

"Money for Nothing"

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, "La La Land" by DEMI LOVATO plays in the stereo. Three girls, CHRISTINA, 10, KILEY, 10 and MONICA, 9 sing to the music in front of the TV. @
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THREE GIRLS @
(anywhere in the song) @

A little pouty girl (DARLA) speaks to an adult but it's muffled by the music. The music fades off slightly 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. @
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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.

MATT @
Hey. I saw your sister looking for @
you. @

RICH @
Awe man. @

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MATT
Also, the word 'mathematics' is not
a math problem. Gotta go, later.

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RICH
What? You call me a genius and
then leave?

MATT
Well, yeah. Bye.

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SMASH CUT TO
OPENING CREDITS

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2 EXT. - DRIFTWOOD PARK - DAY

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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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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

DARLA answers the door, doesn't say anything, just looks at CHRISTINA.

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CHRISTINA
Is Ri...
(gets cut off)

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DARLA
(looking at Christina -
yells)
RICH!!!

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DARLA smiles at CHRISTINA before RICH pushes past her and closes he door.

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CHRISTINA
Hey.

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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.

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KILEY
I was talking to CHRISTINA. You
see that?

RICH
Oh, O.K.

MONICA
Hey you guys.

KILEY
Hey! (loudly)

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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!

In the window, watching the girls leave, we see DARLA, staring, envious or jealous.

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DISSOLVE TO:

7 EXT. - RICH'S HOUSE - BACK YARD / POOL - DAY 7

RICH, MATT AND DANNY are sitting at a table or near the pool on the back patio and drinking from plastic cups.

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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.

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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.

MATT *
You talk to your money?

RICH
Sometimes I wish, but no.

MATT *
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!

MATT and DANNY stay seated. RICH scurries off. *

8 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:

9A INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HALLWAYS - DAY 9A @

DARLA walks briskly down the hall and into the classroom @
where we see CHRISTINA, MATT, RICH and other, gives RICH a @
dirty look, and delivers a note to the teacher before @
leaving. @

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10 INT. - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY 10 @

CHRISTINA, RICH, and MATT are in class with other kids. The @
TEACHER remains 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."

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MATT looks over to RICH

MATT
(mouths)
OK.

RICH turns to CHRISTINA

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)

The TEACHER stands and approaches the two boys.

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

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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.

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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. DARLA trails behind them in the distance.

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

KILEY
YEAH!!

MONICA
Yes!

DANNY @
Outstanding!

MATT @
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, DANNY, and KILEY are sitting @
around waiting to watch a movie. CHRISTINA inserts a DVD @
into the DVD player and presses play on the remote. @

CHRISTINA

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

KILEY

NO... @

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. DARLA is curled up pretending to sleep in @
the corner of the couch. 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. DARLA is crying, quite obviously now, but quiet, and crawls into DAD's lap as RICH leaves.

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BACK TO:

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

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MATT returns from the bathroom to find CHRISTINA still summarizing the movie.

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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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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

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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.

CHRISTINA

What?

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KILEY

Wait. It's Saturday.

CHRISTINA

Yes. I thought there was school
today.

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CHRISTINA flops back down on the pillow.

CUT TO:

18 INT. - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY

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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!

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

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, leads him into the elevator, where he pushes the "down" button. They stand in an uncomfortable silence while the elevator moves. As soon as it stops and the doors start to open, CHRISTINA starts to speak again.

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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 struggles, and looks up to see his sister, DARLA, waiting at the door for him. She is quiet and alone and pouty.

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RICH

Uhh... 2 Bucks?

CHRISTINA

No.

RICH

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CHRISTINA

Nope

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RICH
You're right

CHRISTINA
What...?

RICH
I gotta learn this stuff...

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

DARLA is left inside as the door closes behind them. A moment later, RICH steps back inside the door and motions with a smile to DARLA.

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She is taken aback by his gesture, but surrenders quickly and with a big smile she runs to the door, grabbing RICH's hand before they both leave.

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RICH (O.C.)

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

CHRISTINA (O.C.)

OK!

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END