

BLANK SLATE

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INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - MORNING

KELLY is following MICHELLE through the crowded hallway.

KELLY

Thanks for going out of your way.

MICHELLE

It's nothing. Besides, no one knows more about this school than me. Now, through that door is the cafeteria.

KELLY

(to herself)

Cafeteria. Got it.

MICHELLE

Only losers eat there.

KELLY

(to herself)

Losers only.

MICHELLE

That's Mr. Weaver, THE most boring English teacher alive.

KELLY

(to herself)

Weaver. Boring. Got it.

MICHELLE

What are you doing?

KELLY

Making mental notes. Like a little checklist in my head. It's how I remember important things.

MICHELLE

It's a little annoying.

KELLY

(to herself)

Mental notes. Annoying. Got it.
(then) My bad. I think I'm nervous.

MICHELLE

Relax. Just act how you normally act at school.

Kelly does an awkward little strut.

KELLY
This is me. Walking in
school...Normally.

She notices a guy and girl gazing into each others eyes, deep in love.

KELLY
Are those two okay?

MICHELLE
Oh, that's Paige and Luke - I call
them PUKE for short. They started
dating over the summer and it's
been like a two-month-long
Valentines Day.

Paige and Luke touch noses for an Eskimo kiss.

MICHELLE
(calling out)
Hello! We can all see you!

KELLY
Aww, I think it's sweet. A real
life love story, just like on 'The
Bachelor.'

MICHELLE
Uh, where did you say your last
school was?

KELLY
(hesitant)
I was homeschooled my whole life.
Technically, this is my first
school.

MICHELLE
No way?! You've never had a locker,
a schedule, detention?

KELLY
No. Why? Do I need those?

MICHELLE
Oh, this is too good to be true.

KELLY
What is?

MICHELLE

You are. You're a blank slate...and
I'm your new best friend.

KELLY

Oh good. I thought we were getting
along, but I didn't want to make
any assumptions...Bestie.

MICHELLE

Yeah sure, whatever. We've got to
create your backstory. Were you a
popular, preppy prom queen? Maybe a
tormented 'outsider' who was
expelled for being too unstable?

KELLY

(foreign accent)

Or maybe I am foreign exchange
student from exotic country?

MICHELLE

The less you talk, the better.

KELLY

(To herself)

Talk less. Got it.

They exit.