BOBS BURGERS

"Boyz 4 Now"

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CAST LIST FOR #3ASA08:

BOB	H. JON BENJAMIN
LINDA	JOHN ROBERTS
TINA	DAN MINTZ
GENE	EUGENE MIRMAN
LOUISE	KRISTEN SCHAAL
ALLEN	H. JON BENJAMIN
ANDY	LAURA SILVERMAN
ANNOUNCER	DAVID HERMAN
BOO BOO	MAX GREENFIELD
BOUNCER	LARRY MURPHY
CRYING GIRL	JOHN ROBERTS
GAYLE	MEGAN MULLALLY
GIRL	BROOKE DILLMAN
GRIFFIN	LARRY MURPHY
JODY	TIG NOTARO
KEVIN	JACK MCBRAYER
LADY JUDGE	BROOKE DILLMAN
LESLIE	JACK MCBRAYER
MATT	H. JON BENJAMIN
MR. FROND.	DAVID HERMAN
OLLIE	SARAH SILVERMAN
OSCAR	DAVID HERMAN
VOMITING GIRL	JOHN ROBERTS
ZEKE	BOBBY TISDALE

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. MINE SHAFT

A four-member BOY BAND using pick-axes and wearing tank-tops sing:

BAND

I'm mining the cave for love/ Don't care about the world above/ Down here it's dark and cold/ I'm just looking for a nugget of gold/ My hat is hard but my heart is soft/ It's dusty down here and so I cough (COUGH, COUGH) / It's a dirty job but I ain't stoppin' / I know I'm breathin' toxins but you're lookin' foxin'...

They pick away at the wall and break into a girl's bedroom! A beautiful GIRL is looking at a poster of the same band. She looks from the poster to the boys. The hottest boy (GRIFFIN) kneels to propose with a diamond from the mine.

BAND (CONT'D)

Will you be mine? (coal mine) / Will you be mine? (diamond--

Before the Girl can answer, the scene goes black.

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - MORNING

REVEAL: Louise has turned off the TV, where the music video was playing. Tina sits at the table. Linda's at the sink.

TINA

Hey, I was watching that!

LOUISE

Bad enough I'm being forced to go to their concert. It's like I'm going to the electric chair and you're making me watch videos of the electric chair.

LINDA

Louise, you be nice. Your Aunt Gayle got you those tickets and she's excited to take you.

TINA

I'm super excited. I've been practicing my concert scream all week. (SCREAMS) Aaaaaah. Ah-- Still ne-- Might need some work.

Bob enters and sits at the table.

LOUISE

Why would you waste a scream on a stupid boy band? Screams are for roller coasters, or axe murderers, or Dad's morning breath.

BOB

Hey, it's not that bad.

LOUISE

(SCREAMS)

LINDA

Oh, whew! Brush your teeth.

BOB

I did.

LINDA

(STARTS RUMMAGING THROUGH HER PURSE) Well then help me look for my keys.

BOB

I've told you to stop putting stuff in there if you ever want to see it again.

GENE

You put my baby brother in there and that was the last we saw of him! (YELLS TO BAG) Javier Belcher, I love you!

LINDA

I'm serious. We're gonna be late for Gene's table-setting competition.

BOB

Ugh. Do I really have to? I'd, I'd rather go to the boy band concert.

LINDA

Bob, one of our kids is actually participating in something. We're going, even if it's table-setting. **GENE**

It's table-scaping. And it's the most exciting competition on four legs. It combines accurate table setting placement with creative themes and costumes.

LINDA

I'm sure it's much more exciting than it sounds. It has to be. Right?

BOB

Gene, how did you even end up going to the regionals in table setting, anyway?

GENE

'Scaping!

EXT. WAGSTAFF PUBLIC SCHOOL - ESTABLISHING - FLASHBACK

GENE (V.O.)

It was the only non-athletic ...

INT. WAGSTAFF PUBLIC SCHOOL - GYM - FLASHBACK

GENE (V.O.)

... after school activity, and I creamed the competition.

The gym's empty except for two little tables in the middle.

Gene, dressed in a garbage man style jumpsuit, explains his trash-themed table-scape, "DUMP UP THE VOLUME", to Mr. Frond. **GENE**

As you can see, my tablecloth is a trash bag.

MR. FROND

Mmm hmm.

GENE

Please enjoy this gar-beverage.

He holds up an old can.

MR. FROND

Amusing.

Gene places the plate and silverware in a toy truck.

GENE

And when the meal is over, you can deposit your dirty silverware in

the truck, to head to the dump!

Beep! Beep! Zzzhhh... Errrh.

He dumps the plate and silverware off the side of the table. It clangs loudly on the floor.

ANGLE ON: ANDY and OLLIE's table, which has two of everything. Two plates, two cups, etc.

ANDY

Our theme is twin dinner!

OLLIE

Twinner!

ANDY

Two knives!

OLLIE

Two forks!

ANDY

Two napkins!

OLLIE

Two plates--

MR. FROND

Congratulations, Gene. You're going to regionals.

GENE

All right!

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - BACK TO SCENE

GENE

Mmm.

BOB

Gene, if you like setting tables so much why don't you set tables at the restaurant? Or here?

GENE

(CHUCKLES) No, Dad. I don't set where I eat.

EXT. APARTMENT - ESTABLISHING - A LITTLE LATER

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Tina, clutching the Boyz 4 Now tickets, looks out the window.

TINA

Where's Aunt Gayle? It's my first concert. I want to hurry up and start remembering this moment for the rest of my life.

LOUISE

Maybe Aunt Gayle realized that she's a forty-two year old woman and she shouldn't be into boy bands?

The phone rings. Tina answers.

TINA

Hello? (SIGHS IN RELIEF) Hi, Aunt Gayle, are you outside? (PAUSE) An emergency?

LOUISE

(EXCITED) Emergency?

TINA

(TRYING TO KEEP IT TOGETHER) Okay, yeah... I understand... 'Bye.

Tina hangs up. Louise stands on the couch.

LOUISE

Gimme the bad news. Gimme the bad news!

TINA

Aunt Gayle pepper-sprayed one of her cats because she thought he was an intruder trying to sexually assault her. She has to take him to the vet and we have to miss the concert.

Tina collapses face first to the floor, devastated.

LOUISE

Yeeeeaaah! This is the best thing Aunt Gayle's done since she pooped her pants at the cell phone store last year.

TINA

Ugh, my heart just pooped its pants. (FART NOISE)

EXT. SUNSETS HOTEL - ESTABLISHING - SAME TIME

It's a convention hotel with a fountain out front.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Bob, Gene and Linda enter. It's bustling with kids setting up tables, parents, etc.

BOB

Wow. Lots of people. I didn't realize that table setting was such a big deal.

GENE

'Scaping!

BOB

Check out those trophies.

LINDA

Ooh, and judges with buttons that say "judge."

GENE

Well, gotta get crackin' if I'm gonna win first place.

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LINDA

You know, Honey, it's okay if you don't win.

BOB

Yeah, Gene, I mean, win or lose, we're just proud that... you're setting a table. At the competitive level.

LINDA

Ooh, mini croissants! No matter what I say, stop me when I've had sixteen.

Linda walks off.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - SAME TIME

Louise sits on the couch. Tina is still lying facedown on the floor.

LOUISE

Hmm hmm hmm. So, now that we're not going to the concert, what should we do first?

Tina rolls over. She's still clutching the tickets.

TINA

(GROANS)

LOUISE

All right, I'll give it a shot.

CUT TO:

Louise lays on the floor beside Tina.

LOUISE (SIMULTANEOUS) (CONT'D)

(GROANS)

TINA (SIMULTANEOUS)

(GROANS)

LOUISE

Is this it?

TINA

Yeah, that's good.

LOUISE (SIMULTANEOUS)

(GROANS)

TINA (SIMULTANEOUS)

(GROANS)

LOUISE

Okay! I hate this. C'mon Tina, cheer up. It's four lame boys who dance. There's so much more out

TINA

No there isn't.

there in the world.

LOUISE

Ugh, it's no fun having you down if I'm not the one who got you there.

TINA

(SADLY) I'm sorry.

LOUISE

Fine I'm not a monster. I'll help you.

TINA

(PERKS UP) What do you mean?

LOUISE

I mean I'll get you to the concert.

I'll getcha there.

TINA

How?

EXT. STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Tina and Louise ride their bikes to a freeway entrance.

TINA

Are you sure we can bike all the way there by the time the concert starts?

LOUISE

Not if we keep chit-chatting like this. Uch, here's the freeway. Once we merge, get in the fast lane, okay? And we'll get there in no time.

Tina looks up at the trucks whizzing by.

TINA

(MOANS)

LOUISE

What?

TINA

(MOANS, COUGHS)

A rusty IROC-Z screeches into the gas station next to them. When the exhaust smoke clears, we see it's ZEKE with his older cousin LESLIE, who gets out to pump gas.

TINA (CONT'D)

Zeke? What are you doing here?

ZEKE

Me and my cousin Leslie are going to sell some bootleg t-shirts and hot dogs at the Boyz 4 Now concert. Boom. Whatcha letcha. (LAUGHS) Check it out. One size fits all.

He holds up a tee that says "Boys 4 Noo".

LESLIE

Damn, this one says my card's declined, too. Zeke, you have any money?

ZEKE

Naw, my white ass is broke.

LOUISE

Hey, I've got gas money. You got room for two more in that buggy?

LESLIE

You slip me a fiver, I'll be your driver.

ZEKE

Leslie loves rhymes. And pasta that comes in cans.

LESLIE

If it ain't from a can, it don't go in this man.

ZEKE

(LAUGHS)

WIPE TO:

Zeke puts their bikes in the trunk. Tina and Louise take the backseat, scrunched between tons of packages of hot dogs.

TINA

I've never ridden with this many

hot dogs before. A day of firsts.

ZEKE

Watch out, you squish 'em, you

bought 'em.

EXT. FREEWAY ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

TINA

Boyz 4 Now here we come!

ZEKE

Don't squish it!

The car enters the freeway as we...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

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ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. FREEWAY - ESTABLISHING - LATER

TINA (O.S.)

So who's your favorite...

INT. IROC Z - CONTINUOUS

In the backseat, Tina flips through a Tiger Beat-like Boyz 4 Now magazine.

TINA

(TO LOUISE) ...Boy 4 Now?

CLOSE ON: A picture of Griffin on a motorcycle.

TINA (CONT'D)

Griffin's the hot one. And he's

super extreme. His dog is a wolf.

LOUISE

Stop.

CLOSE ON: A picture of ALLEN. He looks about 15, reading a book with a cat on his lap.

TINA

And then there's Allen, he's cute

but shy. His fans are called Allen-

coholics.

LOUISE

Ugh.

ZEKE

My stepmom's an Allen-coholic. And a shopaholic. Double trouble!

TINA

This is Matt.

CLOSE ON: A picture of MATT, standing with a guitar, looking bored. He's clearly a session musician in his thirties.

TINA (CONT'D)

He's moody, and a little older. I think like seventeen.

LOUISE

Maybe his mustache is seventeen, but he's ninety.

CLOSE ON: A picture of BOO BOO.

TINA

And then there's Boo Boo. He's young, but crazy good at dancing. I used to be a real Boo Boo Booster, but now I'm kind of into Griffin.

LOUISE

Ugh, stop talking!

Louise puts her hand over Tina's mouth to shut her up.

TINA (SIMULTANEOUS)

(MUFFLED TALKING)

LOUISE (SIMULTANEOUS)

Stop. Stop. Okay, I'm gonna put my fist in your mouth.

TINA

(MUFFLED) Okay.

EXT. SUNSETS HOTEL - ESTABLISHING - DAY

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS

Gene's table "Magic Is Served" is fully assembled.

There's an amazing Marilyn Monroe-themed table entitled, "Candle in the Wind." It's beautiful. The plate has a beauty mark. A large Marilyn-like figure sits atop the table and every few seconds a vintage fan blows the table's skirt up.

LINDA

Oh, Marilyn. Tragic beauty.

A chubby kid, OSCAR, stands next to the table with his dad, KEVIN.

LINDA (CONT'D)

(GASP) I love your son's table. Hi.

KEVIN

Aww... Thank you. (RE: GENE'S

TABLE) Magic. Hmm...

BOB

Eh, what's "hmmm?"

KEVIN

Your table's... cute. But only one person can take home the Golden Plate. And we sure didn't come to take home the Silver Spoon.

LINDA

Yeah, well, we ne-- Neither did we.

BOB

Right.

LINDA

Yeah.

BOB

Yeah!

GENE

Yeah!

LINDA

Yeah.

KEVIN

Oh please. (THEN) Come on, Oscar, you've still got a crying Joe DiMaggio to carve out of butter.

OSCAR

(TO BELCHERS) 'Bye guys. Good luck.

KEVIN

Don't talk to them!

They walk away.

BOB

Gene, get back to work on your table. You've got to win.

GENE

I thought you said it was okay if I didn't win?

BOB

Well, that was before we met that idiot. Now, chop, chop.

GENE

Ooh, dad, you got the fever! 'Scaping fever!

LINDA

Woo! You can't escape the 'scape!

BOB

Let's do this!

LINDA

Yeah!

EXT. FAIRGROUNDS - LATER

Zeke and Leslie unload their boxes. Tina and Louise stand nearby. Shrieking girls are everywhere.

LOUISE

Ugh, no wonder no one likes women.

WIPE TO:

Louise walks Tina to the entrance and pats her shoulder.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

All right, see you after the show.

Be careful. There's a lot of

puberty in there.

TTNA

I can't believe I'm here. It's

really happening. I feel light

headed.

Tina starts to faint. Louise catches her arm.

LOUISE

Whoa! No fainting!

TINA

I don't think I'm strong enough to go in there alone. I need you to come with me.

LOUISE

(SIGHS) Fine! I'll get you to your seat so you don't get trampled, but then I am out of there.

Louise and Tina walk in.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

What is wrong with all of you?!

They're just boys!

VOMITING GIRL

(RE: LOUISE) Boys! Where? (VOMITS)

The Girl throws up.

LOUISE

Oh, c'mon.

EXT. SUNSETS HOTEL - ESTABLISHING - LATER

LADY JUDGE (O.S.)

Hello young man.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS

Gene, in a magician's outfit, stands nervously as a LADY JUDGE looks at his table.

LADY JUDGE (CONT'D)

What can you tell me about your

table?

GENE

Oh, well... Wait, what's that

behind your ear...

He reaches behind her ear and clunkily "pulls" out a card.

GENE (CONT'D)

Is this your place-card?

LADY JUDGE

OH! Oh my!

GENE

Now please take your seat. Allow me

to put your napkin on your lap.

Gene pulls on the napkin, but it just keeps coming out of the table like a magician's scarf in a pocket. She smiles.

GENE (CONT'D)

Ehhh...?

LADY JUDGE

Very clever.

GENE

Oh, I seemed to have forgotten my

centerpiece. Or did I?

Gene taps his wand on the table. The wand opens up into a cloth bouquet.

He places the bouquet in a vase on the table.

GENE (CONT'D)

Eh?

LADY JUDGE

And what menu would you serve with

this setting?

GENE

For the entree, you'll pull a

roasted rabbit out of your top hat

plate!

Gene presents his hat-like plate.

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GENE (CONT'D)

Served with abracadab-braised potatoes and ice cream shazam-

wiches for dessert.

LADY JUDGE

OH!

ANGLE ON: Bob and Linda in the stands.

LINDA

She's smiling. I think it's going well.

BOB

He looks good. He looks loose.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - A LITTLE LATER

The Lady Judge stands at the center of the room. Gene now sits with Linda and Bob.

LADY JUDGE

(INTO MIC) I'm pleased to announce

our four finalists... Melissa

Brown... Oscar Anthony...

ANGLE ON: Oscar and Kevin.

KEVIN

I did it! I did it!

BACK TO SCENE:

LADY JUDGE

Heather Smith... and Gene Belcher.

LINDA (SIMULTANEOUS)

Yay!

BOB (SIMULTANEOUS)

Yay!

GENE

Wait, why are there four winners?

LADY JUDGE

Finalists, please report to your table and begin assembling your second original display.

Kevin and Oscar are passing by.

GENE

Second display?

KEVIN

If you thought our first table was good, which you did...

BOB

No we didn't.

KEVIN

...just wait until you see our second one. I don't want to give anything away, but we're about to take a rocket ship out of this world.

BOB

So it's space-themed?

KEVIN

I can't say.

BOB

Well, it is. You just basically said it.

KEVIN

I'll never tell.

BOB

Plus, I didn't think your first table was good.

KEVIN

I graciously disrespect your answer.

BOB

Well, wait 'til you see what we got! Okay?

KEVIN

I'm busy then.

BOB

Well you're gonna have to look at it if you're here.

KEVIN

(CHUCKLES) I'm double-parked.

Kevin, ignoring Bob, walks away.

LADY JUDGE

Okay finalists. On your mark, get set, set!

BOB

All right, Gene. What have you got? It better be bigger and more impressive than outer space.

LINDA

Or Marilyn in space. (THEN, DAWNING) Marilyn in space.

GENE

I didn't know there was supposed to be a second display.

BOB

What?!

GENE

Uhh.

BOB

Did you read the rules, Gene?

GENE

No! There were sixteen pages. I only got up to the part that said no open-toed shoes.

LINDA

What are we gonna do? We can't lose! We've come too far!

BOB

Come too far? Come too far? We haven't "Come too far," Lin! We're just getting started!

LINDA

Okay, so what are we gonna do?!

BOB

Why am I talking like this?!

LINDA

I don't know! Why am I tal--

BOB

I think I'm excited!

LINDA

Oh, god!

BOB

This is weird! We gotta win it!

LINDA

Let's win it! (THEN, DRAMATIC GASP)

BOB

What?

LINDA

I'm wearing open-toed shoes. Ah, shhhoot.

INT. ARENA - A LITTLE LATER

The excitement is at a fever pitch. All the girls scream.

CROWD/TINA

(CHANTING) Boyz 4 Now! Boyz 4 Now!

LOUISE

Okay, Teen, I think you're all set.

Um, I'm gonna get outta here. So,

I'll see you later, okay, buddy.

The lights go dark. An amazing light show starts.

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

Good evening ladies and girls. Are

you ready?

CROWD

(SCREAMS)

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

You know them. You love them. What

are they?

CROWD/TINA

Boyz! For! Now!

Lasers sweep the stage. Louise shakes her head at the ridiculousness. The chanting continues.

LOUISE

I hope those are the kind of lasers

that slice people in half.

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

Please welcome... Allen!

Allen appears, flying in on a unicycle.

LOUISE

(LAUGHING) Holy crap.

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

Griffin!

Griffin appears on a surfboard, flying towards the stage.

LOUISE

Lotta wires. Not quite creating the

illusion! You guys seeing this?

Right there!

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

Matt!

Matt flies toward the stage wearing roller-blades.

LOUISE

Uh-oh, Sky Grandpa!

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)

And Boo Boo!

... astride a scooter, a petite boy in a helmet comes flying in.

LOUISE

This is terrible.

He lands and the kid takes his helmet off, revealing the cutest, most cherubic 12 year old you've ever seen: Boo Boo.

He shakes out his shaggy bangs and turns his thousand-watt smile seemingly DIRECTLY AT LOUISE.

BOO BOO

Who let all these pretty girls in

here?

Louise's eyes go wide as she stares at Boo Boo.

LOUISE

(GASPS)

BOO BOO

(SINGS) I wanna hear your secrets/

I'm so interested in you.

Boyz 4 Now start singing and dancing in unison.

LOUISE

(SCREAMS LIKE A CRAZED TEEN GIRL)

Aaaaaaaaagh ooooooooohhh eeeeeee!

Boo Boo!

Louise grabs her ears like a girl at a Beatles concert. Tina is so focused that she's oblivious to Louise's freakout.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Oh my god, who the frig am I!?!?!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. ARENA - MOMENTS LATER

BAND

Will you be mine? (coal mine)

The band sings and dances.

Louise, still in shock, takes off running towards the bathrooms.

LOUISE

(RUNNING SOUNDS)

TINA

You're gonna miss Allen's poetry solo.

INT. ARENA - BATHROOMS - CONTINUOUS

Louise pushes past a line of teeny-bopper girls and rushes to a sink. She splashes her face furiously.

LOUISE

(RUNNING SOUNDS, THEN TO MIRROR)

You do not like a boy! You do not

like a boy! Especially a boy

named...

She regains control. Then she sees, in the mirror, a Boyz 4 Now poster on a stall door behind her. Her face changes. CU of Boo Boo.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

(SOFTLY) Boo Boo. Aww. (THEN) Ahhh!

Stop it! Oh god! Get a hold of

yourself!

Louise turns to leave and bumps into an overweight mom in a Boo Boo shirt. Louise's lips are right up against Boo Boo.

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LOUISE (CONT'D)

(GRUNTS) Ah! (KISSING SOUND) Ahh!

Nooo! (SPITS)

She runs out of the bathroom.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

(RUNNING SOUNDS)

ON THE CONCOURSE: Boo Boo is everywhere. Backpacks. STING! Water bottles. STING! T-shirts. STING!

Louise runs up to a group of GIRLS.

GIRL

Ah, Boo Boo's so cute.

LOUISE

Cute? He's the reason faces were invented, you idiot! (RUNNING SOUNDS)

Louise runs into the auditorium.

ONSTAGE: The band begins a ballad.

Boo Boo is in a SPOTLIGHT, singing lead.

BOO BOO

I need to show you a secret/ It's gonna be a surprise/ Come a little bit closer/ Let me whisper in your eyes.

Girls hold up their cellphones like lighters.

TINA/BOO BOO

(SINGING ALONG) When I whisper in your eyes/ Don't think/ Don't blink...

BOO BOO

(STARTS TALKING) Hey, girl, shhhhhhh. Shush. Close your lips and open your eyes. I want your eyes to hear my lips and also my eyes. I want--

Around them, girls are bawling their eyes out.

CRYING GIRL

(BAWLING) Oh my god. Oh my god.

LOUISE

(LOUD WHISPER) Tina. Tina.

TTNA

I thought you were leaving.

LOUISE

Change of plans. I need to talk to you. I have questions. Tell me about the band again.

TINA

But in the car, you didn't want to--

LOUISE

(CRAZY) Tell me!

ANGLE ON: Allen on stage. He's doing a downward dog-type pose, looking back at the crowd through his crotch.

TINA (O.S.)

Well, Allen's--

LOUISE (O.S.)

Next!

ANGLE ON: Griffin on stage.

TINA (O.S.)

Um, Griffin's the--

LOUISE (O.S.)

Yeah, sure, Griffin, Griffin. Uh huh huh. Next!

ANGLE ON: Matt on stage.

TINA (O.S.)

Okay. Matt--

LOUISE (O.S.)

Next!

ANGLE ON: Boo Boo on stage.

TINA (O.S.)

Well, that leaves Boo Boo.

LOUISE

Oh really. That's interesting. Tell me more. What about Boo Boo? (SOFT LAUGH, PULLING HER EARS DOWN)

TINA

Boo Boo's the youngest. And he's got a really great voice, but he hasn't hit puberty yet so that could change.

LOUISE

And what's he into? Sports? I could get into sports. What the hell else does he like?!? I want to give him things!

TINA

Whoa, Louise. You like Boo Boo?

LOUISE

What?! No, Tina, that's... (PULLING

EARS DOWN AGAIN) oooookaaaay

righhhht, like I like a boy.

That's... uch! Do you think he

might like me? (THEN) Oh my god,

what's happened to me?? Cut me

open! I'm infected! Pull it out!

TINA

It's okay, Louise, you're just having a crush.

LOUISE

Never! (TO STAGE, UNCONTROLLED) Boo Boo! (CLENCHES TEETH) Oh my god, you are sick, Louise Belcher! You are sick!

TINA

I'm going to get you through this. Tell me what you like about Boo Boo.

LOUISE

Nothing. Everything. I don't know.

TINA

Do you like his hair?

ANGLE ON: Boo Boo dancing on stage.

LOUISE

You mean those soft blonde bangs you want to hide under like an umbrella on a rainy day? No! Not really.

TINA

And his face?

ANGLE ON: Boo Boo pointing back and forth.

LOUISE

Ew, gross, it's so gorgeous! I just wanna slap it. I wanna slap it. I just wanna slap his hideous beautiful face!

TINA

Um, you mean kiss?

LOUISE

No, I mean slap.

TINA

Whoa. You got it bad, girl.

EXT. SUNSETS HOTEL - ESTABLISHING - A LITTLE LATER

LINDA (O.S.)

Okay, I read the rules.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - CONTINUOUS

Bob and Linda huddle with Gene.

LINDA

It says here you can use anything you brought with you. So brainstorm. Go.

GENE

Hmm... hmm hmm hmm. Oh, I got it! We could shave dad, glue his hair to the table, and the theme could be "That's Nasty."

BOB

Let's steal another kid's display.

LINDA

What?! Bob, no!

BOB

Okay, not that. We don't have to cheat. But we have to win, by probably not cheating.

LINDA

Oh, ew, Bob, your breath! Take a mint.

BOB

You can smell it all the way over there? I don't know what's wrong with me. (CHECKS HIS BREATH) Maybe I'm dying.

Linda reaches into her purse.

GENE

(RE: PURSE) That's it! Mom's purse.

Dump it out!

BOB

Yeah, Lin, there's gotta be all sorts of stuff in there. Let's take a look.

LINDA

All right, dump it.

Linda dumps out her purse's contents.

GENE

That's where all my wadded tissues went!

BOB

Start making piles of stuff that could go together.

They all look at the items.

LINDA

Ehh... Okay, I got one: lipstick, pepper spray, tiny bag of carrots.

BOB

What's the theme?

LINDA

Uhhh, "Woman of the Night!" She gets dressed up, she kills a John, she has a snack!

BOB

Uh... Let's keep making piles.

INT. ARENA - LATER

It's clearly much later. The crowd is exhausted. Louise is still full of energy, mesmerized.

BOO BOO

(SINGING) Tell me about every

single time you've cried.

LOUISE/BOO BOO

(SINGS ALONG) The first time/ Ah,

when your goldfish died.

TINA

This is amazing! Eight encores?!

They usually only do seven.

LOUISE

Shhhuuut up! Why would you talk

during a song? Please be quiet,

Tina!

Boyz 4 Now finish their song and are lowered under the stage dramatically. The crowd screams and claps.

The house lights come up and everyone starts to leave.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

What? They can't be done. I'm not

done.

Louise notices a line of girls headed towards backstage.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Where are they going?

TINA

Backstage. They probably have

backstage passes.

LOUISE

Uh, let's go do that.

TINA

But we don't have passes.

LOUISE

Tina, did you learn nothing from the Boys 4 Now song, "Girl, You Don't Need a Backstage Pass"?

INT. ARENA - BACKSTAGE ENTRANCE - MOMENTS LATER

Tina and Louise approach the BOUNCER.

LOUISE

(POINTING AT TINA) Wish kid. Fatal strep throat. Comin' through.

TINA

(COUGHS)

BOUNCER

Nope.

A MOMENT LATER: They try again.

LOUISE

I'm detective Brenda Lee Johnson.

There's been a murder backstage--

BOUNCER

No one gets through the door.

MOMENTS LATER: They try again.

Louise charges toward the backstage entrance. The Bouncer puts out hit arm.

LOUISE

(CHARGING NOISES) Ah!

She bounces off his arm.

BOUNCER

Look, I get it. I'd love to let you back there. I can see the pain in your face. That pain doesn't go away, it only gets worse. Don't get older.

EXT. FAIRGROUNDS - PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

Zeke sells hot dogs to people exiting the show.

ZEKE

Hot dogs! No, no, wait-- (FEELS THE HOTDOGS) --oh, yup, yup, this one's hot!

Tina and Louise walk up.

LOUISE

(DESPONDENT) Eh, we're ready to go, Zeke.

TINA

Where's Leslie?

ZEKE

He's using his shirt money to buy an endangered box turtle from the tour bus driver.

LOUISE

(PULLS UP SHORT) Tour bus?

EXT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - LATER

Leslie is finishing a negotiation with the bus driver, JODY, hands Leslie a turtle.

But whatever you do, don't feed him after midnight. Just kidding! He doesn't know what time it is. What is he, wearing a watch?

Zeke walks up.

LESLIE

(TO ZEKE) Hey, cuz, look who just joined the family. (HOLDS OUT TURTLE) He lives in a shell and he's cute as hell!

ZEKE

Cool. Hey bus driver, what other endangered animals you got in there?

JODY

Well, I got an African Egg Frog. I got a Horseshoe Bat. Got a skink and a skunk. Got a Bush Baby--

Louise and Tina sneak behind Jody.

7EKE

How much you want for that Bush Baby?

JODY

Not for sale!

ZEKE

C'mon.

JODY

But buy the skink, I'll throw in the skunk.

While Jody's distracted, Tina and Louise sneak onto the bus.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - CONTINUOUS

The bus is decked out inside.

TINA

(EXCITED) I want Griffin to sign the inside of my eyelids, so he's the last thing I see before I go to bed. (THEN) What are you going to ask Boo Boo to sign?

LOUISE

Oh no, Tina. I don't want Boo Boo's signature. I told you, I want to slap him.

TINA

I don't know if he'll like that.

LOUISE

That's why it has to be a surprise attack. We need to find someplace to burst out of.

Tina points to a microwave.

TINA

In there?

Louise sees a hamper full of dirty clothes, sweatbands, etc.

LOUISE

Uh, great idea, but just in case we aren't six inches tall, how 'bout in there? (POINTS AT HAMPER)

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - HAMPER - MOMENTS LATER

LOUISE

Ah, it smells horrible in here.

TINA

Yeah. It would be terrible if these smells got stuck to the inside of my nostrils and I would have to smell this sweaty sweat band forever. (INHALES DEEPLY, THEN) I think they're coming.

The guys load onto the bus.

LOUISE

I'll slap Boo Boo in the face, and we'll be on our way. Crush crushed.

GRIFFIN

Woo! Great show, guys.

BOO BOO

Yeah. We caused a lotta smiles tonight.

MATT

Totally.

The bus pulls away.

JODY

Settle in guys, we've got an overnighter!

EXT. BUS - DRIVING - CONTINUOUS

The bus pulls away from the fairgrounds.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - HAMPER - CONTINUOUS

TINA

I think we're moving. Oh my god! We're going on tour.

LOUISE

Slapabama, here we come!

FADE OUT.

END ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

EXT. ROAD - ESTABLISHING

The Boyz 4 Now bus heads down the highway.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - CONTINUOUS

The band members relax in the bus. Boo Boo sits on top of the hamper.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - HAMPER - CONTINUOUS

Louise and Tina are still crouched inside the hamper. Only Louise is visible.

LOUISE

Should we jump out now? What's the protocol in this situation?

Tina pops up from the laundry. She has a pair of underwear on her head.

TINA

Maybe you shouldn't rush into this Louise. We could just live in here forever.

She dips her head back into the dirty clothes.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - DRIVING - CONTINUOUS

JODY

All right, Boo Boo. We gotta strap you into your booster seat.

BOO BOO

No! I don't wanna!

JODY

You know the rules. When you hit eighty pounds you can sit in a big boy seat.

BOO BOO

No!

Jody turns back to the boys.

JODY

Guys, why don't you sing the song.

GRIFFIN/MATT/ALLEN

(SIGH, THEN) Gettin' into your booster seat/ From your big boy head to your big boy feet.

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - HAMPER - CONTINUOUS

GRIFFIN/MATT/ALLEN (O.S.)

Gettin' into your booster seat/ From your big boy head to your big boy feet.

LOUISE

What the hell is going on?

TINA

I don't know. Is "booster seat" code for drugs?

INT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - DRIVING - CONTINUOUS

Boo Boo gets in a booster seat.

BOO BOO

From my big boy head to my big boy

feet. (LAUGHS)

Louise jumps out of the hamper.

LOUISE

(SCREAMS) Boo Boo!

BAND MEMBERS

(SCREAM)

BOO BOO

Ah! It's a girl! A girl saw me in

my booster seat! Don't look at me!

Louise runs straight for him, but Matt grabs her.

LOUISE

Aaah!

Louise wriggles in Matt's grasp, trying to bite him.

MATT

(TO DRIVER) Stop the bus, Jody!

TINA (O.S.)

No, Jody, don't stop the bus!

ALLEN

Who said that?

TINA (O.S.)

No one. You were just thinking it.

Griffin looks inside the hamper.

GRIFFIN

We've got another one in the

hamper.

JODY

Stoppin' the bus.

Tina stands up. She's got several sweatbands criss-crossing her face.

LOUISE

(GRUNTS)

TINA

Hi. I'm Tina, your new roadie. Do I have something on my face? Just kidding. I know it's five sweatbands.

JODY

We'll let you off at this rest stop up ahead.

EXT. REST STOP - CONTINUOUS

The bus pulls up to a rest stop.

INT./EXT. BOYZ 4 NOW TOUR BUS - CONTINUOUS

MATT

Hey, use the phone. Call your parents, they're probably worried about you. I know I'd be worried about my daughter. (THEN, COVERING) If I had one. But I'm seventeen so I don't.

TINA

Wait. Before we go, Boo Boo, my sister wants to ask you something. LOUISE

(PULLS HER EARS DOWN AND MUMBLES)

B00 B00

What?

LOUISE

(MUMBLES)

BOO BOO

What? It sounded like (MUMBLES).

LOUISE

(MUMBLES)

BOO BOO

What?

LOUISE

(MUMBLES)

BOO BOO

What?

LOUISE

(MUMBLES)

BOO BOO

What are you saying? What?! What?! (STRUGGLING WITH THE SEAT BELT) Get me outta this thing! I'm trying to talk to a fan! Give me just a little dignity.

Matt releases Boo Boo's seat belt.

BOO BOO (CONT'D)

(SIGH OF RELIEF) Thank you.

Boo Boo stands in front of Louise.

BOO BOO (CONT'D)

Now what was that, little girl?

Boo Boo smiles at Louise.

Cue romantic eighties music.

SLO-MO: The music swells as Louise's hand swings through the air...

LOUISE

(SLO-MO YELL)

...and slaps Boo Boo square across the face.

BOO BOO

(SLO-MO SCREAM)

HARD CUT TO:

EXT. REST STOP - MOMENTS LATER

The bus zooms away leaving Tina and Louise in the dust.

TTNA

Bold.

LOUISE

Worth it.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - SAME TIME

Gene stands at his table with Linda and Bob.

LINDA

I think we nailed it.

BOB

Yeah. It's daring. It's different.

Nobody else is doing this.

GENE

I'll just put a little more of this strawberry jam from Mom's purse and... done.

ANGLE ON: Kevin and Oscar's table. The table cloth looks exactly like the Moon's surface. It's amazing. Plates appear to be levitating.

LINDA

Uch. Look at their table. Nerd alert. Am I right?

BOB

Yeah, earth to those guys. You lose.

GENE

You guys, we didn't give up like we usually do, and I think it really paid off. I'm proud of us.

The Lady Judge approaches.

BOB

All right, here comes the judge. Good luck, Gene.

LINDA

Go get 'em, Gene Bean. Yeah!

Bob and Linda walk off to their seats, leaving Gene.

The Lady Judge arrives at their table. Her face falls.

GENE

(TO JUDGE, PROUD) Eh?

LADY JUDGE

Oh good lord.

STING!

REVEAL: It is a MENSTRUATION THEME using tampons and pads from Linda's purse. The table is a mess, a variety of red foods staining the white table cloth.

GENE

Welcome to my "Menstru-rant."

ANGLE ON: Bob and Linda.

BOB

(TO LINDA) I thought we decided on

"Period Piece."

BACK ON: Gene and his table.

GENE

I hope you brought your appetite, and your hot flashes.

LADY JUDGE

Okay, I think I've seen enough.

GENE

(SOLDIERING ON) As you'll see, beside the plate is a sanitary napkin. May I place it on your lap in case there's a big spill?

LADY JUDGE

No. I--

GENE

Please, let me.

LADY JUDGE

Get away--

GENE

It's got wings.

LADY JUDGE (SIMULTANEOUS)

(STRUGGLING SOUNDS)

BOB (SIMULTANEOUS)

Show her the tampon straw!

LADY JUDGE

(TO BOB) I don't want to see the

tampon straw.

TITNDA

(SIDE OF MOUTH) Someone's on the

rag.

INT. SUNSETS HOTEL - BALLROOM - A LITTLE LATER

The Belchers watch as the first place ribbon winner and her parents are photographed.

BOB

Well, at least those two got

creamed, too.

ANGLE ON: Kevin and Oscar. Kevin's crying. Oscar looks embarrassed.

KEVIN

(CRYING) Oh god...

OSCAR

Dad, do I have to do this again?

KEVIN

Yes!

GENE

Them losing is like us winning.

BOB

Yeah, and we got fourth place. I mean, I don't think any of our kids have gotten fourth place in anything.

GENE

I'm number four! I'm number four!

LINDA

Ooh, I got an idea for next year.

Baby Jessica stuck in a well!

GENE

Yes! You have to look for your dinner for two days as the nation watches!

They exit.

EXT. ROAD - SAME TIME

Gayle's car drives down the road.

TINA

Thanks for coming to get us, Aunt Gayle.

INT. GAYLE'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Tina and Louise sit in the back while Gayle drives, a cat cage beside her.

GAYLE

It was the least I could do. The good news is my cat is going to be fine. He just has to wear goggles from now on in case it happens again.

ANGLE ON: The cat in the cage with goggles on. It meows.

LOUISE

Tina, if that's what your life is like, god. How are you even alive?

TINA

What do you mean?

LOUISE

You have a crush on almost every boy you know. How do you do it? Feeling that way for three hours was way too much for me.

TINA

I'm no hero. I put my bra on one boob at a time like everyone else.

LOUISE

Well, the good news is that now that I got it out of my system, I'm done having crushes forever.

TINA

I hope for your sake you're right, but if not, you know where I live.

LOUISE

You're a strong woman, Tina.

TINA

I know.

EXT. APARTMENT - ESTABLISHING - A LITTLE LATER

INT. APARTMENT - FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

Bob, Linda and Gene enter. Tina and Louise are already in their rooms.

INT. APARTMENT - TINA'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Linda pushes Tina's door open.

LINDA

G'night, Tina.

Tina is wearing the sweatbands on her face.

TINA

Night, Mom.

INT. APARTMENT - LOUISE'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Linda pushes Louise's door open.

LINDA

'Night Louise. Did you guys have

fun today?

LOUISE

Pret-ty dull.

LINDA

Aw. (KISSING SOUNDS)

Linda closes the door.

After a beat, Louise turns on her bedside light, and pulls out a picture of Boo Boo.

LOUISE

Uck. Disgusting. (ON PICTURE) I
hate you so freakin' much, you
idiot. Slap.

She softly slaps the picture and turns out the light, going to sleep.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF SHOW