

INT. WORKROOM - DAY (D1)
(Shani, Ash)

SHANI Sc 1

SHANI CREEPS INTO THE WORKROOM AND STARTLES AT THE SIGHT OF ASH, WHO EXAMINES THEIR OUTFIT IN PROGRESS.

SHANI

Oh, you're here early.

ASH

I'm trying to get a lock on our brand
for upcoming challenges. Sit, sit!
Let's have Musketeer bonding time!

SHANI TIPS HER HAIR IN FRONT OF HER FACE.

SHANI

I'm not that big of a bonding person.

ASH

That tracks. You're a little
withdrawn. A little dramatic. Have you
considered spoken word?

SHANI

I'm all about accessories.

ASH

For sure, for sure, but no shame in a
side hustle game.

SHANI LAYS OUT THE PIECES SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON-- A NECKLACE,
A HEADBAND, AND A FEW EARRING OPTIONS.

ASH (CONT'D)

You're really good at this stuff.

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SHANI

The right accessories can change your whole look. Sure, you can go from day to night. But you can also go from sassy to sweet, fierce to friendly.

ASH HOLDS UP ONE OF THE PAIRS OF EARRINGS.

ASH

Which one of these earrings will make you want to be friendly to me?

SHANI

(STARTLED) I'm friendly.

ASH

Oh, so I was imagining the stink eye you were giving me the other day?

SHANI

... There might have been a little bit of stink eye. You and Gigi bonded faster than the Fit sold out of sequined crop tops.

ASH

(AGREEING) Lightning speed. But you know you're not losing a friend, right? You're getting an extra friend. (MEANINGFULLY) A friend with connections to the Tiffany's showroom.

SHANI

(GASP) No!

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ASH

Yes!

ASH LEANS BACK, PLEASED WITH THEMSELVES.

ASH (CONT'D)

How do you feel about bonding time
now?

SHANI

All of a sudden, it's my favorite
thing!

AS SHANI AND ASH SHARE SMILES, WE:

CUT TO:

← Stop

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SHANI

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INT. CAFETERIA - DAY (D2)
(Gigi, Shani, Ash, Rowena, Students BG)

GIGI, SHANI, AND ASH ARE IN THE LUNCH LINE. GIGI SIGHS
DRAMATICALLY.

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SHANI

What's wrong, Gigi?

GIGI

It's Merriweather. Nothing about her
as a model is surprising.

SHANI

It's surprising you don't like her.

ARABELLA

I heard she's a hand model for an
underground Korean streetwear brand.

GIGI

But what if she isn't our model?

ASH

Ooh, a thought exercise. Like, what if
my life 'til now has been a dream, and
I'll wake up one day and I'm still
five?

SHANI

(SNAPPING FINGERS) Wake up, Ash,
you're late for kindergarten.

ASH

You're freaking me out!

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GIGI

Not a thought exercise, people. Don't
you want to buck the system?

SHANI

Or we could try working within the
system? Keep our heads down?

GIGI

I'm not a "head down" girl and I don't
want to make "head down" clothes.

THE KIDS REACH THE FRONT OF THE LINE.

ROWENA

Hey, kids!

AS ROWENA SERVES THEM, GIGI'S EYES WIDEN.

GIGI

That's it! ~~We need~~

GIGI IS INTERRUPTED BY ASH'S STOMACH RUMBLING.

~~ASH~~

~~Gorry, rapping on empty stomach~~

GIGI

~~We need lunch.~~

~~ASH~~

~~Yeah, that's what I'm saying.~~

GIGI

We need Rowena! As our model!

SHANI

What? But I picked us a real model
right out of the beret.

ASH

(CONSIDERING) It's risky, but nothing says "surprise" like school lunch.

GIGI

Ash gets it... kind of. (TO SHANI)
What do you say, Third Musketeer?

SHANI

Why am I the third one? Ash is new.
(OFF THEIR LOOKS) Fine, I'm in.

GIGI TURNS BACK TO ROWENA.

GIGI

Ms. Rowena, we have a question for you.

~~ROWENA~~

~~No one knows what's in the mouth.~~
~~Not even me.~~

~~GIGI~~

~~That's unsettling. But that is not the~~
~~question.~~ How would you like to be our model for the first FYF challenge?

ROWENA

A model? Me?

ASH

You do have excellent proportions.

SHANI

And great bone structure.

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SHANI

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SCENE 1

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY (D4)

(Gigi, Shani, Ash, Arabella, Rowena, Merriweather, Students
BG, Teachers BG)

SHANI AND ASH WAIT IN THE LUNCH LINE AS GIGI APPROACHES.

GIGI

Hey! I was looking for you two.

~~ASH~~

~~Hey~~

ASH GIVES A WEAK GREETING, BUT SHANI TURNS AWAY.

~~GIGI~~

~~I came in early to finish the design.~~

~~(PATTS HERSELF ON THE BACK) wanted you~~

~~guys to know it looks pretty good.~~

SHANI AND ASH DON'T RESPOND. THEY SHUFFLE FORWARD IN LINE.

GIGI (CONT'D)

~~But mostly, I want to say I'm sorry.~~

~~Ash, you volunteered to join us when~~

~~we needed you. And Shani, you trusted~~

my vision even after picking

Merriweather. But I acted like the

team was all about what I wanted.

SHANI

You did do that.

ASH

No arguments here.

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GIGI

Constantly fighting for space has made me a little pushy.

~~ASH~~

~~I'm going to encourage you to dig deeper here.~~

~~GIGI~~

~~I'm not pushy, fine. But I still really believe in us. We can make fashion for everyone and every body. But I think it all starts with our design for Ms. Rowena.~~

ASH

You're forgetting the biggest problem. Ms. Rowena can't be our model.

GIGI

Oh, I have a fix for that. I took a hint from the First Musketeer. (OFF THEIR BLANK LOOKS) I demoted myself to third. (TO SHANI) I worked within the system.

SHANI

(TEARY) I'm the First Musketeer?

GIGI

You're my best friend, Shani. And you were right. There's more than one way to do things.

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COLD OPEN

SHANI

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INT. CAFETERIA - DAY (D1)

(Gigi, Shani, Arabella, Rowena, Students BG, Teachers BG)

GIGI (PLUS-SIZED, GREAT OUTFITS, GREAT ATTITUDE) AND SHANI
(SHY, WITH VITILIGO SHE HIDES BEHIND HER HAIR) HOLD TRAYS AND
WAIT FOR CAFETERIA BREAKFAST AS THE LINE INCHES FORWARD.

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Start

GIGI

Another beautiful day at Fashion High.

The sun is shining, the first-year
competition is right around the
corner, and (DEEP BREATH) aah. The
sweet scent of style.

SHANI

All I smell is bacon.

GIGI TURNS TO SHANI AND STARTLES. SHANI'S PUSHED HER HAIR SO
FAR FORWARD SHE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A NIGHTMARE.

GIGI

(GASP) Please don't do that with your
hair. I feel like I'm being haunted.
Tie it back, c'mon.

GIGI PASSES OVER A HAIR TIE, AND SHANI RELUCTANTLY PULLS HER
HAIR BACK INTO A HALF-PONYTAIL.

GIGI (CONT'D)

You're in the accessories track. How
can you not want to show off the
amazing earrings you make?

SHANI

If people can see my ears, they can
see the rest of my face.

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