

**BUILDING BRYCE**

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INT. GNC STORE - DAY

Bryce and Tracy are in the supplement aisle looking at protein shakes.

BRYCE

This one has forty-eight grams of protein in every serving.

TRACY

Seems like a lot.

BRYCE

It probably works. Look at the guy one the bottle.

Bryce shows Tracy the bottle with a picture of a champion body-builder posing on the packaging.

TRACY

Oh god! Is that what you want to look like? All greased up with veins exploding everywhere?

BRYCE

No.

TRACY

'Cause I have that exact same bikini bottom if you wanna borrow it...

BRYCE

Can you stop joking for one sec?

TRACY

Okay. Very serious. What's the big obsession all of a sudden with protein shakes?

BRYCE

Uh, Hello. I have zero muscle definition...and I have to put on at least twenty pounds by spring if I want to play football.

TRACY

I'm sorry. It sounded like you said 'football'.

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BRYCE

I did.

TRACY

Bryce, no offense, but I can't really see you playing football.

BRYCE

Not like this. That's why I need to bulk up.

TRACY

You don't even like sports.

BRYCE

Excuse me. I happened to be an avid sports enthusiast.

TRACY

Enthusiast? You hideout under the bleachers during P.E. 'cause physical activity gives you vertigo.

BRYCE

Well, I'm trying something new, okay? Are you gonna help me or you just gonna keep making fun of me?

TRACY

You really want to be out in the heat, wearing pads and a helmet, running for your life while some three-hundred pounder named Brock tries to take your head off?

BRYCE

I'm a guy. Don't you get it? This is what guys do.

TRACY

Some guys don't.

BRYCE

Well, I want to. I want to try.

Beat. He's sincere and Tracy can tell.

TRACY

Okay, then I'll help.

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BRYCE

Thanks.

Bryce looks at the protein shake again.

BRYCE (CONT'D)

Maybe I'll skip the shake. I don't  
think I need muscles on my neck.

TRACY

Good call.