Mr. Sister

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The Gym at Walpole High School is populated by a sea of nervous looking FRESHMEN in run-down basketball jerseys. They hopelessly chase after star b-baller PJ PARSONS, who smiles as he tosses them out of the way, dunking the ball with ease.

After his latest and most spectacular layup, PJ chest bumps the WEAKEST FRESHMAN, and does a victory dance.

PJ How do you like me now? Yeaaah that's right baby.

On the sidelines, a tall bald man with blue eyes has an embarrassed and angry expression on his face. This is MR. ST. MARTIN.

MR. ST. MARTIN This is a freshman scrimmage, PJ. What are you doing?

PJ tosses the ball across the court, watching with pure delight as the sea of freshman limp over to get it. He walks over to Mr. St. Martin.

> PJ Coach, I gotta show these freshmen what a man is capable of on a b-ball court. Cuz obviously they have no idea.

> MR. ST. MARTIN Yeah, but the parents are going to be wondering why their sons keep coming home with lost limbs.

We see the Weakest Freshman sitting on a bench, crying, with HIS MOTHER patting him on the back. Another quick cut shows AL BROWN sweeping up a small pile of DOWNED FRESHMEN with a broom. PJ laughs and looks over at Mr. St. Martin, who is not amused.

> PJ Alright, alright, don't get your track pants in a twist.

PJ winks and waves to the freshmen, walking triumphantly out the door.

INT. HALLWAY

PJ is standing at his locker, lifting weights with his friends MIKE and DOUG. They are counting along, ignoring everyone that passes.

PJ 98, 99, 100.

MIKE Hell yeah, PJ. You lift so fast you skipped 1 through 97.

PJ I'm the manliest man in the whole school. What do you expect?

PJ, Mike and Doug stop lifting weights, tossing them into his locker. Just then, JENNA, a sweet, nice looking girl, walks up to PJ. He does not pass a glance.

JENNA

Hey baby!

PJ I don't have time for your distractions, Jenna. I have to train for the game.

PJ takes out a carton of eggs from his opened locker, and presents it to Mike and Doug.

PJ (cont'd) It's time for our eggs, gentlemen.

PJ takes an egg out of the carton, and it just about to put it in his mouth when Jenna interrupts him.

> JENNA PJ. It's our monthaversary.

PJ turns towards her angrily.

PJ Jenna, what the hell is a monthaversary?

JENNA We've been together for a whole month!

Jenna takes a framed picture out of her backpack. It is decorated with "Forever and Always" and shows the both of them. PJ winces at it.

 \mathbf{PJ} Pictures are for clowns and women, Jenna. Not for men. Men hate pictures. We have our fists to help us remember. PJ punches his friend Mike in the stomach, and he goes down. His other friend Doug hi fives him. DOUG You got the manliest fists in the school, PJ. Jenna's eyes start to tear up. JENNA But does our monthaversary mean nothing to you? РJ Not any more than our weekaversary or our dayaversary, Jenna. You're crazy. Jenna throws the picture frame to the ground, and it shatters. JENNA You are such a jerk! You're...TOO MANLY! PJ No such thing as being too manly. JENNA Well you can forget about our next monthaversary, PJ. WE ARE THROUGH! Jenna runs off down the hall, and PJ shakes his head. PJ She just doesn't understand the important things in life. PJ closes his locker and walks off down the hallway with Doug and Mike.

INT. ENGLISH CLASS

Mike and Doug stand at the back of the room, holding a punching bag up for PJ, who punches it repeatedly.

At the front board, MISS LOFLIN glares back at them, holding a book in her hands.

MISS LOFLIN Boys, will you please stop punching things and join in on the class discussion?

MIKE Don't you realize PJ went through a painful breakup with his girlfriend of over 30 days?

PJ Not that I care about her.

MISS LOFLIN Oh, well then, by all means disregard everything I say and punch a bag in my classroom all you want.

Several seconds pass as PJ continuously punches the bag. Miss Loflin is not amused.

MISS LOFLIN (cont'd) But seriously sit down.

PJ, Mike and Doug take their seats, mumbling to each other.

PJ (whispered) She just doesn't understand English is a woman's class. Not something I should have to do.

DOUG (whispered) Exactly. You're a man. Men can't read.

Miss Loflin opens her book at the podium.

MISS LOFLIN So tell me, PJ. What do you think of *Romeo and Juliet* so far? PJ

Boring and wimpy are the words that come to mind, Miss Loflin.

MISS LOFLIN Did you read the play?

PJ No. It's a woman's play, ma'am. Why can't we read a real play, like King Kong or something?

Miss Loflin closes the book, defeated.

MISS LOFLIN PJ, Romeo and Juliet is a story kids your age can connect with. King Kong isn't. Do you really think you're going to be battling an ape anytime soon?

PJ

Discussing plays gives me a headache. Can I go to the nurse?

MISS LOFLIN Fine. Come back with some opinions.

PJ jumps out of his seat and out the door.

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE

Behind a desk is NURSE WHITTENHALL, who places a tray with a bottle of pills on it on the counter. Across the room sits a small freshman, RAYANNE, who waits patiently. She wears a distinctive pink bow and a skirt.

NURSE WHITTENHALL I have your medication right here, Rayanne. And by the way, I love your bow. You always have the best bows.

PJ walks into the nurse's office, immediately spotting Nurse Whittenhall.

PJ Nurse, Advil me.

Nurse Whittenhall nods, but just then the phone rings, and Nurse Whittenhall answers it.

NURSE WHITTENHALL Hold on one moment PJ. I'll be right with you.

Nurse Whittenhall turns away from PJ, talking on the phone. PJ turns to look in the mirror with a smile to himself and an approving nod. PJ then hears a giggle and he turns to see Rayanne staring at him in amusement.

> PJ Hey babe, you impressed?

Rayanne just looks at PJ in slight disgust.

PJ whips around and eyes the generic bottle of pills on the tray, completely ignoring the multiple other bottles also on the counter. He quickly opens it, and downs about 5 pills. He then walks out with the bottle while slamming the door.

Nurse Whittenhall hangs up the phone and spins around in his chair, lifting up the tray for Rayanne.

NURSE WHITTENHALL Okay Rayanne, here's your instant estrogen--

Nurse Whittenhall looks down at the tray to see that it is devoid of pills.

INT. ENGLISH CLASS

PJ strolls through the doors of the English class, taking another mouthful of pills. He takes his seat.

As Miss Loflin speaks at the front of the room, PJ turns to Mike and Doug.

PJ I wish this school would buy real Advil and not this cheap knockoff. It doesn't work.

MIKE What's it called?

PJ reads the bottle.

PJ Estrogen. Probably the CVS brand.

Doug looks at the bottle funny, thinking to himself.

DOUG Estrogen...? Sounds kinda familiar.

Miss Loflin crosses her arms at the front of the room, beaming back at them.

MISS LOFLIN So PJ, did you think of anything you'd like to say about the play? Or do you still think Romeo is a wimp?

PJ Not at all Miss Loflin. Romeo is not a wimp, if anything he is the most courageous guy I know. Betraying his own family to be with the lady he loves. It's absolutely beautiful. I only wish I could please the woman I love as he does Juliet.

Miss Loflin is shocked at PJ. An expression of shock and confusion comes over PJ's face. The same look of shock is on the face of every other student in the room as they stare at PJ, mouths agape. He then tries to play it cool by forcing a smirk and clears his throat.

> MISS LOFLIN What did you just say?

PJ Um...I...I don't...know...

Mike and Doug lean over to PJ.

MIKE Dude, what the hell is wrong with you?

PJ I have no idea, Mike. Probably this damn headache.

PJ takes another swig of pills. Doug recoils, stopping him from taking more pills. His eyes fixate on the bottle.

DOUG

Don't!

PJ Why not? I have a headache. I just remembered what estrogen is. It'll turn you into...

Doug points up to Miss Loflin.

DOUG ...one of THEM!

PJ shudders.

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE

Nurse Whittenhall is frantically searching through his cabinets. Rayanne walks up to the desk.

RAYANNE Have you found my estrogen?

Nurse Whittenhall momentarily stops looking.

NURSE WHITTENHALL I could've sworn I just got in a new shipment. You can probably go one day without it though, right? I mean, that bottle had enough estrogen in it to turn <u>me</u> into a woman.

The camera moves painfully close on Rayanne's twitching face.

RAYANNE I need my estrogen, Nurse Whittenhall. Unspeakable things will happen. People will die.

Nurse Whittenhall nods, terrified.

NURSE WHITTENHALL I...I'll see what I can do.

Rayanne walks reluctantly out the door as Nurse Whittenhall searches the cabinets.

INT. ENGLISH CLASS

PJ stares into space, speechless. Mike waves his hand in front of his face.

MIKE You okay, PJ?

PJ You basically just told me I'm going to turn into a woman.

DOUG Well, you'd be more of a transvestite.

PJ Thanks. Now I'm fine with it.

Miss Loflin suddenly notices PJ, and she tries to get PJ's attention.

MISS LOFLIN Do you have something to add back there, PJ?

PJ Well, I believe Romeo is amazing. How many men would fight to the end for a loved one? He barely knew Juliet, but he knew he loved her, and that's all that mattered. I hope one day we can all be Romeo's!

PJ slaps himself across the face.

MISS LOFLIN Bravo, bravo PJ! That was truly inspiring!

Mike taps PJ again.

MIKE Dude, this is bad. That estrogen is making you sound like an idiot.

PJ Aw hell, this stuff'll probably wear off. It can't be that strong. Right?

Mike, Doug and PJ look nervous.

The camera starts on Rayanne's pink bow, and moves back to show Rayanne walking down the hallway, looking increasingly angry. She has begun scratching, almost werewolf like.

One of her friends, HUBERTA, approaches with a doll in her hand.

HUBERTA Rayanne, you left your doll at my house last night. We were so busy putting our makeup on you must've forgotten!

Rayanne takes the doll in her hand and tosses it down the hallway, looking furious. She yells, and her voice has deepened.

RAYANNE (deep) I don't CARE!

Huberta jumps back, scared.

HUBERTA What's wrong with your voice?

RAYANNE My voice has always been like this you moron!

Huberta runs off, terrified. Rayanne starts to walk down the hallway in a panic, but the camera stays behind to show that PJ, Doug and Mike are standing in the background, by their lockers.

DOUG Dude, you participated like 7 times in English class today. That's scary.

PJ I know. Doug, I just want to make it clear that whatever happens today, we are JUST friends.

MIKE Okay. But I've been thinking. Maybe this could be good for you. PJ Mike, lethal doses of estrogen could never be good for a man. I'm probably going to develop--

PJ points down at his chest. Mike interrupts.

MIKE

Don't remind me. But anyway, maybe this is your chance to get Jenna back. I mean, usually, you're brutish and obnoxious.

PJ Thanks, Mike, but unfortunately, I'm not all that brutish anymore. In fact, I kind of want to frolic in a field of daisies or something.

MIKE Exactly. You should embrace that feeling. Girls like that weird stuff.

PJ looks at the broken picture Jenna gave him, and a tear comes to his eye.

PJ I do miss my Jenna. Sweetest rose in the garden.

MIKE Okay, save it for later though. I don't wanna hear it.

INT. FRESHMAN CLASS

Rayanne sits next to several other small freshmen in a generic class. Rayanne now has turned noticeably man-ish, is about a foot taller than earlier, and appears to have the beginnings of a beard. Two obnoxious freshmen, BILLY and STEVE, talk next to her.

BILLY I'm going to the zoo with my babysitter after school.

STEVE Lucky. I wish I could see the giraffe. RAYANNE Shut the HELL up both of you! The teacher is going to string you up like chickens if you don't shut your yappers!

Billy and Steve stare back at her speechless. The TEACHER walks over, holding a lollipop out for Rayanne.

TEACHER Would Ms. Crankypants like a lollipop--

RAYANNE Spare me, teacher. I ain't eating your candy. I hate sugar. I want beef. I want to HUNT!

The teacher stares back at her, speechless.

Rayanne suddenly jumps up from her desk, and bolts it out of the room.

STEVE You'd think her estrogen levels are low or something.

INT. CAFETERIA

PJ sits at a cafeteria table surrounded by INTRIGUED GIRLS, who all lean forward in anticipation at what he is saying.

PJ And later, I told Jenna that she was a glimmering sapphire in a sea of less vibrant sapphires.

One of the girls, ELAINE, wipes a tear from her eye.

ELAINE That's the most beautiful thing I've ever heard, PJ.

The camera pans over to Doug and Mike, who watch this whole conversation painfully from a few tables away.

MIKE I guess PJ's a woman now. Just look at him, talking it up with those girls.

DOUG Yeah, they're probably talking about shoes, or a similarly disgusting topic. MIKE Don't even joke. I feel so bad for PJ, but at least it can't get any worse. MONTAGE -- PJ IS A WOMAN NOW -- Mike and Doug are shown watching as PJ and a group of girls dance around in the hallway to a very feminine song. MIKE (cont'd) He's dancing. DOUG With women. -- Mike and Doug watch as PJ eats a salad at the lunch table. MTKE He's eating salad. DOUG That's a woman's food. -- Mike and Doug watch as PJ reads a magazine about shoes. MIKE He's reading a magazine about shoes. DOUG Shoes are for women. PJ looks over at them, angry. РJ See, the problem here guys is you two are sexist. End of story. Mike whispers to Doug, terrified. MIKE (whispered) That's the estrogen talking, man.

END MONTAGE

INT. HALLWAY

PJ stands at his locker with a group of GIRLS, leading the conversation.

PJ It was the biggest mistake I ever made. I mean, Jenna is the love of my life, and I was so cruel to her.

An EMOTIONAL GIRL leans forward, clutching a tissue, and stares deep into PJ's eyes.

EMOTIONAL GIRL It's not too late to save your relationship, PJ. Jenna still loves you. I can feel it. In fact, I love you too.

Several other girls around the locker, EMOTIONAL GIRL 2 and EMOTIONAL GIRL 3, also lean forward to embrace PJ.

EMOTIONAL GIRL 2 So do I, PJ.

EMOTIONAL GIRL 3 We all love you.

PJ Thanks for the support, girls. You're right. I think I should talk to Jenna.

PJ looks over across the hallway to see Jenna standing at her locker, looking overly sad.

PJ (cont'd) Wish me luck.

PJ walks to Jenna's locker and he arrives in a happy mannerism. She looks up at him.

JENNA What are you doing here PJ?

PJ

I just have been doing some thinking today, and I am so sorry Jenna. I was so lucky to have someone as amazing as you, and I hope you forgive me soon because I need you back in my life. But I'll give you your space. PJ smiles and hugs Jenna, who can't react in time to hug him back.

PJ (cont'd)

But I don't think I can properly apologize to you right now, because you deserve more. What do you think of going out with me tomorrow after school? I'll explain everything.

JENNA

Uh, okay PJ. Whatever you say.

PJ smiles, and walks away happily. The girls standing at his locker wave after him.

INT. GYM - PJ'S BASKETBALL GAME

All of the players are warming up with enthusiasm, with fist pumps and shouts when their players make a basket. PJ is looking especially nervous knowing he has the Estrogen in his system. He walks over to Mr. St. Martin anxiously.

> PJ Hey Coach, I'm sorry but I really believe it would be best for the team if I sat out tonight...I just don't think my head is in the game.

MR. ST. MARTIN Parsons, quit screwin' around and go warm up.

PJ They seem like a great group of players, it should be a good game. But one I sadly cannot participate in. Basically I just don't want to get in anyone's way of playing their best tonight.

Mr. St. Martin silently stares at PJ in disbelief. From off screen, we hear the deep, booming voice of Rayanne.

RAYANNE Play the friggin' game, PJ. I got money ridin' on this.

The camera pans around to show Rayanne, who has descended into full masculinity. She now wears a sweatshirt, and has an outrageous beard. MR. ST. MARTIN You heard that creepy bearded lady. Play the friggin' game.

Mr. St. Martin throws PJ onto the court, shaking his head.

MONTAGE - THE BASKETBALL GAME

-- PJ's teammates look to pass him the ball to score and find that he is not in his point guard position. Instead he is on the other end of the court helping an opponent up off the ground.

-- PJ is intensely guarding a player who is about to throw in the ball. In his struggle to throw the ball over PJ, his mouth guard falls out. PJ bends down to pick it up and then the player throws in the ball and runs away. PJ runs after him with the mouth guard in hand.

> PJ Hey, wait up!! You forgot your mouth guard!!

-- Rayanne is in the stands, screaming her lungs out in fury.

-- It is the end of the game and PJ's team is in the huddle for a final cheer. Everyone in the huddle waits for the Captain, PJ to lead the cheer, but he is not in the circle. Across the court PJ is on the other team's bench slapping their hands and putting his arms around the players

PJ (cont'd)

Wow guys, I just really wanted to tell you how great of a team you all are, you played awesome out there and gave such heart to the game. I'm truly amazed.

PJ looks as if he is about to shed a tear.

MR. ST. MARTIN PJ!! Get over here!!

PJ runs away to his side of the court with a wave and leaves his opponents with a look of complete confusion.

-- Rayanne punches a fellow SPECTATOR in the face.

END MONTAGE

INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

PJ walks through the door of his house looking depressed. His mother, BARB, is sitting at the kitchen table, and sees her son walk in.

> BARB What's wrong, honey? Did you lose the game?

PJ interrupts his mom to hug her, who also does not have enough time to react.

PJ It's not that, mother. Basketball is just a game. I broke a girl's heart today, and I'll never be able to forgive myself.

Barb comforts PJ, still not sure what is going on.

BARB I don't believe I've ever seen you like this, PJ.

PJ I just need one of your sensitive mom talks.

INT. HOUSE - NEXT MORNING

PJ wakes up and takes off his warm feety pajamas he had worn the night before and looks at them in disbelief. He throws them into the hamper and picks up his usual sweatpants and T-shirt without a glance in the mirror and goes downstairs. He gets downstairs and sees his mother in the kitchen.

> BARB Morning darling! I thought about the talk we had last night about Jenna.

PJ's Mom reaches out to give him a hug, but he just looks at her somewhat blankly.

PJ Disregard everything I said yesterday, mom.

BARB But PJ, you said so many wonderful things yesterday. PJ storms out the door, slamming it behind him.

INT. HALLWAY

PJ meets up with his friend Mike and Doug at his locker.

MIKE Hey, listen man, I might need a woman's perspective on something. So my girlfriend threatened to break up with me, and--

PJ Whoa there, Mike. Since when do I help you with anything?

MIKE Oh no! Did the estrogen wear off?

PJ I guess my manliness defeats science after all.

PJ shuts his locker, and Mike and Doug hang on edge.

DOUG You mean you don't want to frolic in a field of lilies any more?

PJ Nope. I'm back to my merciless, manly self.

PJ expects them to be happy, but both shrug and frown.

MIKE We liked the sensitive PJ more.

DOUG Yeah, he was the one that was caring and kind. A person I could tell all of my secrets to, and not have to worry about them tipping off the police.

PJ's jaw hits the floor.

MIKE Yeah, emotional PJ was so much more likeable. He was a true man. Not just a basketball machine.

PJ's eyes light up.

PJ So you're saying...I need more estrogen!

DOUG

Yeah!

MIKE I think we all need a little estrogen. But how do we get it?

PJ nods confidently.

PJ I got a plan.

INT. PLANNING ROOM

In a dimly lit room, PJ unfolds a map on a large table. He, Mike and Doug nod approvingly.

MONTAGE - THE PLAN

-- PJ draws a series of squiggly red lines on the map, circling the nurse's office.

-- Doug rips off a piece of duct tape, sticking it to a fishing rod that Mike holds up for him.

-- PJ hammers some nails into a board.

-- Doug and Mike crack some eggs into a bowl.

-- PJ starts pumping up a bicycle.

END MONTAGE

BACK TO SCENE:

PJ, Mike and Doug stand around the map, exhausted.

PJ So basically, I have no idea how we're going to get this estrogen. I say we just walk in there and ask politely. PJ, Doug and Mike walk out of the room.

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE

PJ, Mike, and Doug stumble into the Nurse's Office. Nurse Whittenhall looks up from his computer startled.

NURSE WHITTENHALL Can I help you three?

PJ We've come for the estrogen.

Nurse Whittenhall looks at them like they're crazy.

NURSE WHITTENHALL What do you guys need estrogen for?

MIKE What do you think? So we can use it.

NURSE WHITTENHALL Listen, I can't even begin to imagine what is going through your heads, but I'm certain I can't give you the new shipment of estrogen.

DOUG

Why not?

NURSE WHITTENHALL Because the freshman girl I ordered it for has disappeared into the jungle and nobody knows where the hell she is.

PJ Then how am I supposed to win back Jenna?

NURSE WHITTENHALL If your only hope of getting Jenna was taking large doses of female hormones, you really don't stand a chance, now do you? PJ

Well, uh, you see, I thought that taking more estrogen pills would help me. I mean, I just know she's the one for me, but I can't seem to do anything right without the estrogen helping me get in touch with my feelings.

Nurse Whittenhall sighs.

NURSE WHITTENHALL If you truly believe the two of you

are meant to be together, then you shouldn't have to use estrogen pills to change who you are. You just need to be more...naturally romantic.

PJ But I am naturally romantic...with supplements.

NURSE WHITTENHALL If you really want to face this like a man, you need to face this problem without supplements. And I'm pretty sure girls might think it odd if you regularly take estrogen. Just saying.

PJ, Doug and Mike sigh, walking out the door.

PJ Thanks for your help, Nurse Whittenhall.

INT. HALLWAY

PJ leans against his locker, depressed. Mike and Doug stand around him, looking equally sad.

PJ Well I guess my relationship with Jenna is over. I'll never be the man she deserves if I keep acting like a jerk all the time.

MIKE Yeah, too bad you can't be compassionate without the estrogen. PJ Yeah. Funny thing is, I feel like I could change. Like I could be a more caring person, and not be such a brute.

DOUG Don't be silly, PJ. People can't overcome obstacles on their own.

PJ I guess you're right.

PJ starts to walk away with his backpack, but stops when he hears a SCREAM.

PJ (cont'd) Did you guys hear that? Sounded like Jenna!

PJ sprints down the hallway.

INT. ABANDONED CLASSROOM

In a spooky abandoned classroom, Rayanne stands in the shadows over Jenna, the only part of her in the light being the pink bow. Jenna has been strapped down in a chair with chains, and looks terrified.

> RAYANNE Your boyfriend stole my estrogen.

JENNA I have no idea what you're talking about!

RAYANNE Without my estrogen, unspeakable things happen. I turn into...THIS!

Rayanne leans back into the light, revealing a hideous gorrila-like monster with a pink bow. Jenna screams. The lights flicker.

JENNA

Let me go!

RAYANNE Not before you suffer too!

Rayanne holds up a bottle of Testosterone. Jenna screams again, and just then, PJ enters the room.

PJ What's going on? Jenna!

Jenna looks over at the door to see PJ. Their eyes meet.

JENNA

PJ!

Rayanne also looks over at PJ, enraged. The veins in her arms tense.

RAYANNE YOU! The stealer of little girl's hormonal pills! Suffer my WRATH!

Rayanne lets out of Tyrannosaurus sound effect as she stampedes toward PJ, who drops his backpack and braces himself for impact. They collide, and PJ flies several feet into the wall. Rayanne stands up, pounding her chest like King Kong.

A quick cut to Jenna shows her wrists struggling to break free from the tightly wrapped chains.

Rayanne lets out another Tyrannosaurus roar, charging toward PJ. PJ drops his head and charges right into her, and they both fall to the ground. PJ is able to rise first.

The door then busts open to reveal Nurse Whittenhall, who carries along with him a bottle of estrogen.

NURSE WHITTENHALL I thought I heard you, Rayanne.

Nurse Whittenhall walks over to Rayanne and dumps the entire bottle of estrogen pills in her mouth. As Nurse Whittenhall walks away, Rayanne has gone back to her normal, freshman self.

Across the room, PJ picks up his backpack and runs over to free Jenna from the chains.

JENNA PJ, you saved my life. You used your manliness for good.

PJ tugs the chains, and in one swift action, Jenna is free.

PJ And that's the only way I'll use it from now on, Jenna. I promise to be a more sensitive, caring boyfriend. I'll never take you for granted ever again. PJ takes the "Forever and Always" picture frame out of his back pack. It is newly repaired, and Jenna looks thrilled to see it, and jumps into his arms.

Rayanne rises up weakly, watching the scene going on with PJ and Jenna with disgust. Her voice is still deep.

RAYANNE (deep) Makes me want to vomit.

FADE OUT.