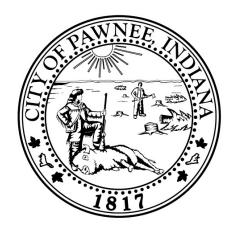
# PARKS AND RECREATION



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## CAST LIST

LESLIE

ANN

MARK

TOM

RON

ANDY

APRIL

DAVE

**JERRY** 

WENDY

GREG

DEREK

BEN

BILL

DEBORAH

DR. HARRIS

EVELYN

MAINTENANCE WORKER

PAULA

#### COLD OPEN

## INT. PAWNEE TODAY STUDIOS - DAY 1

LESLIE is acting out a PSA on a mostly-bare stage.

LESLIE

"Safe Halloween" PSA, take one.

(to cameras)

Hey, kids! The Parks Department wants you to have fun on Halloween. But we also believe that "trick or treat" doesn't have to mean "sick or hurt."

(trying to make it rhyme)
"Sick or hur-eeet." Rhymes with
"treat." Okay. Let's watch this skit
I've written, and copyrighted, about
Halloween safety.

JERRY, APRIL, and TOM walk on stage. Tom and April are playing trick-or-treaters, Leslie is their mom.

TOM

"Hey, Diane. Don't you love Halloween, especially when we act responsibly?"

APRTL

"Yes, Jeremy. I do."

LESLIE

"Okay, kids. Just one more house, and then it's time to go home."

Tom realizes something. Looks at Leslie.

MOT

Mommy? Why do I look so different from you? And my sister?

LESLIE

(hushed)

Stick to the script.

MOT

I can't when I'm so confused about who I am. I need my backstory, for the character of "Jeremy."

LESLIE

LESLIE (CONT'D)

And then I married your father, who's Libyan.

APRIL

My dad died? You said he was training to be an astronaut!

LESLIE

Just... back on script! Both of you! (calling off) We can edit this all out, right, Billy?

An EXTRA off-camera nods, bored. They ring a doorbell.

TOM/APRIL

Trick or treat.

JERRY

Hello, kids! Do you want some candy?

APRIL

No. I'm too sad. I just found out my dad is dead.

**JERRY** 

(at a loss)

...Okay. Well. Here's some candy.

He hands them a CANDY BAR with a GIANT BLADE sticking out of it. Tom has clearly never seen this prop before and LAUGHS.

MOT

Whoa! What's up, Creepsville? Did you lose your machete? Because there's a machete sticking out of this Kit Kat.

APRIL

What are you talking about, Jeremy? I don't see anything wrong with that. I'm going to eat it.

JERRY

(improvising; creepy)

Yesssssss... eat it!

LESLIE

God Jerry, don't be such a ham.

(re: candy bar)

We'd better just throw this away and report the incident to the police.

(MORE)

LESLIE (CONT'D)

(to April and Tom)

So kids, what did we learn?

MOT

(to camera)

If you want to hide a sharp object in candy, make sure you use a small blade.

LESLIE

No.

APRIL

(big smile)

Or use poison!

LESLIE

Stop it.

MOT

(to camera) Annnnnnd scene!

END OF COLD OPEN

### ACT ONE

## INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - LATER - D1

Leslie stands in the hallway, arms folded, calmly looking for someone as KIDS filter past her. Suddenly she sees him: GREG PIKITIS. 16. Ultra-cocky. Leslie's worst nightmare.

LESLIE

Greg Pikitis.

He looks over, smirks, walks up to her. He's eating a PEACH.

**GREG** 

You're the Parks lady, right?

LESLIE

That's right. I'm the Parks lady. Leslie Knope. And I'm here to tell you that this year, it ends.

**GREG** 

What ends?

LESLIE

The statue, Greg. I've got the entire Parks Department watching you, and my boyfriend's a cop, so don't even try it.

**GREG** 

I don't know what you're talking about.

LESLIE

I think you do. It ends today, Pikitis. It ends. To. Day.

She walks off.

GREG

Thanks for dropping by, Leslie. You look great.

LESLIE

(happy)

Thank you.

(serious)

Ends today.

He smirks again and takes a bite of the peach.

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### LESLIE TALKING HEAD

LESLIE

Ugh, this kid. We have a history, Greg and I. He absolutely terrorizes the parks system.

B-roll: Greg duct tapes a kid to a playground merry-go-round and spins him around. Leslie chases him around the ride as he keeps spinning it.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Every Halloween, someone defaces the statue of Mayor Percy in Ramsett Park.

B-roll: A STATUE of a Founding Father type in a park.

LESLIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

I know it's Greg Pikitis, but I can never prove it. He's like an invisible, adolescent, James Bond supervillain criminal mastermind. (beat)

Or maybe somebody else is doing it, but I really think it's him.

#### INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - LATER - D1

ANN walks in and sees April, Jerry, DONNA, and RON. She looks around a little and sees that Tom isn't there.

ANN

Hey, Parks Department. Just reminding you all -- seven o'clock, in costume, my place. Everybody in?

General assent.

#### ANN TALKING HEAD

ANN

I called in a favor and got out of my shift -- being an ER nurse on Halloween is the worst.

(to camera)

People: I don't care how accurate you want to make your "Legolas" costume -don't use a real sword.

## <u>INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - CONTINUOUS - D1</u>

ANN

One more thing -- the people in this room, now, are the people I invited, so... just, don't tell anyone else.

APRIL

(looking around)

Who isn't h--

Tom walks in.

MOT

Hey! What's going on, cupcake?

ANN

(camera aware)

Nothing. How are you?

MOT

Doing good. Excited about the party tonight.

ANN

(glancing to camera)

Oh... you're coming? Great. I was just about to tell you about that.

МОТ

Jerry already told me. Can't wait to see how small your costume is. What time does it start?

Ann glares at Jerry, who tries to hide his face.

ANN

Seven.

MOT

Perfect.

ANN

Yes. Perfect.

## EXT. COURTYARD - MOMENTS LATER - D1

Leslie sits at the table working on something as three MAINTENANCE GUYS put up Halloween decorations in the courtyard. Ann sits with her.

ANN

I'll be so sad if you're not there.

LESLIE

I'll come as soon as I can. But I have a full night of crime prevention ahead of me. Check it out.

She holds up what she's been working on -- a MAP of the city with lots of ARROWS and MARKINGS and PATHS marked out.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Every possible way Greg Pikitis can get from his house to the statue.

That looks like something you'd find on the wall of a serial killer.

Leslie mulls that over.

LESLIE

In a way, that's a compliment. Shows dedication.

ANN

Is it really that big a deal? So this kid TP's some statue.

LESLIE

And all the trees, and all the benches. It takes us like ten days to clean his mess up. But more importantly: Pikitis sucks, and I want to destroy him.

Well, if you destroy him early, please come by.

LESLIE

I will.

Ann heads off. Leslie yells at a MAINTENANCE WORKER.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Hey! How is anyone going to be able to walk through the door?

Camera shows a MASSIVE GOB OF FAKE COBWEBS covering the entire entryway to the courtyard.

MAINTENANCE WORKER

Oh.

Jerry, not looking, WALKS INTO THE COBWEB and SCREAMS. Leslie RUSHES OVER and helps him.

#### EXT. PARK - EARLY EVENING - NIGHT 1

Leslie stands at the statue of MAYOR PERCY with DAVE and ANDY. Andy has his GUITAR CASE.

LESLIE

William Percy. One of Pawnee's greatest mayors. And a true hero -during the Pawnee Bread Factory fire of 1922, he rushed back into the burning building and saved the beloved secret recipe for Pawnee Pumpernickel!

DAVE

Didn't like thirty people die in that fire?

LESLIE

(shrugs)

He wasn't Superman.

ANDY

He looks like a walrus, kind of.

LESLIE

Okay. Andy. Tonight, I am officially putting you on the Parks Department payroll. Eight dollars an hour.

ANDY

Whoo!

She hands him a picture of Greg Pikitis.

LESLIE

Commit this to memory, then burn it. Don't burn it -- that's insane. Keep it. You see this kid, you stop him. Knock his head off if you have to.

DAVE

Don't do that.

LESLIE

Don't do that. But you have my permission to use excessive force.

DAVE

Don't use excessive force.

LESLIE

Don't go overboard. But stop him.

(quietly) By any means necessary.

DAVE

No.

LESLIE

No. Just stop him.

Leslie gives him a look: "Use excessive force." He nods.

## ANDY TALKING HEAD

At the statue.

ANDY

A week ago, I had nothing. Now I got a part-time job, and tonight I'm gonna make thirty-two bucks. I owe Leslie everything I have.

(beat)

Which, after tonight, will be thirtynine bucks.

#### INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Ann, dressed as RAGGEDY ANN, rushes around putting the finishing touches on her place. It's very well decorated. "MONSTER MASH" is playing from her stereo.

The DOORBELL RINGS. It's RON, dressed as a PIRATE.

RON

Hello, Ann. Am I early?

ANN

Right on time. Come on in.

RON

I like your costume.

ANN

Raggedy Ann. It was my favorite book when I was a kid. I'm named after her.

Beat.

RON

I'm a pirate.

Beat.

ANN

So, there's food over there--

RON

(a little too loud and eager) Is there bacon wrapped shrimp? By any chance?

ANN

No. Oh -- you love that, don't you? I'm sorry. There's candy...

Ron looks crushed. DR. HARRIS enters, dressed like a doctor.

ANN (CONT'D)

Hey, Dr. Harris!

DR. HARRIS

Ann.

ANN

Come on in. This is Ron Swanson, from the Parks Department -- I know him from that thing I'm doing. This is Dr. Harris, from my hospital.

They shake.

RON

You're a doctor.

DR. HARRIS

Yup.

RON

I meant, your costume.

DR. HARRIS

I got it. Pirate?

Ron nods. Beat. Awkwardness.

ANN

I'm going to check on the...

She's got nothing. Walks off.

ANN TALKING HEAD

From her kitchen, with the two guys in the b.g.

ANN

Worlds colliding. Always awkward.

## INT. LESLIE'S CAR - LATER - N1

Leslie and Dave are watching through the windshield as GREG and some FRIENDS hang out in a parking lot, skateboarding.

LESLIE

(into a recorder)

8:22 PM. Suspect still with friends in 7-Eleven parking lot. Looks obnoxious and irritating, even at a great distance.

DAVE

How long are we gonna follow this kid?

LESLIE

All night, if we have to.

DAVE

I was kind of hoping we could go to Ann's party. That's why I traded shifts.

LESLIE

This is kind of like a party. Here --I'll put on some music.

She hits a button on the stereo. SPOOKY GHOST SOUNDS start playing -- chains rattling, etc.

DAVE

This is the CD you have in?

LESLIE

It's Halloween! What do you want, Christmas music?

(into recorder)

Suspect is laughing with friends in a snide, turdish manner.

DAVE

"Turdish?"

LESLIE

Yes. Like a turd -- like a little turd.

She puts down her binoculars.

DAVE TALKING HEAD

Outside the car.

DAVE

I called in a ton of favors and got out of my shift so I wouldn't have to spend the night chasing after little punk kids who are out to cause trouble. Then Leslie called and said, "Hey, can you help me with something?"

### INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

There are a few more PEOPLE in the house, but the party is pretty quiet. LAME HALLOWEEN SONGS are still playing.

APRIL, DEREK, and BEN enter. She's a HAPPY CLOWN with a big smiley face. Ben is also a PIRATE, but it's WAY MORE ELABORATE than Ron's costume. Derek is wearing a button-down shirt and tan pants.

ANN

Hey, guys!

APRIL

Hey. You remember my boyfriend Derek, and his boyfriend Ben?

ANN

Yeah, hi.

(to Derek)

It's totally fine that you didn't wear a costume.

DEREK

I did. I'm a straight person.

MARK enters holding a bag with his costume in it. He's wearing exactly the same outfit as Derek.

MARK

Hey, honey.

DEREK

See?

MARK

Gotta change. Be right back.

He disappears.

ANN

Come on in. Sorry it's kind of lame right now.

APRIL

That's cool. I'm kind of into lame stuff in an ironic way right now. I'm going to a botanical garden tomorrow.

#### APRIL TALKING HEAD

APRIL

This Halloween party is dressed up as a funeral.

## INT. ANN'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER - N1

Ann and Mark. He's now dressed as an Indiana Pacer.

ANN

I spent the entire day decorating this whole house, and everyone just hangs out in the kitchen. Why do people always just hang out in the kitchen?!

In the b.g. we see that literally everyone is in the kitchen.

MARK

It's going fine.

ANN

It's a little quiet. And all the nurses and doctors are just dressed as nurses and doctors. That's so lame.

Camera sees, in the kitchen, a bunch of NURSES and DOCTORS in their usual work gear.

ANN (CONT'D)

Oh my God -- this party is flailing.

Ron approaches with a fistful of Almond Joys.

RON

Ann, do you have any Mounds? All I see are Almond Joys, and I hate those.

Ann rubs her head.

#### INT. LESLIE'S CAR - LATER - N1

They are still watching Greg and his friends.

LESLIE

Can't we just go rough him up a little?

DAVE

He's not doing anything.

LESLIE

C'mon. We can do whatever we want. We're cops.

DAVE

"We" are not cops.

LESLIE

Deputize me!

DAVE

Look -- your scare tactics clearly worked. You've got Andy guarding the statue. Let's go to the party.

Leslie thinks. She puts the car in drive...

LESLIE

Fine. I have to stop by City Hall -my costume is in my office. Just... fire a warning shot over his head as we drive by.

#### INT. PIONEER HALLWAY - LATER - N1

Dave and Leslie near the door. Leslie searches in her purse.

LESLIE

Ugh -- where are my keys?

DAVE

Looks like it's open.

LESLIE

Really?

Leslie, confused, walks through the open door, and...

INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - CONTINUOUS - N1

... She FREEZES.

REVEAL: the entire department has been VANDALIZED. Toilet paper everywhere. Silly string. SPRAY PAINT on the walls that reads: "HAPPY HALLOWEEN, SUCKAZ."

LESLIE

Pikitis!

## END OF ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

## INT. LESLIE AND TOM'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS - N1

Leslie RUSHES to her office. It's been hit too -- silly string, MOUSTACHES drawn on all the pictures of famous women. Spray-painted on the wall is "Crappy Halloweiners!"

DAVE

(rushing in behind her)
Who did this?

LESLIE

It's that kid! I told you!

Leslie looks around... sees something on her desk...

DAVE

Leslie, we tailed him for the last two hours. There must be another kid who hates you.

LESLIE

(staring at her desk)

It was Pikitis.

She holds up a PEACH PIT that was lying on the desk.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

(super dramatic)

Believe me now?

DAVE

... That means nothing to me.

LESLIE

He was eating a peach when I went to talk to him! This is his ace of spades! It's still warm. Now go arrest him!

(holds up pit)

And send this to the lab!

DAVE

We don't have a lab.

## INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Mark and Ann are talking awkwardly to a nurse, PAULA. Paula is very severe.

PAULA

So you're the Mark that Ann is dating.

MARK

I suppose I am.

PAULA

We're very protective of Ann. We look out for her. You mess with one of us, you mess with all of us.

MARK

I don't want to mess with anyone, for any reason.

PAULA

Nurses look out for each other.

MARK

Well... you guys kind of dropped the ball with Andy, huh?

Paula instantly softens.

Awwww... Andy! I loved Andy. Such a sweetheart.

(to Ann)

Where's Andy? Is he coming tonight? You should get back with Andy.

Mark sips a beer, awkwardly. Ann cringes a little.

ANN

Who needs a drink?

### INT. ANN'S HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER - N1

She heads to the bar and looks around: people look bored. April walks up.

ANN

Hey, April. You having a good time?

APRIL

Derek broke up with me. He said he wants to focus more on his boyfriend. But that's just what you say when you want to blow off your girlfriend.

April swigs directly from a bottle of gin.

ANN

You're... underage.

APRIL

You're not.

Dr. Harris approaches.

DR. HARRIS

Yeah, I'm gonna leave.

ANN

Oh. Okay.

DR. HARRIS

This isn't that fun.

Didn't need to tell me that.

He holds up a full bottle of wine.

DR. HARRIS

I'm gonna take this home. Nobody was drinking it, so I'm gonna take it.

He takes a book off her shelf.

DR. HARRIS (CONT'D)

I'm gonna take this too. I've been meaning to read this.

Ann sighs.

### INT. CITY HALL - SECURITY DESK - LATER - N1

Leslie and Dave are watching SECURITY TAPE FOOTAGE with BILL, the night guard. It's just shots of the hallway.

LESLIE

Okay, freeze it! Right there!

Bill hits pause. There is a MAN in the hallway.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Enhance!

(off his look)

Enhance! Enhance image!

 ${ t BILL}$ 

It's just a VCR--

LESLIE

Enhance! Rotate!

Another COP comes in with GREG in tow. Greg looks around.

**GREG** 

Whoa. What happened here?

LESLIE

Greq Pikitis. Let's chat.

(to cop)

Bring him to Interrogation Room 1.

(no response)

The conference room, with the deer mural.

The cop leads Greg off.

DAVE

Listen -- this isn't strictly "legal." I can give you about an hour to talk to him, and then I have to let him go.

LESLIE

You talk to him first. A real cop should put the fear of God into him.

(hands him a pair of pliers)

Here. Use these.

DAVE

What?

LESLIE

Just as props. Or on his fingernails.

DAVE

Why don't I just talk to him?

LESLIE

(shrugs)

Okay. Do it the hard way.

#### DAVE TALKING HEAD

DAVE

Leslie is very smart, she's an extremely high-energy individual, and her hair has an appealing color. But I'm glad she isn't a cop. I would feel very unsafe, living in any city that she is a cop of.

#### INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER - N1

Dave sits down across from Greg, who looks pretty calm. Leslie stands outside and watches through the window.

GREG

Why am I here? What is this place?

DAVE

This is the Parks Department. Someone vandalized it tonight and we have reason to believe it was you.

GREG

Well, it wasn't. I've never been here before.

DAVE

Son, I'm a police officer. You shouldn't lie to me.

I'm not. And why would I do this?

DAVE

Because you've had run-ins with Ms. Knope in the past.

Dave's PHONE RINGS.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Hold on a minute.

(into phone)

Yeah.

LESLIE (V.O.)

(on phone)

Ask him about the peach pit!

Greg looks over at Leslie, watching through the window and talking on her phone, while holding the peach pit.

GREG

This isn't one-way glass, you know. can see you. You're right there.

Leslie suddenly gets self-conscious, and walks to her office.

### INT. LESLIE AND TOM'S OFFICE - A LITTLE LATER - N1

Leslie is looking at her computer when Andy walks in.

ANDY

Hey. I came as soon as I could. Holy cow! That kid did this?

LESLIE

Yes. And I have about forty-five minutes to prove it.

ANDY

Well, the statue is fine. So I still get paid, right? Silver lining.

Leslie frowns.

LESLIE

(to her computer)

Come on! This is total b.s.!

ANDY

What are you reading?

LESLIE

The Geneva Convention.

### LESLIE TALKING HEAD

LESLIE

Torture is a very dicey subject. Jack Bauer can torture people because he's always right. If he were wrong, he'd just be a crazy guy who hooks wires up to people's nipples. And the show would be called "Crazy Wire Nipple Torture Man." Or maybe "Dexter." But I know I'm right.

(beat)

I think I'm right.

### INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - LATER - N1

Greg and Dave.

GREG

So. You and Knope, huh?

DAVE

Excuse me?

**GREG** 

She said her boyfriend was a cop. Are you her boyfriend?

DAVE

That's not... relevant.

GREG

Just want to say: nice pull.

DAVE

Thank you, but that's not appropriate. But thank you.

GREG

I like Knope. I screw with her because she gets all riled up, and her face scrunches up like this --

He demonstrates. Dave chuckles.

GREG (CONT'D)

But I like her. She's all right.

DAVE

So you swear you didn't do this?

GREG

I swear. I've been hanging out with my friends all night. And silly string isn't really my style.

Dave thinks.

INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Ann is replenishing a bowl of CHIPS.

Are these the same kind of chips?

ANN

(testy)

Would you like them better if they had bacon wrapped around them?

RON

Yes.

ANN

(sees something)

Oh God.

WHIP OVER to reveal Tom and WENDY. He's dressed like T-PAIN, with a crazy top hat and gold teeth. She's a COWGIRL.

MOT

Annie! What's up, gorgeous! Get your Raggedy ass over here.

ANN

(forced smile)

Hey, Tom. Mad Hatter?

MOT

T-Pain!

(singing)

She poppin' she rollin' she rollin' / She climbin' that pole and / I'm in love with a stripper! (beat)

This is my wife, Wendy.

WENDY

Hi. Thanks for inviting us.

MOT

She's a surgeon at County General, and she's super hot. Sorry we're late. As soon as she put on that cowgirl outfit I lost control of myself, and we got a little de-<u>layed</u>. Get it?

Wendy playfully smacks him.

Thanks for being a doctor and not coming dressed like a doctor.

WENDY

...Who'd be boring enough to do that?

Ann motions. Wendy looks over to see several DOCTORS and NURSES right near her.

WENDY (CONT'D)

Oh.

#### ANN TALKING HEAD

ANN

The only thing this disastrous party was missing: Tom "Even the Presence of My Wife Doesn't Stop Me From Being Sleazy With Women" Haverford.

## INT. ANN'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS - N1

MOT

Ann, can I offer some constructive criticism? Your costume could be a little more revealing. But you're still bangin'.

(looking around)

Your party, however, is not.

ANN

Yeah. It's a little quiet.

TOM

No worries. The Haverfords are on the case. Sweetheart, get the iPod from the car, please.

Tom and Wendy high-five and Wendy heads off.

TOM (CONT'D)

Check this out. AutoTune.

He holds up his iPhone and we hear his AutoTuned voice.

TOM (V.O.) (CONT'D)

(singing into iPhone)

I'm in love with a stripper!

Ann smiles weakly.

TOM (CONT'D)

I love that. Hey -- do you have any Skyy Vodka? I only drink Skyy.

INT. LESLIE AND TOM'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER - N1

Dave, Andy, Leslie.

DAVE

I don't know what to tell you. I really don't think he did it.

LESLIE

Yes, he did. We need a confession. Andy and I will "take a walk." You'll be all alone with him. Get my drift?

DAVE

Leslie, you're out of control.

LESLIE

Maybe you're too in control?!

Andy jumps in.

ANDY

Let me take a run at him, boss. I'll get him to talk. In order to think like one of these guys, you have to think like them.

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LESLIE

Good idea. He's never seen you before. Imply that you're someone very important and can make his life hell.

### INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER - N1

Andy is seated across from Greg.

ANDY

(shaking hands)

Greg? Bert Macklin, FBI. I can make your life hell.

**GREG** 

(smirks)

Just flew in from Washington, did you?

ANDY

The FBI Office in Indiana, dumbass. There's one in Indiana.

**GREG** 

Where?

ANDY

Bloomington. Look it up.

**GREG** 

Okay.

Greg takes out an iPhone. Andy snatches it away.

ANDY

Gimme that.

(breaking)

Ooh, is this the new one?

GREG

Yeah. It's awesome.

ANDY

(serious; in character)

Do yourself a favor. Get that app where it looks like you're drinking a beer. It's hilarious. Now tell me: why did you attack this office?

GREG

I'll tell you just like I told everyone else. I didn't do this.

Table Draft

Andy stares at him. Greg stares back, completely relaxed.

ANDY

You're lying. I can tell, because of the training we went through.

GREG

I'm not lying.

Andy stares at him.

ANDY

That time it didn't seem like you were lying.

## <u>INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1</u>

At the stereo, Tom leans down and removes Ann's iPod from the dock. "Monster Mash" stops. He puts his own iPod on.

ANN

What are you doing?

MOT

Annie. Do you want this party to be lame or fun?

ANN

Fun.

MOT

Then relax. And turn off all the lights in here except the ones with colored bulbs.

Ann thinks. Then she flicks off some lights as Tom hits play and "RUN THIS TOWN" by Jay-Z and Rhianna starts playing. Tom yells out to the room.

TOM (CONT'D)

Playtime's over, kids. Let's get wiiiiiiiid!!

Tom grabs Wendy and they start to dance in the living room. Ann glances around and sees that people are starting to groove a little. She glances to camera -- "This might work?"

#### INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - LATER - N1

Outside the conference room.

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LESLIE

(to camera)

Hopefully, Andy broke him down, and I can finish him off.

#### INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS - N1

Leslie walks in. Greg is making fun of Andy.

**GREG** 

That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard!

ANDY

Shut up!

LESLIE

What's going on?

ANDY

He's being a little jerk.

**GREG** 

Are you crying?!

ANDY

No. I'm allergic to jerks.

LESLIE

Andy, out. I'll take it from here.

ANDY

(childish mumbling)

Fine, I don't even care... about the... whatever... stupid...

Andy leaves. Leslie stares at Greg.

LESLIE

The gloves are coming off.

#### LESLIE TALKING HEAD

LESLIE

One of America's tactics in Gitmo was to play rock music really loudly. Well, let's see you how you hold up to Sarah McLachlan, you son of a bitch.

### <u>INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS - N1</u>

"ADIA" by Sarah McLachlan is playing loudly in the b.g.

GREG

What is this? I kinda like it.

LESLIE

Damnit.

(to herself)

Why do you have to be so good, Sarah?

Leslie stops the music. SMACKS the peach pit down.

GREG

What's that?

LESLIE

You know what it is. You were eating a peach when I saw you today at the school. Then my office gets vandalized, and I find this on my desk? You think that's a coincidence?

GREG

Wow, you nailed me. There's no way two different people could have both eaten fruit on the same day, in the same part of Indiana. Never mind that I was actually eating a plum when you saw me.

Leslie hesitates. She looks unsure. Then:

LESLIE

(angry)

I know you did this. I don't care what you say. I don't care that you spent the whole night in that parking lot. You did this, somehow, and I'm--

**GREG** 

How did you know that?

LESLIE

...Hmm?

GREG

That I spent the whole night in that parking lot? Did you follow me?

LESLIE

I have every right to... follow people.

GREG

If you followed me all night then you know it wasn't me! Oh my God! Knope, what is your problem?

LESLIE

Listen. I have been very civil. But I will waterboard you.

Greg gets out his phone and dials.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Fine. You get one phone call. That's fair.

GREG

(into phone)

Mom? This crazy lady from the Parks Department is holding me hostage.

Leslie looks worried.

INT. LESLIE AND TOM'S OFFICE - LATER - N1

Dave, Leslie, Andy.

LESLIE

She's going to be here any second! Please, Dave. Arrest him.

DAVE

On what charge?

LESLIE

Then... handcuff him to something! Why do I have to come up with all the ideas?!

Dave looks over -- camera WHIPS to see DEBORAH, Greg's mom, striding angrily into the room.

DEBORAH

Greggy? Greg!

GREG (O.S.)

(calling out)

I'm in here, Mom.

INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - CONTINUOUS - N1

Leslie, Dave, and Andy walk out of Leslie's office and intercept Deborah. Greg comes out of the conference room.

LESLIE

Hello, Mrs. Pikitis. I'm Leslie Knope, and this is Officer Sanderson.

ANDY

Bert Macklin, FBI.

DEBORAH

What the hell are you doing?! You can't just hold a sixteen-year-old kid against his will.

DAVE

We just wanted to question him about this vandalism.

DEBORAH

Do you have any evidence?

LESLIE

Yes. This peach pit. Which has his DNA all over it, I'm guessing.

DEBORAH

(to Dave)

I'm calling your shift commander.

(to Leslie)

Monday morning, I'm calling your boss. And if any of you ever come near my son again, I swear to God I will sue you, and everyone in this building.

They leave. Leslie looks sad. She stares after Greq.

LESLIE

Let them leave. Let them think they've lost us. Then we--

Dave is walking away.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Where are you going?

DAVE

I have to explain to my boss why I illegally detained a teenager. I never should have gone along with this. This was... bad police work.

Dave walks off. Leslie looks defeated.

ANDY

(angry)

Yeah, this was bad FBI work, too.

#### END OF ACT TWO

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### ACT THREE

## INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

The party is HOPPING. People are DANCING and having a good time. Tom and Wendy are dancing in the middle of the living room as people cheer them on.

ANN

Coming through! Coming through!

Ann walks around replenishing drinks. She sees Mark chatting with Paula again. It seems to be going well. She smiles and sees April, Derek, and Ben talking.

ANN (CONT'D)

How you guys doing?

BEN

We totally worked it out.

APRIL

Derek is going to be gay-monogamous with Ben, but we're going to keep making out when we're drunk, and also we agreed that we can see other people, but if I make out with any other gay guys I have to tell him.

DEREK

We're not going to put a label on it.

ANN

Good thinking.

Ron comes up and looks at Ben's pirate costume.

RON

Son. That is a helluva costume.

BEN

Thanks.

Ron shakes his head in admiration.

RON

God damn.

INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - LATER - N1

Leslie and Andy clean up the office.

LESLIE

Why would anyone do this?

ANDY

Kids are kids. Everybody does stupid stuff like this in high school.

LESLIE

I didn't.

ANDY

Well, you were a nerd, probably, right?

LESLIE

Hey.

ANDY

No -- I mean, that's a good thing. You were a nerd, and I was cool, but now look at us. If you didn't pay me thirty-two dollars to guard a walrus all night, I'd literally have zero dollars. Plus, you're cool now.

She smiles.

LESTITE

Well. You can head on home. I'll finish cleaning this place up.

ANDY

No way. I go home when you go home.

She looks at him.

ANDY (CONT'D)

You got me a job, you're helping me turn my life around. You're my guardian angel, Leslie. I'm not leaving your side.

She smiles and they go back to cleaning.

INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Party still hopping. April and Derek are dancing.

SPY SHOT: Ron is scraping an almond out of an Almond Joy. Wendy approaches.

WENDY

Hey. Ron.

RON

Hello, Wendy. You and Tom really turned the party around.

WENDY

We have a good time together.

(beat)

Listen -- I know that you know about our marriage.

Ron feigns confusion.

WENDY (CONT'D)

The whole green card thing. Tom told me you know, and that you're not going to tell anyone. I just wanted to say thanks for that.

RON

No worries. I'd hate for you to have to go back to Canada. All that socialized medicine.

Ron shudders at the thought. Tom grooves over.

MOT

Sweetheart! Where have you been?

WENDY

Hey. I was just... thanking Ron. For not telling anyone ...

ТОМ

Oh. Yeah. It's mighty white of you, Boss.

WENDY

You won't have to keep it secret much longer. In a few months we can split up without raising any eyebrows. And we'll invite you to the divorce party!

Looking forward to it.

Tom frowns a little, then recovers.

MOT

A'ight, let's go! These dance moves aren't going to awesome themselves!

WENDY

(to Ron)

Tom and Wendy go back and start dancing up a storm. Ron looks at them for a beat.

### TOM TALKING HEAD

MOT

My wife is awesome. She's the coolest chick I've ever met. After we get divorced, I think I'm gonna ask her out.

#### INT. LESLIE AND TOM'S OFFICE - LATER - N1

Leslie and Andy sit drinking beers. All of the toilet paper and silly string is in trash bags.

LESLIE

I guess this means there's some other kid out there who's tormenting me.

ANDY

Maybe.

LESTITE

Greg does seem innocent.

ANDY

Yeah.

LESLIE

I believe you're innocent until proven guilty, in this country. That's the cornerstone of democracy.

ANDY

Sure.

LESLIE

On the other hand. Greg Pikitis is a little punk. And I kind of want to TP his house.

ANDY

Let's do it.

They jump up, grab the trash bags full of toilet paper, and rush out.

## EXT. GREG'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Leslie and Andy, giggling, are on the front yard of an average house.

LESTITE

This is so fun! What do I do?

ANDY

Just take this toilet paper and throw it into the tree.

They both start doing it.

LESLIE

This is for Mayor Percy! And the Parks Department office! And that time I caught you pooping on the handball court!

ANDY

This is for Leslie Knope!

He starts EGGING the house.

LESLIE

(giddy)

Yeah! This is fun!

(to camera, just as giddy)

But I don't condone it!

### INT. ANN'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

The party is wrapping up. Various PEOPLE, all happy, walk out and say nice things to Ann.

MOT

Annie. Thanks for hosting, sweetheart.

ANN

Thank you so much. I... I don't Dude. even know what to say but "thank you."

MOT

My pleasure.

ANN

And you know what else? Your wife is super cool.

MOT

Oh yeah -- she's great, right?

ANN

I really liked talking to her. I don't know how you landed that chick, but nice work. She's awesome. You're really lucky.

Tom looks a tiny bit sad as Wendy comes up.

ANN (CONT'D)

Hey. We were just talking about you. So nice to see you.

WENDY

You, too! Thanks for everything.

They hug. Tom and Wendy leave. Mark is the last one there.

EXT. GREG'S HOUSE - LATER - N1

Leslie and Andy are still egging the house. A CRUISER rolls up. Dave gets out. Andy sees him and JUMPS INTO THE BUSHES.

ANDY

Five-oh! Five-oh!

DAVE

Leslie? What are you doing?

LESLIE

Oh boy.

The FRONT PORCH LIGHT goes on and a woman, EVELYN, comes out.

EVELYN

That's them, officer! Right there!

Leslie panics.

LESLIE

Oh my God. I am so sorry, ma'am. I think we're at the wrong house.

**EVELYN** 

Why are you doing this?!

LESLIE

... It's hard to explain. I'm getting revenge on this kid, Greg Pikitis, and I thought this was his house, but I guess I got the address wrong--

EVELYN

I'm Greg's mom.

Beat.

LESLIE

You are?

EVELYN

Yes. I'm Evelyn Pikitis.

(beat)

Oh God. Did he hire a fake mom again, to get him out of trouble? That little S.O.B.!

She rushes back in the house. Leslie, Dave, and Andy are stunned.

LESLIE

I. Knew it!

DAVE

Oh my God.

ANDY

Dude. That kid is amazing.

Evelyn comes rushing back out.

EVELYN

He's not in his room. Damn it. I am so sorry, for whatever he did. But I don't know where he is.

Leslie realizes something.

LESLIE

I do.

## EXT. PARK - LATER - N1

Leslie, Dave, Andy, and Evelyn RUSH THROUGH the park and come upon the STATUE, where Greg and his BUDDIES are TPing and spray-painting the statue of William Percy.

DAVE

Hey!

Greg whirls around. Two of his buddies BOLT.

LESLIE

Let them go! Stay on the leader!

Dave grabs Greg, who smiles the smile of someone caught red handed.

GREG

Hey, Leslie. Mom.

EVELYN

I am going to wring your neck!

GREG

Nice work, Knope. Or was it--

(re: Andy)

-- the FBI who put it all together?

LESLIE

You don't get to be snarky anymore.

GREG

Why not?

LESLIE

Because you lost.

Andy smiles at Leslie, who looks at the camera, happy.

## END OF ACT THREE

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### INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - DAY 2

Leslie, Ann, Andy, Mark, Jerry, Ron, April.

MARK

Nice work, Knope!

ANN

Yeah. That's amazing.

LESLIE

Thanks. The thing that's driving me nuts is, how did he do it?

FLASHBACK TO:

## EXT. COURTYARD - EARLIER - D1

We are watching the scene from earlier: Leslie in the courtyard. She yells at the MAINTENANCE WORKER.

LESLIE

Hey! How is anyone going to be able to walk through the door?

MAINTENANCE WORKER

Oh.

Jerry walks through and gets caught in the cobweb.

LESLIE (V.O.)

The cleaning crew always locks all the doors. How'd he get in?

A DIFFERENT CAMERA WHIPS OVER to see one of the maintenance workers sneak up to Leslie's PURSE. It's GREG, in a JANITOR'S OUTFIT and a FAKE MOUSTACHE. He STEALS THE KEYS from her purse and then CRAWLS INTO one of the GARBAGE CANS.

### EXT. COURTYARD - LATER - D1

SPY SHOT: It's 5:00. The Parks Department is leaving for the day. Greg SNEAKS OUT OF THE TRASH CAN, grabs a BACKPACK, and uses the keys to UNLOCK the DOOR to the department and SNEAKS INSIDE.

LESLIE (V.O.)

And we tailed him from the moment he left his house to the moment we picked him up.

## INT. PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICE - LATER - D1

Greg TP's the office, SPRAY-PAINTS on the wall, and DRAWS MOUSTACHES on Leslie's pictures. Then he LEAVES THE PEACH PIT on her desk.

LESLIE (V.O.)

Does he have a look-a-like, or something?

## EXT. COURTYARD - LATER - D1

Greg tosses the outfit, fake moustache, and backpack full of stuff into the trash can and walks out.

LESLIE (V.O.)

Oh well. The point is, we caught him.

On the way out, Greg catches a glimpse of the cameras. He smirks and walks off.

### END OF SHOW