

Going Green

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FADE IN:

INT. WALPOLE HIGH HALLWAY-DAY

A pack of three girls looking fabulous strut in slow motion, with fans blowing their hair back, down a hallway filled with freaks and geeks. At the head of this pack, the most stunning girl of all wears expensive clothing and carrying a frappucino. This is BRITTANY. Two girls follow behind her. One looks around with a lost expression, but a pretty face. This is DESTINY. The other girl walks with her head held high. This is BROOKE. An extremely nerdy boy wearing suspenders, and glasses with tape around the middle of them approaches the group of girls.

TIMMY

(in a nasally voice)

Hi Ladies!

DESTINY

Oh my god do you even own a tooth brush? Like, for serious right now, you probably have like athlete's foot in your mouth.

MAY

(stretching by her lockers, arms in the air)

Yawn.

BROOKE

(to a girl with clearly long armpit hair...braided?)
Your armpit hair is almost as long as a dude's, but like, I would never date you.

SKY

(sniffling and slight sobbing)

H-h-hey, girls. I was wondering if you were interested in at-at-attending the Green Team's--

BRITTANY

When was the last time you showered? You smell like an ogre's dirty foot.

SKY runs away crying.

All the girls laugh as if they are the funniest people ever.

INTERCOM

Brittany Montgomery, please report
to the guidance office.

BRITTANY

Ugh. I'll see you guys later. I
gotta go.

INT. GUIDANCE OFFICE

Brittany walks into the guidance office and looks around. In
the room, people sit in chairs waiting for their turns with
their guidance counselor.

BRITTANY

(sassily)

Um, I was like called down or
something.

MRS. MACCAN

Mr. O'Toole wanted to see you. Head
right in, Brittany.

INT. MR. O'TOOLE'S OFFICE

Brittany walks into MR.O'TOOLE's office and finds MR.O'TOOLE
sipping tea and sitting opposite 2 china dolls. Brittany
sits in the chair between the 2 dolls.

BRITTANY

Uhhh Mr.O'Toole?

MR.O'TOOLE

Oh Brittany, come join us!

BRITTANY

(sits down cautiously and
looks at the dolls on
either side)

Okay...Can we make this quick I uhh
have somewhere to be...

MR.O'TOOLE

(pours a cup of tea for
BRITTANY)

I'll try to make it quicker than a
rabbit on a bicycle, but we have to
talk about some things pertaining
to your future in college. Let's
look at your transcripts and resume
fillers... Brittany, it looks like

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MR.O'TOOLE (CONT'D)

you don't have any extracurricular activities. Therefore, you don't have any leadership to amp up your resume. Maybe you could look to become the president of a club.

BRITTANY

(angrily)

What do you mean I have no leadership? I start fashion trends on a week-to-week basis, and everyone LOVES ME!!!

MR.O'TOOLE

That's not what I'm talking about, Brittany. Being a leader is more than just being popular. Being a leader is about helping people who need it and taking responsibility for something other than just yourself. Here, let's look through a list of clubs.

BRITTANY

Whatever, Mr. O'Toole.

Mr. O'Toole reaches into his drawer. He pulls out a toothbrush, an old burrito, and a bag of lettuce before he pulls out a list of clubs. Brittany's finger scrolls down the list. Each activity has a president— except for the Green Team.

BRITTANY

The only club without a president is the Green Team... What even is that? Is it some sort of vegetable club or something?

MR.O'TOOLE

Umm... Kind of. Not really. It's a group of people who really care for the environment and do everything in their power to preserve nature.

BRITTANY

Ohh, it must be those people I see in the hallway who smell like elephant manure!

MR.O'TOOLE

Yeah! That's exactly who I'm talking about! I was a green team

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MR.O'TOOLE (CONT'D)

member back in my day! Would you
wanna join that club?

Mr.O'Toole holds up framed photo of himself and
Mrs.Baumgartner as high school hippies.

BRITTANY

Umm... No? Is it my only option?

MR.O'TOOLE

Yeah, but don't look at it as a
gross smell. Look at it like the
smell of a new world!

BRITTANY

Mr. O'Toole that's disgusting...

MR.O'TOOLE

What?

BRITTANY

Nothing. Whatever. I guess I have
to join the Green Team.

MR.O'TOOLE

I'm glad you're gonna do this,
Brittany. It's about time you woke
up and smelled the compost!

BRITTANY

Bye, Mr. O'Toole. (walks out)

MR.O'TOOLE

(turns to one of his
china dolls)

I think she'll do well.

Shot of doll's expressionless face.

MR.O'TOOLE

What? Don't give me that look!

INT. CAFETERIA, VIP SECTION

Brittany and her friends sit at lunch.

BRITTANY

(crying)

And then he told me that I'm not a
leader. Can you believe that?!

Brooke hands her a tissue. Brittany loudly blows her snot into the tissue.

DESTINY

How can he say that you don't have any extracurricular activities?? Isn't going to the tanning booth an after-school thing?

BRITTANY

The only club without a president is the Green Team... I might have to join that club, guys.

BROOKE

That's disgusting. One time, I heard from Andrea that Tiffany saw those freaks squeezing cow stomachs in some field.

BRITTANY AND DESTINY

Ew...

BROOKE

Exactly, that's why you can't join the green team, Brittany. That would be social suicide.

BRITTANY

I guess you're right, Brooke.

The bell for lunch RINGS.

INT. HALLWAY-AFTER LUNCH

Brittany holds a Green Team flyer in her hand as she trudges down the hallway. Mr. O'Toole pops out of nearby recycling bin.

MR.O'TOOLE

Hey, Brittany!

BRITTANY

(screams)

Mr. O'Toole what are you doing?!

MR.O'TOOLE

Are you going to the Green Team meeting after school?

BRITTANY

I don't know! I know I need the
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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

leadership, but joining will be such a downgrade to my social status and my friends will ditch me if I join.

MR.O'TOOLE

You need the leadership for college, Brittany. More importantly, those girls are your best friends and won't judge you for whatever club you join.

BRITTANY

Yes, they will, Mr. O'Toole!

MR.O'TOOLE

Well, Brittany, if they're your real friends, they won't ditch you.

BRITTANY

Right... So, instead of telling them I'm part of the Green Team, I'll just hide it from them! That way, they won't know I'm doing something they won't like. Great idea! Thanks, Mr. O'Toole!

MR.O'TOOLE

No problem, Brittany! Wait... That's not what I meant!

In the middle of Mr. O'Toole's sentence, Brittany walks away. Mr. O'Toole shakes his head and sinks back into the recycling bin.

INT. GREEN TEAM ROOM-AFTER SCHOOL

Brittany approaches the Green Team room, which is marked by a hemp sign that spells "Green Team". She enters the room cautiously. It has no lights, but instead is lit by candles. Everyone looks like hippies. Someone plays the bongos in the corner while sitar music plays in the background.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER, the teacher who runs the Green Team, meditates on a desk in the center of the room. She is surrounded by students meditating.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

(eyes closed legs crossed
on desk)

Feel the Earth's green energy as it

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MRS. BAUMGARTNER (CONT'D)
enters your soul.

BRITTANY
(looks in)
Hey, I'm Brittany. Is this the
green team room?

Mrs. BAUMGARTNER stops meditation and opens her eyes.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER
(airily)
Yes, yes it is! Welcome to this
marvelous place of world peace and
serenity.

A calm, peaceful girl sits on a mat on the floor. This is
MAY.

BRITTANY
(to May)
So I hear you guys don't have a
president, because I could totally
do that.

MAY
Well, if you think you can handle
it and if you prove yourself worthy
by following all of the rules and
exceeding our expectations, then
yeah, we'd consider you to be our
leader!

Standing close to Brittany, a snot-nosed boy stares
attentively at her while sniffing loudly and grossly. This
is TIMMY.

TIMMY
Oh yeah! Here's the pledge you have
to read!

May hands her the pledge that she needs to read. The pledge
is carved into a clay tablet.

BRITTANY
(reads out loud,
confused)
I vow to shower no more than once a
week in order to conserve water. I
vow to use no more than one hour of
electricity in my house every day.
Wait... Does this mean I can't keep
up with Rich Kids of Beverly

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

Hills???

Another girl breaks out into tears at Brittany's ignorant mistreatment of Mother Nature. This is SKY.

SKY

(emotionally)

The environment is so much more important than Rich Kids of Beverly Hills!

TIMMY

Go on, Brittany.

BRITTANY

I vow to always pick up trash that is thrown on the ground and place it in the compost or recycling bin. And lastly, I vow to live the healthy and green lifestyle of a.... ve-jahn??

MAY

It's pronounced "vegan". It means you don't eat any foods that are made from animals or animal products because many animal products are painfully taken from animals through factory farming.

SKY

(crying)

It's just so sad how they harm those lovely animals!

BRITTANY

Umm... Yeah... Well, I think I can do that. It's not like it means I can't have my double espresso caramel mocha frappucino with a cream base and whipped cream!

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Sorry, Brittany, that's actually made of milk. And we don't want any cows being harmed, do we?

BRITTANY

Umm, I guess. But Tiffany totally told Andrea who told Brooke who told me that she saw you squeezing the milk out of cows in some field

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

the other day.

MAY

Oh but we never drink it! We just milk the cows because it's healthy for them. You can't just leave the milk in the cows because it gets heavy and awkward for the poor animals.

BRITTANY

Oh, I understand. That's how I feel when I wear my fur coat over my North Face when it's really cold in the winter.

SKY

(aggressively)

You wear fur coats?! You can't do that if you wanna become president of the Green Team, Brittany!

BRITTANY

Oh... My bad.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Anyway, our next meeting is tomorrow after school. Hope to see you all there!

BRITTANY

(muttering)

I hope I get in some horrible accident before then...

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

What, Brittany?

BRITTANY

Oh, nothing! I just said I'm so excited to make so many new friends.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

See you tomorrow, Brittany.

EXT. DUMPSTER AREA

Brittany walks behind the school with her friends.

BRITTANY

Alright I'll just meet you at the mall later!

DESTINY AND BROOKE

Bye.

The Green Team strolls up to the dumpster and greet Brittany. She makes sure her friends are gone. One after another, Green Team members file into the dumpster.

TIMMY

You coming, Brittany? This is my favorite activity of all. I feel at peace when I dig for bottles in the dumpster.

BRITTANY

(disgusted)

Dig... For bottles?

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Yeah, we go in the dumpster and dig for bottles that were supposed to be recycled!

BRITTANY

But I'll ruin my Uggs?!

Sky pokes her head out of the dumpster.

SKY

You shouldn't be wearing Uggs anyway, Brittany! That's harmful to the poor, innocent sheep!

BRITTANY

Sheep do reproduce, you know. There's always gonna be more of them.

SKY

You don't get it, Brittany!!

Sky starts crying and sinks back into the trash to dig for bottles.

BRITTANY

(nervously)

Okay, here we go...

Brittany hesitantly walks towards the dumpster. She looks around, and she sees the boys lacrosse team approaching. They glance over in her direction.

BRITTANY

Oh, no! They're gonna see me!

Panicking, Brittany looks around. She sees nowhere to hide, so she dives headfirst into the dumpster.

Shot of Brittany and Sky covered in trash.

SKY

(crying)

Oh my gosh Brittany I'm so proud of you! You're gonna make the best president ever!

Before Brittany has the chance to react someone opens the dumpster and dumps more gross liquid trash on her. Brittany is horrified.

Skip to wide shot of dumpster with screams coming from it.

EXT. OUTSIDE MISS WALLESTON'S ROOM

Brittany and the other Green Team members march in a circle outside of Miss Walleston's room. They each hold signs saying things against the fetal pig dissection like "Pigs are people, too!", "Save the pigs!", and "This little pig cried 'wee wee wee' but never got home!". Brittany murmurs the chants while everyone else exclaims them loudly and enthusiastically.

GREEN TEAM MEMBERS

Hey, hey, hey, how many pigs did you kill today? (ad-libbing)

MISS WALLESTON comes out of her classroom.

MISS WALLESTON

You guys realize these pigs weren't gonna be born anyway, right?

MAY

They could have been if you didn't abort them from their mothers, Miss Walleston!

MISS WALLESTON

That's not even true! These pigs had medical reasons why they couldn't be born! This is the third day in a row you guys have been standing out here... Hold on, did you guys sleep outside my room? Have you even showered?

TIMMY

I haven't showered in three weeks,

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TIMMY (CONT'D)

Miss Walleston! I've been too upset
about the fetal pigs!

MISS WALLESTON

Oh, honey, no... That's not
healthy!

BRITTANY

(quietly so that no one
else can hear)

This must be what Hell is like...

MONTAGE: BRITANNY IS DISGUSTED BY THE GREEN TEAM

--Brittany drops worms into a compost bin with the most
disgusted look on her face. She pukes into the compost bin.

--The Green Team goes around the school, unplugging cords in
classrooms to save energy. Brittany hangs behind and charges
her phone in the hallway when the Green team runs into a
classroom. May walks out and gives her a disapproving look
before unplugging the phone.

--Brittany milks a cow. Milk squirts into her face. Brittany
cries. Sky walks up to her and wipes the milk off while also
crying.

INT. LUNCHROOM - AFTERNOON

Brittany sits at the lunch table with her friends with a
huge juicy hamburger on her plate. She looks less
put-together than usual. Her hair is slightly disheveled and
her makeup is smeared down her face. Her friends give her a
weird look, but don't say anything.

BRITTANY

Oh my gosh, guys, I am SO hungry!
Like for real.

BROOKE

Same, Brittany! Ooh, here comes the
lacrosse boys!

Brittany giggles and waves at a lacrosse boy. She sees the
Green Team walk by and, panicking, shoves the entire
hamburger in her mouth.

BRITTANY

(while chewing with mouth
full)

Hey guys! Just finishing my veggie
burrito!!!

The green team smiles and waves and keeps walking.

BROOKE

Who is that? She looks grimy...

DESTINY

Why did you wave to her??? She looks like she bathes in pig's mud!

BRITTANY

Umm... Well, umm...

Brittany looks around anxiously, looking for an answer.

BRITTANY

I just felt bad, that's all. Some people can't be as fortunate to look as pretty as we are.

BROOKE

No really, if you keep acting like this...we can't be friends anymore.

BRITTANY

Don't worry guys nothing is gonna change.

EXT. WALPOLE TOWN FOREST

The Green Team picks up trash on the paths of the forest. Brittany helps, wearing rolled down Uggs and drinking her frappucino.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Are those Uggs, Brittany? Didn't we tell you that they're made from sheep skin?

BRITTANY

I don't know what that has to do with anything. They're the latest trend. Everyone wears them.

MAY

Brittany, seriously, if you're gonna be a part of the club then you have to follow the rules.

SKY

(crying)

I thought we told you about frappucinos!

BRITTANY

But it's my favorite drink, you guys!

TIMMY

(sniffing, as usual)

Brittany, why can't you just follow the rules? I want you to stay in the club. I like having you here, Brittany!

BRITTANY

You know what? All of your rules are just ridiculous! It's like you want me to live as if I were some dirty, grease-ball, snotbag NASTY hippie!!! It's not a CRIME to drink a frappucino!!! I can't do this! You're all nuts! Your brains are waterlogged with acorns!!

Brittany storms off. Sky starts to cry and May comforts her.

TIMMY

(perplexed)

Was it something I said?

Everyone shakes their heads and looks down. Sky cries quietly.

EXT. WALPOLE TOWN FOREST, ENTRANCE

Brittany, muttering to herself angrily about the green team, stomps out of the forest when MR. O'TOOLE suddenly appears from behind a tree wearing yoga clothes.

MR.O'TOOLE

Oh, hi Brittany! I was just doing some Tai Chi in the forest. Are you alright?

BRITTANY

No! Do I look alright?! I'm GREASY and SMELLY and COVERED IN DIRT! This stupid green team is impossible! They'd never make me president and I'll never get into college.

Brittany starts to cry.

MR.O'TOOLE

Brittany, it's all right. Take a deep breath. Breathe in through your nose, and exhale through your mouth. Maybe you should try some Tai Chi.

Brittany starts to cry even more and Mr. O'Toole hands her a paper bag he picks up off the ground. She breathes heavily into the bag.

MR.O'TOOLE (CONT'D)

Alright Brittany. Well I know you can do this. Take on more of the role of a green team member. Try to embrace the lifestyle instead of pushing it away. If you dread everything you have to do, you'll never succeed in doing it.

BRITTANY

Mr. O'Toole, I don't know how to do that. I love nail polish and Juicy Couture, not worms and sheep.

MR.O'TOOLE

Brittany, if you want to become the president of Green Team, then you have to be truly passionate about it. To be a leader, you need to love whatever you are leading and embrace the difficulties that come with it. Green Team should be the easiest club of all to care about, after all, you are working to preserve your home. Think about how Green team can benefit all of us, and then helping them won't seem so hard!

Brittany gives Mr. O'Toole an indecisive look.

MR.O'TOOLE

You've got to get some dirt on your hands if you wish to clean the world! O'Toole out!

Mr. O'Toole jogs away and Brittany rolls her eyes then she sees a plastic bottle on the ground. She looks at it for a minute, sighs, picks it up, then walks away.

EXT. AFTER SCHOOL, BASEBALL FIELD

After a baseball game, the team members toss their empty water bottles and other trash on the ground. Some spit sunflower seeds or gum out of their mouth. The Green Team members approach the baseball team.

MAY

Hey, guys! Please recycle that!
Don't just throw your trash on the
ground!

SKY

You're hurting the environment,
don't you understand?!

TIMMY

Why are none of you listening?

Brittany, looking for the Green Team, sees them struggling to get the baseball team to listen to them and storms over to them to help. She wears dirty clothes and she has dirt smeared across her face.

BRITTANY

Hey, Robbie! Recycle your water
bottle! And Dylan, spit out your
gum in the trash, not the ground!
Do you want small animals to choke
on that? Seriously, what's wrong
with you guys?

BASEBALL TEAM MEMBER

Sorry, Brittany... We didn't
realize you cared that much.

BRITTANY

Well I do. So don't do it again.

The baseball team picks up their trash and whatever they spat out on the ground. The Green Team crowds around Brittany.

TIMMY

Wow, Brittany! How'd you do that?

SKY

Brittany, that was beautiful! I'm
so touched!

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Wow, Brittany, I didn't expect that
coming from you, seeing as you
stormed out on us the other day!

BRITTANY

Yeah... Sorry about that. I just wasn't prepared for how intense the Green Team would be. But now I think I'm ready. I just want you guys to know that I respect everything you stand for, and I was wondering if I could get a second chance.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

We'll take it day by day, Brittany. You can have a second chance, but don't go walking out on us again!

BRITTANY

Thank you so much! I won't walk out again, I promise!

MONTAGE: BRITTANY GETTING INTO GREEN TEAM ACTIVITIES

--Brittany emerges from a dumpster, shouting "I got one!" and holds up a banana peel and a plastic water bottle.

--Brittany and her green team friends protest the shark dissections. Brittany leads the cheers.

--Brittany blissfully drops flowers and other things into the compost.

--Brittany goes around unplugging things from sockets. She walks into Mr. Szymanski's room while he is giving a presentation and starts unplugging cords, then she unplugs the projector. Szymanski is confused, then he notices Brittany and starts to yell at her as she runs out of the room.

--Brittany runs down the hallway and sees Destiny and Brooke. She stops to talk to them. Brittany's hair is greasy, she is not wearing makeup, and she looks generally dirtier and less put-together than usual.

BRITTANY

Oh hey, guys. Oh are those frappucinos?

DESTINY

Yeah why, Brit?

BRITTANY

Umm no reason, just that those are made from dairy products and

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

drinking it is kind of indirectly supporting factory farming and therefore supporting the mistreatment of animals...But um, I was just curious. Anyway, what's up?

Brooke and Destiny look at each other with a confused look.

BROOKE

Brittany, I think we need to have an intervention.

BRITTANY

What? Why?

DESTINY

You never hang out with us anymore! Like I totes lost an acrylic nail and you weren't even there to get it fixed with me... And you're acting really different.

BRITTANY

Guys! I've just been busy lately. But I'm the same exact person, I promise!

BROOKE

I don't know what you mean by "the same", but you never used to smell this funky. Like what IS that? (sniffing Brittany)
Is that... It smells like a farm.

BRITTANY

No! It's my new perfume from Victoria's Secret!

BROOKE

What about your hair? It's kind of getting really greasy...

BRITTANY

It's my new hair gel, from... You know... It's the new fad, I swear!

DESTINY

Okay then.. Well, like, do you wanna get coffee after school?

BRITTANY

Sorry, I can't... I have a test to make up.

The two girls sigh.

DESTINY

You never used to care about tests!

BRITTANY

I'm sorry, I just can't today. I'll take a rain check though!

BROOKE

Whatever...

Destiny and Brooke walk away together. As they walk away, Brooke tosses an empty Starbucks cup on the ground. Brittany checks to make sure no one looks as she grabs it and throws it in the nearest recycling bin.

EXT. OUTSIDE MISS WALLESTON'S ROOM

Brittany argues with Miss Walleston outside her room.

BRITTANY

Look, Miss Walleston, all I'm saying is that by using real pigs instead of virtual dissections, you are supporting the exploitation of animals!

Timmy sees Brittany and awkwardly approaches her.

MISS WALLESTON

I don't have time for this.

Miss Walleston walks away. Brittany shakes her head.

BRITTANY

Well, at least I tried.

TIMMY

Yeah Brittany, you've been doing a great job helping out the Green team...actually, I was wondering if you could help me?

BRITTANY

Sure, Timmy! What's up?

TIMMY

There's this girl I really like and
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TIMMY (CONT'D)

I just don't know how to talk to her...

BRITTANY

Who is it?!

TIMMY

(smiling)

Well she's on the Green Team, and she's so pretty, and she has the biggest heart. She cares about everything so much.

BRITTANY

Aww Timmy, I'm flattered.

TIMMY

...And her name is Sky...

BRITTANY

Oh...um well, yes of course. Um okay so advice on talking to girls. You need to be more confident. Try finding a shared interest...is there anything outside of Green Team that you know you both enjoy?

TIMMY

Pizza! Vegan of course. We have it once a month at the end of one of our meetings and we both love it. She always pulls off the onions and throws them onto the floor when she thinks no one is watching...it's adorable.

BRITTANY

That's great! Ask her to pizza sometime then! Vegan of course.

TIMMY

I don't know if I can do that all by myself...I get nervous.

BRITTANY

Try doing more stuff by yourself to build up your confidence.

TIMMY

I guess so...

They walk off making Green Team jokes.

INT. GREEN TEAM ROOM-AFTER SCHOOL

Brittany and Timmy walk into the green team room and all of the team members sit around waiting for her.

BRITTANY

Hey guys, is everything alright?

Mr. O'Toole comes out of the crowd of members.

MR.O'TOOLE

Brittany, you've been doing so great! You've really turned around and became a strong member of the green team. In fact, we were wondering if you would be willing to speak at the School Activities Fair during lunch tomorrow to represent the Green Team... as our President!

MAY

Yeah, Brittany! We really need someone like you who has an influence on others.

BRITTANY

(excitedly)

Oh my gosh! I'd love to! Thank you all so much, I really appreciate that you would think of me for this honor! I don't know if I can do it alone, though... I get nervous doing public speaking. Hey, Timmy, do you wanna do the presentation with me?

She smiles and nods at Timmy.

TIMMY

Um yeah...I'd love to! I get really nervous speaking in front of people too, but if you're up there with me I think I'll be alright.

MR.O'TOOLE

Well then I guess it's set!
Brittany and Timmy will represent the green team together at the activity fair during lunch on day 4!

Brittany's face falls.

BRITTANY
Wait, day 4?

TIMMY
Yeah, is something wrong, Brittany?

Brittany quickly regains color in her face and puts on an animated smile.

BRITTANY
Uh, no, that's fine! I'll see you then!

The green team members hug Brittany. Everyone chatters about the School Activities Fair.

INT. CAFETERIA, VIP SECTION-NEXT DAY

Brittany, Destiny, and Brooke sit at their lunch table eating.

BROOKE
It's our favorite lunch, guys! I can't wait to see all the lacrosse boys today.

The intercom beeps.

INTERCOM
The school activities fair is now open. Students presenting in the fair should report to the gym now.

BROOKE
Wow, what kind of loser would ever go to that?

BRITTANY
Haha... Yeah, totally. Hey guys, I'm gonna run to the bathroom, I'll be right back, okay? I forgot to put on lipstick for the lacrosse guys!

Brittany walks briskly out of the cafeteria. As soon as she leaves the cafeteria, she runs towards the gym.

INT. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FAIR-GYM

Brittany walks into the gym and approaches the table for the Green Team. In the gym, tables are spread out for each

different club. Each table is decorated elaborately for each club. At the table, she and Timmy put on their Green Team pins and bandanas.

TIMMY

I'm a little nervous, Brittany, but I'm ready for today! But I feel a lot better because I'm doing this with you. Wanna go over what we're gonna say before we start?

Brittany's phone buzzes, and she looks down to see a message from Destiny that says "Why are you taking so long? The lacrosse boys are starting to show up!".

BRITTANY

In a couple minutes, Timmy. I'll be right back, I'm just gonna grab something to eat down in the cafeteria really quick!

TIMMY

Hurry back!

Brittany runs out of the gym and towards the cafeteria, removing her bandana and pin as quickly as possible.

INT. CAFETERIA, VIP SECTION

Brittany, out of breath, sits back down at her friends' table. Her hair is disheveled from running. She does not have lipstick on.

BRITTANY

Sorry I took so long, guys. I'm back now!

DESTINY

Brittany, I thought you were gonna put on lipstick?

BRITTANY

Oh, yeah. I kept looking in my bag. It turns out I forgot my lipstick at home.

BROOKE

Oh, you can borrow mine!

Brooke hands Brittany her lipstick and a mini mirror. Brittany applies the lipstick.

BRITTANY
 Much better, thanks guys!

BROOKE
 Hey, will you guys come with me to
 throw my trash away?

BRITTANY
 Yeah, sure!

As the girls get up and head to the trash, Mrs. Baumgartner enters the cafeteria. When she sees Brittany, she walks towards her.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER
 Hey, Brittany, the school acti-

BRITTANY
 (loudly)
 What?! You're bringing me to the
 office? I didn't do anything wrong!

MRS. BAUMGARTNER
 Uh...?

BRITTANY
 (quietly)
 Yeah, I'll come with you to the gym
 in one second, I just gotta tell my
 friends!

Brittany turns to her friends.

BROOKE
 What was that about?

BRITTANY
 Hey guys, I gotta go to the office.
 This crazy teacher is trying to
 give me an hour.

DESTINY
 Oh my god, good luck!

Brittany and Mrs. Baumgartner head out of the cafeteria.

INT. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FAIR-GYM

Brittany catches her breath as she finally arrives back at the Green Team table. The other Green Team members stand around the table.

TIMMY

There you are, Brittany! But why are you wearing lipstick?

SKY

Yeah, Brittany! They test those on animals!

Brittany wipes the lipstick off of her lips with the backs of her hands.

BRITTANY

(awkwardly)

How did that get there?

(yelling)

Who used these animal-tested products on my face without my permission?!

MAY

You planned out what you're going to say, right? Brittany?

Brittany is looking down at her phone. It's another text from Destiny that says "Brittany, are you okay? Did that teacher give you an hour?".

BRITTANY

Uh, guys, I gotta go again. I'll be right back, though.

TIMMY

Okay, Brittany, but we're starting really soon. Please hurry.

Brittany runs to the cafeteria. She rips off her bandana, but forgets about the pin.

INT. CAFETERIA, VIP SECTION

Brittany hobbles into the cafeteria, out of breath. She no longer has lipstick on, and she still wears her Green Team pin. She sits down at the lunch table.

BROOKE

Brittany, you're back! You're really missing out on the lacrosse boys today!

DESTINY

Wait...Brittany, what's that on your shirt?

DESTINY
 "Mother Nature rocks"? Brittany, is
 that some new band you're into?

BRITTANY
 Umm... Yeah, it's aweso--

BROOKE
 I feel like there's something
 you're not telling us.

INTERCOM
 Presentations will be starting in
 just a moment.

BRITTANY
 I gotta go!!!

Brittany sprints to the gym. Brooke and Destiny look at each other then follow Brittany.

INT. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FAIR-GYM

Destiny and Brooke enter the gym. Each school activity in the gym has a booth with posters and representatives.

BROOKE
 I think she went this way.

The two girls stroll down the aisle, looking for Brittany. Each club tries to give their presentation to the girls.

ROBOTICS PERSON
 In our club, we put together robots
 and make them compete in
 competitions...

DESTINY
 That sounds kinda complicated...

The two girls keep walking.

STUCO MEMBER
 (enthusiastically)
 We run the school in this club! We
 organize spirit days and lots of
 fun school dances!

BROOKE
 Take a sedative. You're a little
 too hyped up. You're really not
 that great.

Brooke and Destiny finally approach the Green Team stand.

BRITTANY

Save the planet and make each day a little brighter!

TIMMY

Yeah! The world needs your help!

DESTINY

(accusingly)

What are you doing here, Brittany?
We thought you were in the bathroom.

BRITTANY

Um... Uhh. Well...

BROOKE

Is this what you've been doing this whole time? You've been with these freaks?

BRITTANY

No no guys, I promise! These dirty hippies ambushed me and tried to say I was one of their own. They figured my popularity would draw in new members and I've been trying to escape them!

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Brittany, we need you to come speak now.

TIMMY

Yeah, Brittany! Come on, I can't do it alone.

Brittany double takes.

BRITTANY

O-M-G. I can't believe they're serious. Come on girls, let's go to the mall.

Brittany links arms with her friends and walks out of the gym with them. The Green Team looks upset and defeated.

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Well... Timmy, I guess you'll have to try it alone. It'll be okay, I'm sorry she let you down.

TIMMY

I have to go alone?

Timmy starts shaking nervously as he tries to continue the presentation on his own. Sky is crying in the audience and a boy comes up and puts his arm around her.

TIMMY

Um... Hi... My name is Brittany...
No wait! It's Timmy! Ahh, ahhhhh,
ACHOO!

Timmy blows snot into the audience and runs off crying.

INT. CAFETERIA-NEXT DAY

Brittany sits at lunch with her friends. Green team members walk by, eating veggie burritos. They talk and laugh happily. They don't even look at her. Brittany spaces out from her conversation with her own friends and gazes longingly at the green team.

DESTINY

Ooh, Brooke! Are those new shoes?
I def want a pair.

BROOKE

Yeah I just got them yesterday! Do
you like them Brit?

Brooke notices Brittany sulking.

BROOKE

Brittany, are you okay? You seem
down... We should go to Starb's
after school and then we can go to
the mall to buy new shoes... AND
SEPHORA MAKEUP! I heard they have
the new Naked eye shadow pallet
out.

Brittany looks over at the Green Team eating veggie burritos, meditating at their lunch table, and laughing.

BRITTANY

(Forced smile)

Yeah...I could totally go for a
frappucino...

Brooke and Destiny walk out laughing and talking. Brittany takes one last look at the Green Team and then follows her friends.

EXT. IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Brooke, Destiny, and Brittany stand in front of the school. Destiny is cleaning out her backpack and Brooke is drinking a frappucino. Brittany watches her friends uncomfortably.

BROOKE

So I was filling up the tank in my car yesterday and by mistake I like started pouring the gas before I even put the pump into my car hahaha the gas went everywhere.

Destiny laughs along as she mindlessly throws papers out of her bag and onto the ground. She has food wrappers, water bottles, papers, etc., and they all end up on the ground. Brittany stands there cringing and makes movements like she is about to stop her, then holds herself back.

As Brooke talks to Destiny, she mindlessly throws her plastic cup into the trash...in slow motion.

BRITTANY

Stop!!

Destiny and Brooke look at Brittany and then at each other in confusion.

BRITTANY

That is the third plastic sup that you've thrown into the trash all day. Do you even care about the earth?

BROOKE

Excuse me?

BRITTANY

Can just stop and consider that everything around us doesn't revolve around these petty, superficial things that you guys are obsessed with? You can enjoy clothes and make up as much as you want, but don't you even care about other things? About the world?

Brooke and Destiny give each other confused looks.

BRITTANY

Guys, I have a confession.... I was in green team the whole time. In

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

fact, I was their leader, and at the activity fair I ditched them for you guys and you don't even have the decency to recycle!

DESTINY

What?

BRITTANY

I really liked them, and they were really nice to me. They showed me that being a leader is more than wearing the best clothes and picking on people that are different than me. They showed me how to work towards a bigger cause and think of someone other than just myself. To be honest, green team made me feel way more accomplished than being popular ever did.

Brittany's friends look hurt and betrayed for a second, then they begin to laugh.

DESTINY

Hahaha whatever, Brittany, if you want to hang around with the Green team then go right ahead, but don't expect us to follow.

BROOKE

Yeah haha bye Brittany, have fun with your loser friends!

The girls get up laughing and walk away.

BRITTANY

(heartbroken)

I can't believe this is actually happening.

Mr. O'Toole pops out the recycling bin.

MR.O'TOOLE

You know Brittany, if you look at the bigger picture then you will see how none of this matters to the universe as a whole. That always comforts me when I'm feeling down.

BRITTANY

Mr. O'Toole? What are you doing here?

MR.O'TOOLE

I'm just here to remind you that real friends are the ones who would never give up on you. They stick with you through everything and support you even when you befriend other people that they don't like. Just keep that in mind and everything will work out how it's supposed to.

Brittany looks at him and shakes her head in bewilderment and then shrugs and walks off. Mr. O'Toole smiles and goes back behind whatever he popped out from.

INT. GREEN TEAM ROOM-NEXT DAY

Brittany bursts into the Green Team room. She smells, she's greasy, and she has dirt smeared all over herself.

TIMMY

Brittany, what are you doing here?

BRITTANY

I want to make it up to you guys. I didn't mean to let you down.

MAY

Brittany, you made your choice. You picked your friends over us.

BRITTANY

But I was wrong. They don't care about anything other than themselves. You are some of the most kind-hearted and passionate people I've ever met. You don't go on and on about every pair of shoes you've ever seen. You recycle! And you really care about the world. I am so incredibly sorry that I let you guys down, and I promise I won't ever do it again. I've never felt like a true leader until I joined the green team. You all helped me to be a better person and I don't want to go back to my old ways. I just want to be able to

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

show you guys that I'm not ashamed of you in any way. In fact, being affiliated with the green team is something that I couldn't be any more proud of. So... what do you say?

SKY

(sobbing and hugging
Brittany)

Oh, Brittany! That's beautiful!

MRS. BAUMGARTNER

Brittany, even though you did let us down, I can tell that you truly are invested, and on behalf of the Green Team, I would like to reinstate you as president of our club.

BRITTANY

Oh, Mrs. Baumgartner, thank you!
This means so much to me!

Everyone hugs and laughs.

Mr. O'Toole peers into the classroom and smiles.

INT. HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF GREEN TEAM ROOM

Mr. O'Toole turns around after looking into the green team room. He smiles down at the china doll sitting next to him.

MR. O'TOOLE

We've done well, my friend.

Pause.

MR. O'TOOLE

What do you mean you did all the work?! This is ridiculous!

Mr. O'Toole walks off.

EXT. GREEN TEAM ACTIVITY

The Green Team is gardening, planting trees and flowers.

Brittany walks over to Timmy.

BRITTANY

Again, Timmy, I am sorry I left you to do that presentation by

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BRITTANY (CONT'D)

yourself.

TIMMY

Oh, that's okay. I think it was good for me, you know. I think I have more confidence now!

Brittany notices Sky working on the other side of the garden.

BRITTANY

Speaking of confidence...

Brittany motions over to Sky.

Timmy collects himself and walks over.

SKY

And then I told her that if she wore fur to school one more time I was gonna bash her face in for killing innocent adorable animals!

All of the members look scared and then laugh a little.

TIMMY

WOW! You really showed her!

He looks over at Brittany and she nods supportingly.

TIMMY

So Sky...I um, I was wondering if maybe you'd like to um, well I know this great new vegan pizza place that we could go to together sometime if we both ever um had a hankering for cheese made of tofu?

SKY

(crying with joy)

Oh Timmy, I'd love to eat vegan pizza with you!

She hugs him and Timmy gives Brittany a thumbs up. Brittany returns it and then gets up and brushes off her pants.

BRITTANY

Alright, I'll see you all at tomorrow's meeting and remember to reduce, reuse, recycle!

Everyone says bye and Brittany walks off. As she is walking, she takes off her gardening gloves. She sees Brooke and

Destiny walking with frapuccinos. She smiles at them and gives them a head nod. They smile back and wave. As Brooke and Destiny approach a trash can, they are about to throw away their drinks. They pause, look up at each other, and put them in the recycling bin, then walk away.

FADE OUT