

# THE WOLVES

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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. Plays dumber than she is. Sixteen.
- #00 Goalie. Intense performance anxiety, perfectionist, high achiever. Seventeen.

## SOCCER MOM

## SETTING

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

Winter. Saturdays.

## NOTE

Each scene is a warm-up for a game. The warm-up is a series of exactly timed stretches and exercises: squats, jumping jacks, 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.

## SPEED

The play should take 90 minutes.

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

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\* #14 has a cold this week

#7  
like yeah of course we have  
We're Women  
that's like what we do

#11  
yeah he's like 90 years old  
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)

#25  
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

#7  
(you remember Courtney)

#14  
(oh Jesus Courtney)

#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

#8  
it's not so hard  
you just like  
pop!

#8  
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  
hahaha  
hahaha



#13  
um

#25  
you did

#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  
haha

#7

like you know  
uh

#11

i just /meant like

#7

/suck my tampon bitchesssss!

#14

hahaha yeahhh

#8

gross!

#14

“you got my period on your cleats fool”

#7

SUCK IT

#8

you guys are being soooo gross

#13

DUDE!

#25

hey

#13

haha nasty

#25

HEY

#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

#14  
take one  
seriously  
they're in my backpack in a little polka dot thing

#7  
RUN BITCH RUN

#25  
language

#7 and #14 exchange an eye-roll

#25  
HUSTLE BACK  
KICK-OFF'S IN TEN

#14  
guysguysguys:  
she uses pads

#11  
really?

#7  
yep

#13  
weird

#8  
(scolding)  
you guys her family is like super religious

#13  
portaparty?  
more like  
portapartaaay

#8  
(to #7)  
you know she doesn't like that word

#7  
I don't like your face  
doesn't mean it doesn't exist

#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 step-mom's church  
she's Episcopalian

#13

*(speaking in tongues aka ululation)*  
lalalalalala

#11

I saw this documentary on netflix  
about like snake handling



#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*)

#11  
no I'm pretty sure it's khmer rouge

#13  
oh khmer rouge

#8  
yeah khmer rouge

#13  
(*british accent*)  
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

#14  
(to 7)  
(hey)  
(hey)  
(hey)

#7  
(what)

#14  
(are you ok?)

7 rolls her eyes

#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-i-o/ne"

#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

#14  
whatever

#11  
that makes a huge difference  
there are only like 7 billion people on the entire planet

#14  
ok

#11  
it's just factually inaccurate

#14  
yeah I get it I was just like making a point

#11  
but it wasn't the right point

#13  
ca-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"

#8  
(did you try it?)

#2  
*(vigorously shakes no)*

#8  
(omigosh you should  
you should take one  
or at least try it)

#2  
*(awkward smile)*

#8  
(they're supes  
comfortable)

#2  
*(awkward smile)*

#8  
(pop!)

#13 (cont.)  
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

#25  
have you done social studies?

#2  
the article response?

#11  
i thought it was chee  
or like chi  
or something

#25  
yeah

#13  
no I think it was like  
with an n  
pretty sure it was  
with an n

#2  
oh  
  
#25  
yeah

#2  
(to #11)  
you feel bad for him?

#11  
no I don't feel bad I just

#2  
he enslaved and exterminated his own people

#8  
yeah wow

#11  
no guys I just think it's uh  
it's uh  
*(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	#2
wow	um	that is gnarly man	eww	<i>shakes head</i>

#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*  
*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 ninety and like on the verge of death with like uh emphysema

#11 (cont.)

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

#25

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 offstage*

#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  
4<sup>th</sup> in our bracket

#8  
and then we went to Circus Circus!  
guys remember Circus Circus?  
with the elephants?

#11  
yeah

#13  
look at their stupid yellow jerseys  
they look like like like  
school buses

#7  
yeah  
fucking school buses

#14  
school buses

#13  
schoooooool bussessss

*they laugh*

#25  
come on  
let's get on out there  
Coach is waiting

*general eyeroll*

#14  
Coach couldn't give a shit if we paid him

#7  
oh that's right  
we do

#11  
he's like so hung-over  
it's embarrassing

#2  
there were elephants?

#8  
yeah  
in the big tent

#2  
...I don't remember any elephants

#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 bleedy  
sweet sweet little bleedy

#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  
(*sniffing*)  
I feel so good you guys

#25  
i don't want you here if you're sick

#14  
I am totally fine  
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  
right right  
turf allergies

#8  
is that a thing?

#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  
*(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 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 boot-ay!

#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  
#7 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?

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\* #7 has a cold this week

#8  
central america  
I always want to call it middle america  
does anyone else do that?  
Middle America?

#13  
like Middle Earth?

#8  
omigosh

#11  
uh it's Meso America  
technically

#8  
Middle Earth!  
omigoshhhhh

#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

#2  
i have some in my backpack  
if anyone wants to

#2  
you can choose the yarn color

#7  
USA  
USA

#7/#14  
USA  
USA

#7  
the fuck is a cuss word

#14  
ha

#25  
Ladies

#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

#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

#8

ewwww

#11

that's so wrong

he's her patient



#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

#8  
GUYS!  
omigosh you guys  
does that mean we're hobbits?

#25  
Ladies

#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

#11  
that is not what Middle America

#13  
try telling that to the future Mrs. Samwise Gamgey

#8  
*(dreamy)*  
he's just such a good friend!  
you know?

#7  
jesus

#13  
*(sings lord of the rings theme)*  
doo doo doo doo doo doo

#8  
*(joins in)*  
doo doo

#2  
*(joins in)*  
doo doo doo doo doo doo

#7  
you guys are retarded

#8  
hey  
don't use the r-word

#2  
yeah  
not cool

#7  
oh get over yourselves

#7  
ACHOO

#14  
bless you

#7  
thanks bitch

#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 Brick 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 King

#14  
you think she lifts?

#11  
she has to  
to get that kind of muscle def

#2  
I should lift more

#13  
um what?

#13 (cont.)  
why?

#2  
nobody sees me on the field and is like “uh oh”

#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  
(*very sad*) 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!

#13  
you could like get a facial tattoo  
like a full-on facial tattoo

#8  
ohhh  
hahaha  
omigosh  
I thought you were talking about biceps!  
hahaha

#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!

#25  
isn't Travis 13?

#2  
that's Tyler  
Travis's four and a half

#8  
that's super sad  
I like didn't know about this at all

#2  
I just really hope someone's reading to them  
five to six 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 first graders  
at Jessie Beck  
they're all ESL kids  
and the later they come over the / harder it is

#7  
ARE YOU GUYS FUCKING BRAIN DEAD?  
they have Nowhere to go

#13  
los niños!  
todos los niños!

#13  
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 estúpida

#11  
it's idioma? / actually?

#7 (cont.)

no like Legal Status

no one WANTS them

they're just going to be like Deported

back to their Parent who Sent them here in the First Place

cause they like wanted their kids to have like CLEAN DRINKING WATER

and not live next to fucking drug lords

but now they're stuck

in like basically refugee camps in 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?

#13  
I didn't know you were Armenian

#14  
my dad's Armenian  
my mom's American

#8  
(to #14)  
ohhhh



they were living in London when they had me

#8  
super cool

#2  
I knew that

#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 ethnic 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  
her nana used to make these Armenian pastries

#8  
i forgot you guys used to be like best best friends

#13  
well I knew she was Armenian

#11  
you did not

#13  
si si senior

#2  
yeah  
she taught me how to knit when I was like 7  
we'd knit and watch power rangers in her den

#11  
you are THE MOST annoying

#13  
GO GO POWER RANGERS!

#11  
I thought you didn't have a tv

#2  
yeah  
but at her house

#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

#13  
(her bus?)

#25  
...that's great!  
get changed and get back out here  
alright?

*#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 exits*

#13  
she takes the bus?

#11  
she told me she has to take like three 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 reenters  
she forgot her backpack*

#46  
...backpack

*#46 grabs it and exits*

#13  
I can't imagine being homeschooled

#25  
yeah

#11  
totally

#8  
yeah  
so weird

#13  
she doesn't even have a school team  
you know

#25  
yeah

#13  
like this isn't her in-between season  
this is her season

#2  
she only plays indoor?

#8  
and like it's so weird she just joined our team  
nobody does that  
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  
omigosh  
omigosh  
she's never played before??  
like ever?

#25  
that's what she said on her registration form

#8  
oh  
my  
gosh

#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

I bet it's because they can't pay the dues  
they just moved here you know

#8

weird

#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  
like hello have you heard of deodorant?

#11

she doesn't shave

#8

like anywhere?

#11

not as far as I can tell



#8

ewwwww

#11

and she's hairy  
like hairy hairy

#13

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 I was waiting outside  
after the game  
and someone was in there for like ever  
and I really had to go  
but like finally finally the person opens the door  
and it was  
you won't even believe it:  
Louise

#11  
no

#13  
yeah  
oh yeah  
Lou-ise

#25  
Louise Peterson?

#13  
yep  
yep

#8  
that is so gross

#11  
what was she doing here?

#8  
there's no way she was working out  
there's just no way

#13  
and of course I get in there and she took 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

#11 (cont.)  
super punk

#8  
she sang in that coffee house?  
and like licked the microphone?

#2  
oh  
her

#13  
you think she's sorta cool?

#8  
she is so WEIRD

#25  
I don't know

#13  
no  
she's not cool  
she is SO not cool

#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 in in uniform  
sits down*

#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 uh 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)*  
uh goalie? outside? and i think she's/

#11  
vomiting?

#13  
*(makes the sound)*

#8  
ewwww

#13  
*(makes the sound on #8)*

#8  
stop stop stop

#46  
*(confused that they know this is happening)*  
yeah she was 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 cello 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 airdome?

#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 7's abortion?

*pause*

#13

wow

*pause*

#25

that's uh

we don't say stuff like that

#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

#46  
*(totally mortified)*  
cool

#13  
I thought she just took Plan B

#8  
that's not what I heard

#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 two 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 airdome

#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 rind into teeth and smiles*

#8  
guys we used to do this all the time!  
oh my god

*#8 puts orange rind into teeth and smiles*

#11  
ha that rules

*#11 puts orange rind into teeth and smiles*

#8  
(orange slice in mouth)  
**(you gotta do it)**

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

#2  
oh  
um

#8  
**(come on come on)**

#2 hesitates for a sec then puts orange rind into teeth 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)**

#8  
**(isn't this super fun)**

#7  
**(wow)**

#14  
**(haha  
haha  
haha)**

#13  
**(look I'm 12 years old  
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)**

#2  
**(I don't have one)**

#8  
**(yay! picture!)**

#7  
**(seriously?)**

#13  
**(in my backpack)**

#2  
**(I'm not allowed)**

#14  
what?

#7  
**(um why?)**

#13  
*(takes out orange slice)*  
in my backpack  
the tie dye one  
on the bench

#2  
*(nodding)*  
**(radiation)**

#14  
cool

#7  
**(what?)**

#14 jogs off to the bench

#25  
girls we should really finish

#2  
**(radiation?)**

#8  
**(come on  
for the picture)**

#11  
**(you know  
you want  
to)**

#7  
**(what?)**

*#25 puts in a slice*

#8  
**(yay!  
guys!  
let's all pose!)**

#2  
*(takes out slice)*  
radiation!

#11  
**(radiation?)**

#13  
NO THE OTHER TIE DYE ONE  
THE TURQUOISE-Y ONE

*#00 jogs on and clocks the situation  
she puts an orange slice in and joins*

#8  
**(let's pose like Charlie's Angels)**

#13  
IT'S IN THE BIG POCKET  
NO THE OTHER BIG  
YEAH NEXT TO MY INHALER?  
BINGO BANGO MY FRIEND

#8  
let's pose like Charlie's Angels!!

*#14 jogs back on with phone*

#7  
**(um, no  
let's just like do whatever)**

#14  
kay everybody um  
do something crazy

#8  
*(disappointed)*  
**ok**

*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*

#14  
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  
Fusion is going downnnntownnn

#25  
let's go let's go

#7  
time to climb the Brick 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 and #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  
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's empty*

*we can hear the sounds of the air dome  
other games  
parents cheering  
boyfriends cheering  
maybe an aerobics class and a treadmill or two*

*it's still empty*

#25  
*(running backwards)*  
HIGH KNEES

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

#25  
*(running backwards)*  
BUTT KICKS

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

#25  
*(running backwards)*  
HIGH KNEES / BUTT KICKS

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

#25  
*(running backwards)*  
GRAPEVINE

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

#25  
ALRIGHT COME IN



#25 (cont.)  
COME IN

#11\*  
*(winded)*  
jesus she's working us

#7  
*(winded)*  
cause we fucking lost

#14  
*(winded)*  
to fucking fusion

#13  
*(winded)*  
never again guys  
never again

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

#25  
ALRIGHT ALRIGHT  
LET'S HUSTLE  
BIG GAME TODAY  
AND IT'S NOT GOING TO WIN ITSELF

#13  
Blue Storm is going downnn

#7  
bitches won't know what hit em

#25  
PARTNER UP  
I WANT TO SEE TIGHT PASSES  
SOFT TOUCHES  
INSIDE OUTSIDE  
LEFT RIGHT  
HUSTLE LADIES  
I WANT US LOOKING GOOD OUT THERE TODAY

#11  
*(coughing)*

#2  
*(winded)*  
are you ok?

#11  
*(winded)*  
yeah totally

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\* #11 and #00 have a cold in part three

*#14 and #7 pair up immediately*

#7  
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

*#2 waves to #13*

#2  
partner?

#7  
*(with love and delight)*  
you total fucking slut!

*#7 punches #14 in the boob*

#13  
*(detective-y)*  
sure thing sweetheart

#2  
*(confused by reference)*  
...ok

#25  
*(to 00)*  
ready?

*#00 nods and puts on her gloves*

*#8 and #11 are passing*  
*they pass back and forth: one touch, two touch, left, right, inside, outside*

#8  
god I hope we win

*#46 is left alone*

#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

#7  
I am so fucking pumped

#11  
we'll make it a triangle

#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

#13  
sick headgear bra

*#2 is wearing a protective headband*

#7  
so shut the fuck up you ungrateful

#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  
five I think  
no no  
six

#13  
you're like Queen of the CT scan

#2  
yeah my mom's like "thank god we have insurance now" but

#13  
yo!  
we should get you like a kitty tiara!

#2  
what?

#13  
*(british accent)*  
"Queen of the CT Scan"

#2  
oh!  
that's funny

#13  
meow meow

#2  
*(not quite a british accent)*  
"queen of the CT scan"

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

#13  
your mom was freaking out

#25 (to #00)  
quick hands  
quick hands

#2  
my mom was totally freaking

#13  
it was a sick header though

#25  
there we go  
that's more like it

#46 *kicks it wide*

#46  
sorry

#2  
right?

*#46 runs offstage to get it*

#8  
it's ok

*they 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

*pause*

#8  
Oh  
My  
Gosh

#11  
...don't you mean your yurt?

#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

*#00 ignores that*

#7  
I have a pretty high pain tolerance so

#25  
goddamit

#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

#13  
i hear a scout's coming for jordana today

#7  
and they're just a bunch of dumb virgins  
or like secret lesbians

#2  
what?



#13  
yep  
jordana frye

#2  
really?

#13  
yep yep

#2  
crap

...  
she's so good

#8  
wait

#13  
I know

#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  
focus

#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  
LADIES

#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

#8  
*(laughing)*  
"with a spoon"

#11  
oh man  
sorry

*they pass the ball as #46 stews*

#14  
*(uncomfortable)*  
so it's just you and me  
and some college guys I don't know

#7  
chill the fuck  
kay  
they're hot  
we'll ski  
we'll go in the Jacuzzi  
dan'll make his famous screwdrivers  
it'll be crazy  
kay?

#8  
whoo

#11  
phew

#8  
spoon

#11  
spoon

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

#46  
*(sing/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  
how is she so good at that

#14  
kay

#14  
how hot

#2  
when we get scholarships  
do you think they'll be full-ride?

#13  
uh  
those are pretty rare

#14  
that was mind-blowing

#13  
seriously yo

#2  
do you think she's ok?

#25  
LADIES

...  
just

...  
team work makes the dream work  
you know?

*#25 jogs off*

#25  
*(off-stage)*  
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"

#8  
so weird  
but so good at juggling

#7  
if only she could play like center juggler

*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

righteous

#2

yay!

#14

yeah

#8

ooh I love the spiderweb

*they do the spider web*

*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

#8

but the showcase isn't until next week

#14

that's like the best team

#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 u-17 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 Johnny Depp

#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  
I'm just like  
it's just like fucked up you know?

#14  
guys look

*they watch him*

#14  
he literally fell asleep

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

#8  
really?

#2  
I thought he worked at like radio shack

#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 Ghirab shit?

#8  
abu what?

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

#11  
oh come on you know about Abu Ghirab

#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

#14  
i heard about that

#8  
ew with like terrorists?

#2  
why?

#13  
guys neil did not torture terrorists with his titties

#7  
oh yeah?  
how would you know?

#13  
he's sorta chill when you hang with him

*slight pause*

#11  
...what?

#8  
you hang out with Coach??

#13  
chyeah

#11  
um why?

#13  
(shrugs)  
he comes over  
plays FIFA with Kevin

#8  
ewwww

#7  
coach comes over to your house

#13  
yeah  
practically lives there

#14  
so weird

#11  
wait but like do you play FIFA with them?

#13  
heck yes I do  
I heart FIFA with a fiery passion

#7  
(she hearts somebody with a fiery passion)

#8  
but that's like a boy game

#14  
(haha totally)

#11  
can neil even like play soccer?

#13  
neil's actually a gnarly player  
beautiful footwork  
he and kevin played on the same team fo eva

#7  
"beautiful footwork" ?

#14  
(to 7)  
that's literally the grossest thing I've ever heard

#7  
wow you are like so in love with neil

#8  
EWWWWWWWW

#13  
guys!  
guys  
he's like a *brother*  
i've like i've like heard him *poop*

#8  
AH!

#7  
that's literally the grossest thing I've ever heard

#14

um yeah he's the grossest

#13

he actually played for Indiana

#8

really??

#7

no fucking way

#13

after east high

for like one season

#14

he's like a useless blob at practice

#7

yeah but like why was he only at Indiana for one season?

#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

#8  
no  
guys!

#7  
that is some intense shit

#13  
she's just a sweet old lady with one titty!

#8  
guys come on  
I just like hate Coach Neil

#7  
hate him enough to kill coach patrick's mom?

#8  
*(getting upset)*  
oh my gosh you guys

#11  
yeah but you don't NOT want to kill his mother

#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!!

#7  
wow

#14  
WOW

#11  
that's nuts

#11  
what's with you and titties today?

#2  
guys?

#2  
hey you guys?



#13  
ok!!  
jesus!  
I take it back!!  
it is taken back!!

*#8 is super upset*

#13  
oh  
sorry  
shit  
I'm sorry  
...shit

#11  
yeah  
sorry

#14  
yeah

#7  
yikes

#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)*  
hey  
that was like  
major FOOT in MOUTH

#11  
seriously?  
you suck

#8  
(*chipper*)  
hey isn't it almost someone's birthday??

#2  
happy birthday!

#11  
(*to 7*)  
right! January 19

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

#8  
oh!  
the Armenians?

#14  
...the Americans

#2  
that sounds nice

#8  
does anyone else have HBOGO?

#11  
we could ask Stephanie  
are you inviting Stephanie?

#13  
I have HBOGO!!

#8  
yeah

#13  
hey  
i have HBOGO

#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—  
drumroll please—  
Louise

#13  
no

#11  
yes

#13  
Louise Peterson?

*#25 and #46 jog back in  
#25 is so stressed*

#8  
omigosh  
why

#25  
ALRIGHT  
LET'S CIRCLE UP

*they circle up*

#8  
(wait why is she hanging out with Louise)

#7  
who?

#14  
yeah who?

#8  
weird new girl at our school  
she licked the microphone

#7  
she did what?

#11  
shhhh

#13  
shut up

#11  
(exactly)

#25  
OK LADIES  
So  
Big Game Today  
Great practice for the college showcase / 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  
to a team that was worse than we were

#7  
(is this like her motivational speech?)

#14  
(oy)

#25 (cont.)

Why?

Cause we weren't listening to each other  
(to 7 and 14) I'm sorry Am I Interrupting??

#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 five 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

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)  
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 showcase is a week away

#13  
I know  
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 Goddamit 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" but then*

#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 zip off their warm-up suits  
they're sweaty and pumped up and dusted with snow  
a banner on the Plexiglas reads "WELCOME COACHES"*

#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

#2  
can you guys feel your ears?

#8  
what's the point of doing a warm-up run  
outside  
when it's snowing?

#25  
keeps the blood pumping

#11  
i mean it's also a cool-down  
technically

#2  
how many more today?  
I feel icky

#8  
one more

#11  
at least

#14  
colder than a witch's tit

#13  
*(exhales inhaler)*  
um  
what?

#14  
what?

#13  
a witch's tit?

#14  
um  
yeah?

#13  
are witch's tits  
like  
particularly cold?

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

#25\*  
ALRIGHT LADIES  
great game

#8  
woo woo!

#13  
we were on fi-yahhhhhhh

#11  
SHE was on fire

#25  
yeah yeah we looked good today  
but we've got another one in 30  
so let's hydrate  
and circle up

*they circle up and start the warm-up*

#13  
shit guys  
shit  
can I just say  
that was  
So Sick

#11  
completely nuts

#2  
I've never seen anyone play like that  
even in like the world cup

#8  
omigosh she's so good

#14  
who knew?

#11  
I mean she was pretty good last week

#25  
that bicycle kick

#13  
not like this man

#14  
she's been holding out on us

#8  
and like in front of all of these coaches??

#2  
wait where'd she go?

*#7 walks in on crutches with a boot  
she's in street clothes with a team hoodie and a frappuccino  
she has a ski goggle tan and so does #14*

#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 I remember that

#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 u-14

#11  
u-12  
but still

#2  
(to #14)  
and it only took you like ten 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  
uh  
fall

#2  
oh

*slight pause where they all feel bad*

#7  
maybe I can make an ID camp though

#8  
cool!  
cool

#2  
that's so great

#13  
rad man

#7  
yeah the Ohio one's not till August  
and they're in my top ten

#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  
thirty minutes or so

#7  
the Diablos?

#11  
that's tomorrow I think

#25  
tomorrow  
9 am

#2  
we're playing Xtreme Xplosion

#13  
ack!  
9 am?  
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

#7 (cont.)  
but still  
it fucking rocked

#14  
*(pointed 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 five 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 on like 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?

#46 (cont.)

(to #7)

oh! hey!

you made it!

(to #14 and #7)

haha you guys have the same uh  
same face tan / that's

#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)*  
shut up  
SHUT UP

#46  
um  
uh  
Captain?  
I think Coach wants to see you

*all look offstage*

#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 as #25 talks to coach and the man in the suit*  
*#25 looks back at them*  
*the coach and the man in the suit look at them too*

#00  
shit

*#25 jogs back on*

#13  
from what school?  
did he say?

#8  
santa Barbara?  
was it santa Barbara?

#2  
I bet Stanford

#11  
maybe bucknell  
I invited bucknell

#25  
ladies ladies  
coach wants to see #14, #46, and #00

*loaded pause*

#25  
go on  
hustle

#14  
kay

*#14 and #46 and #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

*slight pause*

#2  
do you guys think I played ok today?

*#13 makes a walrus face*

#25  
you did  
#25 (cont.)  
we all did

#7  
you were great

#8  
*(to #13)*  
quit it

*#13 does a vulgar walrus*

#8  
I said quit it!

#25  
Ladies



#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  
and you like work so hard

#11  
yeah seriously

#13  
si si senior es pollo loco

#8  
*(looking offstage)*  
they're laughing  
they're all laughing

*they all look*

#2

*(looking off)*

what are they writing down

*all look off*

#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



...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

WHAAAAAAT??

#46

yeah

my mom travels a lot for her job so

#46 (cont.)

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 uh  
(*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  
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

#46

(*shrugs*)  
sorta

#11

khmer rouge  
khmer rouge

#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 *reenters*

#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

#46

*(to #7)*

that means a lot

that's

thanks

#7

whatever don't be weird about it

#8

thank god you came back from Cambodia you know

that's all I gotta say

thank god

#46

#2

oh!

#11

what?

#2

I forgot

hold on

#2 *jogs off*

(to #7, familiar)  
man you've had a rough couple of months huh?

#7  
what do you mean?

#46  
you know the uh  
the um thing around thanksgiving?

#13  
shhhh

#7  
what?

#25  
ladies let's uh  
let's move on to passing

#11  
yeah!

#8  
that sounds great

#46  
it's just great that you have such a supportive boyfriend

#14  
uh huh

#25  
let's do it

#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 fucking business  
I don't need this

#11  
(shut up)

I quit

#14

you're not going to fucking quit

#7

you're right

I'm not going to

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 SKIIED on your fucking SPRAINED / ANKLE

#7

I HOPE YOU FUCKING ROT YOU MISERABLE

*#2 runs back on holding a strange bundle of knit*

#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!

I was just texting you

*pause*

#11

*(looks at her phone)*

just got it

#46

i didn't know if

i wasn't sure

#11

yeah

#46

cause last week

#11

yeah

*#11 looks around and takes out her headphones*

#11

have you been here?

long?

#46

couple of minutes

#11

...

...

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\* #46 has a cold this week

#46  
really just got here

#11  
uh huh

#46  
...

#11  
...

#46  
...

#11  
...

#46  
how have you been  
since the uh

#11  
good

#46  
...

#11  
...

#46  
good

#11  
...

well  
uh  
no

#11 (cont.)  
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  
...



I missed practice

#11  
yeah

#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 enters*

*she has a big zit*

#8  
hi!

#46  
hey!

#11  
hey

#8  
*(holds up phone)*  
just got your text

#46  
*(joking)*  
thank god for the team directory

*pause*

#8  
is anyone else here?

#11  
no

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

#8  
are we still on?

#11  
I don't know

#8  
alright  
I figured  
cause last week

#46  
yeah

*#8 sighs*

#8

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

#46  
2?

#8  
fusion and the forfeit

#11  
yeah

#46  
forfeits count?

#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  
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 like feels  
I don't know  
#11 (cont.)  
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 for basketball at 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  
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  
#8 (cont.)  
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

#00  
yeah her mom gave me a ride

#2  
it's so good to see you guys

#00  
wow 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)*  
...hey!  
I 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?

right now?

#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  
you know  
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 practice the cello sometimes even  
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

#00  
haven't been here since the showcase

*pause*

#11  
she shouldn't have worn headphones

#8  
yeah but

#11  
she shouldn't have  
it's so dangerous  
she knew that

#00  
he 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  
silence for a little bit*

#8

*(singing to Schoolhouse Rock)*

we the people

in order to form a more perfect union

#8/#00

establish justice

ensure domestic tranquility

#8/#00/#2

provide for the common defense

promote the general welfare and

secure the blessings of liberty

to ourselves and our posterity

#8/#00/#2/#11

to ordain and establish

this constitution

for the

united states of

america

#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 fifth 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  
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!

#8  
OMIGOSH

#11  
whoa!

#00  
oh my god

#2  
wow!

#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 six

#25  
yeah  
wow  
I guess so  
...coach here?

#11  
haven't seen him

#25  
oh right  
#25 (cont.)  
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  
shh

#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  
helloooo good people

#11  
look who made it

#13  
of course I did  
of course of course  
I thought we would forfeit but nope no nope

#2  
now we have seven

#46  
an alternate!

#13  
(re: #8)  
is she ok?

#2  
nationals are in Tulsa

#8  
(sniffing)  
I'm never going to go to Disneyworld

#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  
#13 (cont.)  
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  
(to 8) are you ok?

#13  
whoa whoa whoa

#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  
my uh she called them my  
(titters) 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  
*they get in a circle and begin their  
total silence for a while  
it feels really good to do the warm-up*

#13  
yeah  
*warm-up  
again*

#8  
yeah

#11  
*(looking at audience)*  
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 like 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 two

*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

#11

he should have like

he should have defrosted you know

#2  
guys

#13  
she shouldn't have gone for a run at 6 am  
with snow on the ground  
what sorta what sorta NUTjob does that

#2  
guys!

*#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?  
that blows  
guess it's good there's no chance in hell I'll make it this year

#11  
haha

#13  
yeah ha

#2  
oh  
guys?

*they all look off and fall silent*

*SOCCKER MOM walks on the field  
she is really the nicest mom but 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  
just  
just  
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  
and the (*imitates*) baby talk the little  
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 once 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 worked up  
I was really  
and  
Megan said to me  
she says  
"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 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

*SOC CER 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*

#25  
um

does someone want to  
does someone want to start?

*silence*  
*eventually someone starts*  
*it starts as a whisper*  
*and grows louder and louder*  
*until it feels rabid and raw and completely 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

we  
are  
the wolves  
we are the wolves

we  
are  
the WOLVES  
we are THE WOLVES

WE  
ARE  
THE WOLVES  
WE ARE THE WOLVES

WE  
ARE  
THE WOLVES  
WE ARE THE WOLVES

*SOCCKER MOM walks behind the Plexiglas*  
*she holds a Ziploc of orange slices*

WE

ARE  
THE WOLVES  
WE ARE THE WOLVES

WE  
ARE  
THE WOLVES  
WE ARE THE WOLVES

*they howl*

*they stop*

*they pant*

*they see her*

*or they don't*

END OF PLAY