

# HIGH SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL

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## Cast of Characters

DAN - a senior, athletic

ALLIE- a junior, smart

SCOTT - a sophomore, class vice-president

KEVIN - a sophomore, a bully

TIMMY - a sophomore, Kevin's sidekick

HEIDI - a senior, stylish, flirty

ANGELA - a sophomore, artistic

JEANIE - a junior, tough

KATE - a junior, quiet

STUART - a junior, bit of a nerd

The empty auditorium of a high school

The final day of classes

After lunch

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The empty auditorium of a high school after lunch on the last day of classes. The stage is empty except for a lectern to one side containing some papers and a handwritten comic book. There is a small trash can just below the stage containing some trash - papers, disposable cups, a package of cigarettes, etc. The main door is closed but there is a small, wooden wedge to keep it open next to it.

The house and stage lights are on and remain on throughout.

DAN enters from the back of the auditorium through the main door. HE wears a large shirt and although HE has his cell phone in his back pocket, the shirt covers it so it is not noticeable. HE looks around, clearly expecting to see someone but there is no one there.

DAN

Principal Roberts? I was supposed to report here?

HE sticks his head out the door for a moment to look around and then re-enters.

DAN

(Louder) Hello? Anybody?

DAN hesitates, crosses down to the stage and sits on the edge. HE is about to take his cell from his back pocket but stops when ALLIE enters from the back of the auditorium.

ALLIE

Hey.

DAN  
Hey.

ALLIE  
What's going on?

DAN  
Nothing.

ALLIE  
Where's Principal Roberts?

DAN  
I don't know.

ALLIE  
He's not here?

DAN  
Doesn't look like it.

ALLIE  
There was message that he wanted to see me.

DAN  
Yeah, me, too.

ALLIE  
Why?

DAN  
No idea.

ALLIE  
(Crossing down to the stage) You think we're in trouble?

DAN  
Why, did you do something wrong?

ALLIE

(Worried) Not that I know of.

DAN

You're...

ALLIE

Allie.

DAN

Allie, right. Look, Allie, it can't be that bad if they've waited until the last day of school to call us on it. We probably just forgot to turn in a library book or something.

ALLIE

You don't think it has anything to do with...

DAN

Nah. That was months ago. If it was, they would've talked to us when they had their big investigation. You weren't involved in that, were you?

ALLIE

No. I barely knew him.

DAN

There you go.

ALLIE

What about you? Did you know him?

DAN

Nope. Unless they're on the team, I don't really pay too much attention to juniors.

ALLIE

I just don't want to mess up my record.

DAN

Ooooooh, permanent record! News flash, Allie, after high school, nobody cares what you did in high school.

ALLIE

Some of us want to go to college.

DAN

I'm going to college, I just don't think college cares as much as all the teachers say. It's a scare tactic - "It'll go on your permanent record! Everybody will know about it and it'll follow you around 'til the day you die!"

ALLIE

I guess.

DAN

Trust me, it's like your SAT scores. My older sister told me nobody cared about that stuff after she got accepted.

ALLIE

Yeah?

DAN

She says it's totally different in college. The professors are cool and treat you like an adult.

ALLIE

(Relaxing a little, sitting next to DAN) Well, you're about to graduate so it's easy for you not to worry. Where are you going?

DAN

University of Florida, full scholarship and then hopefully, Tufts Veterinary.

ALLIE

You want to be a vet?

DAN

(A bit embarrassed) Yeah, I like animals. After my dog Pixie got sick and died when I was in Junior High, I wanted to know how I could've saved him.

ALLIE

That's cool. I still have to get through next year.

DAN

Listen, no matter what it is, we all get a free pass this year, right? Just say you're still upset and they can't do anything to you.

ALLIE

"Emotionally troubled," right? So what're we supposed to do now?

DAN

I don't know. Wait a little while and then if nobody shows up, go back to class, I guess. It's probably a mistake. The day's almost over.

ALLIE

(A big sigh) You're lucky. I can't wait to get out of here.

DAN

I know. The sooner this year's over, the better.

ALLIE

At least we can drive now, right?

DAN

Oh, yeah, that's where I know you from, we had driver's ed together that one time, didn't we.

ALLIE

In the spring. We drove around with that kid Peter...

DAN

Peter, right...

ALLIE

He kept knocking all the cones over, remember? We finally had to stop to get out the one that was jammed up underneath the front tire.

DAN

(Laughing) Yeah, and every time he'd hit one, he'd go...

DAN and ALLIE

(In high voices) "Oops, sorry! Oops, sorry! Oops, sorry!"

DAN

And Mr. Randall keeping a tally of how many pedestrians he'd killed didn't exactly calm him down any.

ALLIE

You were the one making him nervous.

DAN

Me? What'd I do?

ALLIE

Hello? Swim team scholarship? You shouldn't have kept laughing at him.

DAN

I couldn't help it, it was funny! You were laughing, too.

ALLIE

I'm lucky he didn't wet his pants all over the driver's seat, I had to go after him.

DAN

It's not like I'm the star of the team or anything.

ALLIE

You're the co-captain Dan. That impresses some people.

DAN

(Joking) Are you impressed?

ALLIE

(Mock serious) Oh, yeah, a lot.

Enter SCOTT through the main door.

SCOTT

Hey, you guys.

ALLIE

Hey, Scott.



SCOTT

(Crossing down the the stage) Hey, Allie. What's going on?

ALLIE

Nothing.

DAN

You get a message, too?

SCOTT

Yeah, from Principal Roberts.

DAN

Us too but he's not here.

SCOTT

What's it about?

ALLIE

We don't know.

SCOTT

Is it just us?

DAN

So far.

SCOTT

Maybe we're getting an award or something.

ALLIE

Hey, maybe!

DAN

That'd be at an assembly, though.

SCOTT

Oh, right.

DAN

She's worried we're all in trouble. (Spooky voice) "Permanent record!"

SCOTT

(Alarmed) You think?

DAN

Jeez, you, too? It's some stupid little nothing, you'll see.

SCOTT

It's just that I want to run for class president next year...

DAN

Max and relax.

ALLIE

Hey, are you guys going to Heidi Doherty's party tonight?

SCOTT

For a little while but then at midnight, a bunch of us are going to see "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Magnolia.

DAN

They're showing that thing again?

SCOTT

It's going to run every Friday through the whole summer. Tonight's opening night.

DAN

Hasn't everybody already seen it, like, a million times already?

SCOTT

The more you see it, the better it gets. (To ALLIE) Have you been?

ALLIE

Once, a long time ago.

SCOTT

Really? Only once? Come with us, it'll be a good way to end this year.

ALLIE

I can't wait until next year when we don't have to say "this year" again.

SCOTT

I know, what a relief, right? You definitely have to come celebrate.

ALLIE

Yeah, that's what I want to do, spend my night with a bunch of sophomore geeks.

SCOTT

It won't just be us, lots of kids'll be there.

ALLIE

Maybe.

SCOTT

I just meant, you know, if you needed a ride or anything, swing by next door, we're going to be loading up on toilet paper and toast and stuff at my house before we go.

ALLIE

We'll see.

Enter KEVIN and TIMMY through the main door.

ALLIE

Oh, great. Look who else is here.

KEVIN

What are you looking at?

SCOTT

A couple of losers.

ALLIE

You got that right.

KEVIN

Shut up.

ALLIE

Nice comeback, Kevin. You think that one up all by yourself? If they're here, we must really be in trouble.

SCOTT

What did you do this time?

KEVIN

Nothing.

ALLIE

Right.

SCOTT

You've always done something.

TIMMY

What're you all doing here?

DAN

Waiting for Roberts, same as you.

KEVIN and TIMMY start crossing down.

KEVIN

Uh oh, pool boy's in trouble!

TIMMY

What'd you do, pee in the shallow end?

ALLIE

Maybe they're finally kicking you two out of school for good. I'd love to see that.

KEVIN

Yeah and maybe he's telling you you were voted ugliest girl in school and you're going to die alone.

DAN

Hey! Watch your mouth.