn't pay

*#46 doesn't know how to respond to this*

#00.

the Cambodian?  
he deserves it  
even if he's weak  
he deserves it

*whistle*

## WEEK TWO – TODOS LOS NIÑOS

*eight girls in uniform stretch in a circle on an AstroTurf indoor soccer field  
they do the same stretch at the same time for the same amount of time*

#2.

I'm talking about Mexican children in cages

#11.

not just Mexican

mostly like Guatemalan and Honduran and like

all over

all over Central America

#2.

in cages!  
cages!

#7.\*

and that's why you're selling scarves?

#2.

I'm knitting them myself

well with Amnesty International

the whole club's knitting them

or I guess learning how to knit

#13.

and they cost how much?

#2.

25 dollars

#25.

jeez

#2.

I know but it's for a good cause

#8.

I always want to call it Middle America

#14.

what?

#8.

Central America

I always want to call it Middle America

does anyone else do that?

Middle America?

#13.

like Middle Earth?

#8.

omigosh

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\* #7 has a cold this week

#11.

uh it's Meso America  
technically

#8.

Middle Earth!  
omigoshhhh

#11.

and uh we are Middle America  
I mean we live in Middle America

#14.

what does that mean

#11.

it means we're like  
we're America  
you know

#13.

right totally like  
we're not High America  
we're not Low America  
we're just like America America

#11.

it's like  
you know  
we drive pick-up trucks and don't like cuss words

#8.

*(sigh)*  
I'd love a pick-up truck

#13.

*(to #11)*  
doesn't your mom drive a Prius?

#8.

like a big purple pick-up truck

#11.

yeah but  
you know

#13.

how is Dr. Feinstein doing these days?

#11.

*(wary)*  
she's uh  
she's great

#2.

I have some in my backpack  
if anyone wants to

#2.

you can choose the yarn color

#7.

USA  
USA

#7 &amp; #14.

USA  
USA

#7.

the fuck is a cuss word

#14.

ha

#25.

Hey

#13.

still got that smoking haircut?  
and that sexy sexy bod?

#11.

screw you

#13.

you have got a Hot Mom  
those are the cards you were dealt  
and you know what  
you gotta make a certain kind of peace with that

#7.

um I think you meant "fuck"

#25.

cut it out

#11.

she is not a Hot Mom!

#13.

(to #11)  
that's not what Kevin says  
as he jerks off to her website pic

#11.

that's so wrong  
he's her patient

#8.

ewwww

#14.

Kevin sees a shrink?

#13.

uh Kevin?  
hello?  
Kevin?  
the community college drop-out who sells pot from our basement?  
he's like why shrinks were invented

#11.

She's  
My  
Mom

#13.

and He's My Brother!  
that makes us like  
oh man  
if my brother's banging your mom  
that makes me your

#11.

you are such an asshole

#13.

that's Auntie Asshole to you dearie

#7.

that is so nasty

#25.

Ladies

#8.

GUYS!

omigosh you guys  
does that mean we're hobbits?

#13.

um  
whaaaaat

#8.

cause like we live in  
Middle America  
so like Middle Earth  
so like... The Shire

#2.

you are beyond obsessed

#8.

I love that  
I like love that we live in The Shire of America

#7.

ACHOO

#11.

that is not what Middle America

#14.

bless you

#13.

try telling that to the future Mrs. Samwise Gamgee

#7.

thanks bitch

#8.

(*dreamy*)  
he's just such a good friend!  
you know?

#7.

jesus

#13 sings the Shire theme from The Lord of the Rings, with #8 and then #2 joining in\*

#7.

you guys are retarded

#8.

hey  
don't use the r-word

#2.

yeah  
not cool

#7.

oh get over yourselves

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#25.

no really  
it's really not cool

#7.

jesus you guys are like a bunch of fascists  
haven't you heard of like free speech  
like the first fucking amendment?

#25.

it's just an ugly word  
and it's not the sort of word we want on the field

#7.

(fuck you)

#25.

what was that?

#7.

nothing

#25.

what?

#7.

jesus nothing

*pause*

#11.

hey where's the new girl?

*pause*

#14.

I suppose we'll just have to like manage without her

*titters*

#25.

girls

*slight pause*

#8.

who are we playing again?

#25.

Fusion

*they all look off to the other team warming up*

#13.

are they any good?

#25.

they're ok  
great goalie

#14.

oh right

**The Wall**

#11.

hey we've got a great goalie right here

#13.

ow ow ow

#13 grabs #00's shoulders and she grimaces

#8.

she's so huge  
just look at her

#7.

Christine Fucking Kratzer

#14.

you think she lifts?

#11.

she has to  
to get that kind of muscle def

#2.

I should lift more

#13.

um what?  
why?

#2.

nobody sees me on the field and is like "uh-oh"

#13.

you could like get a facial tattoo  
like a full-on facial tattoo

#14.

yeah but you're so skinny

#2.

no I'm not

#8.

omigosh you so totally are

#11.

yeah

#2.

no I'm not I'm really not you guys

#25.

if you want to bulk up maybe you should try lifting

#7.

and like eating more protein

#2.

I eat plenty of protein  
 I like basically live on peanut butter and cheese!  
*(deeply frustrated)* ECH

#8.

hey it's ok  
 I don't have any upper body strength either

#2.

I just can't stop thinking about it

#8.

really?

#2.

all those Mexican kids in cages!

#11.

they're not just / Mexican

#2.

there's so many of them  
 and they're all stuck in these camps

#13.

that sounds ok

#2.

no like not fun camps really horrible camps  
 and some of them are like Travis's age!

#8.

ohhh  
 hahaha  
 omigosh  
 I thought you were  
 talking about biceps!  
 hahaha

#8.

that's super sad  
 I like didn't know about this at all

#2.

I just really hope someone's reading to them  
 5 to 6 is a really important age  
 especially for ESL

#8.

I love reading to Patrick  
 it's sooo fun  
 I get to do all the voices  
 like "here comes grumpy Mr. Platypus"

#2.

in my youth ministry we tutor 1st graders  
 at Jessie Beck  
 they're all ESL kids  
 and the later they come over the / harder it is

#13.

los niños  
 todos los niños  
 ay mamacita los pobrecitos

#11.

you know you're being racist

#13.

que?

#11.

like super racist

#13.

lo siento  
 tia mia  
 pero no hablo tu lengua estupida

#11.

it's idioma? / actually?

#7.

ARE YOU GUYS FUCKING BRAIN DEAD?

these kids have Nowhere to go

no like Legal Status

I mean they're just going to be like Deported

back to their Families who Sent them here

so they could like Have a Better Life

and like not live in a fucking War Zone with like fucking Drug Lords

but now if they like If they even make it across the fucking Border

they're stuck

in like basically Prisons in like Arizona

and being used as like as like FUCKING POLITICAL PROPS!

#13.

...whoa man

#2.

...what are you saying

#7.

so they have much bigger fucking problems than

than fucking

than fucking ESL BEDTIME STORIES

#14.

I didn't know you cared about this stuff

#7.

my dad's firm

does like a lot of immigration stuff

pro bono stuff

he's so pissed

#2.

we're pissed too!

we're super pissed!

that's why we're knitting scarves!

#8.

but like

didn't it take you a while to learn English?

#7.

me?

#8.

(to #14)

no no you

#14.

...um what do / you

#8.

like cause your family came over when you were four?

didn't it take you a while?

#14.

um no

I already spoke English

#8.

oh! ok

I guess that's why you don't have a Mexican uh

#14.

...I'm Armenian

#8.

oh!

...cool

that's so cool

#13.

dude!

#11.

we just learned all about Armenia

#14.

yeah

I'm uh

I'm Armenian

#8.

then why are you always going to Mexico with your family?

#14.

um for vacation?

#8.

ohhhh

#2.

her dad's Armenian

#11.

seriously?

#14.

yeah my dad's Armenian

ay yay yay chica

my mom's American

they were living in London when they had me

#8.

super cool

#11.

do you have double citizenship?

#25.

I want double citizenship

that's so

...dual

cool

#2.

I knew that

#13.

ello, guvnor!

the loo! the lorry!

the... LON-DON!

#8.

wait shouldn't you have like an English accent then?

#7.

YOU GUYS ARE RETARDED

#13.

whoa man

#25.

would you watch that language

#7.

oh yeah?  
or WHAT?

#25.

or I'll tell Coach

#7.

oh no!  
the dumbass who works at Best Buy?  
see how many fucks I give

#25.

that's it  
I'm warning you

#7.

fuck  
you

#25.

you're running laps

#7.

I HATE YOU  
I HATE YOU  
I  
HATE  
YOU

*#7 storms off*

#25.

well  
we'll uh  
we'll see if she starts this game huh

*pause*

#13.

(shouldn't you uh)

#14.

...(yeah)  
(yeah)

*#14 jogs off after #7*

*#46 walks in wearing a puffy coat over street clothes and odd snow boots*

#13.

there go our Lady Crusaders

#11.

St. Albert has like the most Catholic team name

#13.

could be like the Lady Jesus  
the Lady Jesus's  
the Lady Jesi?

#8.

guys I totally thought she was Mexican

#2.

I knew she was Armenian  
her nana used to make these Armenian pastries

#8.

I forgot you guys used to be like best best friends

#2.

yeah  
she taught me how to knit when I was like 7  
we'd knit and watch Power Rangers in her den

#13.

**GO GO POWER RANGERS!**

#8.

guys I feel horrible  
was that horrible?

#11.

(to #8)  
it's not a bad thing  
to be Mexican

#8.

no I know I just

#46.

I've been to Armenia

*slight pause where they notice her*

#25.

oh!  
hey!  
you made it!

#46.

sorry  
my bus

#25.

...that's great!  
get changed and get back out here  
alright?

#13.

viva la Mexica!

#11.

it's viva Mexico

#13.

viva Mexico!

#11.

you are THE MOST annoying

#13.

(her bus?)

#46 just stands there

#25.

what's up?

#46.

the locker room's closed

#25.

oh yeah uh

hm

#11.

portapotty?

#46 looks uncomfortable

#25.

yeah I guess you should use the portapotty

sorry

#46 stands for a sec and then walks off

#13.

she takes the bus?

#11.

she told me she has to take like 3 buses to get here

#8

wow

#13.

doesn't she live in like the hills?

#8

really?

#13.

yeah I heard she lives in the hills in this like yogurt thing with her mom

#2.

she lives in a yogurt?

#46 walks back on

she forgot her backpack

#46.

...backpack

#46 grabs it and walks off

#13.

I can't imagine being homeschooled

#25.

yeah

#11.

totally

#8.

yeah  
so weird

#13.

she doesn't even have a school season  
you know

#8.

and it's like so weird she just joined our team

#11.

nobody does that

#8.

I mean we've been playing together forever

#2.

remember The Blossoms

#13.

(*to #25*)  
oh man when your dad was our coach

#11.

Coach Frank

#13.

good ol' Screamy Screamy Coach Frank

#25.

(*embarrassed*)  
yeah  
yeah

#11.

can always tell when Frank's around

#13.

first one in the lawn chair  
first one out of the lawn chair  
punching a ref in the face

#25.

that was two years ago

#2.

he just cares a lot

#8.

but like  
she's only now playing indoor?  
like – really?

#25.

I mean  
she's pretty good  
for having never played before

#13.

wait  
whaaaaat

#2.

seriously?

#8.

she's never played before??  
like ever?

#25.

that's what she said on her registration form

#8.

omigosh

#11.

you get to see the registration forms?

#13.

like on a team?  
or like indoor?  
or like at all?

#25.

I don't know

#11.

like all the registration forms?

#25.

yeah uh  
Coach showed them to me

#8.

wow  
then she's like a  
wow she's like a prodigy

#13.

yeah dude

#25.

I asked her if she wanted to play travel team  
and she was like  
"what's travel team"

#13.

NO

#8.

omigosh

#11.

they just moved here you know

#25.

and she called it "football"

#11.

what??

#13.

like as a joke?

#25.

yeah she called soccer "football"  
and positions "spots"

#13.

as a joke  
right?

#8.

that is like so sad

#25.

I don't think so

#13.

truth to power?  
she's pretty stinky

#8.

omigosh I know

#11.

she doesn't shave

#8.

like anywhere?

#13.

WHOA is she even like American?

#2.

guys should we really be

#13.

what

#2.

...like behind her back  
I don't feel comfortable with uh  
you know

*pause*

#13.

uh  
ok

*#00 stands up and runs off looking sick*

#25.

hope they finish construction soon

#8.

yeah that portapotty is like so disgusting

#13.

yeah last week  
after the game  
someone was in there for like EVER  
and I really had to go  
but like finally finally they open the door  
and it was  
you won't even believe it:  
Louise

#11.

no

#13.

yeah  
oh yeah  
Louise

#25.

Louise Peterson?

#13.

yep  
yep

#8.

what was she doing here?

#13.

and of course I get in there and she took like the HUGEST dump

#8.

ewwww

#11.

did not need to know that

#25.

I think she's sort of cool

#13.

...dude  
what??

#2.

who's Louise Peterson?

#11.

oh she's that new girl  
super punk

#8.

she sang in that coffee house?  
and like licked the microphone?

#2.

oh

#2.

her

#13.

you think she's sorta cool?

#8.

she is so WEIRD

#25.

I don't know

#8.

she smells like cigarettes

#13.

she has such a creepy laugh  
she sits behind me in precalc  
and does this weird little creepy laugh

#8.

and her hair

she has weird hair

it's like

pokey

#13.

"he he he"

"he he he"

#11.

ha ha

#25.

yeah

#13.

"he he he"

#25.

ok ok

*#46 walks on in uniform*

#25.

I just think she's sorta different

#13.

"oh Louise  
you're just  
sorta  
different"

*#13 fake makes out with Louise*

#8.

ewww

#25.

(blushing)  
guys that's  
you're being so immature  
she's really smart  
we're in the same AP English / class and

#46.

(loudly, to #2)  
/ I think you meant yurt

#2.

(very polite)  
...excuse me?

#46.

you said yogurt  
I think you meant yurt  
I live in a yurt with my mom

#2.

...oh

#46.

you can't really live in a yogurt  
*uneasy laughter*

#46.

hey I uh just saw the uh  
*can't remember her name*

#46.

uh goalie? outside? and I think she's /

#11.

vomiting?  
*#13 makes the sound*

#8.

ewwwwww  
*#13 makes the sound on #8*

#8.

stop stop stop

#46.

(confused that they know this is happening)  
yeah uh  
is she alright?

#25.

she vomits before every game

#13.

and she stops talking  
like totally clams up

#11.

it's a nervous condition

#8.

it's like disgusting is what it is

#11.

she's like super high functioning

#13.

basically a genius

#25.

she has a 4.9  
and edits The East Gazette

#11.

I'm a columnist

#2.

she has a 4.9?

#8.

and plays the saxophone in State Youth Orchestra

#25.

and leads Model UN

#11.

but crippling SAD

#2.

she's not very sad

#11.

no no

SAD

S.A.D.

Social Anxiety Disorder

#46.

oh

well that explains that I guess

*light laughter*  
*awkward silence*

#46.

I think there's a bird in the air dome

*they all look up*

#25.

that happens sometimes

#11.

what I want to know is how they get in

#13.

dude I do not want to be in here  
if there's a hole in the air dome

#11.

I think we'd be ok

#8.

there's a hole in the air dome?

#13.

nuh uh have you like SEEN a balloon pop before

#11.

um I think it's more complicated than that

*awkward silence*

#46.

...you can tell by the rusty flanks

*awkward-er silence*

#46.

*(trying to gossip)*

hey so uh who knows about the abortion?

*pause*

#13.

WOW

*pause*

#25.

that's uh  
we don't say stuff like that

#46.

*(totally mortified)*  
cool

#13.

I thought she just took Plan B

#8.

that's not what I heard

#2.

where?

#46.

right there  
on top of the ventilation unit

#2.

where?

#46.

*(pointing) there*

#2.

oh!  
pretty

#46.

I think it's a tufted  
titmouse

#13.

no I'm pretty sure it was just Plan B

#11.

maybe she had an abortion  
AND took Plan B

#25.

come on guys

#11.

what  
it's a possibility  
it's a definite possibility

#13.

are we talking about 2 months ago?  
when Dan came home for Thanksgiving?

#25.

yeah

#13.

no guys that was definitely Plan B

#2.

how do you know

#13.

Miss Armenia told me  
...guys we cannot go around telling people she got an abortion

#2.

what's Plan B?

*#14 and #7 jog in*

*#14 holds something behind her back*

#2.

guys? what's / Plan

#25.

look who's back!

#13.

yo yo!

#11.

hey guys!

#8.

OH  
Hi  
hello

#7.

were you guys talking about us or something?

#13.

uh

nope

#8.

hahahaha  
hahahaha

#11.

there's a bird in the air dome

#7.

what-ever  
big news guys:

#14.

my mom brought orange slices

*she tosses orange slices into the group  
they stop stretching and descend on the Ziploc bag*

#13.

orange slices! dude!

#8.

omigosh

#2.

your mom's the best

#7.

*(sarcastic)*  
she's like the Total Best

#14.

ha totally

#8.

orange slices!  
that's so so fun!  
guys remember when

#11.

yes we all remember orange slices

#13.

oh god  
they're delicious

#25.

don't eat too many ladies  
no side cramps out there

#13.

hey guys look

*#13 puts orange slice in mouth and smiles*

#8.

guys we used to do this all the time!  
oh my god

#8 *puts orange slice in mouth and smiles*

#11.

ha that rules

#11 *puts orange slice in mouth and smiles*

#8.

(*orange slice in mouth*)  
(you gotta do it)

#8 *holds an orange slice out to #2*

#2.

oh  
um

#8.

(come on come on)

#2 *hesitates for a sec then puts orange slice in mouth and smiles*  
*she looks super stressed out*  
*#7 and #14 join in*

#13.

(my dudes I've got braces) #11.

(this tastes funny after a while)

#13.

(look I'm 12 years old)

#8.

#7.

(wow)

#14.

(isn't this super fun)

(haha  
haha  
haha)

#13.

(I've got braces)

#25.

um girls

#14.

(takes out orange slice)  
WAIT  
we should take a picture  
does anyone have their phone  
mine's dead

#11.

(no)

- #8. #2.  
 (yay! picture!) (I don't have one)
- #13. #7.  
 (in my backpack) (seriously?)
- #14. #2.  
 what? (I'm not allowed)
- #13. #7.  
*(takes out orange slice)* (um why?)  
 in my backpack  
 the tie dye one  
 on the bench
- #2. #7.  
 (nodding)  
 (radiation)
- #14. #7.  
 cool (what?)
- #14 jogs off to the bench #2.  
 #25. (radiation?)
- girls we should really finish #7.  
 #11. (what?)
- #8. #2.  
 (come on you know  
 for the picture) you want to #2.  
 #25 puts in a slice (takes out slice)  
 radiation! #11.  
 (radiation?)
- #13. #8.  
 NO THE OTHER TIE DYE ONE (yay!  
 THE TURQUOISE-Y ONE guys!  
 let's all pose!  
 let's pose like Charlie's Angels)  
*#00 jogs on and clocks the situation*  
*she puts in a slice* (takes out slice)
- LET'S POSE LIKE CHARLIE'S ANGELS
- #13. #7.  
 IT'S IN THE BIG POCKET (um, no  
 NO THE OTHER BIG let's just like do whatever)  
 YEAH NEXT TO MY INHALER?  
 BINGO BANGO MY FRIEND
- #14. #8.  
 #14 jogs back on with iPhone (disappointed)  
 ok
- kay everybody um  
 do something crazy  
*they all pose in awesome ways except #46*

#25.

(takes out orange slice)  
 hey  
 wanna get in the picture?

#46.

(on verge of tears)  
 I don't get it

#25.

what?

#46.

why do they have orange peels in their mouths?

*they all stare at her in shock with orange peels in their mouths*

#25.

wow  
 uh  
 just do it ok?

*#46 puts an orange in and gets in the picture*

#14.

alright  
 um  
 look fierce

*#14 takes the photo with an iPhone.*

very cool you guys

*they spit them out and crowd around the iPhone*

#7.

can I see?

#13.

did you use the filter

#11.

oranges are so good you guys

#8.

wait we should do a goofy one  
 guys can we do a goofy one

*#2 cleans off her tongue*

#13.

(looking at it)  
 very nice  
 want me to take one with you in it?

*whistle*

#25.

alright that's game  
 let's get out there ladies!  
 hustle!  
 someone grab the slices!      #2.

I'll get 'em

#13.

#25.

let's go let's go

Fusion is going downnnntownnn

#7.

time to climb The Wall

#13.

more like (*monster voice*) DESTROY IT

#14.

(to #00)

hey my ACL's acting up  
can I use your wrap

#00 nods

#25.

how's it feeling

#14.

you know

#11.

can I have some too?

#25 jogs off with #00, #14, and #11

#8.

hey do you think they play soccer?

#13.

who?

#8.

all the immigrant kids  
do you think someone gives them like mini soccer balls?

#7.

jesus christ

#8.

what?  
what?

#13.

muy muy muy racista

#8, #7, #13 jog off

#2 picks up the orange slices and looks at #46, who looks up

#2.

hey um

#46.

the tufted titmouse is still there

#2.

oh cool

#46.

but now I'm thinking it's more of a bushtit

#2.

oh  
that's good  
...um

#2.

I just wanted to  
I wanted to say  
it's so nice you're trying a new sport

#46.

...thanks

#2.

I mean it must be hard  
to move somewhere?  
and not know anyone?

...

I guess what I mean is I'm

...

I'm sorry I said you lived in a yogurt

#46.

right

#2.

I think it's neat  
...a yurt sounds pretty neat

*#46 stares at her for a sec*

*and jogs off*

*#2 devours the entire bag of orange slices*  
*whistle*

## WEEK THREE – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

*the field is empty*

#25.

## HIGH KNEES

*the whole team runs past doing high knees  
a few seconds – they run past again*

#25.

## BUTT KICKS

*they run past doing butt kicks  
a few seconds – they run past again*

#25.

## HIGH KNEES/BUTT KICKS

*they run past doing high knees/butt kicks  
a few seconds – they run past again*

#25.

## GRAPEVINE

*they run past doing grapevine  
a few seconds – they run past again*

#25.

## ALRIGHT COME IN

## COME IN

#11.\*

*(winded)*  
jesus she's working us

#7.

*#11 is coughing*

*(winded)*  
cause we fucking lost

#2.

*(winded)*  
are you ok?

#14.

*(winded)*  
to fucking Fusion

#11.

*(winded)*  
yeah totally

#13.

*(winded)*  
never again guys  
never again

*#25 carries a mesh bag of soccer balls  
she empties it*

#25.

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT  
LET'S HUSTLE

\* #11 and #00 have a cold this week

#25.

BIG GAME TODAY  
AND IT'S NOT GOING TO WIN ITSELF

#13.

Blue Storm is going downnnn

#7.

bitches won't know what hit 'em

#25.

PARTNER UP

#14 and #7 pair up immediately

#25.

I WANT TO SEE TIGHT PASSES  
SOFT TOUCHES  
INSIDE OUTSIDE  
LEFT RIGHT  
HUSTLE LADIES

#2.

(to #13)

partner?

#25.

I WANT US LOOKING GOOD OUT THERE TODAY

#13.

(detective-y)

sure thing sweetheart

#25.

(to #00)

ready?

#00 nods and puts on her gloves

#2.

(confused by reference)

...ok

#7.

(to #14)

did you bring your stuff?

#14.

(innocent)

what stuff?

#7.

um like a bikini?

a toothbrush?

#14.

(overplaying)

oh oops I like totally forgot

guess I'll just have to SKINNY DIP

#8.

god I hope we win

#7.

(*with love and delight*)

you total fucking slut!

#11.

we have to

we have to beat them

#8.

(*sigh of longing*)

Miami

#11.

they went to Epcot

you know?

Epcot

in a limo

with like discounted tickets

#8.

it's so unfair

#11.

and our final game

last spring

all-district tournament

was like SO CLOSE

#8.

I know

#46 approaches them

#46.

hey um

mind if I join?

#11.

oh

uh

ok

sure

sure

#13.

sick headgear bra

#2 is wearing a protective headband

#11.

we'll make it a triangle

#2.

I hate it  
my mom's making me wear it  
she bought it on amazon

#13.

cause of last week

#2.

yeah apparently I got another concussion or something

#13.

oh mannnn  
this is number?

#2.

5 I think  
no no  
6

#13.

you're like Queen of the CAT scan

#2.

yeah my mom's like "thank god we have insurance now" but

#25.

#13.

yo!  
we should get you like a kitty tiara!

(to #00)  
quick hands

#2.

what?

#25.

#13.

(British accent)  
"Queen of the CAT Scan"

(to #00)  
quick hands

#2.

oh!  
that's funny

#25.

(to #00)  
there we go  
that's more like it

#13.

meow meow

#2.

(not quite a British accent)  
"Queen of the CAT Scan"

*they're both a little embarrassed about her bad accent*

#13.

your mom was freaking out

#2.

my mom was totally freaking

#13.

it was a sick header though

#2.

right?

#7.

I am so fucking pumped

#14.

yeah Martin Luther King Jr. Day is like totally my favorite holiday

#7.

shut up asshole

#14.

oh right

and it's your birthday

#7.

oh right

and we're going to my dad's ski house

and that asshole won't be there

and he has like a fully stocked bar

#46.

(off)

sorry

*she runs across*

#8.

(off)

it's ok

#7.

so shut the fuck up you ungrateful whore

*#8 and #11 wait for her to bring the ball*

#11.

...

...

have you heard about diedinhouse.com

#8.

what

#11.

diedinhouse.com

it's a service

you pay them and they tell you if anyone has died in your house

#8.

how do you find this stuff

that is so scary

#11.

just the internet

#8.

but you have to search for something like that  
why would you search for

#11.

no it was like on  
like on my Gmail  
like an ad  
or on Facebook or something  
I don't know

*#46 walks back on with ball and stands behind #8*

#8.

so creepy

#46.

what is?

#8.

OMIGOSH  
omigosh  
omigosh you scared me

#11.

diedinhouse.com  
it like tells you if someone died in your house or something

#46.

someone died in my house

*slight pause*

#11.

who

#46.

I don't know  
he won't tell me his name

#8.

Oh  
My  
Gosh

#11.

...don't you mean your yurt?

#13.

I hear a scout's coming for Jordana today

#2.

what?

#13.

yep Jordana Frye

#2.

really?

#13.

yep yep

#2.

crap

...

...

she's so good

#13.

I know

#7.

OW

#14.

what

#7.

I forgot how much these hurt

#14.

what?

#7.

I just got waxed

#14.

ohhh

#7.

owwww

#00.

ACHOO

#14.

I can't believe you do that  
it must be like so painful

#7.

I guess

#25.

are you sick?

#14.

my sister says it's like bitchslapping your vagina  
but with hot oil  
like a hot oil bitchslap

#25.

goddammit

#7.

I have a pretty high pain tolerance so

#14.

wait is Dan coming this weekend?

#7.

it's my birthday so like he better fucking come

#14.

and you didn't invite anyone else?

#7.

well Dan's bringing a friend

#14.

(*uncomfortable*)

so it's just you and Dan

and me and like some college guy I don't know

#7.

chill the fuck

kay

he's hot

we'll ski

we'll go in the jacuzzi

Dan'll make his famous screwdrivers

it'll be crazy

kay?

#14.

kay

#8.

(*off*)

WAIT

#14.

how hot

#11.

so some guy died in your yurt?

and he like haunts it?

#46.

perhaps

#8.

omigosh you guys I am so scared

#11.

how do you know it's a spirit

what if it's just a drafty window

#46.

yurts don't have windows

#8.

or like

like a door

do you have a door?

#25.

LADIES!

COME IN!

#11.

of course she has a door  
 how else would she get inside the yurt

#8.

I don't know  
 I do not know

#25.

## COME IN

#8.

...with a spoon?

*they giggle like only 16-year-olds can*

#25.

what's so funny

#11.

(*laughing*)  
 "with a spoon"

#8.

(*laughing*)  
 "how else? with a spoon"

#25.

## Ladies

#11.

(*laughing*)  
 cause  
 cause yogurt  
 you know

#2.

#8. when we get scholarships  
 (*laughing*) do you think they'll be full-ride?  
 "with a spoon"

#11.

oh man  
 sorry

#13.

uh  
 those are pretty rare

#7.

(plus they're just a bunch of  
 dumb virgins)

#8.

whoo

#2.

#14.

hahaha

#11.

phew

right

#7.

(or like  
 secret lesbians)

#8.

spoon

#2.

right

#14.

hahahaha

#11.

spoon

*#46 intercepts their pass  
she juggles their ball  
she is amazing*

**#46.**

(chants)

I LIVE IN A YOGURT  
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT  
YOGURT FOR BREAKFAST  
YOGURT FOR LUNCH  
I LIVE IN A YOGURT  
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT  
YOGURT FOR DINNER  
YOGURT FOR BRUNCH  
I LIVE IN A YOGURT  
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT  
YOGURT FOR SNACK  
YOGURT FOR SNACKY SNACKY  
I LIVE IN A YOGURT  
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT  
YOGURT FOR DESSERT  
YOGURT FOR

*she drops the ball  
everyone is watching*

**#2.**

WOW

*#46 sprints off*

**#11.**

what was that?

**#13.**

seriously yo

**#2.**

do you think she's ok?

**#25.**

LADIES

...

just

...

team work makes the dream work  
you know?

**#14.**

that was interesting

**#8.**

so weird

but so good at that

**#7.**

if only she could play like center whatever

**#25.**

(off)

GODDAMMIT KEEP PASSING

*pause*

#13.

you guys she sounds exactly like

#8.

oh my gosh

#7.

"mark your man goddammit"

#14.

"if you let another goddamn ball in"

#11.

"that's it goddammit we're running laps"

#13.

wow wow wow

Frankie Jr.

here in da flesh

#00.

"I live in a yogurt"

*everyone stares at her*

#00.

...it's catchy

*#00 runs off to vomit*

#8.

can I just say

I just don't get what the big deal is about like self-knowledge

#11.

...what?

#8.

like

what's the big deal

there are so many other things to know about

why waste time knowing about yourself

#7.

...where is this coming from?

#8.

oh

I went over to Chris's house

and he was like

all moody and talking about self-knowledge

#13.

total downer

#14.

he's cute

#2.

in like a scary way

#8.

yeah

I don't know

he like made fun of my calf muscles

and tried to stick his hand down my shirt

#7.

cool

#8.

um not really

*pause*

#7.

let's do the spiderweb?

#13.

#2.

righteous

yay!

#14.

yeah

#8.

ooh I love the spiderweb

*they do the spiderweb*

*it's a complicated, interwoven passing drill*

*it's pretty impressive actually*

#2.

did you guys hear a scout's coming?

#11.

really?

#13.

for Jordana Frye

#7.

shit

#14.

from where?

#13.

I mean I think she's getting scouted by like everyone  
but I think Santa Barbara

#2.

Santa Barbara?

you didn't tell me that

#7.

shit

#14.

that's like the best team

#8.

but the showcase tournament isn't until next week

#13.

I know they must just want like early dibs you know

#11.

is that even legal? like NCAA approved legal?

#8.

have you guys emailed coaches yet?

I get so nervous I never know how to start it

#7.

um "dear coach"

#8.

yeah but like I don't know

it just makes me nervous

what if there's like a spelling error or I say the wrong thing

or like the wrong tone

#13.

you gotta chill my man

#11.

wait how'd you hear that?

#13.

what?

#11.

about the scout?

#13.

oh uh dunno

guess Coach told me

#11.

Coach?

#13.

yep

#8.

wait you mean like Coach Neil?

like Neil Neil?

#14.

the creep who asked us to scrimmage in our sports bras?

#8.

ew

#2.

I hated that

#7.

he's totally hungover again

#2.

he is?

*they all look off*

#11.

thus Coach Frankie Jr.

#7.

which is total bullshit

#2.

you guys she's doing her best

#7.

we're paying out the ass for a coach

#11.

our parents are paying out the ass for a coach

#7.

still a fucking rip-off

Tony would never do this to boy's U17 indoor

#8.

I can't believe they got Coach Mikhail

#2.

he played in Croatia right?

like on a pro team?

#11.

I thought Czech Republic

#8.

he is so scary

#13.

I think he killed a man once

in like... (*scary voice*) the 80s

#14.

I think he's sorta sexy

#8.

he's like 45!!

#14.

so's Jude Law

#8.

so's my dad

#7.

we should get fucking Coach Mikhail!

not this washed-up pudgeball who spends games at the vending machine

#13.

hey he really wanted that pop-tart

#7.

it's like

it's like sexist

that's what this is  
sexist

#2.  
c'mon it's just indoor

#7.  
just indoor?  
we're juniors  
this spring is what counts if we wanna play college

#2.  
I know I know but like  
you know

#7.  
no  
I don't fucking know

*#00 comes back and does private goalie drills  
but she's listening*

#8.  
wow you are such a feminist

#7.  
what?  
no  
it's not about  
I'm just like  
it's just like fucked up you know?

#11.  
I'm a feminist  
what's wrong with being a feminist

#14.  
guys look  
he literally fell asleep

*they look at him*

#11.  
I just can't believe that Neil is in the Army

#8.  
really?

#2.  
I thought he worked at like RadioShack

#13.  
Best Buy yo

#11.  
he's National Guard  
remember his stupid story about the humvee

#8.  
oh yeah didn't he like go to Iraq?

#13.  
Afghanistan

#7.

if he's America's best  
America is sorely fucked

#11.

guys what if Neil did like  
Abu Ghraib shit?

#8.

Abu what?

#11.

oh come on you know about Abu Ghraib

#8.

um no

#11.

like torture in prison

#2.

in Afghanistan

#7.

no like Iraq

#11.

yeah definitely Iraq

#14.

...definitely

#7.

those pictures of the guys with bags over their head  
like naked standing on boxes

#8.

ugh

#2.

we saw pictures in Amnesty International

#11.

I heard they'd like  
the like female guards would like  
would like you know

#8.

like what

#11.

like (arouse them)

#2.

what?

#11.

(*nods*)  
like take off their shirts  
and you know

- #8. ew with like terrorists?
- #2. why?
- #13. guys Neil did not torture terrorists with his titties
- #7. oh yeah?  
how would you know?
- #8. I miss Coach Patrick
- #2. yeah
- #14. I know
- #8. I love Coach Patrick
- #11. can't believe he's in Idaho
- #2. we should send him a card or something
- #14. we should like text him that orange slice pic  
as like a "get-well" thing
- #7. for him or for his mom?
- #8. it's so amazing he moved home
- #14. what's wrong with her again?
- #11. I think she has terminal breast cancer?
- #14. oh right
- #13. yeah  
like stage 4 right?
- #8. I hope he's back by March  
I do not want Coach Creep for travel team
- #13. you realize that means you want his mom to croak

#8.

what??

#13.

cause that's the only way he's moving back  
is if his mom you know

#2.

that's an awful thing to say

#13.

I mean  
would you rather have Coach Patrick's mom die from breast cancer  
OR  
have Neil for travel team?

#8.

...um

#13.

are you hesitating??

#8.

no I mean

#7.

wow

#8.

no

#14.

WOW

#11.

that's nuts

guys!

#7.

that is some intense shit

#13.

she's just a sweet old lady with one titty!

#11.

what's with you and titties today?

#8.

guys come on

I just like hate Coach Neil

#7.

hate him enough to kill Coach Patrick's mom?

#2.

#8.

guys?

(getting upset)

oh my gosh you guys

#11.

yeah but you don't NOT want to kill his mother

#2.

hey you guys?

#7.

exactly

#13.

girl wants mommy to die of the big C

#8.

*(on verge of tears)*

I DO NOT!!

Take it back!!

#13.

what?

#8.

you're not allowed to say that!!

take it back!!

#13.

ok!!

jesus!

I take it back!!

it is taken back!!

*#8 is super upset*

#13.

oh

shit

your mom

#11.

I forgot

yeah

I'm sorry

sorry

...shit

#14.

#7.

yikes

yeah

#8.

*(still really upset)*

...it's fine

#2.

are you ok?

#8.

I'm great

*awkward pause*

#7.

soooo

who has plans for the three day weekend?

#11.

homework

lots and lots of homework

#2.

I'm doing a day of service at Wingfield Park  
you guys should come!

#11.

how do you have time?

#2.

already finished my paper on Rwanda

#13.

*(to #8)*

#11.

seriously?

hey

you suck

that was like

major FOOT in MOUTH

#8.

*(chipper)*

hey isn't it almost someone's birthday??

#11.

*(to #7)*

right! January 19

#2.

happy birthday!

#8.

birthstone: garnet

#7.

what?

#8.

remember? the birthstone club?

#11.

party tonight or Sunday?

#2.

yeah when's it /

#7.

oh I'm actually just like  
hanging with Dan  
at my dad's ski house

#8.

you're not having a party this year?

#11.

oh

#7.

nah  
too old for like slumber parties

#2.

but you always have a slumber party

#7.

yeah  
yeah

#8.

WELL

my stepmom said I could have some people over  
so if anyone wants to sleep over Sunday?  
we can like watch a movie?

#11.

definitely  
free me from the tyranny of Sunday night dinners

#00 *nods*

#2.

I'll ask my mom

#13.

want me to bring my laptop??

#8.

(to #14)  
omigosh  
will you bring your iPad  
so we can watch Game of Thrones??

#14.

um  
I'm like going out of town actually?  
with my family  
to like visit my cousins

#8.

oh!  
the Armenians?

#14.

#8. does anyone else have HBO GO?

#13. ...the Americans

#2.

that sounds nice

#11.

I have HBO GO!!

we could ask Stephanie  
are you inviting Stephanie?

#8.

yeah

#13.

hey I have HBO GO

#8.

(sorta displeased)  
cool

#13.

coolio!  
I'll bring my laptop

#11.

also guys:  
guess what our fine captain is up to this weekend

#7.

taking a fucking chill pill

*laughter*

#11.

hanging out with -

#11.

drumroll please –

Louise

#7.

who?

#14.

yeah who?

#13.

no

#8.

#11.

weird new girl at our school

yes

she licked the microphone

#13.

Louise Peterson?

#7.

she did what?

#25 and #46 jog back in

#25 is so stressed

#8.

omigosh

why

#11.

shhhh

#13.

shut up

#25.

ALRIGHT

LET'S CIRCLE UP

*they circle up*

#8.

(wait why is she hanging out with Louise)

#11.

(exactly)

#25.

OK LADIES

So

Big Game Today

Great practice for the college showcase tournament / next week

#7.

/ we're not going to stretch?

#25.

no time

#7.

um hello that is like so fucking dangerous

#14.

yeah

#11.

yeah the doctor said

#25.

we don't have time ok

WE DON'T HAVE TIME

#7 and #14 exchange a look

#25.

ok you know what?  
Everyone stretch  
right now  
yeah

*they do*

#25.

yeah  
ok  
great  
So  
Let's talk about last week  
we lost last week

Right  
Yeah  
We Did #7.  
to a team that was worse than we were (is this like her motivational speech?)  
Why?  
Cause we weren't listening to each other #14.  
(to #7 and #14.) I'm sorry Am I Interrupting?? (oy)

#7.

nope

#25.

Good  
Now  
This week  
We're playing a good team

#13.

BLUE STORMMMMM

#25.

but we've beat them before

#11.

like 5 years ago

#13.

or as I like to call it  
Phase Training Bra

#25.

Ok  
So  
We know they're good  
and sure  
they are  
they're really good

#25.

they went to nationals last year right?  
but are we scared?

*#7 and #14 roll their eyes*

I said

Are We Scared?

#2.

*(super loud)*

NO!!

#25.

that's right  
we're not scared  
We're Ready to Play

#2.

WE'RE READY!!

#25.

cause This isn't about Last Year's Nationals  
This isn't about Next Year's Nationals  
This is about Right Here  
Right Now  
in City Sports Dome  
so  
...expect lots of shots on goal  
which means mark your man  
watch for breakaways  
we're gonna play 2-2-1  
I want 8 and me on D  
14 and 11 in midfield

*to #14 and #8*

#25.

but I want you guys to hang back play safe

#14.

gotcha

#8.

yep

#25.

and 46 as striker

#7.

...what?

#25.

*(ignoring)*

7 and 13 we'll sub you in fast  
it's going to be a running game  
so we'll be switching it / up constantly

#7.

the fuck are you talking about

#25.

they're really going to run us out there  
and everybody watch / for Jordana

#7.

we're playing the best team in the league  
in the fucking district  
and you bench me?

#25.

hey this is all coming from Coach

#7.

give it a fucking break

#25.

language

#7.

she can't even kick the fucking ball straight!

#25.

HEY  
we're a team  
you wanna play?  
you play With Us  
All of Us  
kay?

#7.

(salutes)

Yes Sir

*slight pause*

#13.

did you hear a scout's coming today

#8.

yeah UC Santa Barbara

#11.

for Jordana

#25.

UC Santa Barbara?

#13.

yep yep

#25.

but tournament is a week away

#13.

I know

#13.

they're just like  
early bird gets the worm ya know

*slight pause*

#25.

Ladies  
get that outta your head  
and leave it off the field  
Alright?

#2.

YEAH!

#25.

Now Let's Push Ourselves Today  
Push Further Than You Think You Can  
And Keep On Pushing  
cause I don't know about you  
But goddammit I Want to Win

#8.

kick some Blue Storm booty!

#13.

ow ow!

#2.

let's freaking kill 'em!

#11.

let's do it

*whistle*

#25.

that's kick-off  
let's cheer and get out there

*they huddle up real tight, heads down  
we hear whispers of "we are the wolves we are the"*

#8.

AHHHHHH!

*#8 breaks the circle*

#14.

jesus

#8.

omigosh there's blood all over my jersey!!

#11.

*(to #2) your nose is bleeding*

#2.

what?

*#2 has a nosebleed*

#14.

jesus it's like gushing blood

*#2 touches it and looks at her finger  
whistle*

## WEEK FOUR – THE CAMBODIAN II

*seven girls in uniform run in from the cold  
they're sweaty and pumped up and dusted with snow*

#8.\*

omigosh it is freezing out there!!!

#13.\*

whoo yeah

#13 *puffs on inhaler*

#2.\*

I can't feel my ears

#11.

it's cold as shit

#14.

#2.

colder than a witch's tit

#8.

what's the point of doing a warm-up run  
outside  
when it's snowing?

#13.

*(exhales inhaler)*  
um  
what?

#25.\*

keeps the blood pumping

#14.

what?

#11.

I mean it's also a cool-down  
technically

#13.

a witch's tit?

#2.

how many more today?  
I feel icky

#14.

um  
yeah?

#8.

one more

#13.

are witch's tits  
like  
particularly cold?

#11.

at least

#25.

ALRIGHT LADIES  
great game

#8.

woo woo!

#13.

we were on fi-yahhhhhh

#11.

SHE was on fire

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\* #8 and #25 and #2 and #13 have a cold this week

#25.

yeah yeah we looked good today  
 but we've got another one in 30  
 so let's hydrate  
 and circle up

#13.

college showcase tour-na-MENT

*they circle up and start the warm-up*

#13.

shit guys  
 shit  
 can I just say  
 that was  
 So Sick

#11.

#2.  
 I've never seen anyone play like that  
 even in like the World Cup

completely nuts

#8.

omigosh she's so good

#14.

who knew?

#11.

I mean she was pretty good last  
 week

#13.

#14.  
 she's been holding out on us  
#2.  
 wait where'd she go?

#25.

that bicycle kick

not like this man

#8.

and like in front of all of  
 these scouts??

#7.

what's up sluts

*#14 rolls her eyes*

#8.

omigosh hey! #2.

hi! #11.

heard you cheering out there

#13.

*"fucking kill 'em"*

#7.

haha yeah  
 you guys were fucking great

#2.

thanks!

#7.

nice helmet

#2 is wearing even bigger headgear

#2.

(blushes)

my mom

#11.

cause of the nosebleeds?

#13.

sweet ride dude

#2 nods

#7.

fuck you

my armpits are killing me

#13.

ha ha

#8.

how's it feeling?

#7.

you know

like super shitty

#11.

oof that sucks

#8 blows air through lips

#7.

but I have a pretty high pain tolerance so

#14 rolls her eyes

#25.

what'd the doctor say?

#7.

torn ACL

collective sigh

#13.

shit dude

#11.

aw man

it didn't look that bad on the field

#8.

I thought it was a sprain at most

#7.

yeah well guess not

#2.

what a lousy birthday present

#7.

haha yeah

#13.

"happy 17!"

here, have a bum knee for the REST OF YOUR / ADULT LIFE"

#11.

/ shhhh

#2.

do you need surgery?

#7.

looks like it

*collective sigh*

#11.

it's not so bad

I was back on the field in a couple of months

#7.

yeah

#8.

but that was what

like U14

#11.

U12 but still

#2.

(to #14)

and it only took you like 10 weeks

last season

right?

#14.

(to #2)

yeah

but it was a less serious injury

#7.

lucky bitch

#14.

(biting)

yep

and I took really good care of it

*slight pause*

#7.

yeah

it pretty much fucking blows

but they say maybe I'll be back in time for travel team

#2.

this spring?

that's / great

#7.

no

#7.

uh  
fall

#2.

oh

*slight pause where they all feel bad*

#7.

maybe I can make an ID camp though

#8.

cool!

#2.

cool

that's so great

#13.

rad man

#7.

yeah the Ohio one's not till August  
and they're in my top 10

#11.

great program at Ohio

#13.

for sure

#7.

yeah  
as long as I rehab fast  
you know

#2.

totally

#13.

fingers crossed man

#25.

well thanks for coming out today

#7.

got nothing else to do with my fucking Saturdays

*laughter*

#7.

when's the next game?

#25.

30 minutes or so

#7.

the Diablos?

#11.

that's tomorrow I think

#25.

tomorrow

#13.

9 a.m.

ack!

#2.

we're playing Xtreme Xplosion

9 a.m.?

that's like my primo REM cycle

#7.

oh you'll fucking destroy them

#11.

hope so

#25.

let's not get cocky

#7.

strong on D but terrible shots

#25.

yeah really strong D

#13.

it was a pretty sweet side tackle

#7.

thanks

#25.

you shouldn't have kept playing on it  
after that

#7.

whatever

pain is a state of mind  
you know

*#14 rolls her eyes*

#25.

ok but I told you  
it could have prevented surgery

#7.

and I told you we should have stretched  
but  
can't win 'em all I guess

*pause*

#7.

but we beat 'em!  
we beat Blue Storm!  
next stop nationals!

#13.

"I'm in Miami bitch"

#8.

*(sigh)*  
Miami  
oh my gosh do I want to go to Miami

#11.

the look on Jordana Frye's face when the ref blew the whistle

#13.

ah ha ha ha

#11.

priceless

#2.

it felt good

#7.

hell yeah it felt good

#25.

it's just indoor

doesn't count / for

#7.

whatever

it's not ECNL play

but still

it fucking rocked

#14.

(*points to #7*)

hey did you see that bicycle kick?

#8.

omigosh

#13.

so rad

so super rad

#11.

she's a beast

#7.

(*diffident*)

I guess

#14.

who knew she'd be such a great striker?

right?

#8.

omigosh I know

she scored like 5 goals!!

who does that??

#7.

ok but their goalie was a total joke

#14.

I hate to say it

but she's like

totally giving you a run for your money

#7.

ha thanks

#14.

I mean have you ever scored with a bicycle kick?

#7.

I mean I can do them

#14.

no you can't

#7.

um yes I fucking can

#14.

how come I've never seen it

#7.

I do it at home

when I practice at home

#14.

I bet it's like on your stupid fucking trampoline

#7.

uh

no

#14.

you're a fucking liar

it's on the trampoline

#7.

um chill the fuck out

#14.

ANYONE can do it on the fucking trampoline

#7.

I can DO a fucking bicycle kick

#14.

then PROVE IT you CUNT

*a shocked pause from all*

*#46 walks in*

*she's happier than we've ever seen her*

#46.

hi guys!

great game right?

(to #7)

oh! hey!

/ you made it!

#7.

(to #14)

/ what the fuck is wrong with you

#14.

nothing

#7.

uh ok

#14.

I just don't have time for liars anymore  
you know?

#25.

HEY

I don't know what's going on but /

#7.

/ oh fuck you  
you're not our coach  
and you're a shitty / captain

#46.

(to #25) um

#25.

/ and you're not playing this game  
so I suggest you get off the field

#14.

yeah  
get off the fucking / field

#7.

/ you're such a prude

#14.

am not

#46.

um Captain

#7.

that's not what Brendan said

#14.

shut up

#7.

it was just a fucking b / lowjob

#14.

(panicked)

#46.

shut up

um

SHUT UP

uh

Captain?

I think Coach wants to see you

*all look off*

#2.

who's that guy with Coach?

#8.

I saw him on the sidelines  
taking notes

#13.

wait is he

#25.

hydrate ladies hydrate

*#25 jogs off*

*they all keep staring*

#11.

guys

he's wearing a suit

*silence*

*they watch #25 talk to Coach and the man in the suit*

#00.

shit

*#25 jogs back on*

#13.

from what school?

did he say?

#8.

Santa Barbara?

#2.

was it Santa Barbara?

I bet Stanford

#25.

ladies ladies

coach wants to see #14, #46, and #00

*loaded pause*

#25.

go on

hustle

#14.

kay

*#14, #46, #00 jog off*

*#46 does a weird wave*

*slight pause*

#7.

fuck

#25.

hey

#13.

he's a scout

right

he has to be a scout

#25.

I don't know

#7.

bullshit

#25.

I don't know

#7.

you just shook his hand!

#11.

his clipboard says Texas A&M  
so I'm guessing he's from Texas A&M

*pause*

#7.

shoulda been out there

#25.

shoulda stopped playing when I told you to

#7.

shoulda stretched before I played  
...fuck

#8.

...maybe they'll just call us over in small groups  
so we can like meet him individually?

#13.

sure

sure

maybe my face will turn into a walrus face

#8.

#13 makes a walrus face

(to #13)

#2.

do you guys think I played ok today?

quit it

#13 does a vulgar walrus

#25.

you did  
we all did

#8.

I said quit it!

#7.

you were great

#11.

you did miss that shot

#2.

which shot?

#11.

my corner kick

#2.

it was too high  
I couldn't get to it

#11.

no it wasn't  
maybe if you weren't so scared of getting another concussion

#2.

it was too high

#25.

hey we all played like champs today

*they all look off*

#7.

I've been playing for like 13 years  
and she just fucking picked it up

#11.

yeah  
this is her first season  
like ever

#8.

that's like so impossible

#7.

there's no fucking way

#25.

Ladies

#11.

where'd she even move from again?

#13.

she never told us  
dude she never told us

#8.

I bet she like played travel  
or like O.D.P.  
and just isn't saying

#7.

you don't learn to play like that  
in just a couple weeks of indoor

#13.

she totally played O.D.P.

#2.

*(upset)*  
and she's SO STINKY!

#8.

*(to #25)*  
I mean I just like can't believe he didn't want you

#25.

what?

#8.

I mean I can't believe you're not over there  
you're like so good

#8.

and you like work so hard

#11.

yeah seriously

#13.

si si señor es pollo loco

#8.

(*looking off*)

they're laughing

they're all laughing

*they all look*

#2.

(*looking off*)

what are they writing down

#8.

oh my god

did he sign them?

what if he signed them?

#7.

don't be a moron

he wouldn't sign them right now

Dan had like a whole waiting period

#13.

he probably just got their phone numbers

#11.

oh my god

she's going to vomit

#13.

no

#8.

omigosh

#7.

she's going to hurl all over his clipboard

#2.

hold it in!

hold it in

#11.

she's keeping it together

#13.

it's staying down

#7.

they're shaking hands again

#8.

omigosh

#46, #14, #00 *jog back on*

#11.

how was it?

#8.

what'd they say?

#00 *runs off to vomit*

#13.

thar she blows!

#11.

c'mon c'mon

tell us the good stuff

#46.

he was very nice

#14.

he just wanted our phone numbers  
and like emails

#13.

cool

cool

#2.

where's he from?

#46.

um Texas A&M?  
I think?

#7.

(she thinks)

#14.

yeah  
Texas A&M

#11.

(*furious*)  
...that's so fun!

#46.

...yeah!

#14.

(*to #46, directed at #7*)  
you should tell them what he told you

#8.

what  
omigosh what

#46.

oh nothing

#14.

*(to #7)*

she's being modest

he was like

"that bicycle kick coulda been on ESPN"

#46.

haha

yeah

#7.

...you've played soccer before  
right?

#46.

what do you mean?

#13.

did you play O.D.P?

#46.

O.D.P?

#11.

Olympic Development Program

#8.

like there's no way this is your first time on a team  
there's like SO no way

#46.

*(laughing a little)*

no

the Olympics?

definitely not

this is actually my first team  
with like jerseys

#13.

*(suspicious)*

really dude?

#46.

yes

#11.

but that's

you're so

#2.

good

#46.

oh I mean but I've played before  
I've played a lot

#2.

where?

#46.

uh well

all over the world actually

#13.

WHAAAAAAAT??

#46.

yeah

my mom travels a lot for her job so

we move uh

pretty much constantly

#14.

whoa

#46.

and everyone plays football

um soccer

like everywhere

like Jakarta Krakow La Paz uh Kampala

even if you don't speak the language

so it's uh

it's a good way to uh

make

(*self-conscious*) friends

#11.

...wait what does your mom do?

#13.

does she like work for the CIA?

#8.

omigosh is your mom a spy??

#46.

haha

no

no

she's um

she's a travel writer

#11.

that's something you can actually be?

#46.

I guess so

not a lot of people do it

#8.

wait wait wait

#8.

is she like famous??

#46.

(*shrugs*)

not unless you're really into travel writing

#11.

so like where have you gone

#46.

oh um all over

we just got back from Morocco

before that Cambodia

#13.

you've been to Cambodia??

#46.

yeah

I um I think I told you that

#2.

whoa

#13.

holy shit man

so like you know all about the (*mispronounces*) Khmer Rouge

#11.

#46.

Khmer Rouge

(*shrugs*)

Khmer Rouge

sorta

#7.

wait if you've been to all these places

then like why the fuck are you living here?

#46.

oh

my grandma lives here

she's really sick

she has emphysema?

#8.

...oh my gosh

#00 *walks back on*

#46.

hey um

sorry about your leg

#7.

it fucking sucks

#46.

you shoulda been out there today

#7.

I know

#46.

you're a really good striker

#7.

yeah

I know

...you looked good out there

#46.

(*excited*)

really?

#7.

(*sorta aggressive*)

yeah really

#46.

(*a little moved*)

thanks

#8.

I mean obviously duh you were so awesome

#2.

oh!

#46.

(*to #7*)

that means a lot

#11.

that's

what?

thanks

#2.

I forgot  
hold on

#7.

whatever don't be weird about it

#2 jogs off

#8.

thank god you came back from Cambodia you know

that's all I gotta say

thank god

#46.

(*to #7, familiar*)

man you've had a rough couple of months huh?

#7.

what do you mean?

#46.

you know the uh #13 coughs  
the um thing around Thanksgiving?

#7.

what?

#8.

#25.

ladies let's uh #11. yeah!  
let's move on to passing

that sounds great

#25.

let's do it

#46.

it's just great that you have such a supportive boyfriend

#7.

the fuck you know about my boyfriend?  
wait

#7 looks to #14

#7.

are you fucking serious?

#14.

hey  
no  
that's not

#7.

it was just PLAN B you dicks

#14.

I didn't tell anyone I swear

#13.

(that's what I said)

#7.

you know what?  
fuck you guys  
fuck this  
what I do with my body is my own fucking business  
I don't need this  
I quit

#11.

(shut up)

#14.

you're not going to fucking quit

#7.

you're right  
I'm not  
I fucking love soccer  
maybe I'll just join BLUE STORM

#14.

fuck you

#7.

fuck YOU I invited YOU

and YOU moped like a little pussy

#14.

you LEFT ME ALONE with that guy

#7.

he LIKED you

and you said he was HOT

#14.

yeah but you just like  
you abandoned me  
to go FUCK your stupid FUCKING boyfriend!!  
so / very LOUDLY!

#7.

/ I FUCKING LOVE HIM OK??  
AND I NEVER GET TO SEE HIM!  
/ EVER!

#14.

/ and then you SKIED on your fucking SPRAINED ANKLE

#7.

I HOPE YOU FUCKING ROT YOU MISERABLE

*#2 runs back on holding a scarf*

#2.

I made you a -

*blackout*

**TIME-OUT**

*#00 lies facedown in the middle of the field*

*the gymnasium is silent*

*a long while*

*she bolts up*

*her eyes are red*

*she spills open the bag of balls*

*she kicks each ball offstage in a fury*

*she is panting and wound up and crying*

*she tears her shirt off*

*and sinks to her knees*

*in a black sports bra*

*she holds her shirt*

*and screams*

## WEEK SIX – WE ARE THE WOLVES

#46 sits in the middle of the field holding her phone  
#11 stands at the edge wearing headphones  
they stare at each other  
#46 sneezes\*

#11.

...

...

...

hey

#46.

hey!

#11 looks around and takes out her headphones

#11.

have you been here?  
long?

#46.

couple of minutes

#11.

...

...

#46.

really just got here

#11.

uh huh

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

how have you been  
since the uh

#11.

good

#46.

...

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\* #46 has a cold this week

#11.

...

#46.

good

#11.

...

well

uh

no

I don't know

I'm uh

probably not good

#46.

yeah

yeah

...

probably not

#11.

...

#46.

...

#11.

how about you

#46.

oh

you know

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

I got the cold that was going around

#11.

that sucks

#46.

yeah

it's ok

#11.

want some Emergen-C?

#46.

oh

no

#11.

it helps

#46.

I think it's a placebo

#11.

...

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

so you think we have to forfeit?

#11.

oh

yeah

I mean

probably

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

...

#46.

I guess unless anyone else shows

#11.

yeah

#46.

we need six?

#11.

six

yeah

#46.

cool

#11.

...

#46.

four to go!

#11.

...

#46.

...

#11.

...

#46.

...

have you uh  
have you seen everyone

#11.

(nods)

at school and stuff

#46.

that's good

#11.

yeah

...

it's been weird

#46.

yeah

...

...

is everyone

uh

ok?

#11.

I uh I don't really

#8 walks on  
she has a big zit

#8.

hi!

#46.

hey!

#11.

hey

#8.

um is anyone else here?

#11.

no

#8.

are we still on?

#11.

I don't know

#8.

alright

#8 *sighs and sits down*  
#11 *is still standing*

#8.

so I guess now we're what  
we're 5-2?

#46.

2?

#8.

Fusion and the forfeit

#11.

yeah

#46.

forfeit?

#11.

um last week?

#46.

oh

...

that counts?

#11.

I think so

*pause*

#8.

boo

*pause*

#8.

(*texting*)

people better get their asses out here

*pause*

#8.

(*looks up*)  
can I just say  
this is like so weird

#46.

yeah

#8.

it's like  
really really weird

...

I keep crying?

...

I can't stop uh

#8.

but I do that all the time  
so uh

*pause*

#11.

my dad keeps wanting to talk about it  
like even in the car over here he was like  
trying to talk about it  
but I'm like  
Not  
Interested  
I don't want to  
I don't want to talk about it

#46.

huh

*pause*

#11.

I've talked about it

#8.

yeah

#11.

it's like  
all I'm talking about

*pause*

#11.

especially when it's like  
I'm driving  
and he's like  
trying to pump the break in the passenger seat  
it just feels like  
I don't know  
like  
...  
disrespectful

*pause*

#11.

anyways

*pause*

#11.

I'm just like  
could you be my dad for a sec and not my therapist?  
you know?

#8.

(*checking her phone*)  
that sucks

#46.

wait I thought your mom was a therapist

#11.

they're both therapists

#46.

really?

#11.

I don't wanna talk about it

*pause*

#8.

you got your permit?

#11.

oh  
yeah

#8.

lucky

#11.

yeah  
it's um  
it's ok  
it's ok

*pause*

#8.

AHH!!

*they both look at her, concerned*

#8.

this zit is SO HUGE!

*pause*

#8.

it like hurts!  
you know when they like hurt?

#46.

yeah

*pause*

#8.

I just want to like  
blast it off my face

*pause*

#46.

it's not so bad

*pause*

#8.

it's huge

*pause*

#8.

I like stayed home from school yesterday cause it was so huge  
I woke up and I was like nope

#8 *picks her face*

*sighs*

#8.

everyone else better show up

*pause*

#46.

how's Alex doing?

#11 and #8 exchange a look

#11.

she's uh  
not great  
you know

#46.

yeah

#8.

really not great

*pause*

#11.

Kristen told me she hasn't gone back to school since

#8.

yeah  
I heard that too

#46.

who's Kristen?

#8.

(surprised)  
omigosh you don't know Kristen?

#11.

oh she's on the travel team

#46.

there's more girls on the travel team?

#11.

oh yeah

#8.

loads more

#46.

they don't play indoor?

#8.

nah

they have like other stuff you know

#46.

like what

#11.

um Kristen plays basketball for St. Albert

#8.

and Mariana plays basketball for East High

#11.

Emma P. and Jessica do ski team

#8.

which is so dumb

there are like so many injuries

#11.

Taylor's recovering from surgery

#8.

Ari's recovering from surgery

#11.

Lily's recovering from surgery

#8.

and Emma

uh

what's Emma doing?

#11.

Emma P?

#8.

no no Emma B.

#11.

ohhh

Emma B. wanted to be in the "school play"

*eye-roll*

#8.

how could I forget

#11.

she plays like an old German guy

#11.

a watchmaker or something  
(*in accent*) haven't you heard her German accent

#8.

isn't she like Jewish?

#11.

I know  
we sit together in calc  
and she keeps like whispering  
“don't you have ze guts to do vat you seenk ees right?”

#8.

oh man

#11.

she's so pumped  
she like gets to wear a moustache

#8.

oh yeah I saw that on Instagram

#11.

the biggest Instawhore

#46.

I think I met her at the service

*pause*

#8.

I keep looking at that picture  
with the orange slices

#11.

I can't  
it freaks me out too much

#8.

I can't stop checking it

*#2 and #00 walk on*

#2.

hey!

#00.

hi!

#8.

oh great you made it

#11.

hey guys

#2.

yeah her mom gave me a ride

#00.

wow

#2.

it's so good to see you guys

#00.

we almost have a full roster

#11.

yeah

wow

#00.

one more and we can play  
according to regulations

#46.

that rocks

#00.

(to #46)

haven't seen you for a while

#46.

yeah

#2.

how've you been?

#46.

oh

it's been

yeah

sorta

sorta lonely

...

just sitting in my yurt uh

I uh

missed you guys

...

(to #00)

you're um

you're talking?

#00.

huh?

oh

yeah

ha

I guess I am

#11.

you feel ok?

#00.

I don't really know

I haven't thought about it

#8.

do you feel like you have to...?

#00.

no

no

I guess I uh

interesting

I think I don't feel as stressed?

#2.

about what

#00.

about like

like people scoring on me

missing the ball

seeing it pass through my fingers

or like penalty kicks

or like corner kicks

or a shoot-out even

or just like losing

losing the game

it's not

I visualize a lot

I'm pretty much always visualizing

during warm-ups

at night when I can't sleep

when I noodle around on the sax

but

it doesn't seem so...scary

right now

I guess

#11.

cool

#00.

or maybe I think we're gonna forfeit

so it just hasn't hit me yet

...

um so how are you guys?

#11.

ok

#8.

ok

#46.

yeah

*pause*

#2.

this is so weird

#8.

that's what I said  
it's really weird being here

*pause*

#11.

she shouldn't have worn headphones

#8.

yeah but

#11.

she shouldn't have  
it's so dangerous  
she knew that

#00.

that guy should have scraped his windshield  
or like defrosted it

#11.

right I know but if she had heard him?

#2.

guys

*pause*

#46.

hey is that the Hornets?

*they all look off*

#11.

again?

#2.

I guess so

*pause*

#00.

I would love to win right now  
I would really really love to win

*they stare at the Hornets*

#46.

anyone wanna pass?

#2.

...sure

*they get a ball and pass in silence for a little bit*

#8.

(singing to Schoolhouse Rock\*)

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#8.

that was fun!

#00.

talk about a deep cut

#46.

what was that

#11.

um the preamble

#00.

we had to memorize it

#2.

in 5th grade

#11.

and like perform it one by one in front of the whole school

#8.

in assembly

#00.

it was my nightmare

#2.

it was my Nam

#8.

people say that all the time but I don't get it

#2.

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it's something my grandpa says about my grandma's cooking

#8.

like nom?  
like nom nom nom?

#2.

no I think like um

#00.

Vietnam  
they're talking about Vietnam  
like something's really hard it's like Vietnam

*#25 walks on  
she has a buzzcut*

#25.

hey!

#11.

whoa!

#2.

wow!

#8.

OMICOSH

#00.

oh my god

#46.

oooh

#25.

sorry I didn't think we were playing

#11.

holy shit!

#00.

you look so great

#25.

what

#2.

your hair

#25.

oh  
yeah  
how long have you guys been here?

#46.

don't worry about it

#8.

what did you do to your hair??

#25.

oh I  
buzzed it  
sorry  
I thought we were going to have to forfeit so I

#46.

I think we're good  
right  
we have 6

#25.

yeah  
wow  
I guess so  
...Coach here?

#11.

haven't seen him

#25.

oh right  
it's his weekend on base

#8.

wow he gave us that schedule so long ago

#25.

ok  
...  
ok  
I'll go talk to the ref  
...  
I guess we're playing  
I guess we're on

#25 *jogs off*

#11.

man I can't believe we're actually gonna play

#2.

yeah  
I can't tell if I want to or not

#8 *gets a text*

#00.

I'm so ready you guys  
I've like never felt this ready

#8.

NO!!

#8 *bursts into tears*  
*they all stare at her*

#2.

(*going to comfort her*)  
hey  
shhh

#8.

(*through sobs*)  
Tulsa

#2.

it's ok  
it's ok

#8.

(through sobs)

Tulsa  
it's in Tulsa

#2.

God only gives us what we can handle

#11.

what's in Tulsa?

#8.

nationals  
they're in Tulsa

#46.

what?

#00.

that blows

#11.

what happened to Miami?

#8.

(nodding)  
Emma just texted me

#2.

...that really really stinks  
but you know what?  
someday you'll get to go to Miami

#13 jogs in

#13.

helooooo good people

#11.

look who made it

#13.

of course I did  
of course of course  
I thought we would forfeit but nopedy nope nope

#2.

now we have 7

#46.

an alternate!

#13.

(re #8)  
is she ok?

#2.

nationals are in Tulsa

#8.

(*sniffling*)

I'm never going to go to Disney World

#2.

don't say that

#13.

yeah

yeah

hahahahaha

yeah

#11.

...are you on crack or something?

#13.

um

yeah

no

totally

haha

no

I'm great

I uh

haven't been sleeping

very much but uh

coupla asthma attacks

but

yeah I'm good

all good

#25 runs back on

#25.

ok guys it's cool we're on

#13.

dude!! your hair!!

#25.

oh

yeah

#13.

dude!

#2.

why'd you do it??

#25.

oh I uh guess I wanted a change  
it's so easy in the morning

#11.

I bet

#13.

whoa

#8.

did like a barber do it?

#25.

no

I actually

I did it myself

#13.

whoa whoa whoa

#25.

(to #8)

are you ok?

#8.

nationals are in Tulsa

#25.

really?

#13.

wait you gave yourself a buzzcut??

#2.

wow

#8.

like Mulan

#25.

(nods)

haha yeah

with my dad's razor

#13.

Coach Frank's razor rides again!

#11.

you did that all by yourself?

#25.

yeah

yeah

well I guess

I guess like Louise helped

#13.

...Louise?

#25.

yeah

she uh

she's shaved her head before so I thought she'd  
and she like got the back of my neck

#25.

my uh she called them my  
(blushing)  
my blind-spots

#2.

...can I feel it?

#25.

uh  
sure

#2 *feels it*

#2.

it's soft  
it's so soft

#13.

let me see

#8 *feels*

#8.

omigosh it's like a baby duck it's so soft

#11 *feels*

#11.

that feels so cool

#13 *feels*

#13.

wow  
totally like a baby duck

#00 *feels*

#00.

you look really awesome

#25.

thanks  
it's so easy I just like shower and that's it  
no ponytail  
no hair icicles

#2.

maybe I'll shave my head

#25.

yeah!  
yeah  
...well you guys wanna warm-up?

#11.

yeah

#13.

yeah

#8.

yeah

*they get in a circle and begin their warm-up  
total silence for a while  
it feels really good to do the warm-up again*

#11.

(*looking off*)  
guys is that Coach Patrick?

#8.

omigosh  
it's Coach Patrick

#13.

whoa there are a lotta people over there all of a sudden

#25.

oh  
yeah  
my dad like texted all the other parents  
on their little group text

#2.

I thought he gave a really beautiful speech

#11.

Coach Patrick?  
yeah

#8 *waves*

#8.

guys  
guys he's waving

*they all wave and shout hi/hello/etc*

#13.

oh wowww who's that weirdo witch lady sitting next to him

#46.

that's um that's my mom

#13.

oh  
...right on right on

#00.

cool cape

#46.

yeah  
she's never come to a game before  
I'm sorta nervous

*#46 waves at her*

#2.

hey isn't that Louise?

#25.

*(blushing)*

yeah!

she came for like  
moral support

#11.

cool

#25.

yeah

...she like

she's lost like a lot of  
like her older brother  
she um found him in their garage  
so uh  
she's been pretty cool  
actually  
she's been pretty cool*pause*

#13.

I've never like

I've never had anyone

#11.

like not even a grandparent?

#13.

no

well I guess

like some beta fish but

I mean I know people but I've never gone to a funeral you know?  
or hadn't

I guess

#00.

my grandma died a few years ago  
my dad's mom

#25.

I don't have any grandparents

#11.

me neither

#46.

I just have my one grandma but I don't know my dad so maybe I have 2

*pause*

#2.

my neighbor died a few years ago  
he was really nice  
he used to let me and my brothers and sisters come over and feed the birds

*some of them look at #8 expectantly*

#8.

(chipper)

hey! there's Kevin!

#13.

(thrilled)

dude! what a doofus!

#11.

hey Ari and Lily are here too

#8.

yeah

I texted like everyone I know

#2.

cool

*pause*

#25.

she shouldn't have worn headphones

#00.

he should have like

he should have defrosted you know

#2.

guys

#13.

she shouldn't have gone for a run at 6 a.m.

with snow on the ground

what sorta what sorta NUTjob does that

*#7 hobbles on the field*

#7.

sup bitches

*slight pause*

#8.

hey Alex

#2.

hi

#11.

hey

#00.

hey girl

#7.

(to #25)

your hair!

*#25 smiles and nods*

#13.

how you doing?

#7.

you know  
ok

*pause*

#7.

fucking weird to be here

#8.

yeah

#13.

yeah

*pause*

#7.

(trying hard)

you guys have a huge fucking crowd!

#11.

yeah

#8.

haha

#7.

it's huge!

#25.

did you see Coach Patrick?

#7.

yeah  
yeah

*pause*

#7.

keep stretching!  
I just wanted to you know  
say hey

*awkward silence*

#46.

are you ok?

#7.

yeah  
I'm uh  
yeah  
you know

*pause*

#7.

(brightly)

Dan's here

#2.

yeah?

#7.

uh huh

he took some time off school

#25.

where is he?

#7.

he's parking

#2.

that's great

that's so great

#7.

yeah

*awkward pause*

#25.

so uh

did you hear

nationals are in Tulsa?

#7.

really?

(laughing)

that blows

*they all laugh with her*

#7.

guess it's good there's no chance in hell I'll make it this year

#13.

haha yeah

*SOCCKER MOM walks on the field**she is manic with grief***SOCCKER MOM.**

hi!

hi gals!

*a small collective hi*

wow

you look so

wow!

my god!

it's you guys!

it's our gals!  
you're not getting any younger  
you know?  
you all look so  
and it's just  
it is so good to see you  
just  
like  
like  
like so good

*a pause*  
*she lets out a sharp laugh*

I said  
ha  
listen to me  
ha  
“like”  
ha  
“like” “like” “like”  
in our house we have a quarter jar  
Alex I know you've seen it  
a quarter for every “like”  
and for “um” every “um”  
and the oh the what do you  
the going up? at the end? of the sentence?  
what is that  
but  
they hate it  
the girls  
they just hate it  
and I've tried to explain  
if you're saying something is “like” something  
then it isn't the same  
it's just “like” it  
and if you say that  
and you hem and you haw and you um and you make everything?  
a question?  
then no matter how you know awesome  
how brilliant your thought is  
no one will ever take you seriously  
because you sound like an idiot  
and one time I said  
I was mad  
I was really  
she didn't do the dishes or was texting at dinner or uh  
(*trying to remember*) I don't uh

I don't  
funny

*she is lost in thought*  
*then sudden and snapping*

"MEGAN you say "LIKE" because you don't know ANYTHING about ANYTHING"

I said

"ANYTHING about ANY"

I was

I was really

and uh

Megan said to me

"like you do??"

"like YOU DO??"

and I

do I?

do I know anything about?

*she smiles and looks at the girls from very far away*  
*sudden to #2*

honey

are you eating?

are you eating honey?

you've gotten so skinny

I didn't even recognize

just as long as you're eating

ok?

ok

...ok

*she gets a little self-conscious*

now we want to see a win out there!

today!

win! win! win!

lots of fans

Big Fans

longtime fans came out just to see you!

how cool is that?

right?

so cool

Frank texted me and I was like

"I am In"

so none of that

none of that stuff with the Fusion

let's see some uh some smart soccer today

smart passing smart listening smart eyes

I've seen so many games

you have no idea

so many Saturdays and tournaments and practices and  
And Megan's watching  
Megan is

*sudden and distraught*

oh  
oh no I  
I for  
oh shoot I  
I forgot to  
shoot  
from the trunk  
the trunk!  
oh god  
I'm sorry  
I'm so sorry  
I'm  
I'm so so  
it's not  
ok ok I'll be back in a jiff  
I just forgot to  
ok  
I'm sorry  
ok  
it's ok  
it's ok

**SOCcer mom** *hurries off*  
*a long, long silence*  
*whistle*

#25.

(*very small*)  
ok  
let's uh  
...  
uh  
me and #2 on defense to start  
you're goalie  
#46 striker  
and uh  
#11 and #13 on mid

*whistle*

#7.

good luck guys

*#7 starts to leave*

#25.

wanna do the cheer?

*#7 hobbles over as they huddle up  
silence  
it starts as a whisper  
and grows louder and louder  
until it feels rabid and raw and Bacchic*

#11, #25, #13, #46, #2, #7, #8 & #00.

we  
are  
the wolves  
we are the wolves  
WE  
ARE  
THE WOLVES  
WE ARE THE WOLVES

**SOCER MOM** walks on  
she holds a Ziploc of orange slices  
they howl  
they stop  
they pant  
they see her  
or they don't

**End of Play**