

PEN15

"Pool Party"

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ACT ONE

INT. MAYA'S HOUSE - KITCHEN- DAY

Anna sits at the kitchen table and tops her Toaster's Strudel with icing while Maya waits by the toaster waiting for hers to pop.

MAYA

Do you think Sam changed over summer?

ANNA

He wishes. He'll be lucky if he has like one mustache hair.

MAYA

Totally. It'd be weird if he had a mustache. But also kinda cool.

Maya drifts off, thinking about Sam with a mustache. Shuji walks into the kitchen just as Maya's Toaster Strudel pops out of the toaster. The ding of the toaster brings Maya out of her daydream. She reaches for the Toaster Strudel but Shuji gets there before she does.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Shuji!

SHUJI

Later losers! Have fun with the kiddies.

MAYA

Shuji go!

Shuji walks out the kitchen door.

ANNA

Here take the rest of mine.

Anna hands Maya the rest of her Toaster Strudel and Maya takes a bite. A car horn honks outside. The girls grab their backpacks.

MAYA

Mom, we're leaving.

EXT. MAYA'S HOUSE - DAY

The girls walk out the front door toward the mini van on the curb. Anna has a messenger bag slung across her body and Maya rolls her backpack behind her with confidence. Anna opens the sliding mini van door.

INT. MRS. ZABLOWSKI'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

ANNA  
Hi, Mrs. Zablowksi.

MRS. ZABLOWSKI  
Morning, girls.

ANNA  
Sam.

SAM  
Anna.

MAYA  
Sam.

SAM  
Hey, Maya.

The girls sit down in the third row of the mini van. Sam sits in one of the bucket seats. Sam's mom drives them to school. Anna whispers to Maya.

ANNA  
Told you. No facial hair.

Sam turns towards the back seat.

SAM  
Did you guys have a good summer?

MAYA  
Ya, it was super chill.

ANNA  
I just like laid by the pool all day.  
See?

Anna puts out her arm and pulls back the hand-crafted friendship bracelet on her wrist to reveal a slight tan line.

SAM  
Cool.

MAYA  
How was your summer?

SAM  
Pretty chill.

MAYA  
Cool.

SAM

Kinda sucks that we have to go to orientation on the last Friday of summer though.

ANNA

Yeah, but this way we can like decorate our lockers and show the 7th graders what's up.

MAYA

(too loud)

Comin' in hot. Big dog's on campus.

Maya barks. Anna barks.

ANNA

Plus, everyone gets a sneak peek of how much cooler we've gotten before Heather's co-ed pool party tomorrow.

MAYA

I can't believe you still want to go to Heather's Party after last year.

ANNA

She's not so bad. Plus Alex will be there.

MAYA

Ugh whatever.

SAM

You guys wanna drive together?

MAYA

(excitedly)

You're going to Heather's party?

SAM

Yeah. Everyone's going.

ANNA

Are you sure she didn't invite you by mistake?

MAYA

Yea, maybe it was a pity invite?

ANNA

Oh, that makes sense.

SAM

It wasn't a pity invite. Maybe Heather just actually likes me as a person.

MAYA

Is Jenna gonna be there?

SAM

Probably. I don't know. We broke up.

The car pulls up to the middle school and comes to a stop.

ANNA

Whatever Sam, just don't embarrass us.

MAYA

Yeah we'll be hanging with the cool kids so don't even try and talk to us.

The girls get out of the car before Sam.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Thanks, Mrs. Zablowski.

ANNA

Yeah, thanks Mrs. Zablowski.

SAM

Anna.

ANNA

I said don't talk to us.

SAM

Anna!

MAYA

Sam, what did we say. Don't-

SAM

There's something on your pants.

Anna stops and turns around to look at Sam.

ANNA

I'm not falling for it.

MAYA

Oh my gosh Anna. There is.

ANNA

Ew, what is it?

MAYA

It looks like you sat in some chocolate or maybe a pudding? Did you have pudding this morning?

ANNA

No! Oh my gosh what are we gonna do?

MAYA

I don't know. I don't know.

ANNA

I can't walk in like this. What if Heather sees me? Or Alex?

Sam takes off his flannel and hands it to Anna.

SAM

Here, wrap this around your waist.

ANNA

Thanks. I'll give it back.

SAM

Keep it.

INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL - BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

The girls charge through the girls' bathroom doors.

ANNA

(freaking out)

Oh my gosh. Oh my gosh. Maya what's happening.

MAYA

I think it's happening.

ANNA

What?

MAYA

You know. *It*.

ANNA

My what are you talking about? What's going on.

MAYA

I think you got your.

Maya waves her hand down by her pants.

ANNA

What?

MAYA

(whispers)

Got your... period.

Anna doesn't hear her.

ANNA

Maya what's wrong with me?

MAYA

I think you got your period!

Anna bursts into tears and runs into the bathroom stall. She pulls down her pants and confirms a reddish brown spot in her underwear. Maya talks to her through the door.

ANNA

No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

MAYA

It's okay. It's not that bad.

ANNA

You don't know that! You have no idea what it's like.

MAYA

Actually, I do.

(pause)

I got my period before summer.

ANNA

Are you serious! You got yours and you didn't tell? What the frick?!

MAYA

I'm sorry, it just kind of happened. But I'm telling you now! I promise it's gonna be fine.

ANNA

No it's not. It's all ruined.

MAYA

It's not that bad. I can hardly see it. And we can get you new underwear and pants. You can have mine.

ANNA

Not that. The party. I'm not gonna be able to go to the party.

MAYA

Na you've been looking forward to this party for like 2 weeks. Of course we're going to that party.

ANNA

Oh yeah? What if I bleed all over the diving board? And then someone slips in it and they crack their head open and then more blood spills on the diving board. And people just keep slipping in it. And someone dies because of my blood. I don't want to be the girl that had blood on her hands because of her own blood.

Anna sobs in the bathroom stall. Maya moves closer to the door and speaks slowly.

MAYA

Okay, could that happen? Yes. Will it happen? Probably not.

ANNA

What? I'm just supposed to wrap a pad around my tankini?

Anna pretends she's talking to Alex.

ANNA (CONT'D)

Hey Alex. What? This? Don't worry about it. I just stuffed my bathing suit bottoms with three inches of cotton balls!

MAYA

Na please just come out. I have a plan.

Anna zips up her pants and slowly opens the door to the bathroom stall. Her face is red and puffy from crying.

ANNA

I don't want to go back out there. What if somebody sees me? What if they can tell I'm a bleeder?

MAYA

Maybe they don't have to see you?

ANNA

What we're just gonna hide for the entire orientation?

MAYA

You said it yourself, we're adults  
now. Who says we have to go to  
orientation?

END OF ACT ONE