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TEASER ACT 1

1 INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - NIGHT - (CONTINUOUS) 1

There's a party. Friends from school attend. Ages are 8 to 12. The song, "So What" by PINK plays in the stereo. Three girls, CHRISTINA, 10, KILEY, 10 and MONICA, 9 sing to the music in front of the TV. (time carefully for the end)

THREE GIRLS

(at 2m:24s)

So, So what!
I'm still a rock star,
I got my rock moves,
And I don't need you,
And guess what?
I'm havin' more fun
And now that we're done
I'm gonna show you

The music fades off as we leave the room and follow MATT, 10, as he walks through the party and into an adjacent room where he meets RICH, 10. RICH is holding a large amount of cash, fanned out in his hands and is staring at it.

MATT

Dude! How much money do you have?

RICH

A lot! I can't count. I don't
like multipl... Multipl..
Whatever it is.

MATT

Multiplication?

RICH

Dude. You have issues. If you
don't want to look like a nerd,
don't act like one.

MATT

(sarcastically)
Uh.. Okay, genius.

RICH

I am a genius. I have actually
been studying my math.

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MATT

The word 'mathematics' is not a math problem. Gotta go, later.

RICH

What? You call me a genius and then leave?

MATT

Well, yeah. Bye.

We hear the three girls wrap up the song in the other room.

THREE GIRLS

Ba da da da da da Pthbbbbbt.

CUT TO:

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EXT. - DRIFTWOOD PARK - DAY

2

A local park is sparsely filled with people playing. Paddle ball and tennis courts in the back ground. 3 Girls, CHRISTINA, KILEY and MONICA walk through a gate into the park and approach RICH, who is swinging on a swing.

CHRISTINA

Hey,

KILEY

Hi.

MONICA

(flirty but teasing)

Hiya Richie.

RICH

Don't call me that....

KILEY

You don't like your name?

RICH extends his hand to KILEY.

RICH

Hi. Nice to meet you. I'm Rich.

CHRISTINA

We know you have money, but you don't have to rub that in.

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RICH
That's a joke I haven't heard in
forever.
(sighs, surrendering)
I just want to play tennis with my
3 best friends.

CHRISTINA
You're gonna.

RICH
Oh?

CHRISTINA
Come' on.

RICH
Oh...

The GIRLS grab him by the arm and lead him from the park.

WIPE TO:

3 INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

3

Sitting in a circle on the bed, CHRISTINA, KILEY and MONICA,
in PJ's are having a sleep over. The girls are laughing.

CHRISTINA
He was crying! And I barely hit
him. And he's not even a girl!

Girls Laugh more

CHRISTINA (CONT'D)
Hey, let's sing! I'll go first.

KILEY
OK! That'll be fun.

MONICA
Yeah.

CHRISTINA
A lot more fun than playing tennis
with count dork-i-dork.

CHRISTINA get's up and grabs a funny stuffed dog toy for a
microphone, presses play on a CD player, and starts to sing.

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CHRISTINA (CONT'D)
(from Taylor Swift's "Tell Me Why?")

(Lyrics)
I took a chance, I took a shot,
And you might think I'm bullet
proof, but I'm not.
You took a swing, I took it hard,
And down here from the ground,
I see who you are.

(chorus - girls chime in)
I'm sick and tired of your attitude
I'm feeling like I don't know you
You tell me that you love me then
you cut me down.

And I need you like a heartbeat
But you know you got a mean streak
Makes me run for cover when you're
around...

The music continues through the next scene...

WIPE OUT.

FADE IN:

4 INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - MORNING

4

The girls, sleepily exit the room barely awake.

KILEY
Is it time for school?

CHRISTINA
Nooo!

MONICA
And I'm happy.

CHRISTINA
It's still summer.

KILEY
Yeah - until next week.

CHRISTINA
You have to be a bummer? Gosh.
(yawns)
I gotta feed my bunny.

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MONICA

Let's go see Rich and Matt.

The girls walk off.

5 EXT. - RICH'S HOUSE - OUTSIDE FRONT DOOR 5

The 3 girls, CHRISTINA, KILEY AND MONICA approach the front door of a large expensive house. KILEY and MONICA are straggling behind. As CHRISTINA knocks, Taylor Swift's song from the previous scene fades off.

6 INT. RICH'S HOUSE - OUTSIDE FRONT DOOR - DAY 6

RICH answer's the door, and steps outside.

CHRISTINA

Hey.

RICH

Hey. What are you doin'?

CHRISTINA

Not much. On my way home. My sister has a game.

RICH

Oh cool.

CHRISTINA

Yeah, here come the girls.

KILEY and MONICA walk up.

KILEY

Hey Girl.

RICH

I'm not a girl.

KILEY

I was talking to CHRISTINA. You see that?

RICH

Oh, O.K.

MONICA

Hey you guys.

KILEY

Hey! (loudly)

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RICH
Hey! (loudly)

CHRISTINA
Hey! (loudly)

MONICA
Whoa! You scream any louder,
you're gonna blow my ears off.

They all laugh. CHRISTINA leaves.

MONICA (CONT'D)
Hey. So Rich. You're REALLY rich.

RICH
I know my name.

MONICA
I meant you have a lot of money.

RICH
Oh, to me this is only a penny.
Lots and lots of pennies.

MONICA laughs.

MONICA
Gotta go, but you can talk to
KILEY.

RICH
Bye. Hey, Here comes Matt.

MATT
Hey Dude.

MONICA
That's OK, you can call me a dude.

RICH
Not you.

MONICA
What did you say?

MONICA laughs.

RICH
You aren't a dude!

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MONICA

But YOU can call me that.

MONICA winks at RICH and starts to leave again. In walks DANNY, 10.

DANNY

What's going on guys?

RICH

She thinks she's a dude.

DANNY

Yeah, right.

MONICA

Hey!

DANNY

Hey! (making fun)

MONICA

I meant 'Hey.'

MONICA slaps DANNY'S arm, flips her hair and walks off taking KILEY with her.

KILEY

Gotta go. Bye!

DISSOLVE TO:

7

EXT. - RICH'S HOUSE - BACK YARD / POOL - DAY

7

The boys are sitting at a table or near the pool on the back patio and drinking from plastic cups.

RICH

I don't think you have any money at all.

DANNY

Yeah? Well you don't have any friends!

RICH

Us rich people buy our friends.

DANNY

Well? I have a penny and to me that's a million bucks!

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RICH
Yeah, a ZERO million bucks. I may
not know math, but I know my money.

DANNY
You talk to your money?

RICH
Sometimes I wish, but no.

DANNY
When it starts talking back I wanna
watch, OK?
(pause)
See ya at school.

RICH
I forgot tomorrow's the first day
of school. Oh no. I gotta go warn
the girls!

RICH and DANNY part ways. RICH scurries off.

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EXT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY

8

RICH knocks on the front door. CHRISTINA answers.

CHRISTINA
Didn't we just leave you?

RICH
Hey. Listen. School's tomorrow.

CHRISTINA
What? Oh no.

RICH
I know. I gotta go. Tell the
others.

CHRISTINA
K. Go. Go!

RICH
OK, OK.

CHRISTINA
RUN!

RICH
GEEZ!

9 EXT. - DRIFTWOOD PARK - DAY 9

RICH runs up to KILEY and MONICA, who are playing something.

RICH
Hey! We have school tomorrow!

KILEY
NOOOOO.....

MONICA
Awe man!

RICH
I know. Gotta go. Talk to you
later.

RICH runs up to a Close-Up, looks both ways and runs off.

MATCH WIPE TO:

10 INT. - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY 10

CHRISTINA, RICH, and MATT are in class with other kids. The TEACHER sits quietly at her desk working in a ledger. CHRISTINA leans across to RICH, handing him a folded up piece of paper.

CHRISTINA
(whispered)
Hey. Pass this to Matt.

RICH takes the paper and turns to MATT

RICH
(whispered)
Matt. From CHRISTINA

MATT takes the paper, unfolds it and it reads.

CHRISTINA (WRITTEN)
"Meet me after school."

MATT looks over to RICH

MATT
(mouths)
OK.

RICH turns to CHRISTINA

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RICH
(mouths)
OK.

CHRISTINA
OK?

RICH
(to MATT)
OK?

MATT
OK.

RICH
(to CHRISTINA)
OK.

The TEACHER looks up. CHRISTINA looks away sneakily.

TEACHER
OK. (pause) Give it to me? And
you, Matt and Rich, have detention.
I'll see the two of you after
school.

RICH MATT
UH. What? Why? Uh. What? Why?

TEACHER (CONT'D)
Would you like to make it tomorrow
too?

MATT RICH
No, mam. No, mam.

TEACHER (CONT'D)
OK. You guys. Since it's the first
day of school, I'll let it slide.
But if it happens again, detention.
Understood?

MATT
Thank you

RICH
Thank you.

The TEACHER nods her head and the bell rings. Class
dismissed.

11 EXT. - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - OUT FRONT - AFTERNOON 11

CHRISTINA runs out the front doors as MATT and RICH stand talking about nothing.

CHRISTINA

Hey. Sorry about getting you guys in trouble.

RICH

That's OK. Let's go get the others.

CHRISTINA

OK.

They walk off.

12 EXT. - NEIGHBORHOOD STREET - SIDEWALK - AFTERNOON 12

CHRISTINA, RICH, MATT, MONICA, DANNY, and KILEY are all walking down the sidewalk. They are laughing about something.

CHRISTINA

Hey, you guys want to watch a movie at my house, Friday at 6 o'clock?

KILEY

YEAH!!

MONICA

Yes!

MATT

Outstanding!

DANNY

Dude!

RICH

No. I can't. My mom makes me study.

CHRISTINA

Oh, well, we can say it's a study party.

RICH

OK. We can try.

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Everyone laughs at RICH as they walk off.

FADE OUT.

13 INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - TV - NIGHT 13

The Gang, CHRISTINA, MATT, MONICA, DANNY, and KILEY are sitting around waiting to watch a movie.

CHRISTINA

OK. Before it starts, I want to tell you what it's about.

KILEY

NO...

MONICA

Awe man!

DANNY

Rotten.

MATT

Dude...

CHRISTINA

K. I'm gonna go anyway.

CHRISTINA proceeds to tell the others what the movie will be about. Fading away we hear her start to speak.

CHRISTINA (CONT'D)

There's this boy, named Rich, who's really rich, and he likes to play baseball, but he has no friends. Oh, except the butler, and oh yeah, his dog, named Dollar. He's cool. He's white, with dollar signs on his fur.

WIPE TO:

14 INT. - RICH'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT 14

The lights are low, and the house is quiet. RICH sits on a chair across from his parents in the living room of their expensive house. RICH'S MOM and DAD are leaning forward on the edge of the sofa, talking to RICH.

RICH'S MOM

I'm sorry son, but these things happen sometimes. We have to move.

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RICH

But why?

RICH'S DAD

Well. You understand that we buy stuff from the store and the guy that owns the store takes that money and buys things for his family from other stores. Then those people do that too. Well, right now, no body is spending money, because many people have gone broke. Because of that, we have also lost a lot. We have to sell this house and buy a smaller one. That's all. It's nothing to worry about.

DAD gives a concerned look to MOM, who returns the look.

RICH'S MOM

Now go and finish your homework.

RICH

Oh. OK.

RICH get's up to leave. His parents look at RICH then each other with concern.

BACK TO:

15

INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

15

Still listening to CHRISTINA summarizing the movie.

CHRISTINA

He's playing baseball with his new friend, and he hits the ball really far, all the way to the bad guys who are cleaning up leaves while a policeman watches them. And that's how it ends.

DANNY

Fascinating.

MATT punches DANNY

DANNY (CONT'D)

What?

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MATT

Nice...

CHRISTINA

Let's watch the movie.

Someone knocks on the door. It's MONICA, who let's herself in.

KILEY

Yeah! MONICA's here.

KILEY gets up and runs to greet her.

MONICA

Hey guys!

CHRISTINA

Hey MONICA!

KILEY

Hey Mon.

DANNY

Great.

MATT

Dude.

CHRISTINA

I'm starting the movie. It's called "Richie Rich".

They all cheer, excited.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

16

INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

16

Parents come to pick up sleeping kids from the floors and couches of CHRISTINA's Living room. The Menu Screen is on the TV. CHRISTINA, MONICA and KILEY remain, all sleeping. CHRISTINA's MOM, 33 is on the phone with KILEY's mom, picks up the remote control and turns off the TV.

CHRISTINA'S MOM

Yes, it's perfectly OK. A bunch of them fell asleep after their first long week back to school. I can barely remember what it was like.

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CHRISTINA'S MOM (CONT'D)

(pause)
 ...I know...
 (pause)
 Of course.
 (pause)
 I've already spoken to MONICA's
 parents and everyone else is gone.
 (pause)
 Please, it's fine.

CHRISTINA, through all the talking and shuffling, stays still
 on the couch where she sleeps as we...

MATCH CUT TO:

17 INT. - CHRISTINA'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - MORNING 17

The sun shines through the windows and annoys CHRISTINA who
 is still where she fell asleep. She stirs but doesn't wake.
 MONICA wakes up, leans over and wakes up CHRISTINA.

MONICA
 You guy's, it's morning.

CHRISTINA stirs as KILEY sits up into frame.

KILEY
 Wait. It's Saturday.

CHRISTINA
 Oh. OK... I'll get us some
 breakfast.

CHRISTINA flops back down on the pillow.

CUT TO:

18 INT. - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY 18

The kids are walking through the halls after school.
 CHRISTINA and KILEY are walking together when DANNY runs by.

DANNY
 Rich is broke. Rich is broke.

CHRISTINA
 (to KILEY)
 What? I gotta ask him about this.
 Go get MONICA!

KILEY hurries off in one direction while CHRISTINA goes the
 other. Soon, CHRISTINA spots RICH walking toward her in the
 hall.

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CHRISTINA (CONT'D)

Hey Rich. There's a rumor that you're broke.

RICH

It's no rumor.

CHRISTINA

Oh My Gosh. Are your serious?

RICH

Yeah. No more allowance either. I have one cent, a stinkin nickel.

CHRISTINA

You really gotta learn math.

CHRISTINA looks at RICH with concern.

CHRISTINA (CONT'D)

Know what? I'm gonna give you half of whatever is in my pocket.

RICH

Really?!

She shows him a five dollar bill and a one dollar bill

CHRISTINA

If I give you half of this, right here, how much will you get?

RICH

Uhh... 2 Bucks?

CHRISTINA

No.

RICH

4?

CHRISTINA

Nope

RICH

You're right

CHRISTINA

What...?

RICH

I gotta learn this stuff...

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She hears the familiar sound of the music of an ice cream truck approaching

CHRISTINA

Let's go...

She takes his hand and leads him outside.

CHRISTINA (CONT'D)

I'll buy you an ice cream.

RICH

Really? Why?

CHRISTINA

Because friends are more important than money.

RICH

Thanks.

CHRISTINA

You're welcome

As to door closes behind them

RICH (O.C.)

Then let's watch TV and make fun of people.

CHRISTINA (O.C.)

OK!

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END