HARRY'S HOTTER AT TWILIGHT

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Cast of Characters

EUPHORIA, female, bloodthirsty vampire FIRST TO GO, male or female, the first to get killed, repeatedly RANDOM LUNATIC, female, something of an authorial representative UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL WIZARD, female, companion to our young hero wizard HARRY, male, aka Important Post-Pubescent Guy Wizard, one of our heroes ROB, male, aka Silly Sorta Sexy Guy Wizard STELLA, female, aka Sulky Boring Chick, hopelessly in love with a vampire HOT SHIRTLESS GUY, male, a heroic werewolf in love with Stella EDWARD COHEN, aka Tortured Sexy Vampire, male, hopelessly in love with Stella OFFSTAGE VOICE, male or female ROAST CANARY, female but pretending to be male daughter of powerful vampire Don Canary MARY CANARY, female, one-eyed but more feminine daughter of Don Canary DONNA CANARY, female, wife to Don Canary DON CANARY, male, leader of the Canary vampire family FIRST HENCHMAN, male or female, Canary henchman SECOND HENCHMAN, male or female, Canary henchman VAMPIRE IN TRAINING, male or female, human recently turned vamp JACK, teenage boy trying to put the moves on his date MARILYN, teenage girl, not looking to go too far on her date SARA, female, friend of Teenage Girl MARCIE, female, friend of Teenage Girl TEEN GIRLS, friends of Sara, Marcie and the Teenage Girl, played by ensemble members LATKES COHEN, sister of Tortured Sexy Vampire, a visionary LOXY COHEN, sister of Tortured Sexy Vampire, dating Corney Cohen CORNEY COHEN, tough guy vampire brother of Edward Cohen STROMBO COHEN, vampire brother of Edward Cohen VILLAGERS, male or female, played by ensemble members PROFESSOR BAKE, male or female, follower of The Fine Diner FIRST FINE DINER, male or female, follower of The Fine Diner SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH FINE DINERS, male or female, followers of The Fine Diner, played by ensemble members DUFUS MCFLY, male, follower of The Fine Diner WACKO MCFLY, male, son of Dufus McFly NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, female, not a student at Pigskins ALICES ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR and FIVE, female, played by members of the ensemble NARRATOR, either gender DELIVERY GUY, either gender THE DORMOUSE, female, half-brother - yes, you read that right to Headmaster Harvey Lapin RADIO ANNOUNCER, either gender STORE P.A., either gender STORK, either gender, delivery person for Stella's baby It is expected that most productions will use multiple casting.

With some creativity, it's possible to stage the play with an ensemble of roughly 12 actors (5 males, 7 females). Of course, it's just as easy to use a cast of 50 or more, as in addition to the named speaking roles above, there are many opportunities for additional Fine Diners, Alices, Villagers, etc.

If necessary, it's possible to cut Strambo Cohen and give his lines to Corney.

Production Notes

The references to *Vogue* and *Esquire* may be updated as appropriate.

In the case of a production taking place outside of the US, the line in Scene 1 that refers to American actors can be changed to Canadian, Australian, etc. In the case of a British production, the response to the line can be changed to "Of course we're still British. Queen and country. Hip hip!" SCENE 1

Lights up. A sign says, "Welcome to Spork, Washington." Somewhere outside in a lonely looking place. EUPHORIA, bloodthirsty female vampire, backs the FIRST TO GO into a corner. The First to Go screams.

EUPHORIA (advancing) There's no one to hear you scream.

FIRST TO GO

Wait!

EUPHORIA

I'm a vampire. I need to feed.

FIRST TO GO

This isn't fair. I get like a minute of stage time.

EUPHORIA

This is a one-act. It's important that they establish me as a threat right away.

FIRST TO GO

But you're not even the main-

Euphoria grabs the First to Go by the throat, cutting him off. Enter the RANDOM LUNATIC, female.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Actually, we're going full-length. Way too much material to squeeze into 30 minutes.

EUPHORIA

Who are you?

RANDOM LUNATIC (exiting, in a maniacal singsong) I killed Serious White, I killed Serious White...

> The Random Lunatic exits. First to Go tries to speak, but it's hard when a super strong vampire has her hand around your throat.

EUPHORIA (beat)

What?

Elaborate signing from First to Go. Beat. Euphoria loosens her grip on First to Go's throat.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D)

This better be important.

FIRST TO GO It's a full-length - we have time.

EUPHORIA

I guess we do.

(beat) But somebody's gotta be the first to go.

Euphoria closes in for the bite/kill.

FIRST TO GO

Wait!

EUPHORIA

Now what?

FIRST TO GO

I don't even have a name.

EUPHORIA Sure you do - you're First to Go. (beat) Don't sweat it. You'll probably come back as another minor character later.

> Euphoria attacks, biting First to Go's neck and feeding until First to Go collapses - and Euphoria drags him off. Enter a trio of teen wizards: UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD, SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD, and IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD. Euphoria returns to hide out of their sight.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD I don't think we're in England anymore.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Gloomy like England.

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD (reading the sign) Welcome to Spork. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Are we still British? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD American actors can't do British accents. It would be a disaster. (beat) A spork is a dining utensil. That's suspicious. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD People are disappearing everyday. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD I wouldn't be surprised if someone disappeared from this very spot. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD All the signs point to You Know (always done by everyone in a falsetto akin to "yoo hoo") Who-oo. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Wands out. They pull out their wands. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What is it? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Does your wedgie hurt? IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Blood. He points at the blood left by Euphoria. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD (CONT'D) But first, some back story. The Silly Sorta Sexy Wizard turns his back to the audience. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD No, silly, back story is all the things that happened before we got here.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

I knew that.

(beat as he turns around)

This is awkward.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Yes, conveying the back story is often awkward.

Important Post-Pubescent Guy Wizard clears his throat purposefully.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD (CONT'D)

Sorry. I'm secretly attracted to this Silly Sorta Sexy Guy Wizard, so sometimes my mouth gets so nervous that it just won't stop, which makes people think I have the hots for a certain Important Post-Pubescent Guy wizard because they're practically joined at the hip, but that's more of a Princess Leia-Luke Skywalker thing.

(beat)

Carry on.

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Sorry. All the nervous talking made me lose my train of thought.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Were you about to tell us that when you were a baby, a powerful but evil wizard led a bunch more evil wizards called the Fine Diners, and they tried to enslave the world in their kitchens, making outrageously complex dishes, sauces that simmered for days on end, baking a neverending parade of unpronounceable pastries...

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD (cringing) Sfogliatelle. Kaiserschmarrn. Charlotte russe.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Or were you going to skip all that and just tell us that You Know Who-oo, which is what we call him because nobody remembers his real name, killed your parents, but your mother's love for you was so strong that it's left you with a permanent wedgie?

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Her grip. Her grip was so strong.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD (to audience) I always wondered 'bout that wedgie.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD When I was a first-year wizard, I was always getting hung by my shorts, and sure, it smarts and you turn seven different shades of red, but once you get let down, you just give a yank, maybe a shake or a good pull and you're good as new. (beat) Sometimes I give a little look-see in the change room or when it's near lights out, 'cause we're roommates - not 'cause I'm checkin' it out - not that there's anything wrong if my wand did swing that way, but I have a secret crush on a certain Uptight Know It All Girl Wizard. I just want to know how the wedgie works. Like when he puts on a fresh pair of undies, does it magically crawl up? IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Did you just say you've been-SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD No. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Good. That would be weird. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Yeah. I only told the audience about that. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD (beat) This blood is fresh. Or it was before you both delivered long monologues. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD And look at the artistic arrangement. Like a composed dish at a fine dining restaurant... EUPHORIA (aside - as are all her remarks in this scene) I guess I'm just an artiste. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD This is the work of You Know Who-oo and the Fine Diners. EUPHORIA Excuse me? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Do you have to say it that way? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What way? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD You Know Who-oo. It's so annoying. © Jonathan Dorf

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD We don't have time for this. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD How would you say it? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD You Know Who-oo. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD That's exactly what I said. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD That's not what I meant to say. (beat) You Know Who-oo. You Know Who-oo - why can't I say-IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD He's obviously cast a "bug the crap out of everyone" spell around the name. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD There's a spell called-IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD As I was saying, this is clearly the work of ... (same intonation as "you Know Who-oo") Uh Uh Uh. The Fine Diners could be anywhere, licking their lips at their latest kill. EUPHORIA I'll give you fine dining. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD We must tell the Order what we've seen. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD What order? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Well, first we saw blood. Next, I said it looks like-IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Tell the Order of the Kleenex. No. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD You can't say that. It's trademarked. IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Order of the Facial Tissue doesn't have much of a ring. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Order of the White Hanky? © Jonathan Dorf

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD

That means surrender.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Silver Hanky. Silver is noble.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Yes, but what order? There's no order.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Obviously, we have to start one.

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Hurry - there's no time to lose!

They exit running. Euphoria now has the stage to herself.

EUPHORIA

You are so dead, you little stick-wavers. My boyfriend is such a good tracker, there's nowhere in the world you can hide. We'll find you and when we get there we're gonna walk all dangerous sexy, with the lighting just right, like it's twilight, 'cause everyone looks hotter at twilight... (demonstrating)

And we'll walk with weird camera angles so you can hardly see us moving, 'cause that'll make us even hotter. Not moving while you're moving is one of the five hottest things you can do - along with not talking while you're talking, not listing the five hottest things you can do while you're listing them, not talking about Fight Club, and saying a lot of rules seriously as if they mean anything at all.

(beat)

And this time, I'm going to suck you dry. I don't care if I have to go through the rest of the day looking bloated.

She sees something in the distance.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D)

He's coming. I can see him because of my amazing vision, which isn't quite as amazing as his, but it's still amazing. My yummy killing machine, running at superspeed the way a super hot vampire does...in seconds... Just saying seconds is making me tingly...seconds...seconds...

There's the SOUND of something really large hurtling through the air.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D)

What the-

A CRASHING SOUND. All goes black. Lights up to reveal STELLA FORSTAR, sulky and generally boring, carrying a suitcase. On the edge of the stage, a house. Feet stick out from underneath it. Beat. Euphoria inspects the feet.

STELLA

I just moved here.

EUPHORIA

This is your house?

STELLA

Uh huh.

EUPHORIA Your house just crushed my boyfriend.

Sorry.

EUPHORIA

STELLA

You're sorry.

STELLA

Yeah.

EUPHORIA

You're sorry?!

STELLA

What do you want me to say? It's not my fault I had to move here.

EUPHORIA Your house just cut his freakin' head off!

STELLA

OK...

EUPHORIA

His head! You cut my boyfriend's head off! (beat) Do you understand that moving means moving yourself - you don't move the house, you idiot!

STELLA You think I even want to be here?

EUPHORIA

I can take care of that.

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Euphoria advances on her, but at almost the same time, from opposite sides of the stage, enter HOT SHIRTLESS GUY, heroic werewolf and not shirtless, and EDWARD COHEN, tortured sexy vampire.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D) I'm leaving, but this is only the start of my bloody quest for revenge against (points at Euphoria, Hot Shirtless Guy and Stella) you, you, you, those stick wavers, and possibly so many other people that I'm going to need to raise a vampire army. What a great idea - I'm leaving to raise a vampire army, and then I'll be back.

Euphoria exits.

STELLA

What's her problem?

EDWARD

Go away.

STELLA

(walking away from him)

Attitude much?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Don't worry - I'll protect you.

EDWARD

Wait - stop. I meant I'm Edward Cohen.

STELLA (coming back to him)

Stella Forstar.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Stella Forster, he's going to do this all play long.

EDWARD Don't listen to him - I'll protect you.

STELLA

It's Stella Forstar.

EDWARD

(to Stella) I'm attracted to you, but I find that attraction repulsive, and the more I try to repel my attraction, the more attractive my repulsion becomes.

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STELLA

(to Edward)

Could I die in your place?

EDWARD (beat - ignoring her, to Hot Shirtless Guy)

So beat it.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Beat it yourself.

EDWARD

(to Stella)

I'm mysterious because I've lived here for 40 years and everyone still thinks I'm in high school.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I'm mysterious because I'm the hot shirtless guy.

Beat, as the others consider his shirt.

EDWARD

I'm more mysterious because all of my brothers and sisters are dating each other.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Still going with hot and shirtless.

STELLA So...your brothers and sisters are dating?

EDWARD

Do you like that?

STELLA

Sometimes, when I was little, I'd wish I was a boy so I could be just like Oedipus.

ALL

(even those offstage)

Ewww...

STELLA

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STELLA (CONT'D) And everyone within the sound of my voice will be sucked into my black hole. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I love you. EDWARD Our love is everything. I should go now and never see you again. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY We can make a life together. EDWARD We can have eternal life together. But don't ever do that. I'd hate myself. STELLA Do what? EDWARD You mustn't! STELLA I want it. EDWARD No. STELLA Yes. EDWARD No. STELLA Yes. EDWARD No. STELLA Maybe? EDWARD Yes. STELLA Yes? EDWARD No - maybe.

STELLA

OK.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY No. He can never keep you warm. He's-

The Hot Shirtless Guy makes fang gestures - almost like in charades - but comes off looking like a rabbit.

STELLA

(beat)

A bunny...?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

The Hot Shirtless Guy tries again.

STELLA

A dancer?

No, a-

ALL

What?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY It doesn't matter. Let me go back to saying cliché lines like I can keep you warm.

EDWARD

Because you're-

This time, Edward tries to make his own gesture, but comes off similarly looking like a bunny.

STELLA

A bunny...?

ALL

No!

			HOT	SHIRTLESS	GUY
No.	Because	I'm hot.	And shirtless.		

Beat as everyone takes another moment to figure out how Hot Shirtless Guy is shirtless. STELLA (singing to the famous song to neither of them in particular)

Wild thing, you make my-

Enter the Random Lunatic.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Stop.

STELLA

What?

RANDOM LUNATIC You can't sing that. It's copyrighted.

STELLA

Don't sing that. Don't go with him. Don't land your house here. Why can't everybody stop telling me what to do?!

EDWARD

(to Random Lunatic)

Isn't it fair use?

RANDOM LUNATIC Wouldn't take a chance. Author would probably kill you rather than risk being sued. (prancing madly offstage as she speaks in a sing-song:) I killed Curious Blue, I killed Curious Blue...

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Who was that?

EDWARD

No idea.

	STELLA (yelling after the Random
Fine. Are you happy	Lunatic) now? (spoken, intentionally
Wild thing,	unintelligible)
I think I love you.	(understandable now, but not clearly to either one)
	HOT SHIRTLESS GUY AND EDWARD

Who?

STELLA You. And you. Or you. I don't know. My house just crash-landed five minutes ago. I think I have a concussion. (beat) Which is why I should make the most important decision of my life right now and cling to it obsessively for the rest of the play. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (la grande geste) Join my pack of hot shirtless guys. STELLA Isn't it a flock? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY No, it's-(talking to the Pack Leader, who is invading his mind) Not now. (starts rubbing tummy and patting his head) Yes, pack leader. EDWARD Join my co-op. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY No. Hot Shirtless Guy stands on one foot. STELLA Actually, it's a gaggle. EDWARD No don't. Go away. STELLA What? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY What? STELLA No, that's geese. EDWARD No stay. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY What?

EDWARD

What?

STELLA A giggle. That's it. I think I need to lie down. (beat - to Hot Shirtless Guy) When I feel better, could I sacrifice myself for you? She starts to faint. Both Edward and Hot Shirtless Guy are there to catch her as she goes limp. They hold her up. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I've got her. EDWARD I've got her. (beat) What's that weird baby powder smell? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY What's that...weird...dead body smell? EDWARD No - baby oil. And I may dead, but I'm immaculately groomed and my hair is perfect. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Yeah, if today's opposite day. EDWARD I'm not holding her with you. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Yeah, well, I'm not holding her with you either. EDWARD So don't. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Don't make me drop her. EDWARD I'll drop her first. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Not if I drop her firster. EDWARD Firster? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Whatever. When she finds out what you are ... © Jonathan Dorf This is a perusal copy only. Absolutely no copying permitted.

EDWARD I love her more than you ever could.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I love her more than I ever could more.

EDWARD

What?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

What?

Stella starts to revive.

EDWARD

She must be regaining consciousness. We're starting to talk in cliché dialogue again.

STELLA

Where am I?

They ignore her.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Me and my pack of hot shirtless guys will tear you limb from limb.

(to the Pack Leader)

Your pack. Your pack.

EDWARD

My co-op will rain down apocalypse.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Bring it.

EDWARD

Don't say I didn't warn you.

Edward shoves Hot Shirtless Guy with his free hand.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Oh no you didn't.

EDWARD

Oh yes I did.

The Hot Shirtless Guy shoves back with his free arm. A one-armed shoving match breaks out.

STELLA

I think I'm going to hurl.

EDWARD

Now look what you did.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Me?

They forget about her completely, dropping her on the ground and knocking her unconscious again as they get in each others' faces. Beat. They edge toward the exits.

EDWARD

This isn't over.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Count on it.

The Hot Shirtless guy makes a "two fingers to eyes" gesture that says he'll be watching Edward. Edward returns the gesture, as they both exit, leaving Stella alone on stage. Beat. She revives, slowly picking herself up and wandering offstage as... SCENE 2

The three young wizards enter.

IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Professor? Professor...? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD (to Uptight Know It All Girl) Who's he talking to? (to Important Post-Pubescent Guy Wizard) Who are you talking to? IMPORTANT POST-PUBESCENT GUY WIZARD Professor, sir, something's happened. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD There's no one there, Important Post-Pubescent Guy Wizard. That's going to get clunky. I need something shorter to call you when I ask you things like "who are you talking to?" SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD I like Larry. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD But he's always in a hurry. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Larry can't be in a hurry? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD (beat) I know - we'll put them together. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Harry. See - I'm not so dumb all the time. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Harry, there's no one there. HARRY Are you two blind? Headmaster Harvey Lapin has watched over me - over all of us - since I got my wedgie. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Mate, you're talking to air. HARRY A six-foot-tall white rabbit is a little hard to miss. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD (beat) Oh yes - my apologies, Professor.

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SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

What?!

HARRY (correcting Uptight Girl Wizard, pointing)

He's over there.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Of course he is.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD (sotto)

Have you gone bonkers?

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Would you and the headmaster excuse us for a moment?

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

What are you doing?

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD He's cracking under the strain of being the chosen one.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Cracking.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD I've read that the worst thing you can do under the circumstances is confront the person. (to Harry and "the headmaster")

Carry on, you two.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD If I ever start seeing a six-foot tall white rabbit, you have my permission to confront me.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What if he's really there?

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Well, if you can see the rabbit too, that would be different.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD No - I mean what if he's really there now? What if the Headmaster's using an invisibility charm, so that only Harry can see him?

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD But our headmaster isn't a six-foot tall white rabbit, visible or invisible.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD How do you know? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD If he was a six-foot tall- I know he's not a-UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Have you ever seen the headmaster? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Sure. Lots of times. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD When? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD I can't recall exactly- But I have. I think. I must have seen - all these years... UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What if he's right? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD We've been at Pigskins for a really, really long time. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD T'm embarrassed. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD All those first day of school ceremonies... UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Graduations... SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Special dinners... UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Sporting events... SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Special dinners... UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD You said that already. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Lunches then. Tea with the headmaster. (beat) All those long speeches. Who gave all the speeches? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Doesn't say much for our powers of observation.

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SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD What do we do now? The Uptight Know It All Girl Wizard walks over to Harry. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Harry, Headmaster Lapin, sorry about that. HARRY Who are you talking to? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD You and the headmaster. HARRY But he left. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Yeah - anybody can see that. Harry pulls out a carrot. HARRY And left us this. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD A carrot? HARRY (shakes head) Magical weapon. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Looks like a carrot. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What does it do? HARRY Dunno. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Sometimes a carrot is just a carrot. HARRY The headmaster always talks in riddles. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Maybe if we eat it-The Silly Sorta Sexy Guy Wizard reaches for the carrot, but Harry pulls it out of the way.

"Remember what the Dormouse said." That's what he told me. But what does it mean?

HARRY

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Maybe we need to find a dormouse.

HARRY

The Dormouse.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD How do we know which one is *the* Dormouse?

HARRY

Alice.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Who's Alice?

HARRY

No idea. But the headmaster said "Go ask Alice" right before he left and put the magical weapon-

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

The carrot-

In my hand.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD This is after the Dormouse?

HARRY

HARRY

Yes.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD OK. So to make sure everyone is clear on the plot at this point, we are now going to exit energetically to search for Alice, who holds the key to finding the Dormouse and unlocking the power of the mysterious carrot weapon.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Don't forget to say the bodies are piling up.

A bunch of ensemble members enter and fall down dead in a pile.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD Right. The bodies are piling up, and it's only a matter of time before You Know Who-oo-

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Uh Uh Uh-

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD

returns at full force.

HARRY

I'm ready to exit energetically now.

The Uptight Girl Wizard gestures toward the carrot, which Harry has allowed to dangle in his hand. He lifts it, brandishing it like a sword.

HARRY (CONT'D)

There's no time to lose!

They exit. Enter Euphoria.

EUPHORIA

I'm back, and I'm going to need an action sequence underscored with inspirational music while I create my army.

Long pause.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D)

Cue the music.

Long pause.

OFFSTAGE VOICE You have to take the first step without the music.

EUPHORIA I already took the first step. Opening scene.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

That doesn't count.

EUPHORIA

Of course it counts.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

That was before you asked for music.

EUPHORIA

That's not fair.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

I don't make the rules.

EUPHORIA

(beat) Are you going to send out my first V.I.T., or do I have to file an application?

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OFFSTAGE VOICE

Actually, you have to create two Vampires in Training before you qualify for an action sequence underscored with inspirational music.

EUPHORIA

You just said one.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

I said first step. I was being metaphorical.

Long pause.

EUPHORIA

Can't do the first two if you won't send out the first one. (beat) Don't make me come back there.

Pause. The First to Go enters.

EUPHORIA (CONT'D)

Finally.

FIRST TO GO They said they needed somebody out here stat. (sees the audience) Wow. This is like a total actor's nightmare.

EUPHORIA Don't worry. You can just ad lib.

She attacks, biting the First to Go's neck. First to Go thrashes around.

FIRST TO GO Ahhh! Ahhhh! Nooooo! (sotto)

How's that?

EUPHORIA

Great.

FIRST TO GO It doesn't come off as false?

EUPHORIA

I totally believe you.

FIRST TO GO Nooooo! I'm turning into a vampire - aaaaah!

EUPHORIA

Are you?

FIRST TO GO

Not yet.

EUPHORIA

Let me know.

She goes back to biting. The First to Go crumples to the ground. Beat. The First to Go sits up and makes exaggerated vampire noises.

FIRST TO GO

Kidding. Not yet.

The First to Go falls over again. Beat. The First to Go hops up.

FIRST TO GO (CONT'D)

OK. I'm a vampire now.

EUPHORIA

My first V.I.T. One more and I get my action sequence.

They exit.

SCENE 3

A stereotypical dark Italian restaurant. The CANARY family -DONNA CANARY, the matriarch of the family; ROAST CANARY, the eldest daughter but pretending to be a son, and MARY CANARY, the younger, much more "girly" daughter - except for her eye patch. Random HENCHMEN ring the room.

ROAST CANARY

Don't say nothing.

MARY CANARY

I'm not saying nothing.

ROAST CANARY

I mean about the thing.

MARY CANARY

I never say nothing - anything - about the thing.

(beat)

He's going to find out sooner or later.

ROAST CANARY He ain't noticed for this long.

DONNA CANARY

Mamma mia.

Enter wheelchair-bound DON CANARY, the family patriarch, pushed on by the FIRST HENCHMAN.

DON CANARY (in a raspy voice)

My son.

ROAST CANARY

Papa.

Mary coughs.

DON CANARY You have returned to the bosom of the family.

MARY CANARY Uh...back in the bosom here too.

DONNA CANARY Don't talk about your bosoms. It's unseemly.

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MARY CANARY

But-

DON CANARY

Listen to your mother.

(beat)

What news?

The First Henchman wheels Don Canary to a table on which there is a plate with a single meatball, and tries to tuck a napkin under his chin. Don Canary slaps at him helplessly.

DON CANARY (CONT'D)

I can do it.

FIRST HENCHMAN Don Canary, you don't want another acci-

> Don Canary waves his hand, and instantly the First Henchman has trouble breathing; his throat is being constricted a la Darth Vader.

DON CANARY

What news?

ROAST CANARY We are keeping an eye on the situation.

DON CANARY There's a situation? There's a situation?!

DONNA CANARY Of course there's no situation. Eat your meatball, Papa. (to Roast Canary) Shame on you, boy, getting Papa all worked up.

The First Henchman continues to make universal choking signs.

DON CANARY

Every time, it's always the same thing. Wheel me out, tell me to talk in this raspy voice, and I never get to finish my meatball.

MARY CANARY

Papa, your blood pressure.

Enter the Random Lunatic.

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RANDOM LUNATIC

You're here because it's OK to make fun of the Mafia. They've become lovable buffoons, and they're a safe choice for villains, because you can pick on them without being accused of racial stereotyping. In fact, they're kind of our go-to guys.

(beat - in a sing-song) I killed Glorious Green, I killed Glorious Green...

The Random Lunatic exits skipping.

Don Canary waves his hand. The First Henchman stops choking.

DON CANARY

Do not underestimate the Force.

DONNA CANARY

Who said anything about the Force? Eat your meatball - before it gets cold.

Don Canary slowly goes for his fork. He's back to being infirm.

DON CANARY So you got one eye on the situation?

ROAST CANARY

Yes, Papa.

MARY CANARY

Me too, Papa.

DON CANARY Leave it to your brother. You don't got an eye to spare.

MARY CANARY

But I can-

DON CANARY

Shame about your other eye. Isn't it a shame about your sister's eye?

ROAST CANARY

Cryin' shame.

DON CANARY

I'll buy you a dog. You want a dog? I'll bet you'd forget all about that eye if you had a dog.

ROAST CANARY Maybe, if it was the right kind of dog, the dog would look for the eye and see it.

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ROAST CANARY (CONT'D) Then it'd be a seeing eye dog - get it? A seeing eye dog. (beat) What? DON CANARY I'm going to eat my meatball now. DONNA CANARY Eat your meatball. DON CANARY I just said I'm going to. Don't hound me. DONNA CANARY No one is hounding you. There is the SOUND of HOWLING. MARY CANARY There's another situation. DON CANARY Another sit-ROAST CANARY (to Mary) Look what you done now. DONNA CANARY It's not important. DON CANARY It's a situation. How can it not be important? (beat) What was the first situation? DONNA CANARY It'll keep for one meatball. DON CANARY I was about to eat my meatball. DONNA CANARY Let Papa eat his meatball. DON CANARY But now I can't. DONNA CANARY Yes, you can. The situation'll keep. DON CANARY I wouldn't enjoy it.

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MARY CANARY Papa, it's OK. Eat your meatball. DON CANARY Nah. It's ruined now. DONNA CANARY Why can't you be more like your brother? MARY CANARY But she's - he's-DONNA CANARY (picking up the meatball and making train noises) Choo choo. Into the tunnel... Choo choo... DON CANARY (fending her off) Tell me the situation. DONNA CANARY (making airplane noises) Coming in for a landing. DON CANARY I am not a child. Tell me the situation! ROAST CANARY Euphoria is raising an army of vampire fetuses. ALL Ewww... FIRST HENCHMAN I can't believe he said the F word. ROAST CANARY What?

DONNA CANARY

Roast, don't be common.

MARY CANARY He means vampires in training.

ROAST CANARY But they mean the same thing.

SECOND HENCHMAN (sotto) She's trying too hard.

FIRST HENCHMAN (sotto)

You mean he.

SECOND HENCHMAN

(sotto)

I mean what I mean.

DON CANARY

Boys will be boys, Mama. (to Roast) But we are more enlightened now.

DONNA CANARY

I loved the Enlightenment - Papa would take us to salons and art galleries and beheadings and-

DON CANARY A man could eat a meatball during the Enlightenment.

DONNA CANARY To say fetuses now only exposes your ignorance.

DON CANARY

Boys will be boys.

MARY CANARY

Speaking of exposure...

FIRST HENCHMAN

Look at that segue.

SECOND HENCHMAN

She's the smart one.

FIRST HENCHMAN

Even if she's only got one eye.

SECOND HENCHMAN (a little too loud) Kinda sexy if you ask me.

Everyone looks at the Second Henchman. Beat.

MARY CANARY What shall we do about Euphoria? Her vampires in training are running amok. People are beginning to notice.

> Lights up on a VAMPIRE IN TRAINING attacking First to Go as JACK, a teenage boy, tries to kiss MARILYN, a teenage girl.

Baby, you look so good. MARILYN Is that an evil vampire biting that person on the ground? JACK Vampires don't exist. (back to trying to kiss her) I am so into you. FIRST TO GO Help! I'm being attacked by a bloodthirsty vampire! MARILYN I think we should do something. JACK Are you into me too? FIRST TO GO Help! I'm not kidding! MARILYN Wait - this person so needs our help. JACK (trying to kiss her) But I love you. MARTLYN Jack, stop! That's totally a vampire. JACK No it's not. FIRST TO GO Yes it is! MARILYN I'm just not ready - OK? JACK But I said I love you. FIRST TO GO Last chance! Marilyn pulls out a cell phone and dials a friend. Lights up on EMILY, another teen girl. MARTLYN Emily? Jack is like totally trying to molest me.

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EMILY

Oh my God. When?

MARILYN

Right now.

EMILY

He's such a pervert.

MARILYN

I know.

(to Jack) Emily says you're a pervert. (to Emily) And there's like this vampire trying to eat this person on the sidewalk, and Jack isn't doing a thing to help.

EMILY

OMG. Hold on.

Lights up on SARA, another teen girl on the phone.

SARA

Hello, it's me. Leave a message. Beep.

EMILY

Sara, stop pretending. It's like a total sleeze alert. Jack is totally trying to rape Marilyn. And there's this vampire eating a person right next to them, and he's doesn't even care.

PERSON ON GROUND This is starting to get old.

First to Go dies - again. Lights up on more TEEN GIRLS. No speaker should say two lines in a row.

TEEN GIRL CHORUS They were like totally screaming. And Jack's like "Die, pig, die." Jack called Marilyn a pig? No, he called the person on the ground-Why was Marilyn on the ground? Jack threw Marilyn to the ground? No, it was a vampire. A vampire was attacking Marilyn? Jack's a vampire? OMG. Jack was perving on a vampire.

Lights down on the Teens, and back up on the Canary family.

DON CANARY Why have we not stopped this? ROAST CANARY The Cullens. Mary Canary gestures frantically to Roast Canary to be quiet. FIRST HENCHMAN (coughs over the word) Lawsuit. MARY CANARY He means the-ROAST CANARY Mullens. Mary Canary shakes her head. ROAST CANARY (CONT'D) Bullens? MARY CANARY It's a parody... FIRST HENCHMAN (to the Second Henchman) Moron. SECOND HENCHMAN (to the First Henchman) I'm chokin' - my foot's in my mouth. MARY CANARY (beat) The Cohens. ROAST CANARY Right. The Cohens. DON CANARY Those Jewish deli-owning vegetarians ... MARY CANARY Don't be anti-Semitic, Papa. DON CANARY Who's being anti-Semitic? I just said they're Jewish deliowning vegetarians. (beat) How do you own a deli and not eat meat?

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That's like a slap in the face of mother nature. That's like a slap in the face of mothers everywhere. I need to slap someone.

> Don Canary uses his Force-like powers to slap the First Henchman without touching him, sending him sprawling.

DON CANARY (CONT'D) But oh what a matzah ball soup - like little fluffy meatballs...

MARY CANARY

If Euphoria's army attacks the Cohens, it'll be war. People will talk...

Lights up on Edward, with his brothers, CORNEY and STRAMBO, and his sisters, LATKES and LOXY.

LATKES

Why don't you just ask Dad to adopt another girl? You know he would.

EDWARD

But I want this one.

LOXY COHEN

Corney, is that a salami in your pants, or are you just happy to see me?

EDWARD

Without her, I could spiral into a deep depression.

Corney pulls a salami out of his pants.

CORNEY COHEN

I couldn't help it. Every day, nothing but tofu and seitan.

EDWARD

I might have to go the Canaries and ... expose myself.

LOXY COHEN

Corney Cohen, I can't believe you're hiding the salami.

LATKES

No, Edward.

EDWARD Yes. I might go to the Canaries and sing.

Enter the Random Lunatic.

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RANDOM LUNATIC The expression is sing like a canary.

LATKES

Who are you?

RANDOM LUNATIC

But hiding the salami? Nailed it.

Corney and Loxy high-five.

LATKES

I'm sorry, I didn't catch your-

RANDOM LUNATIC

But what he means is that-

EDWARD

Hey! Don't just tell people.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Sorry, gorgeous. Too slow. What he means is that he would go to the village which serves as a front and blood bank for the Canary family, the most feared of all vampire families, and ask them to destroy him. When they refuse him, he will expose himself to the sunlight. At which point-

EDWARD

Come on.

LATKES

Only I can see into the future.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Honey, I'm connected directly to the author. At which point...

Sunlight floods the stage. The Cohen family breaks into a few notes of a musical theatre number. It could be awful. It lasts until the lights go back to normal.

RANDOM LUNATIC (CONT'D) ...the entire village will know they've got vamps, and everybody will go bat guano.

VILLAGERS run across the stage acting like lunatics, yelling, doing the *Home Alone* face. Projected could be pictures of cats and dogs getting familiar, etc. The Random Lunatic skips off maniacally.

RANDOM LUNATIC (CONT'D) I killed Hilarious Plaid, I killed Hilarious Plaid...

LOXY COHEN

Does anyone know who that was?

End of scene.

SCENE 4

The camp of the FINE DINERS, who could be of almost any number and gender breakdown. Dressed mostly in chef coats, they polish plates and silverware, fuss with pots and pans, etc. PROFESSOR BAKE, Pigskins professor, stares over the shoulder of DUFUS MCFLY, holding a pan with food, while other FINE DINERS gather around them.

PROFESSOR BAKE

Hurry.

FIRST FINE DINER

Plate it, Dufus.

PROFESSOR BAKE Our Master could return any second.

DUFUS MCFLY I've been making this same dish for the last 15 years.

FIRST FINE DINER

And let's say you skip a day. You says to yourself, I can sneak in one day of slack. That won't be the day. But what if it *is* the day? The day you cut that corner, and you go frozen instead of fresh.

SECOND FINE DINER Store bought instead of scratch made.

THIRD FINE DINER Microwaved instead of oven roasted.

FIRST FINE DINER

Then where will you be?

FOURTH FINE DINER Professor, did he give any specifics about his return?

PROFESSOR BAKE

Specifics...?

FOURTH FINE DINER

A time, a place?

FIRST FINE DINER

Don't look at me.

Well, who did he tell?

SECOND FINE DINER

Not me.

THIRD FINE DINER

I've never seen him.

PROFESSOR BAKE The Dark Lord does not give out times and places. (beat) You - polish that. When the master comes back, you do not want to be...criticized.

> Professor Bake moves a pot and uncovers a book. Gasping, she nearly jumps out of her shoes.

DUFUS MCFLY

What?

PROFESSOR BAKE

Nothing.

(beat) McFly, that sauce is separating.

> Dufus McFly goes back to focusing on cooking, and Professor Bake pulls the First Fine Diner aside, but then can't seem to get any words out.

FIRST FINE DINER

What?

PROFESSOR BAKE

The ritual.

FIRST FINE DINER

What about it?

PROFESSOR BAKE It's been sitting under that baking sheet.

FIRST FINE DINER

Not just sitting ...

PROFESSOR BAKE Joy of Cooking, page 666. Below the molten devil's food cake.

FIRST FINE DINER

But surely it wasn't-

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PROFESSOR BAKE Open to that page for 15 years? FIRST FINE DINER Only a baker would look at page 666. Everyone knows I don't bake. Do you bake, Professor Bake? PROFESSOR BAKE Running back and forth between here and Pigskins, pretending to be on everyone's side, naturally I can't be expected to keep track of every little piece of paper. FIRST FINE DINER The master will be ... PROFESSOR BAKE critical. FIRST FINE DINER (beat) Does anyone else know? PROFESSOR BAKE We'll need a scapegoat. FIRST FINE DINER A scapegoat. Good idea. When the master returns, we can be casually snacking on some goat. Invite him to partake. After all this time, he's sure to be hungry. And then we just casually slip in-PROFESSOR BAKE You've been betrayed! FIRST FINE DINER More goat? They both turn and gesture not so subtlely at Dufus McFly. FIRST FINE DINER (CONT'D) Tt'll look natural. PROFESSOR BAKE Wholesome. FIRST FINE DINER Needs of the many. PROFESSOR BAKE (to all in the camp) Your attention, please. The recipe for victory is at hand. (beat) Service is nigh. © Jonathan Dorf

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FIRST FINE DINER

Is what?

PROFESSOR BAKE

Nigh.

(beat)

Now!

The lights dim on them, and up on Stella, wandering across the stage talking to people we don't see.

STELLA

She exits. End of scene.

Harry, Rob and Uptight Know It All Girl Wizard run onto the stage, looking high and low for Alice.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Stop.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD What?

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Do you see that?

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

See what?

The light or something.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD

It's called twilight.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD There's something about Harry in the light.

Harry stops walking.

HARRY

Come on.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

One sec.

HARRY We have Alice and the Dormouse to find, and Fine Diners to-SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Just stop for one second.

HARRY

What is it?

Silly Sorta Sexy Guy Wizard sidles up to Harry.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD (beat) The light, it - and I'm only saying this from a scientific standpoint - you're hotter in this light.

HARRY (beat) I thought you had a secret crush on a certain uptight know-itall girl wizard! SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD I do. (beat) This is science. Enter the Random Lunatic. RANDOM LUNATIC Harry's Hotter at Twilight. Title reference accomplished. I'd stop now. HARRY I'm sorry - but who are you? RANDOM LUNATIC I killed Furious Gray, I killed Furious Gray...! She skips off merrily. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD Well, you heard her. Onward and upward. HARRY Since when have you had any interest in science? SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD I'm maturing. HARRY Oh, like that wasn't a double entendre. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD What - I'm not allowed to grow up? UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD I'll just sit here and pretend to tie my shoes, but I'll say it out loud so that no one wonders what I'm doing during this scene. HARRY I've seen you peeking in the changing room. SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD It's scientific. HARRY Checking me out when I take off my shorts is scientific?

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SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Yes!

HARRY You need a name, so that I can say, "Name, I don't like you in that way."

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Bob?

HARRY

No. Safe, but dull.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD

I'm tieing my shoes.

HARRY

Ron? No. For some reason, that name seems dangerous.

SILLY SORTA SEXY GUY WIZARD

Rob?

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD That's the same as Bob.

HARRY

I like it. It's Ron, but with the safety of Bob. (beat) Rob, I don't like you in that way.

ROB

Hello! I have a girlfriend, or I will if I can ever get it together to ask her.

HARRY

Maybe that's why you never-

ROB

It's the wedgie. OK? I just don't understand it, and for some weird reason it bothers me that I can't figure it out. I can't sleep at night. Look at these circles around my eyes.

(beat) It's like this puzzle, where you're missing one piece, and it's just all wrong.

HARRY

Why didn't you say something?

ROB Uh, Harry, can I see your wedgie? Awkward. HARRY

When we're done fighting evil, if you want to see, I don't

mind. ROB (beat) You'd do that for me? HARRY You're my best mate. (beat) Hug it out? They get into position for a manly hug. Awkward. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD So...uh...Alice. HARRY Right - Alice. ROB Alice. Looking for Alice... The Alicemeister... Alice-Alice-fo-falice. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD I don't know what to say after that. HARRY T'm lost. ROB We have to do something. We're just stuck here looking awkward. UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD I feel awkward. ROB What if we ran off stage looking really determined, yelling "Alice!"? HARRY I just feel weird right now. ROB (beat)

What do we do?

HARRY I think we hope for a blackout.

Long, long pause.

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UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD

I have an idea.

Blackout.

UPTIGHT KNOW IT ALL GIRL WIZARD (CONT'D)

Wait! Not now!

End of scene.

SCENE 6

Hot Shirtless Guy and Stella.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

You're my destiny.

STELLA

Look what I made.

She holds up her "emotion board," a blank white board.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

You should come live with me and my giggle of hot shirtless guys, and we can live together forever and have hot shirtless babies.

(talking to Pack Leader) Your giggle. Your giggle.

STELLA It's my emotion board. When I have one, I just write it here.

Hot Shirtless Guy stands on one leg, not of his own volition.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY If we hurry, we can get away before that tortured (purposely coughs on the words)

sexy vampire-

STELLA

What?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

I said you complete me.

She writes "happy" on her emotion board.

STELLA

You complete me too.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (getting his leg down)

Then come away with me.

STELLA

But what if Edward Cohen completes me too? What if he completes me more?

She writes "confused" on her emotion board.

STELLA (CONT'D) Is it possible to be completed by two people? (beat) All of these emotions are getting too complicated for me.

> She pulls out another board, or flips this one over. This one has a big happy face on one end and a big sad face on the other, with a needle that she can move to one side or the other.

STELLA (CONT'D)

This is my "like" board.

She pushes the needle to the middle.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I'm not complicated. I'm hot and shirtless and you know we're meant for each other.

Enter the Random Lunatic.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Stop! You can't be the hot shirtless guy if you never take your shirt off.

STELLA Excuse me. We're in the middle of a cliché moment here.

RANDOM LUNATIC

Well, boo hoo. When you're called the Hot Shirtless Guy, the audience expects you to be shirtless - and hot, but obviously the local acting pool is a little shallow.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Неу-

STELLA

Aren't you the one that-

RANDOM LUNATIC

I like your emotion board.

STELLA

Really?

Stella writes "angry" on her emotion board.

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STELLA (CONT'D) That's for interrupting me - again. RANDOM LUNATIC (to Hot Shirtless Guy) The end of the first act is nigh. STELLA AND HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Nigh? RANDOM LUNATIC (to Hot Shirtless Guy) It's coming. (beat) Chop chop. Fate of the world, all that OK - shirt off. jazz. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY But I'm a serious actor. RANDOM LUNATIC There's no time to lose. STELLA Don't ignore me. RANDOM LUNATIC There are girls in those seats - and possibly up to ten percent of the boys - who are only here to see you without a shirt. STELLA I said don't ignore me. Stella writes "angry" repeatedly on her emotion board. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I could act shirtless. RANDOM LUNATIC You're not here for your acting. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY That's hurtful. STELLA I'm important. RANDOM LUNATIC Cry me a river. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I'm not just a piece of meat. © Jonathan Dorf This is a perusal copy only. Absolutely no copying permitted.

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RANDOM LUNATIC Lose the shirt or leave the play. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY You can't tell me what to do - I'm the hot shirt-RANDOM LUNATIC Not me. The author. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (beat) The author ...? RANDOM LUNATIC Did you think this play was being written by monkeys? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (beat) Maybe a wifebeater ...? RANDOM LUNATIC That's a hateful suggestion. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY No, I meant-RANDOM LUNATIC Save it, Mike Tyson. (to Stella) Don't let go of this one - he's special. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY It's an undershirt! RANDOM LUNATIC On or off? The lights flicker very intentionally. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Fine. You can have my body, but you'll never get my soul. He takes his shirt off. RANDOM LUNATIC Was that so hard? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (beat) Can I put it back on now?

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RANDOM LUNATIC

The end of Act I is nearly upon us. Soon, everyone will be on stage.

The Random Lunatic starts to skip off.

RANDOM LUNATIC (CONT'D) I killed Spurious Gray. I killed Spurious Gray.

She exits.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I feel so naked. So exposed. So vulnerable. (beat) Does this mean I'm acting?

Enter Edward.

EDWARD

Not a chance. You're still the same no talent hack you were at the start of the play. And cover up. There are people who have eaten recently around here - some of them at Cohen's Deli: all the treats, without the meat. One convenient location to serve you. (to Stella)

I can't live without you.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

You're already dead.

STELLA

(beat) Edward, what does he mean?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Yeah. Tell her what I mean by that.

STELLA

OMG. Are you a zombie? Are you gonna get all stinky and moany and parts of you will start to fall off?

EDWARD

No. I'm a vampire.

STELLA

I'm having an emotion.

She sets her meter to "happy."

STELLA (CONT'D) I love vampires. They're so cuddly and Goth-looking and-

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HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I'm a-STELLA I know. A bunny. Those are cuddly too. (to Edward) Spin me. Long silence. Confusion. STELLA (CONT'D) Isn't that where you make me a vampire too? EDWARD Turn you. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY You don't need to change for me. I love you just the way you are. STELLA Don't make me choose. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Vampire. EDWARD Bunny. HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Yeah. Laugh it up, Fangorn. EDWARD Making bad Lord of the Rings puns nobody gets looks ugly on you, werewolf. Oops. STELLA Werewolf? (to Hot Shirtless Guy) You're a werewolf? Why didn't you tell me? HOT SHIRTLESS GUY I couldn't. The giggle- pack leader has us sworn to secrecy. STELLA Werewolves are so cute and cuddly. I always wanted a baby werewolf. (beat) What if I became a vampire and a werewolf? Like a little bit country, a little bit rock 'n roll. EDWARD You're no match for me without your pack of hot shirtless guys. Not that I think you're hot.

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STELLA

It's a giggle.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (to Edward)

We'll see about that.

Edward and Hot Shirtless Guy fight. Well, actually, they just circle, feint at each other and make noises. Then they freeze, move a little - as if it's a fighting montage. MUSICAL UNDERSCORING begins.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY (CONT'D)

Grrr...

EDWARD

Aargh...

STELLA

Stop! You're hurting me.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

She looks fine to me.

EDWARD She actually looks really beautiful.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Grrr...

EDWARD

Aargh...

STELLA I meant you're hurting me inside.

Enter Euphoria.

EUPHORIA Wait - how come they get an underscored action sequence?

OFFSTAGE VOICE They're the heroes. Heroes automatically get underscoring.

EUPHORIA They haven't done anything heroic.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

Well...uh...they will.

EUPHORIA

When?

(silence) It's because they're men, isn't it?

OFFSTAGE VOICE

Gender has nothing-

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY Hey - we're having a fight here.

EDWARD

Yeah. We're making fighting noises and moving around but letting the music carry the scene so we don't have to.

EUPHORIA (to Offstage Voice) Do you know how angry that makes me?

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Grr...

EDWARD

Aargh...

EUPHORIA

I'm so angry I could-

A stuffed animal comes flying on stage. Euphoria chokes it.

STELLA I get it. You're like a voiceover, Offstage Voice.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

A voiceover is very, very powerful. I'm more like a poor man's voiceover.

HOT SHIRTLESS GUY

Grr...

EDWARD

Aargh...

EUPHORIA (looking up from her feast) That's victim number two, baby.

> Enter the Canaries, possibly with their entourage of Henchmen depending on how many actors you have. They are dressed like stereotypical tourists to a tropical island (e.g. Hawaii).

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STELLA Offstage Voice, I find you very comforting.

OFFSTAGE VOICE Thank you. I try to be mellifluous.

STELLA

DON CANARY

I don't know what that means-

EUPHORIA

Guess who gets an underscored action sequence now.

STELLA -but could I stay with you for a while?

OFFSTAGE VOICE Sure. You have 15 minutes before Act Two.

EUPHORIA

I don't want to wait 15 minutes!

STELLA

It's so hard sometimes.

EUPHORIA

I want my underscored action sequence now!

STELLA

I just want to sacrifice myself for someone, and nobody will let me.

OFFSTAGE VOICE

I know.

Enter Professor Bake and the First Fine Diner, hooded to protect their identities, along with Dufus and Wacko McFly (and possibly other Fine Diners), wheeling on a large fake cake which could be made out of paper or cardboard or whatever's clever.

PROFESSOR BAKE McFly, if this fails, the Dark Lord will blame you.

DUFUS MCFLY

But-

EUPHORIA I'm going to kill a lot more people next act. Me and my army of vampires in training.

FIRST FINE DINER You and little Wacko over there.

EUPHORIA

You'll see.

Enter Harry, Rob and Uptight Know It All Girl Wizard with their wands drawn.

HARRY

Stop right there!

The Fine Diners draw their wands. The Canaries look all menacing and vampy, and Edward and Hot Shirtless Guy look like they're ready to battle everyone to protect Stella, who isn't paying attention to them. It's turning into a stand-off.

STELLA

Why are people so mean?

OFFSTAGE VOICE Don't worry - Act Two will be better.

> Stella follows the sound of the Offstage Voice toward the exit. As she does, the FINE DINER (aka the Dark Lord) explodes from the cake, very much in the tradition of a bachelor party surprise.

FINE DINER

Mama's home.

She pulls a really large serving spoon from her apron. Sounds of magic as the lights dim. End of Act I.

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