

SIDE #1B- AARON (Aaron and Cady)

CADY: *(trying to sound sober)* Hi.

AARON: I like your costume-I mean your dress.

CADY: Thanks!

AARON: Your room is cool. *(pointing to photo)* Is this you riding an elephant?

CADY: Oh my God. It's so embarrassing.

AARON: No it's not. It's awesome.

CADY: *(she pulls him to sit)* Sit down. I'm drinking "not soda" tonight.

AARON: Yeah, I can tell. We should go downstairs.

CADY: *(too forceful)* No, sit down! I'm amazing!

AARON: Thanks for inviting me tonight. I've wasted too much time being mad at Regina.

CADY: *(playfully)* Yeah, you really have.

AARON: Um, I've been meaning to ask you. I read the Maasai-in Kenya-

CADY: *(charmed)* Yeah.

AARON: I read that the Maasai don't celebrate birthdays. They just become adults when they feel ready.

CADY: That's true. Why did you read that?

AARON: I was just... interested in Kenya for some reason. Do you miss it?

CADY: No. I mean. I miss... walking on ground that isn't pavement all day. You have to pay attention more and it makes you feel awake. My mom and I used to play a game where we'd close our eyes and name all the birds we could hear. We don't do that now. Obvs. *(pause, then...)* So, you're gonna laugh, but I pretended to be bad at math to get you to talk to me. I'm actually really good at math. But now I'm failing.

AARON: That's stupid. Why didn't you just talk to me?

CADY: Because of Regina. Because you were her property.

AARON: Her property?

CADY: No. Shut up. Not property.

AARON: Don't tell me to shut up.

CADY: Oh my god, you're being so ridiculous right now! Sit down and act cute!

AARON: You're like a clone of Regina.

CADY: What?! No!