ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. HAL'S APARTMENT

SHOT of the empty living room. It's a mess. WE HEAR a MAN'S VOICE from OFF SCREEN.

MAN (O.S.) Come on! Do it or I will drop you on your head! CONSUUUUUME!

HAL (0.S.) Okay! I'll do it! Oh my god!

There's a KNOCK at the front door, but it gets drowned out by all the screaming. The door opens slightly as STEVEN pokes his head in, afraid of what's going on.

WE SEE HAL and a 50s-ish MAN wearing an old golf shirt with embroidered on the chest and a bad toupee. Hal is against the wall, upside down, while the Man holds Hal by the ankles. Hal finishes slamming a beverage, much of it dripping all over his face.

> MAN Go go go go go!

The Man lowers Hal's legs so Hal can stand up. Hal coughs and blows the beer out of his nose.

HAL Whoooooooo!

MAN You still got it, Hal. You still got it!

STEVEN Dad?! What the hell?

HAL Steven! You made it! I'd like you to meet Dingleberry. D.B. and I are old fraternity buddies. He just got divorced, too.

DINGLEBERRY reaches out to shake Steven's hand.

DINGLEBERRY

Women may come and go, Steve, but brotherhood... (claps Hal on shoulder)

Brotherhood is forever.

HAL

D.B.'s son is the Sage of Theta Delta Zeta at UNEC.

DINGLEBERRY It's Rush Week. He's looking for some quality guys. You should stop by the house.

STEVEN Yeah, I kinda already have my group of friends.

DINGLEBERRY Bring the guys with you. Unless, they got something against free beer and chicks.

HAL (puts his arm around Steven) Steven, think about it. We're already father and son. But now we could be brothers, too.

Steven is a little weirded out by that comment.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Steven and LLOYD step off the elevator and walk towards their room. Lloyd holds up a copy of Sam Shepard's play, "True West."

LLOYD

I'm auditioning for the part of Lee, the abusive brother. I just need to perfect my American accent. How's this sound? (bad American accent) Who wants a hamburrrger and some french fries? Then we can get in my pickup truck and go to the ballpark for a hotdog... Daddy, I don't want your life!!

STEVEN That's pretty good. You're like a reverse Gwyneth Paltrow.

LLOYD That's exactly what I am, Karpy. Maybe you can run some lines with me later.

STEVEN Really? Awesome. That sounds fun.

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. GUY'S COMMON ROOM - LATER

Steven, Lloyd, Ron and Marshall are playing PlayStation2 WWF Wrestling.

As the animated wrestlers on the TV beat each other, the guys act like they're the ones in the ring, using body english, jumping up, bumping into each other and SCREAMING.

> LLOYD Steven! Lay the smackdown!

> > STEVEN

I'm trying!

MARSHALL Uggghhnn! YES!!!

RON Two...three! Game over!

Ron and Marshall get in Steven's face, SCREAMING.

MARSHALL You suck, Karp! The belt is ours!

RON You are weak! Weak!

STEVEN

I'm weak because I can't outwrestle your cartoon guy?

MARSHALL Hey, who do you think has a better ass, Lizzie or Rachel?

STEVEN Don't talk about Lizzie that way.

RON You're not even going out with her.

RON (CONT'D) Fine, I'm thinking about her ass right now in my head. What are you going to do, Steven?

Steven looks annoyed.

RON (CONT'D) It's not like we're touching it. But then again, neither are you.

STEVEN

Why don't you guys ever make fun of Marshall? He hasn't been with a girl all year.

MARSHALL Yeah, don't make fun of Steven or his breasts will lactate.

STEVEN

What does that mean? That's not clever...OK enough you guys.

LLOYD

(doing Steven-flailing his arms) Come on guys. It's not nice to be mean. Seriously. Stop or I'm gonna go do Lizzie's laundry.

The guys all LAUGH. Steven forces a WEAK LAUGH, then starts flailing his arms doing his version of Lloyd's impression.

STEVEN Guys, that is ridiculous that you think I talk like that.

He waits for the laugh. There is silence.

RON

Boo.

STEVEN So, are we gonna to this rush party or not?

RON

Steven, fraternities are evil. They brainwash you, steal your soul and then take your firstborn.

LLOYD And you, Steven, are the firstborn.

STEVEN I guess you don't like free beer and chicks.

On the guys' changing expressions, CUT TO:

INT. LIZZIE AND RACHEL'S ROOM

From the common room, WE HEAR the song "HOW BIZARRE." Lizzie dances to it as she uses a lint roller on her sweater. Rachel looks miserable.

> LIZZIE I've never been to a fraternity house before. Isn't it exciting?

RACHEL

No. The only reason I'm going is to get out of here for awhile. Tina has been playing this song for two hours straight. I hated it two years ago.

LIZZIE

I like it. It's catchy. I like how he says BIZARRE! Come on, Rachel,

maybe there'll be some sorority girls there. We could be sisters.

RACHEL Sorority girls? Give me a break. (impersonating a sorority girl) 'Are you going to the Sigma party Saturday night? I think Jeremy likes you! I love your hair! I love you, and I'm not just saying that because I'm SO WASTED!'

They exit through the common room where TINA is cranking the song. She dances as she pulls a tray of brownies out of the toaster oven.

> LIZZIE Yeah, well, I like organizations. When I was little I was in the Brownies --(noticing the brownies) Ohmigod, what a coincidence! Those smell so good!

TINA You can have some if you want.

LIZZIE No thanks, I just flossed.

RACHEL (grabs one & bites it) Thanks. Mmmm.

LIZZIE Are you sure you don't wanna come?

TINA Nah, I'm just gonna stay here and study and listen to my song.

Tina starts dancing and singing the song. Rachel shakes her head and exits with Tina.

DISSOLVE TO:

OMITTED

EXT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - ESTABLISHING - NIGHT

A large, two-story house with the Greek letters on the second floor. Students walk up to the house as MUSIC thumps.

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - FRONT DOORWAY

Steven, Lloyd, Ron, Marshall, Lizzie and Rachel approach. A LARGE ACTIVE MEMBER, BEAST-WHORE, stands at the door.

> STEVEN Hey, you guys. Stick with me. I've got an in here. (to Beast-Whore) Steven Karp --

BEAST-WHORE Hey. Beast-Whore.

STEVEN My name should be on a list. My dad is an alumni. Hal Karp.

BEAST-WHORE It's an open party.

He motions for them to enter.

RON

(sarcastic) Way to work those connections, Steve.

MARSHALL Thanks for hooking us up.

RACHEL (nodding as she passes) Beast-Whore.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - MAIN ROOM

The party is hopping. Lots of good-looking and friendly GUYS and GIRLS bopping to CLUB MUSIC. The fraternity guys look uncannily alike: Greek letter shirts, Abercrombie &

Fitch-style clothes, baseball caps with a severe curve of the bill.

LIZZIE This looks like fun.

STEVEN Yeah, yeah, seems pretty cool.

RON It'll be a lot cooler when I find the keq.

Ron and Marshall wander off. A guy walks by Rachel and yells "yow!" Lloyd starts to follow, but Rachel grabs his arm.

RACHEL Do not leave me alone.

ANGLE ON: TOP OF THE STAIRWELL

In SLO MO: We see BOOKS, the President of the fraternity. He is a very short, very sexy man portrayed by Samm Levine, a very short, very sexy man. He wears a smoking jacket and an ascot.

As he walks down the stairs a beautiful girl hands him a martini glass, he chats and laughs with several other pretty girls. Books cuts through the crowd. He reaches out to shake Steven's hand. Very friendly.

BOOKS Hi. Books. Theta Delta Zeta Sage.

STEVEN Hi. Steven Karp. I met your dad, Dingleberry.

BOOKS What? Did you just call my dad a dingleberry?

STEVEN (defensive) No! He said that was his frat name. BOOKS

Whoa, relax, Steve-O. I'm kidding. He said you were coming by. You're the son of Hal Karp. The Halcoholic. Pukemaster General. And I see you brought a stunning young lady. Our lucky day.

Lizzie smiles. Books takes Lizzie's hand and kisses it.

BOOKS (CONT'D) Hey, beautiful. You would make a lovely addition to our Little Sisters. Delicious.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Ron is approached by a heavyset Active, BEAST-WHORE.

RON Where's the beer?

BEAST-WHORE

Sorry, bro. This is a dry rush.
But, don't worry. Brother Taint
makes a killer strawberry smoothie
with wheat grass and
pharmaceutical grade ginseng. B12, man.
 (gestures like a plane
 taking off)
Killer buzz.

RON Well, it must be working because if you believe that, you're clearly stoned out of your gourd.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - MAIN ROOM

A GROUP OF THREE LITTLE SISTERS are rushing Lizzie. They are very peppy and talk as one.

JENNI

The Little Sisters are like a sorority within a fraternity.

JANA And we get first dibs on all the cute guys.

PENNY We design their homecoming float. Psst! It's gonna be a Pirate Ship.

JENNI <u>And</u> we're almost like best friends.

LIZZIE Do you have room for one more best friend?

ALL We always have room for one more best friend!

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA - CONTINUOUS

Marshall and TAINT, the RUSH CHAIRMAN

TAINT

And you can get all that for only three-hundred dollars a semester. We'd love for you to join.

MARSHALL I don't have any money.

TAINT

(sincere) It was very nice to meet you, Marshall. Good luck with your life, okay?

Taint walks off, quickly.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA - CONTINUOUS

TOTEM POLE and GERBIL have cornered Lloyd and Rachel. Totem Pole does all the talking while Gerbil stares at Rachel. Two other future pledges listen in.

> TOTEM POLE ...If you belong to a Greek organization, chances of graduating increase to over seventy-percent.

LLOYD

(American accent) Wow. Seventy-percent? Is that true?

Rachel fights to keep herself from laughing.

TOTEM POLE

Yeah! And did you know that eighty-five percent of Fortune 500 executives are fraternity men?

LLOYD

(American accent) Hold on. That's a surprising statistic!

RACHEL (losing it) Hmmpppfff! That is surprising!

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA - CONTINUOUS

PAN OVER TO STEVEN AND BOOKS

A series of JUMP CUTS, CLOSE-UPS AND WIDE-SHOTS of Books, Steven, Lee, the other prospective pledges and images around the party. Books' dialogue overlaps itself to the sound of CLUB MUSIC and PARTY IMAGES, creating a collage that casts an almost hypnotic spell over Steven.

WE SEE Hal's photo from the composite, a guy with a hot girl on his shoulders, two guys doing smoothie shots and getting brain-freeze, two Little Sisters dirty dancing, a big guy jumps on the ground to do the 'surfboard' as another jumps on his back and "surfs." Every time we cut back to Books and Steven they are surrounded by more and more girls.

BOOKS

This is the best decision you'll ever make. We are the hottest frat on campus./ There's always something to do and someone to do./It's like having a family with thirty brothers and your parents are always out of town./...thirty brothers, ten little sisters, and incest is best. /If college is a theme park, this is the best ride. Strap yourself in and don't be afraid to puke. / We look out for each other. Take a look around There's thirty guys, all vou. here for you. / This is like the Playboy Mansion and we're all Hugh Heffner.

Books pulls BRANDI, the hot Little Sister, into their circle.

BOOKS (CONT'D) And this is Brandi. The head of our Little Sisters.

Brandi shakes Steven's hand and holds on. Steven is mesmerized.

BRANDI So are you gonna join? We can always use more cute guys here.

The MUSIC PUMPS LOUDER. The Actives begin CHANTING.

ACTIVES Theta Delta Zeta! T-D-Z! Theta Delta Zeta! T-D-Z!...

The camera begins to spin around Steven like he's being sucked into a whirlpool. Steven smiles as he nods along to the chant. They've got him.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. GUY'S COMMON ROOM - NEXT DAY

Lloyd, Ron and Marshall are hanging out. Steven enters.

RON

Hey! It's Freddy Fraternity!

MARSHALL Listen, Lloyd's been working on his American accent.

STEVEN

Oh cool.

Lloyd turns to Ron. They speak like they're on an infomercial.

LLOYD (impersonating a frat guy) For the low, low price of three hundred dollars a semester, not only will I be your friend, but it'll get you a job at a Fortune 500 company.

RON You're kidding me. Tell me more.

LLOYD And if you act now we'll include a free strawberry smoothie with ginseng. It's a killer buzz.

RON I'm sold. Where do I sign up for my lame haircut?

Ron hands a wad of bills to Lloyd. The guys LAUGH. Steven tosses his backpack in frustration and heads to his room.

STEVEN (annoyed) Whatever. LLOYD

What? You can't take a little razzing? That's what guys do to each other, Steven.

STEVEN No. You guys only do it to me.

RON Uh, oh. He's caught on.

MARSHALL I hear they make you tie a brick to the end of your thing and drop it off a building.

LLOYD We don't make you do that. And we're free.

There's a KNOCK at the door. It's a fraternity knock: three quick, two slow. The guys turn to see Books and Brandi in the doorway. They're each holding a paintball gun.

RON (mock enthusiasm) Heyyy!

The guys LAUGH.

BOOKS (mocking right back & pointing at Ron) Heyyyyy! (points over to Steven) So Steven, we're gonna play paintball.

BRANDI You wanna play?

STEVEN Yeah, yeah, that'd be awesome. I'd love to get out of here.

Steven walks out with Books and Brandi.

RON (watching Brandi) Is the brick heavy? Maybe the brick's not that heavy.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Steven, Books and Brandi walk to the elevator.

BOOKS Let me guess. You guys were assigned to live together.

Books pulls out his wallet and flips it open to a photo of an old lady.

> BOOKS (CONT'D) You know who this is?

STEVEN

Your mom?

BOOKS

No. This is Judy Buddisker. The head of the housing department. She picked your roommates for you. Do you think she should decide who your friends are? Maybe it's time for you to decide.

Steven stares long and hard at the picture. The elevator door opens and Lizzie and Rachel step off.

LIZZIE Hi! I had so much fun at your party.

BRANDI Ohhh, me too! I love your sweater.

LIZZIE Thanks! I love your sweater.

BRANDI We're going to play paintball. You wanna come?

LIZZIE

You guys do the neatest things. I'd love to.

Steven and Lizzie smile at each other. Books and Brandi look at Rachel, who wishes she was invisible.

RACHEL Um, I...don't paintball.

LIZZIE She doesn't like organizations.

CUT TO:

BEGIN MUSIC MONTAGE

EXT. WOODS

- Steven and Lee, dressed in paintball gear & goggles, stalk through the woods holding paintball guns. They give each other military-style hand signals.

- Books, Totem Pole and Beast-Whore, in the woods, ducking between trees.

- Steven sees Books, who doesn't see him. Steven aims and fires, hitting Books with a bright orange splat of paint. Lee fires his gun, hitting Totem Pole. Books and Totem Pole each fall over, dead. They look to see who hit them -it's Steven and Lee. Books gets up and stumbles towards them.

BOOKS

(overly-dramatic) You may have won today, Karp, but we will meet again. And the next time, I will be the victor.

Books falls to the ground. Lee and Steven bump fists.

- A bunch of Actives and Little Sisters emerge from the foliage like Ewoks, surrounding Steven. Brandi and Lizzie give Steven a hero's hug. Steven loves it.

CUT TO:

OMITTED

EXT. CAMPUS - DAY

Steven, Lee, Books and a bunch of Actives, returning from paintball, walk through campus, caught up in conversation. It's clear that Steven is part of a new gang. Off to the side, Lloyd, Ron and Marshall watch Steven walk by. Steven gives them a head-nod as he passes.

END MUSIC MONTAGE

RON He looks like a prisoner of war. I think he blinked 'hello' in Morse Code.

MARSHALL Why don't we ever play paint ball? That looks kinda fun.

LLOYD (American accent) 'Cause you don't want to get your dress all dirty, Marshall.

MARSHALL Oh, no. Don't start on me! That's not fair.

CUT TO:

INT. GIRL'S COMMON ROOM - DAY

Rachel is on her bed, reading. The "HOW BIZARRE" song can be heard thumping through the walls. Finally, Rachel can't take it anymore. She goes to the common room, where Tina sits at the table doing homework next to her tray of brownies.

> RACHEL Could you please stop playing this song?

TINA But I like it. It's catchy.

RACHEL It's driving me crazy. It is the most annoying song I've ever heard.

TINA

To each his own. Taste is objective.

RACHEL Could you at least turn it down?

TINA Sure. That's fair. I got it at seven. I'll bring it down to three.

RACHEL

Thank you.

CUT TO:

INT. LIZZIE AND RACHEL'S ROOM/COMMON ROOM - A MOMENT LATER

Rachel is trying to study. Suddenly we hear "HOW BIZARRE" coming in from under the door at a very low, but equally annoying volume. Finally Rachel can't handle it. She runs out of the room and opens Tina's door.

RACHEL Will you shut that crap off!

TINA No. You're not the boss of me.

She turns up the volume.

RACHEL You are so selfish.

TINA I am sick of you treating me like a second class suitemate just because I came in mid semester. You just hate me because I've got a single.

RACHEL You don't deserve a single.

Tina turns up the volume and starts dancing.

TINA (starts singing) How bizarre, how bizarre. OMITTED

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INT. GUY'S COMMON ROOM

Ron are Lloyd are sitting on the couch while Marshall stands in front of them hitting a hackey-sak.

MARSHALL Come on, let's go play hacky-sak in the quad. You know, show off our skills for the ladies.

RON

(to Lloyd) Y'know, without Steven here you sure get a clear view of just what an idiot Marshall is.

LLOYD That's very perceptive of you, Ron.

MARSHALL

I see what's happening here, you guys are making me the new whipping boy. Why me? Why not you?

LLOYD Okay, why don't we take a vote. All in favor of Marshall?

Ron and Lloyd raise their hands.

MARSHALL OK. We definitely need a fourth.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY

The guys knock on a door. PERRY opens the door.

CUT TO:

INT. GUY'S COMMON ROOM

Perry attempts to play the video game with them.

LLOYD Hit him! Stop jumping and hit him!

Perry holds the controller in front of Lloyd.

PERRY Why doesn't anything happen when I hit this button?

MARSHALL Because you suck!

PERRY It's true. I suck. I'm so ashamed.

RON (stops playing) You know what? This isn't any fun.

MARSHALL No, no, this is great with Perry. He's a wonderful addition to our gang.

LLOYD (disgusted) Where the hell is Steven? He was supposed to help me read lines.

Lloyd gets up and walks into his room.

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN AND LLOYD'S ROOM

Lloyd and Perry read lines.

LLOYD (passionately)

For ten long years I been like a snake under a rock trying to get warm in the middle of the night. 'Cause Momma always liked you better!

PERRY

(flatly) No she didn't. You just made some bad choices and went down the wrong path. Lee exits.

LLOYD Please don't read the stage directions.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - BASEMENT

Lizzie and THREE GIRLS, all wearing blindfolds, are led single file into a dark room from which WE HEAR SFX OF A SHEEP AND A CHAINSAW. The girls nervously shuffle in, terrified by what is about to happen. The room is filled with approximately ten Active Little Sisters who are locked hand-in-hand encirling the pledges.

Brandi signals Jenni to cut the SFX. Jenni hits stop on a boombox.

BRANDI (dark and somber) Do you solemnly swear your loyalty and enthusiasm as Little Sisters to the Theta Delta Zeta fraternity?

GIRL PLEDGES

Yes.

BRANDI I didn't hear you!

GIRL PLEDGES

Yes!

BRANDI (anti-climactic)

Okay, you're in. Congratulations. You're officially Little Sisters.

The Little Sisters cheer and close in their circle, giving the pledges a big group hug.

LIZZIE

Ohmigod, you had me so scared! I thought you were going to make us do something messy.

CUT TO:

OMITTED

EXT. DORM - ESTABLISHING - THE NEXT DAY

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN AND LLOYD'S ROOM

Steven, Books, Totem Pole, Beast-Whore and Congo are sitting on the beds, SINGING THE FRATERNITY SONG and swinging their right arms in front of them. Steven, wearing a dress shirt and tie, is singing from a fraternity songbook.

GUYS

(singing)

Ohhhhh...One day I asked myself, hey <u>(name)</u>, what kind of man would I like to be? I'd like to be an honorable man, like the men in a fraternity. But would I pass the test, and be the best?

Lloyd opens the door and interrupts. He notices Beast-Whore and Taint making themselves at home on his bed.

> LLOYD Hey, Steven, when you're done singing show tunes could you come in here for a moment?

STEVEN Can't it wait? Pledge ceremony is in forty-five minutes.

LLOYD It'll be really quick. STEVEN (to Books and the Actives) I'll be right back. This song is wicked.

Steven exits to the common room.

CUT TO:

INT. GUY'S COMMON ROOM

LLOYD

Steven, we're sorry we gave you a hard time. We just don't get what you see in this whole fraternity thing. You don't have to do it.

STEVEN

Hey, man, it's cool. I'm just getting involved with campus activities.

RON It's called a cult.

STEVEN No, It's called brotherhood. And don't tell me what to do.

MARSHALL Dude, I have to tell you that song is not very good.

Books and the Actives walk into the common room.

STEVEN

We don't have to only hang out with each other, you know. I'm just making new friends.

BOOKS

Come on, Steven. It's time for you to become a Greek god. (to Ron, Lloyd and Marshall) You must be really proud of this guy, huh? Steven rocks! Steven and the Actives head out the door.

BOOKS / ACTIVES (O.S.) (starting song again) Ohhhh.... One day I asked myself...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. ELEVATOR / INT. HALLWAY

Ron, Lloyd, Marshall and Perry step off the elevator, carrying snacks and video tapes.

As they walk down the hall, Lizzie, Brandi, Penny, Jana and a bunch of Little Sisters excitedly run past them onto the elevator, carrying bags, poster boards, etc.

LIZZIE

Hi guys!

MARSHALL What the hell was that?

CUT TO:

INT. STEVEN AND LLOYD'S ROOM

Lloyd walks in to see his room completely transformed into a Theta Delta Zeta shrine decorated with fraternity colored ribbons, a 'Congratulations Steven' banner, poster boards with photos and names of the all the actives, the Greek alphabet, the fraternity creed, etc. It's an obnoxious violation of his space.

LLOYD

What the --

Then Lloyd sees that some of his belongings are on the floor, including his British flag.

LLOYD (CONT'D)

Nooo!

Lloyd snaps, and begins tearing down the decorations. Ron, Marshall and Perry rush in to see what's wrong. Ron and Marshall laugh.

> RON Hey, nice decorations. Your room looks pretty.

MARSHALL So, Lloyd, are you joining the fraternity, too?

Lloyd picks up his flag and dusts it off

LLOYD

Shut up, Marshall. Did you suffer a lot of head injuries as a child?

PERRY

Theta Delta Zeta? He's joining those guys? Steven couldn't become a bigger loser if he went on the road following Dave Matthews Band. You won't even recognize him when he's done pledging.

LLOYD How long will that take?

PERRY

Six weeks. But once Steven pledges, he's in for life.

MARSHALL Hey, I like Dave Matthews Band.

PERRY

I hear they're touring the South next month, maybe you can catch up with them.

Ron grimaces. Marshall checks his watch. It's 11:49.

MARSHALL Hey, the pledge ceremony starts in eleven minutes. Shouldn't we try to stop Steven? LLOYD (American accent) Grab your fishin' pole boys. We're gonna go catch us some Karp.

CUT TO:

INT. LIZZIE AND RACHEL'S ROOM

There are Little Sister decorations all over Lizzie's side of the room. While Tina plays a different DANCE TRACK in the common room, a disgusted Rachel pops in an old cassette and cranks an 80's HEAVY METAL TUNE. Something like "Cum On Feel the Noize" by Quiet Riot.

CUT TO:

INT. GIRLS COMMON ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Tina shoots an angry look towards Rachel' room.

TINA My song wasn't done yet! (then, to herself) That's Devil music.

Tina quickly changes her CD to a CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL SONG.

TINA (CONT'D) Hallelujah!

CUT TO:

INT. LIZZIE AND RACHEL'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rachel goes through Lizzie's CDs to find something perfectly annoying -- Billy Ray Cyrus (or an obnoxious COUNTRY riff). She pops it in and TURNS IT UP, positioning the speaker in the doorway pointed straight at Tina. Tina boils.

RAPID CUTS BACK AND FORTH AS THE TWO GIRLS BATTLE IT OUT LIKE BANDITOS IN A MEXICAN STANDOFF. The SOUND of CDs snapping out of their cases and into the CD player trays are like locking and loading their guns. Pushing the 'play' button is pulling the trigger. They aren't waiting for each other's song to finish - it's a total shootout.

We see a SHOT of them standing in their respective doorways, staring each other down as they re-load. Rachel

and Tina each hit 'play.' As the SONG STARTS ("Be With You" by Enrique Iglesias) there's a weird ECHO / DELAY. At first they're confused. They each step into the common room, listening. Then they realize they're playing the same song.

> RACHEL You're playing this?

TINA Yeah. You like Enrique Iglesias?

RACHEL Yeah. I think he's sexy.

TINA I think he's sexy too. I love "Cosas del Amor."

RACHEL So, you wanna just listen to this cd?

TINA Yeah, that sounds nice. I love this song. I could listen to it over and over again.

Finally, peace in the room.

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - BASEMENT - EVENING

Books leads Steven into a room where there are four young, pimple-faced, wide-eyed, tie-wearing, tense freshmen: his PLEDGE BROTHERS.

BOOKS Get to know each other, men. Because you guys are the future of this fraternity and you're gonna be best friends for life. (pointing to different pledges) This guy's the best man at your wedding. That guy's gonna bail you out of jail. And if you ever need an organ transplant? (pointing) Liver. Kidney. (a beat) Bone marrow. (to Steven) Steven, what would you give that guy?

STEVEN

Liver?

BOOKS Wrong! You'll give him whatever he needs. And when you die these are the guys that'll carry your casket, dig the hole and lower you into the ground.

Steven turns to the pledge next to him.

STEVEN Hi. I'm Steven.

CUT TO:

INT. PERRY'S CAR - NIGHT

Lloyd, Ron and Marshall are in PERRY'S CAR with Perry driving.

LLOYD

(American accent) It's a race against the clock. Eight minutes and counting. Step on it!

PERRY

This a school zone. I'm already going five miles faster than the posted speed limit, hello?

MARSHALL / RON / LLOYD Don't be a wuss!/ While we're still in college! / GO GO GO!

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - BASEMENT

The room is dark, save for one candle being held by Books. Steven and the Pledges are blindfolded and barefoot, lined up single-file with their right hand on the shoulder of the pledge in front of them. Books reads from a Theta Delta Zeta manual as other Actives look on.

BOOKS

Neophytes, as you begin your journey you will travel across the great hot sands of the desert! Your feet will blister but you must walk on.

A pair of actives holding a cooking pot with oven mitts. They pour sand on the floor in a path in front of the pledges. The pledges do the "hot sand" walk.

CUT TO:

INT. PERRY'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

The guys are thoroughly confused as they drive along, trying to find the house. We SEE several sets of Greek letters on the house.

PERRY

Does anyone here even know what the letters Theta Delta Zeta look like? Because that would help.

RON

I know what it looks like. There's a pyramid in the middle, and like a a weird "Z." I think the first letter looked like a... a...

MARSHALL

I think it looks like a boob with a bowtie.

PERRY As opposed to a Boob in a v-neck, which is what you are...moron.

They all LAUGH at Marshall.

MARSHALL

Come on! Step on it. We've got to save Steven!

Perry steps on the gas, SCREECHING the tires.

CUT TO:

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INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - BASEMENT

Books continues reading by candlelight. Totem Pole holds a fan that blows at the Pledges while the Actives spray water bottles all over them.

> BOOKS Neophytes, you will encounter many great storms on your journey!

Two Actives walk in front of pledges waving halogen lamps in front of the pledges' blindfolded faces.

BOOKS (CONT'D) But when the clouds clear you will bask in the warming glow of the brotherhood and enlightenment that is Theta Delta Zeta.

CUT TO:

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EXT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE

Lloyd, Ron and Marshall run up to the front door, pushing it open. Just inside the door, they are met by Beast-Whore.

> RON (fake-friendly) Yeah, I recognize this guy. Hey, Beast-Whore, right?

BEAST-WHORE Sorry. This is a private ceremony. No one's allowed in.

MARSHALL

Don't you remember us? You let us in once before.

Ron tries forcing his way past Beast-whore. Beast-Whore slams him up against the door frame.

BEAST-WHORE

I said no!

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - BASEMENT

BOOKS Congratulations, neophytes, you have commenced your journey. Beware the minotaur of malfeasance.

The Actives erupt into WILD APPLAUSE. The Pledges take off their blindfolds, exhilarated at their newfound venture.

TOTEM POLE Alright! Pledge party and hot chicks upstairs! Time to get pinned, boys.

CUT TO:

EXT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE

Beast-Whore has Ron pinned up against the door frame.

RON Oww! You're hurting me!

LLOYD

(American accent) You just made your last mistake, boy! I am your worst nightmare!

Lloyd heroically shoves Beast-Whore away from Ron. Beast-Whore punches Lloyd in the face. Lloyd grabs his nose.

LLOYD (CONT'D) (in his own accent) Ow, man! You punched me right in the nose.

BEAST-WHORE

You're not even American!

Suddenly several Actives appear in the doorway. They shove Ron, Lloyd and Marshall out of the doorway and slam the door shut. A beat.

> RON At least they believed it for a while.

Marshall peers in through the front window.

MARSHALL

I see him!

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE - MAIN ROOM

IN SLO MO: Books pins a pledge pin on Steven's shirt. Steven looks thrilled.

BOOKS Congratulations. This is your pledge pin.

CUT TO:

EXT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE

IN SLO MO: Lloyd, Ron and Marshall POUND on the glass and scream, trying to get Steven's attention.

BOOKS (V.O.) It is to be worn at all times as a symbol of your loyalty.

CUT TO:

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EXT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE

Ron, Lloyd and Marshall run over to the side of the house. Suddenly, (possibly in SLO MO)from the second floor, eggs and milk rain down, dousing them. Drenched from head to toe, the guys look up to see, from inside the house, Beast-Whore, Taint and another Active LAUGHING AT THEM.

LLOYD It was a good plan at one time, wasn't it, Ron?

CUT TO:

INT. THETA DELTA ZETA HOUSE

The Pledge Party is in full effect. Steven approaches Brandi.

STEVEN So it's official.

BRANDI

Can't talk.

Brandi brushes him off, leaving Steven to wonder what's up. Just then Lizzie rushes up to Steven and gives him a big hug and a kiss on the cheek.

> LIZZIE Congratulations! I'll be Aphrodite and you can be my Zeus.

> STEVEN I am so happy right now. This is awesome.

Books walks up.

BOOKS Pledge, get Lizzie and I a drink.

Steven LAUGHS.

STEVEN What's the magic word?

BOOKS (taking an asshole tone) The magic word is "Yes sir!" You're a pledge now. I own your ass, Steve-O. Steven stares at Books, surprised at how quickly his tone has changed.

STEVEN

Yes sir!

BOOKS And after you get us a drink I want you to go upstairs and clean my room.

STEVEN

(confused)

Wh--

BOOKS

Now go!

Steven rushes off to get the drinks. Lizzie LAUGHS goodnaturedly, but eyes Books with concern.

> BOOKS (CONT'D) So "Lizzie," is that short for something?

LIZZIE What about Steven? Is he gonna--

BOOKS

Oh you don't have to worry about him, he's my bitch now.

FADE OUT.

(TO BE CONTINUED...)

THE END