

5 INT. BEVERLY HIGH - LOCKER ROOM - DAY (D2) 5

JORDAN, Asher, JJ and the rest of the BEVERLY EAGLES stare dumbfounded at something off-screen. WE REVEAL: NEW HEAD COACH, ELENA MONTES. She eyes the team.

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COACH MONTES

I'm Coach Montes. Yes, I'm female. And yes, I understand football. I played in women's leagues and this isn't my first coaching gig. So, you can all save your breath. There's nothing you can say that I haven't heard before. Save your energy, too. You're gonna need it.

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JJ

(quietly to Jordan)  
Our new coach is hot.

JORDAN

Please be quiet.

COACH MONTES

We'll be running a no-huddle, hurry up offense and using a lot of blitz packages on defense--

JJ

(quietly)  
Don't get me wrong. Your dad's a good-looking man, but--

JORDAN

JJ. Please

Montes steps closer, eyeing JJ and Jordan.

COACH MONTES

You'll need to think fast and move fast. So, you'll have to be in peak shape, mentally and physically. Tryouts start first thing tomorrow.

The guys file out as JJ turns to Jordan.

JJ

What does she mean tryouts?

JORDAN

She probably wants to see all the new guys. The rest of us are fine. Well, Butler might be in trouble.

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Butler looks back, concerned. Jordan smiles and shakes his head, only kind of kidding, as they continue out.

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Asher enters behind Coach Montes.

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ASHER  
Coach Montes? I'm--

COACH MONTES  
Asher Adams. 52 receptions, 673 yards, 5 touchdowns last season.

Asher nods.

COACH MONTES (CONT'D)  
Though I have no idea how much of that was fueled by steroids.

ASHER  
None of it, Coach. I never used them during regular season.  
(off her look)  
Not that that makes it any better. Anyway, I'm clean now. I was hoping since it's a new school year, I'd be allowed to play again.

COACH MONTES  
I've already spoken with AD Hart. We both agree the suspension should remain for the time being.  
(off his look)  
What you did was serious, Asher. You haven't faced any real consequences.

ASHER  
It's my senior year, Coach. Can I at least practice with the team so I can be ready?

COACH MONTES  
That's against school policy. Suspended from the team means suspended from all team activities.

Asher nods, then turns to leave.

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COACH MONTES (CONT'D)  
If you really want to prove  
yourself, I'm sure you'll find  
another way.

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Off Asher, not exactly sure how to do that.

INT. SLAUSON CAFÉ - DAY (D2)

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Coop finds PREACH celebrating with his CREW.

PREACH  
Yo! Coop!  
(to his crew)  
This my girl! Any of y'all get  
jammed up, better call Coop. She'll  
set you right.

COOP  
Ey, let me holla at you.

They step to the side.

PREACH  
I don't know what kinda magic you  
and the white lady pulled, but I  
owe you.

COOP  
(confused)  
Me and Mrs. Baker didn't get you  
out. Tyrone's sister did.

Preach is taken back.

PREACH  
Why would Mo get me out?

COOP  
I'm waiting for you to tell me.

Preach shakes his head, just as lost as Coop.

COOP (CONT'D)  
Don't get it twisted. I'm as happy  
as anyone that you free, but that  
bitch is up to something.

PREACH  
No doubt.

COOP  
So, what we gon' do?

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