

**Finals Day**

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FADE IN:

INT. STEVE'S ROOM - DAY

Pan of a messy teenage boy's room. It ends on a boy sleeping in his bed. This is STEVE. We then see an alarm clock switch to "6:00" and starts to go off. Steve, agitated, hits snooze.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

MOM is seen making breakfast for Steve. She glances at the clock. It says "6:10". She groans.

MOM

STEVE! GET OUT OF BED THIS SECOND!

STEVE

(FROM OTHER ROOM, mumbling)

I'M UP!

MONTAGE -- GETTING READY/TITLE CREDITS

--Steve rolling out of bed and onto the floor.

--Steve stumbling into the bathroom.

--Shower curtain is seen, shower is running as Steve screams "AHHHHHHH SOAP IN MY EYES!!!!!!"

--No toothpaste left, Steve makes a disgusted face.

--Steve tries to pour syrup over his waffle, all of the syrup pours out and goes everywhere.

--Steve struggling to get toothpaste out of the tube.

--Opening drawer, no clothes for the day, except for one really awful shirt and a pair of pants that are too small.

--Slams fist down on toothpaste, it squirts everywhere. Face Palm.

INT. CAR - DAY

Mom is sitting in the front seat with Steve next to her. Steve looks aggravated.

MOM

Good luck on your final!

STEVE  
(monotone)  
Thanks Mom.

EXT. SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Steve gets out of the car and starts walking up the stairs. A man starts to wave and run towards Steve. This is MR. CONNOR.

MR. CONNOR  
Hey! Hey! Hey!!!

STEVE  
Uh-oh.

MR. CONNOR  
How ya doin' buddy?

STEVE  
Good...

MR. CONNOR  
How do you think you're going to do on today's final? Good? Bad? Medium? Okay? Are you listening? Huh? How long did you study?

Steve isn't paying attention to Mr. Connor until he finishes speaking and he just slowly nods at him and walks away, leaving Mr. Connor to bother another student.

INT. CLASSROOM

Steve walks into the classroom and sits by his two friends. These friends are TYLER and DECLAN. They are having an intense conversation.

TYLER  
I got a cat yesterday.

DECLAN  
YOU GOT A KITTY?? AWWWWWWWWWWW!

TYLER  
...yeah.

DECLAN  
I love kitty cats!

Tyler and Steve are staring at him like he is insane. Declan immediately tries to act tough because he realizes he sounds like an idiot.

DECLAN

(in a deeper manlier  
voice)

I mean, uh, football and chicks and  
stuff...

STEVE

Hey Declan. Hey Tyler.

TYLER

And speaking of chicks...

They all look towards the front of the room. MELISSA walks in, in slow motion with a fan blowing and dramatic music playing.

Steve, Tyler, and Declan stare at her, dumbfounded.

Melissa's hair starts to blow in her face.

MELISSA

Hey!

Off to the side, a kid is seen holding a fan.

KID

Sorry...

Steve looks completely lovestruck.

DECLAN

Dude, why don't you just ask her out  
already?

TYLER

You have had a crush on her for like 3  
years now.

Melissa waves at Steve from across the room.

STEVE

(in a dreamlike state)

Yes Melissa...

Tyler hits him on the back of his head, and Steve snaps out of it.

STEVE

Huh? What?

Tyler and Declan shake their heads disapprovingly. TEACHER stands up with a pile of papers in his hands.

TEACHER

Okay everybody, pipe down. I want to go home just as much as you. I will now pass out your finals.

While this is going on, Steve is drifting into slumber. Tyler and Declan get excited.

DECLAN

Are you ready for this?

TYLER

HELL YEA!

They do an intricate handshake and then they get their tests and begin. Steve gets his test, sighs, and begins. The clock is seen.

INT. CLASSROOM - LATER

The bell rings, and all the students pass in their tests and rush into the hallway, except for Steve who is still working.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Students are running out of classrooms, excited about the end of the school year. They are throwing papers and yelling happily. The teachers are then seen doing the exact same thing.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve is still doing his final. He looks at his final, and shrugs.

STEVE

I bet I did fine anyways.

He stands up and passes his test and walks out of the room.

TEACHER

Have a great summer Steve!

STEVE

Yeah, thanks.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Tyler and Declan are in the halls talking excitedly as Steve approaches them.

DECLAN

And we can use the slip and slide, and get ice cream together and go to the T-Swift concert!

TYLER

Declan, what the hell are you talking about?

DECLAN

I mean, go pick up the ladies and play baseball and—

TYLER

(cutting Declan off)

Hey Steve, what took you so long?

STEVE

(laughing)

Who cares? It's summer! Come on, let's go grab something to eat.

All three laugh and leave the school excitedly.

INT. PARTY - LATER

Steve, Declan, and Tyler are all standing in a circle enjoying pizza and drinks.

STEVE

And did you see the way Melissa was looking at me today?

TYLER

Man, you gotta ask her out soon.

DECLAN

Or else I will!

They all stare at him menacingly.

DECLAN (CONT'D)

Just kidding...

STEVE

I'm just waiting for the right time to ask her...

TYLER

Well, I think now is your chance.

They all look over at Melissa. She is standing in a corner with a few other girls while looking shyly over at Steve. Tyler and Declan creep away, leaving Steve no choice but to timidly walk over to her. All the other girls see him coming, giggle, and walk away.

STEVE

Hey.

MELISSA

Hey Steve, what's up?

STEVE

Uhh, nothing.

There is an awkward pause. They both look uncomfortable.

MELISSA

So, I have this extra ticket for that T-Swift concert tomorrow...if you wanted to, like, take me.

STEVE

(too excited at first)

Yeah! I mean, sure, I guess if that's what you want to do.

Steve's phone rings as Melissa starts talking excitedly about the concert.

MELISSA

It's gonna be great! Justin Bieber and Drake are opening for her!

STEVE

Hang on, I have to take this.

He answers his phone.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Hello?

INT. TEACHER'S ROOM

Teacher is sitting at their desk.

TEACHER

This is your teacher. Um, I have some bad news. You won't be passing this year's course. You failed your final. You're going to have to repeat sophomore year.

INT. PARTY - CONTINUOUS

Steve looks infinitely shocked.

STEVE

What?! No! You can't do that to me!

MELISSA

(concerned)

Is something wrong?

Steve looks embarrassed.

STEVE

No, I mean, that's great! I'm glad to hear it! Awesome, yeah!

Melissa looks relieved.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

TEACHER

Excuse me? You think that's great?

INT. PARTY - CONTINUOUS

Steve looks flustered.

STEVE

No, that's not what I meant!

Steve looks at Melissa and puts his hand over the phone.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Sorry Melissa, I have to take this.  
I'll be right back.



Steve goes to a different corner, leaving Melissa looking confused and hurt.

STEVE

What are you talking about?

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

TEACHER

Did you even study?

INT. PARTY - CONTINUOUS

STEVE

Well...define study.

TEACHER

(through phone)

That's what I thought sorry Steve.

STEVE

Wait, look I promise I'll study, just give me another chance.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

TEACHER

Well...

STEVE

(through phone)

Please! I'll do that!

TEACHER

Well...I guess...but you have to be here on time. I will see you at exactly 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Teacher hangs up.

INT. PARTY - CONTINUOUS

Steve looks upset over the phone call. Melissa walks over to him.

MELISSA

What was that all about?

STEVE

Um, nothing. It's just my mom. She needs to me go home...sorry, I'll see you tomorrow!

He leaves the party, Melissa looking extremely sad.

INT. BEDROOM - MORNING

Steve is shown in bed. His alarm clock goes off, and he hits it angrily. He slowly gets out of bed.

STEVE  
(to himself)  
Okay, this may look like it sucks, but it's actually not that bad. I'm gonna go in, ace my final, take Melissa to the concert, and have a great summer. No problem.

INT. CLASSROOM - LATER

Steve is sitting in his seat, looking confident and happy.

STEVE  
I am so ready to take this final. Bring it on.

Teacher walks in looking extremely concerned.

STEVE  
Hey! Ready to give me this final?

TEACHER  
Not exactly.

STEVE  
What do you mean?

TEACHER  
Well, I kind of...left the final at my house, and instead I brought my issue of Seventeen.

STEVE  
Are you kidding me?

TEACHER

I'm sorry, you'll just have to take it tomorrow. On the plus side, my summer fling? IT'S THE REAL THING.

He holds up his magazine triumphantly.

STEVE

But I can't! I'm going to a concert tonight!

TEACHER

It's your choice. Fail, or come in tomorrow.

Teacher leaves, and Steve remains looking defeated in his desk.

INT. STEVE'S HOME - LATER

Steve walks in the front door and angrily stomps towards the kitchen. Mom is standing in the kitchen, and she looks confused when Steve stomps in.

MOM

What's the matter sweetie? I thought you were supposed to be taking a final right now.

STEVE

I would be. If my teacher didn't leave it at his house.

MOM

What do you mean he forgot it?

STEVE

He forgot it. Instead he brought in his quiz saying that his "summer fling" is the real thing.

MOM

Well, that's good for him! Now you can study more tonight!

STEVE

But I have a concert to go to tonight mom!

MOM

Not tonight you don't. You have to pass this final.

STEVE

But mom!

MOM

No buts! I want you home at 6 o'clock!

STEVE

But mom, the concert...

MOM

You have to whole rest of the summer to go to concerts.

STEVE

Everyone else is already having their summer!

MOM

Not another word out of you young man. No debates. I'll see you home at 6.

Steve walks out of the room dejectedly. He leaves the house.

EXT. MELISSA'S HOUSE

Steve walks up to Melissa's door and rings the doorbell. A gruff looking man opens the door. This is MELISSA'S DAD.

MELISSA'S DAD

Oh no. You aren't that Declan kid, are you?

Melissa's dad starts to shut the door in his face. Steve holds the door open.

STEVE

No! My name is Steve! I came to talk to your daughter.

MELISSA'S DAD

Oh, so you're that Steve she's always talking about?

Steve looks incredibly happy for a moment, and then shy.

STEVE

Uhh, yeah that's me. Can I talk to her?

MELISSA'S DAD

Sure. One sec.

He goes inside to get Melissa. She comes to the door.

MELISSA

Oh hey Steve! You excited for tonight?

STEVE

Um, yeah. About that. I kind of...can't come tonight...

MELISSA

What? Why?

STEVE

Because...um...

STEVE'S THOUGHTS (V.O.)

I can't tell her that I have to retake the finals! That's so embarrassing! What should I tell her? I'll tell her that I'm visiting my cousins! Yeah, that will work! And I may not be back for a few days! Yeah!

Melissa is staring at Steve. He has a completely blank expression on his face and he isn't moving.

MELISSA

Steve? Steve? Steve?

STEVE

(snapping out of  
trance)

What? Oh, yeah I can't go. I'm visiting my cousins in Texas. I won't be back for a few days.

MELISSA

Oh...okay.

STEVE

I'm sure Declan would love to go with you! I know he's a big fan of Taylor Swift!

MELISSA

Oh, yeah okay. I guess I'll call him.

Steve starts to walk away. Melissa sadly stares at him, then turns to go inside. Steve suddenly turns around.

STEVE

Hey Melissa?

MELISSA

(excitedly)

Yes Steve?

Steve looks at her, as if he is about to say something.

STEVE

I...

Melissa looks at him expectantly.

STEVE

...have fun at your concert.

MELISSA

Oh. Thanks Steve. Have fun with your cousins.

She goes back inside and closes the door.

MELISSA'S DAD

(offscreen)

Is he gone yet?

MONTAGE - TRYING TO PASS THE FINAL

-- Steve studying

-- Steve rolling out of bed and landing on the floor painfully

-- Steve is seen having trouble opening a package of toothpaste

-- Gets to school, and starts pulling on the door, and discovers that it is locked.

STEVE

NO!!! NO! NO! NO!

-- Steve studying even harder, surrounded by a few more books.

-- Steve is opening a new tube of toothpaste, but it explodes in his face.

-- Steve runs into his friends on his walk to the school.

TYLER

Hey man, want to hang tonight?

STEVE

Sorry, I can't!

Steve runs away to get to school.

TYLER

What's gotten into him?

DECLAN

What a poop.

-- Steve taking the final, working furiously.

-- Declan and Melissa at the Taylor Swift concert, surrounded by girls and Declan is screaming even more excitedly than any of the other girls around him. Melissa looks disgusted.

-- Mr. Connor attacks him with questions outside of the school, and Steve tries to escape by running into the school.

-- Steve gets an "F" put on his desk.

STEVE

What did I do wrong??

TEACHER

It's a scantron...you wrote in Number 3 pencil.

Steve looks at his pencil. It is a number 3.

STEVE

NOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!

-- Steve is surrounded by even more books, and all the piles look like they are going to collapse.

-- Steve is getting into his car, and and turns the key. It doesn't work. The gas tank says "empty".

STEVE

What?!?! NO!

-- Steve sprinting down a street, struggling to get to school on time.

-- Steve runs towards the front of the school, but Mr. Connor approaches him.

MR. CONNOR

Hey St-

STEVE

Shut up! I am having the worst summer of my life! I keep having to come to this stupid school to take this stupid test even though nobody cares about history anyways!

MR. CONNOR

Whoa whoa! Alright, I gotcha. No need to be so grouchy.

-- The teacher is leaving the room. A second later, Steve runs in, too late to take the final.

STEVE

DAMMIT!

-- Studying profusely, with the biggest stacks of books around him yet. His phone rings.

MONTAGE ENDS.

Steve picks up the phone.

STEVE

Hello?

INT. DECLAN'S BASEMENT

There is a closeup on Tyler on the phone.

TYLER

Dude, you HAVE to get over here. This is getting INTENSE.

The camera zooms out to see Tyler, Declan, and ADAM FINKLE playing Twister.

INT. STEVE'S ROOM



STEVE

I can't. I....just got grounded today.

TYLER

(over phone)

Why? You have done literally nothing all summer.

DECLAN

Right foot to green? HA! Don't make me laugh.

STEVE

I just can't. Sorry guys. Gotta go.

INT. DECLAN'S BASEMENT

The phone is hung up. Tyler stares at the phone for a moment, and then he puts it down.

TYLER

Something is up with Steve. Do you know anything about that?

ADAM

It may have to do with the fact that he goes in and out of school every morning.

TYLER

Really? How do you know that?

DECLAN

Wait...is he a...TEACHER? NOOOO!!!

Adam and Tyler stare at him. Declan falls silent.

ADAM

It may have to do with the fact that I know everything.

DECLAN

You don't know everything.

ADAM

I know you are about to lose.

Adam pushes Declan over.

DECLAN

Oh, come on, this is a joke!

TYLER

Well, what should we do to find out?

ADAM

Well then there is only one thing you  
can do.

Tyler leans in to hear what he has to say.

EXT. SCHOOL - MORNING

Steve is walking up the stairs to school. Declan and Steve are sitting in a car wearing full on ninja suits. They put on masks and they jump out of the car. They run up to Steve and tackle him before he gets into the school.

STEVE

(surprised)

Ah! What the heck?

TYLER

What are you doing here?

STEVE

I can ask you the same thing!

TYLER

Why are you here?

Steve gets out from under Tyler.

STEVE

Who are you?

TYLER

You will never find out!

DECLAN

It's Declan and Tyler!

Tyler rips off his mask.

TYLER

Come on Declan!

DECLAN

Sorry. Kind of slipped out.

Declan slips his mask off.

STEVE

Declan? Tyler? What are you doing?

TYLER

Trying to find out what you are doing here Steve.

DECLAN

You haven't been hanging out with us, Melissa, or anyone lately, and we are worried something is wrong.

STEVE

It's nothing!

TYLER

You can tell us. Come on Steve. We're your best friends.

STEVE

Fine. I failed my history final the day I took it, and now I have to keep re-taking it until I pass, and I just can't seem to do that! If I don't pass, I'll have to repeat sophomore year!

DECLAN

Well why didn't you just say that? Don't let us hold you up! Get in there and take that final Steve!

Steve grins widely as they all run into the school.

INT. OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOM

Steve, Tyler, and Declan exit the elevator, with determined looks on their faces. As they walk in slow motion down the hallway, Tyler and Declan give Steve reassurance. Tyler stops Steve right before he goes in.

TYLER

Good luck man.

DECLAN

This is for luck!

Declan gives Steve a big awkward hug. Steve tries to escape.

STEVE

Um, yeah. Thanks Declan.

Steve breaks away and walks into the classroom.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Steve runs into the room looking extremely excited.

STEVE

Okay! I'm ready to go!

The teacher stands up and cuts him off.

TEACHER

Steve. This can't happen anymore.

STEVE

I know! That's why I'm going to pass today!

TEACHER

That's not what I meant. Steve, all the grades for the finals are due in twenty minutes.

STEVE

WHAT?!

TEACHER

I'm sorry Steve. You're just going to have to repeat sophomore year.

STEVE

Absolutely not!

TEACHER

Listen Steve, there's nothing-

Steve slams his fist down on the desk. Teacher sits down in fear.

STEVE

No! YOU listen to ME! I have worked every day for the past three weeks to pass this final, and this is NOT going to end like this!

TEACHER

Steve, there's absolutely nothing—

STEVE

Britain owned America when it's original thirteen colonies started!

TEACHER

Wait, what? What are you doing?

STEVE

When Britain first owned us, they treated us with extreme disrespect and they put taxes on things when we had no say, or Taxation Without Representation.

Teacher grabs a notebook and pencil.

TEACHER

Keep going!

MONTAGE - THE FINAL FINAL

-- Steve ranting about George Washington crossing the Delaware.

-- Teacher rapidly checking off things in the notebook.

-- Steve at the board, explaining the Preamble and how it set the rules for the US.

-- Declan and Tyler looking through the window, giving a thumbs up.

-- Steve acting out the French and American Quasi War.

-- The clock ticking

MONTAGE END

Steve stops talking and pants from the energy he exerted from the speaking. He stares at Teacher, and Teacher stares back.

STEVE

Well? How did I do?

Teacher looks down at the notebook.

TEACHER

You seemed to know a lot of the material. I think you did okay. I'll let you know later tonight.

STEVE

Thank you so much for this!

Steve starts to leave.

TEACHER

Steve!

Steve stops and spins.

STEVE

Yeah?

TEACHER

(smiling)

Have a great summer.

EXT. POND - TWILIGHT

Steve and Melissa are seen sitting on top of a car parked at the edge of Clark's Pond. They are holding hands and are clearly on a date.

MELISSA

So where have you been the past few weeks?

STEVE

Just...busy I guess.

MELISSA

(smiling)

Well I'm glad you're back now.

Suddenly the door of the car opens and Declan peeks out.

DECLAN

YOU GUYS ARE SO CUTE!

Tyler then hits him and pulls him back into the car.

TYLER

Declan, shut up.

Melissa and Steve laugh and continue staring out at the pond.

MELISSA

We're gonna have such a great summer.

STEVE

I know.

Suddenly Steve's phone rings. He pulls it out of his pocket and answers it.

STEVE

Hello?

TEACHER

(over phone)

Steve this is your teacher. You've passed your final.

Steve freaks out and ruins the peaceful scene.

FADE OUT.