

The Power of Dreams

ACT ONE:

Location: The Cruise's house, USA

FADE IN

It was ever so hot on a bright September morning but for Alegra Cruise, it was the start of the biggest day of her life but it was obviously not without its complications. She was 18 and just about to embark on her 1st day of university. She had lived in Decatur, AL all her life and this was the day that could change her life forever when she walked through the doors of North Alabama university although she never really knew what was going to happen.

Alegra was so unsure whether her best friend Daisy had gotten into the same university. Alegra's best friend had been away so was probably not even found a moment to end fifer through the mail to see whether her invitation had arrived. Alegra's grades were astronomical so she got in quite easily but Daisy was 1 of those people who had to wait until the last minute to see whether she'd got in through the clearing process.

Daisy had been in Panama over the last fortnight so only had been back in America the night before so Alegra was unsure whether she'd received an invitation from the university on whether she'd been accepted or not. Alegra got dressed after being up 2 hours deciding on an outfit, she didn't want to lose her reputation of being popular she had from high school so she had to dress with a costume to kill the competition.

She stood at the front door and seemed reluctant to leave her family's home. Mrs Cruise came to see what the matter with her daughter was.

Mrs Cruise

Alegra are you alright?

Alegra

Of course but this is a big moment for me and I am concerned that I haven't heard from Daisy on whether she made it through the clearing or not.

Mrs Cruise

I suppose the easy way to find things out is to ring her.

Alegra

If she is busy I'll feel annoyed for not giving her time to get back to normal from her holiday.

Mrs Cruise

She's your best friend, she is always there to give you a confidence boost.

Alegra

This is big, high school was easy, this is bigger in so many ways.

Mrs Cruise

I believe you are the sort of sweet girl who can happily fit here, you chose this place yourself and I would have recommended Harvard along with the 3 others but all 5 were excellent places.

Alegra

I know I got into Harvard and with me being mega intellectual I sound stupid to turn it down but it was so big and scary and I have confidence issues and why, oh why do I let little things keep holding me back.

Mrs Cruise

I thought knowing your love of paparazzi and celebrities, you'd have gone to UCLA like Hollywood starlet Erin Sanders.

Alegra

She is adorable and I so want to meet her but the place was too far for me, I didn't want to up ship that far.

Mrs Cruise

Good point, we are happy here and your Papa is doing well in his line of work so we are better to stay afloat, now to set your mind at ease, are we going to ring Daisy?

Alegra

Yes Mama.

Alegra goes to the phone and rings up Daisy, at the other end she picks it up.

Daisy

Hello

On hearing her best friend's voice Alegra feel relieved.

Alegra

It's only me, just ringing to say Hello and how was the holiday?

Daisy

Pretty thought-provoking although you've

been to your fair share of dazzling destinations.

Alegra

Even so, I'd love to hear about it.

Daisy

What say we meet up in an hour
in that little cyber café in town and then I'll
talk you through everything in a lot more detail.

Alegra

I have to be in Uni soon, I do
hope you hadn't forgotten.

Daisy

Why of course now, as a matter of coincidence
I have to be at a similar place also.

Alegra

I never knew whether you'd make it
because you were on holiday but
what a surprise it would be if you
made it to the same place as me.

Daisy

As a matter of fact I have.

Alegra screams with excitement.

Alegra

I am so sorry for that Daisy, you
know I scream if I get excited.

Daisy

It's nice to see that my good
news has pleased you.

Alegra

Of course I'm pleased, we are
going to be Uni buddies, oh nothing has
given me greater pleasure in ages.

Daisy

I have my doubts on why they picked
me but I guess it was purely to fill some
gaps and make the numbers work.

Alegra

Don't think of it like that, think of it
as you have brains but are way

too easily distracted, they've given you a chance to redeem yourself. All I have to do is keep the same level of popularity in a place as big as where we are going, it will take some doing.

Daisy

I will think more positively in the future, you always had a good imagination to fall back on and you were ever so creative, I am seriously lacking compared to you.

Alegra

Don't speak like that although that could explain my ominous dream I had last night.

Daisy

Can you tell me more?

Alegra

Perhaps we'll leave it, it was a rather trivial situation so we'll see how this big day pans out 1st.

Daisy

Well don't be nervous, I should be there in under an hour and we'll meet up and you can hear all about Panama and I can see you for the 1st time in ages.

Alegra

It has been 17 days so I'll look forward to re-meeting for our big day with every daunting minute that passes.

Daisy

You certainly turn a not so cheery day upside down and it will be nice to put all the pieces together again.

Alegra

Goodbye.

Daisy

Goodbye.

Alegra and Daisy hang up their phone and resume their previous activities.

Mrs Cruise

Did Daisy make it?

Alegra
Yes she did.

Mrs Cruise
I could tell by the screaming but
I always think it's best to ask because
you do like to scream at everything.

Alegra
She'll improve her education while I'll
venture out into performing arts, it's going to be
such a life-inducing experience for us and there
is no 1 I'd rather spend it with than my best friend.

Mrs Cruise
I'd go now so you don't miss the bus and tarnish your good girl reputation.

Alegra
I would do that for life nor money.

Mrs Cruise
You have a nice day.

Alegra
I sure will, you can be sure of that.

Mrs Cruise
I'll be here when you get back, goodbye.

Alegra
Goodbye Mama.

Alegra picked up her backpack and coat and flung 1 over each shoulder, she certainly seemed ready, she kissed her mother on the forehead and walked out of the house. She walked to the bus stop and in each footstep came the moment for the reality of this big day to finally kick in. She was off to University and nothing could be greater.

She stood there, the seconds draining away before she caught the bright yellow bus for her home to her new education hotspot. The bus arrived, Alegra got on whilst nibbling at her perfectly manicured finger nails. She took a seat by herself and decided to re-read The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, she'd thrown her backpack to the floor under her seat and her coat was draped over her knees. Several more people got on before they left Alegra's district. They entered a few more town and villages on their route before the bus was full and on its way to the university but Alegra seemed disappointed that her best friend Daisy hadn't been any of the people who got on.

When the bus arrived it came through metal gates leading on to an old historical building that Alegra couldn't wait to test for rock samples, learn more about the University and push herself deeper than she ever had before. She got off and picked a patch of grass to lie on, she ran to it and collapsed on it.

A man in his early 40's pulled up in his open top Jeep convertible causing some of the girls enjoying the sunshine to come over all flustered and brain dead. This didn't disturb Alegra because she never dared have feelings for a teacher, that was sinful and she had exams to focus on. Alegra started to lie back on the grass, her eyes slowly closed and she had the same recurring dream once more and it featured the same girl breaking her leg after missing a step off a pavement.

Alegra knew that believing in the dream was superstitious but it seemed too real to be made up and it did happen at this university on a pavement not far from here. A bell rang so everyone except for the new students went inside to their classrooms. A guy in his early 60's with silvery hair and a black triangular hat came out onto the courtyard to take control of the newbie's.

Headteacher

Good morning new students, I am the school president and my name is William Cale and I welcome you to North Alabama university.

He paused after that because he noticed a yellow school bus entering the premises this seemed too prompt Alegra to look at her watch.

Alegra

I wonder what time this bus thinks it is because its arrival like this is so totally unexpected.

Mr Cale

You can say that, I think that very bus should have been on site 15 minutes ago.

The bus stopped and everyone got off, Alegra's eye lit up as she saw her best friend Daisy getting off the bus. Alegra screams and jumps in the air.

Daisy

I'm pleased to see you as well.

Mr Cale

Now as I was saying, what exactly was I saying, it's completely slipped my mind.

Alegra

You were welcoming all the new students here and filling our heads with the path our future was about to take.

Mr Cale

Thank-you so much, may I ask your name because your memory might be very helpful if I become forgetful.

Alegra

Thank-you for asking, it's Alegra Cruise.

Mr Cale

Well it's an honour to have you here.

Alegra

I always think it's good sportsmanship to make the right 1st impression when you are starting somewhere new.

Mr Cale

Well believe me, a sweet girl like you will go far in this university. Now everybody follow me to the assembly hall and we'll assign you into classes.

Everyone followed Mr Cale into the reception as nervous as each other waiting to see who they'd be mixed up with for their 1st year.

Daisy was at the back of the line but she made a mad dash through everyone to catch up to Alegra, when she caught her breathe she finally had the time to talk.

Daisy

I wanted to apologise for getting the later bus when you probably been organised since early morning.

I spend a long time located a missing sky blue sock because I only have 1 pair.

Alegra

It's OK, all is forgiven.

The only thing that concerns me is why the bus arrived so late because it interrupted the principal's line of thought.

Daisy

It must have been late from leaving the depot is but after the morning was already rush rush for me I needent ask why the driver can't been punctual.

Alegra

It makes sense, you'll have known I got here rather earlier and to fill the time I had a nap on the grass.

Daisy

You don't usually nap.

Alegra

I've been up since 5 but the real reason I did it was the concern last night's dream had on me, I wanted to see whether it was going to recur again when I arrived here and I was right the same scene keeps playing over again when I close my eyes.

Daisy

Would you mind to tell me what happened in this dream.

Alegra

Why of course I will, I keep dreaming of someone braking their leg on the entrance of this very university, always the same person does it in every dream, always in the same place and at the same time and I don't know what this means

Daisy

It sure puzzles me.

Alegra

Although I can't detect what the dream means, I can't stay awake forever but as it happened all of last night, I assume it must be due to take place on this very day but my dream never told me all the details, am I forsaken to prevent this from happening.

Daisy

No way, it's a dream meaning it is an imaginary situation made up to worry yourself or too keep yourself distracted through the difficulties of today, your imagination is fantastic and could quite frankly go into overdrive, it created an image that seemed to you too true not to actually happen.

Alegra

We can't be so sure, I believe in a lot of things but if the dreams or event had nothing to do with me then why is it me who keep imagining the same thing happening in every single dream.

Daisy

I don't know Lithograph, it is probably your brain creating the worst possible scenario in order to scare you.

Alegra had the nickname Lithograph owing to the fact she was such a Science geek

and her love of scientific equipment that lead her to gain many awards for chemistry at high school so she couldn't wait to be let loose in the universities laboratory because there was so much more they'd have to investigate because they were known for their huge speciality in Science related subjects so she knew there was always something new to discover.

Alegra

Perhaps and believe me
it's scaring me senseless

Daisy

You've done well so far especially in
getting appraisal from the school president.

Alegra

I think I'd arrived after that happened
so let's take a seat in this room and
let this new journey really begin.

FADE OUT

ACT TWO:

Location: The assembly hall inside the university.

FADE IN

On the stage Mr Cale had climbed the stairs and was standing next to his deputy, the 2 of them worked very hard to get the university the best out of many in the co-joining states.

Mr Cale

Now I probably haven't the time to meet you
all individually today but I am sure you'll get
more time with your form tutor, they'll have
the time to assess you and get the best out of
you and then any progress that is exceptional will
find it's way to my ear and for those students that
are gifted they well get a very bright future indeed.

Mr Cale's deputy

Exams are only 9 months away so I
want to see you all revising very hard.
I saw a lot of us came to us being a force
to be reckoned with so I hope you will all live
up to your reputations and although you are
starting at the bottom, I'd certainly recommend
mixing with the older students because they
can help you fit in very quickly and it always
helps to blend in with your fellow students.

Mr Cale

I see so many have come here today and this was the biggest year of applicants we had coming our way so I congratulate you all for getting in. We will now split you into smaller groups so you can get more information with the students you'll spend most of your time with. This place is as busy as mustard so let's get you separated, there will be a list of names of the television screens they will go to the room listed above their names.

Mr Cale's deputy

1 of our senior students will be standing by the door of the hall entrance, they will take you to the right room and will be there to help you out for your 1st month here. In your form room you'll get your timetable for the year and then your senior representative will take their group on a guided tour of this university.

Mr Cale

Now the 1st set of names is coming on the screen now.

The list of 20 names came up and they got out of their seats before heading to the door and walking away. Still Alegra and Daisy were left in the hall along with half of the students who still remained in their seats, waiting to be chosen. 5 minutes later their names Alegra Cruise and Daisy Smith came onto the screen along with 18 others.

Daisy

I do hope our tutor is a nice person who can cope with my constant rebellion

Alegra

I am sure they'll be friendly but I don't care about their opinion is, this girl only has time for learning and not to listen to others.

I am at university to get my diploma in 3 years time although after that dream I keep happening I wouldn't mind seeing a psychologist.

Daisy

Let's head to the door before our representative leaves without us and we become completely lost.

Alegra and Daisy headed to the door where a tall year 3 student stood waiting for them. She had the most beautiful blonde hair and was wearing a dress that represented who she was. Alegra knew she had a new role model in her life.

Her name was Madison and was 20 years old and in North Alabama Lions.
She walked the group along the corridor but she didn't say anything.
Alegra and Daisy were stood at the back but they talked to 1 another.

Alegra

If only I was as pretty as she is.

Daisy

She might be but to me
she's merely self-centred.

Alegra

I like her and we are all here to make friends
with the people who've been here longer
than us but I can't detect much about
her from this place in the queue.
I bet she leads a hectic social life.

Daisy

I can see more of her and from her
outfit I say she's a follower of sport.

Alegra

I can't see what she's wearing but if
you can what makes you think that.

Daisy

She's wearing quite a prominent dress.

Alegra

I can't see it from here, I can detect with
hair like that I guess she's a cheerleader
because when you get that many boys
concentrating on you, those sort of
girls usually are the ones who
like to be the centre of attention.

Daisy

You admire her though, she's your new idol
you said and she has you quite easily influenced.

Alegra

It's a weakness I know but to do what she does
would probably not be out of my talent quota.

Daisy

Your talent quota stretches far but to do what
she does you have to flirt with boys and you barely
even glance at members of the opposite gender.

Alegra

You're wrong and I could be 1 of them.
I can give support in the best possible
way so don't write of my chance of
success when it's non-academical.

Daisy

OK, hang with the airheads by all means
but they only care about their hair, their
make-up, outfit and which boy they are
currently dating and you care your overall
appearance but you don't care
about it as much as your education.

Alegra

Trust me, I won't turn into 1 of them, I'll
be there to promote good Catholic morals.

Daisy

I don't think your religion will be pleased
with your wearing that sort of an outfit.

Alegra

Now you are just trying to make me fail by
bringing up non-existent rules relating to my religion.

Daisy

I want you to tryout, really but I don't
think you are that good at sport, you're way
too academic for skill and eye contact.

Alegra

I'll talk to our senior representative about it
as she'll probably know what it takes to
make it past tryouts and into the squad.

Daisy

Fine talk to her, I can just concentrate on
getting my grades up in the meantime.
1 word of warning, those girls can be real viscous
and will be happy to take someone down who is
not as good or as talented at what they do.

Alegra

I can get in due to my certain charm.
I work hard and give my everything when
trying something new, I push to be the best
and with my ability to get on with new people
that will make my teamwork skills even
better and I can go very far with them.

Daisy

I have faith in you and so does god, he always wants you to respect his beliefs and in return he'll be happy for you to go forward in life making your own judgement about how your future will pan out.

Alegra

I'll get onto it soon and as for the dream about the breaking of the leg, it hasn't happened yet so I won't worry about it until it does happen.

ACT THREE:

Location: Alegra and Daisy's form room.

Alegra and Daisy were now at the main classroom which was to be there form room and the place they'd spend many a break or lunchtime so they'd be seeing a lot of it.

Alegra

I do hope this school has a good viticulturist.

Daisy

It looks nice and clean to me.

Alegra

You know how I could be prone to health risks?

Daisy

I don't think you are, you just get it into your head that something might happen to you but you are perfectly safe.

Alegra

Thank-you, I do not want to ever avoid being clean and risking a visit from them.

Madison left the group before Alegra could find the time to quiz her about cheer tryouts. Daisy thought her best friends was getting in too deep as those girls could be viscous and she was way to innocent to be getting involved with them. When Alegra entered the room it was full of pie charts and graphs all over the wall, this was a dream come true and what better a place to spend time with her fellow classmates.

A young man came to the door to check on where the group had got to, when they all walked through the door he knew he could begin.

Mr _____

Now my name is Mr _____, I will be your form tutor for however long your stay with us at this university will be.

I have your individual timetables

based on the subjects you put
down when you applied for this place.
Now who wants to volunteer to hand
them out and give themselves a chance
to learn their fellow students names?

Alegra

May I volunteer, sir?

Mr _____

Why of course young lady,
what is your name?

Alegra

It's Alegra Cruise, sir.

Mr _____

Nice to meet you.

Mr _____ holds out his hand and shakes Alegra's hand.

Alegra carries the timetables around the room, looking at the top she saw the persons name, she called their names so she could learn which timetable belong to which person.

The fellow students were very good and helped Alegra by raising their hand when she called their name, then she could hand them a timetable.

She was applauded as she sat down.

Mr _____

Alegra, I'd like to thank-you for doing
that, now everybody knows what subjects
they'll be doing let me fix the
confusion on the numbers system.
It's simple, 0 is this floor, 1 is the
floor above and 2 is the top floor

Alegra

Seems easy to me, I seem to have
a lot of time in the Chemistry labs.

Daisy

Knowing such a geek you are,
I thought you'd be pleased.

Alegra

Why of course I am, I'd just forgotten
about going for a BTEC in Chemistry.

Daisy

Are you doing Physics?

Alegra

Yes but it only takes up half of the time of
Physics and no way am I doing Biology.
My catholic morals do not approve of
me dissecting a poor defenceless
creature for research purposes.
You understand, don't you Daisy?

Daisy

Yes, what about Mathematics and English,
aren't we going for diplomas in these subjects?

Alegra

Yes and with History that gives me 6 core subjects,
now all I am missing is the extra curricular.

Daisy

I thought you were going for performing arts.

Alegra

I did consider it depending on what
the winter play is going to be.

Daisy

It makes sense to see what the play is 1st.

Alegra

I'm hoping it's Twilight but
I ain't playing a vampire.

Daisy

I should hope not,
biting people is wrong.

Alegra

I think fairytales could
suit me down to a tee.

Daisy

Always the princess, never the hero.

Alegra

I'm too pretty for battle.

Daisy

Then that must make be the
tough 1 in our friendship.

Alegra

Not necessarily but I will also take up sport

and that cheerleading sounds perfect and I bet our senior representative will have many a reason on why a girl like me should join.

Daisy

OK you join but it's usually full of airheads and not your type of person.

Alegra

Every squad should have a brainiac, she will think of intelligent things to chant instead of the usual non-sentimental drivel that goes over the teams head.

Daisy

Good idea, you'll geekify them, you really will.
I am surprised you didn't do anything Horse related.

Alegra

I don't need to because I live on a ranch, there's no need to take equestrian so I'll opt for something more girly and something to get me noticed fast.

Daisy

I think it will do for you to keep on the ground and remember to stay safe.

Alegra

I will and yee-haa this is going to be epic.

Alegra and Daisy continue to read over their timetables to see when they'd get time to take class and see each other.

Alegra

We'll be taking English Lit together and also have study time which we could spend together.

Daisy

All I do is distract you when we revise together.

Alegra

We could find a way to help you study and I may be able to concentrate with you around, it can't be that hard to do.

Daisy

I apologise that I didn't take English

language, it's too complicated.

Alegra

It ain't hard and it's no biggie that you can't handle the pressure, I still need time for the important curriculum to learn it by myself, we need time apart and you're doing History instead, I wanted to but it wasn't in my most important 6 subjects that will affect my life choices.

Daisy

I see no religion on your timetable.

Alegra

It's due to the fact that I feel they'll ridicule Catholicism so I am not taking it. It's ok for you because you're a Christian.

Daisy

It's not a great decider when it comes to friendship, we get on so well and I couldn't have a greater best friend.

Alegra

Now we've got our timetables, how was your vacation to Panama?

Daisy

It was ever such a big place, the buildings were tall and it's like New York but with more poorer areas, flash floods and I am grateful I didn't go in monsoon season. I think you'd have liked it there.

Alegra

My knowledge of Spanish would have been useful.

Daisy

That is where I failed, I had to speak English but I mainly went for the culture and not to speak the language and everyone has their difference.

Alegra

The culture would have been the turning point for me.

Daisy

Then you'd have loved it there.

Alegra

Of course but I worried that was went so near to the start of the new school year hence scuppering your chances of making it here and I was right since you didn't find out until yesterday.

Daisy

We went later than planned because I took the pressure of doing it myself, it took me ages to plan but I still felt I'd be safe to go late August into early September.

Alegra

At least you are here now.

Daisy

It's good to be back.

Alegra

Of course it is, a vacation is always worthy when you work hard, even though you didn't knuckle down as much as I did.

Daisy

You went away before me, wasn't it to California and earlier in the summer?

Alegra

Yes, I only went to get some cooler weather, I live on a ranch in the dessert, LA is far more acclimatised.

Daisy

I can't remember when you last went abroad.

Alegra

I always go in the winter, most often after Christmas, I always need to find time to stop and catch my breathe.

Daisy, don't be shy, go and talk to that boy on your left hand side.

Daisy

I suppose anything is worth a shot.

Daisy walked over to the table on her left and stood behind the boy sitting there.

Daisy

Hello, I'm Daisy Smith, I noticed you from the table next door and my best friend insisted I came over and said hello.

Nigel

I am glad she did because you are pretty and
I am Nigel, Nigel Ackburn to be précised.

Daisy

You're quite charming Nigel, what
are your plans for your time here?

Nigel

I am going to take Basketball and a sport
degree plus a BTEC in Physcology.

Daisy

The latter could be useful especially since
my friend thinks the dream she had is
so real that it has to come true.

Nigel

I'd be happy to help, what
have you come here to study?

Daisy

I am taking English lit, religion and history.

Nigel

You should take up sports.

Daisy

There isn't 1 that would suit me.

Nigel

I see you as a track and field kinda girl.

Daisy

If you're referring to Athletics, I was a
dab hand at it in high school but
there's always people better than me.

Nigel

Don't you care about them, who is this other adorable girl?

Daisy

I told you before that she's my best friend
and her name is Alegra Cruise.

Nigel

Hello Alegra

Daisy

Hello boy I have never met, I see you and
Daisy have become acquainted quickly.

Nigel

It took me surprise as well, what subjects have you planned on taking?

Alegra

I don't want to sound too much like a swot but English Lit and Language, Physics and Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography and also have my heart set on passing through tryouts for the cheerleading squad.

Nigel

You don't seem like the sort of girl for that, they're usually not superficially intelligent.

Alegra

Then it's time for change and I'm the girl to do it.

Nigel

Daisy, may I ask where you live?

Daisy

It's in a town house 10 miles away.

Nigel

Delightful, I live somewhere similar.

Daisy

Alegra lives on a ranch.

Nigel

Is she rich?

Alegra

As a matter of fact, we are doing well with our finances.

Nigel

Jolly good, well I'll look forward to learning more about you 2 as the year passes on.

Nigel turns around and Daisy returns to sit next to Alegra, before long it is lunchtime and the senior representative walks the group to the dining room so they could eat their packed lunch or buy something hot and cooked from the canteen. There was still a few minutes to go and the newbie's wanted to get their own seat before the older kids arrived from class. Daisy sat down to reserve a table whilst Alegra went and picked her lunch.

Alegra stood in the queue before several other joined behind her. She was never going to find the time to ask about cheerleading tryouts. She ordered some cheese and tomato pizza, a diet coca-cola and fruit salad, she sat

down before it was Daisy's turn to join the queue and await her destiny. Daisy ordered the salmon pasta, sparkling water and chocolate cheesecake, the senior representative has now gone leaving Alegra and Daisy worried as to where she had gone.

Alegra

I don't know where Madison has disappeared to.

Daisy

Perhaps she had her fellow girls to find so you could lead themselves into a pep rally.

Alegra

That would be most fun to watch but isn't it a bit pretentious to promote their squad on the 1st day back and when their numbers have depleted by those who have graduated.

Daisy

I honestly don't know where's she gone, perhaps she went to sit with her friends.

Alegra

I'll catch her later, by the way where's Nigel?

Daisy

He never came with us to the dining room, only half of our class decided to leave the form room, perhaps he's eating there.

Alegra

I only asked because I assume you liked him, that's all.

Daisy

As a matter of fact I do but it's early days and I didn't want to jinx the friendship as it's only been a mere half hour.

Alegra

I better get some friends of my own or I'll never keep my creed to stay Miss Popular.

Daisy

All in due time, become a cheerleader and then you can think about how to boost your popularity.

Alegra

Some people will have had a

long time to plan these things.
I haven't planned on the precise
moment in which everyone will like me.

Daisy

We don't leave our life to chance
is what it says in the bible.
You're a very hyper girl so don't
you waste another minute.

Alegra

I am eating my lunch before I even plan on finding
our senior representative and making myself heard.

By now a flurry of students arrived in their thousands and soon would be the moment
where Alegra and Daisy would catch themselves in the usual chaos.
Alegra and Daisy sat quietly talking while everyone walked around them, boys glanced
at them but it was unclear who the majority liked better.

Daisy

Can you really see me taking Athletics?

Alegra

Of course I do, you we are a
real fast runner as I recall.

Daisy

Yes but that was many years ago,
I doubt I still have the ability
and energy to do it again.

Alegra

I could talk you into it because
you know I can be quite persuasive.

Daisy

Maybe to some but I say no.

Alegra

I know nothing about Christians but you have a god as well.
I think it's the same 1 but you seem
to have the nerve to think the big
bang theory started the universe.
As a girl whose good at Science,
I do disagree with certain aspects and
do believe their vision of how
the Earth was created is wrong.
You have know idea that you became
weaker at track unless you have another
attempt at it and there's no better time

to try than at the tender age of 18.

Daisy

You're right and I was foolish to hold myself back when it was something I enjoyed.

Alegra

Now I don't want my dessert to go warm so I am eating it and then I will find Madison and start my journey of contemptment.

The 2 of them had now finished their lunch.

It was a few moments later and they went out of the dinning room door to come up with their next plan of where they were heading.

Of course the 2 of them didn't know a single part of their new university but Alegra was determined no to waste any chance of getting her popularity back.

They had a map of their new surroundings but it was hard for them to agree where to look.

Daisy

Do you think you're photographic memory can memorise this layout?

Alegra

Maybe but this is quite a complicated map and I'd need to study it for a few hours before it becomes a permanent fixture in the list of information I store in my brain.

Daisy

I am surprised we can do this search without 1 of the older students watching our back.

Alegra

They're probably getting involved with a lunchtime club so there may not be as many people around until the bell rings I think the sports clubs will need a catch up session in order to discuss who they lost and how to encourage new people to join and attempt to replace them.

Daisy

We were probably expected to stay in the dinning room for the whole allotted time as we aren't in there making friends whilst searching for Madison.

Alegra

We would have left unless it was important, I need to make my presence here so it would be best to go to the sport department as our 1st port of call.

Daisy

That may seem too predictable for words, we don't know where the cheerleaders meet for practise, there's so much we have to learn here so we should just wait for her in the dining room.

Alegra

I want to go to sports because we haven't even had a tour of this place yet.

Daisy

That will be happening this afternoon after lunch.

Alegra

I believe that to be true, I suppose it would be a crime to disturb her when she may have a lot to do to restart the year as fast as possible.

Daisy

Of course she will because a girl like that will have been missed and she'll in return want the new season to start as quickly as possible.

Alegra

That's the reason for now wandering off,
I say we not go too far because when she does return I may not get to be the 1st person to talk to her and she probably has a long waiting list of students who need her help so I want to see her as fast as the bell rings.

Daisy

I always said your sounded eager and I was right, a missed opportunity will probably leave you with regret and you have enough to think about already especially with that recurring dream.

Alegra

I am not thinking about the dream because it's not my destiny to avoid these things coming true and I haven't even come into contact with the person who brakes her leg so it would be impossible for me to stay outside the university entrance just to wait for something that may never happen
I feel it was my imagination the whole time, playing tricks on me so I am not worrying about it any longer.

Daisy

Then you won't want to put this dream to Nigel.

Alegra

I don't think a psychologist could make sense of the non-sensical things that I dream.

Daisy

It's got to be worth a shot because Nigel knows his field and you have nothing to lose.

Alegra

I don't doubt him, he's probably great but whether this dream is real is still yet to be decided.

Daisy

This is not like you to doubt anything, you usually believe in everything can happen as long as Jesus can be capable of performing such a miracle.

Alegra

Of course he can but maybe this is out of his control.

Daisy

Just what I said, you're beginning to doubt in the power of unknown forces.

Alegra

It isn't that I doubt, it's just that I am thinking more about cheer tryouts than my dream.

Daisy

Your letting this dream fight against your push for popularity so you really don't know what you should sort out 1st.

Alegra

I think I know what I want and you may call me crazy but I can't stop myself wasting away such talent as I have.

Daisy awaits on an awkward silence that last for 15 seconds whilst Alegra wonders how to tell Daisy that the dream will not get her any friends but suspects that sport might.

FADE OUT

ACT FOUR

Location: Outside of the dining room.

FADE IN

Alegra takes a deep breathe before she admits her decision.

Alegra

I don't want to bring up the dream again because it's all superstition and that will not help my chances of cheering for the team.

Daisy

I am disappointed that you didn't want to seek Nigel's help and learn what your dream means.

Alegra

It never stopped me sleeping so unless they become recurring nightmares, there's nothing to worry about and if that happens I'll go to your new dreamboat for a consultation.

Daisy

If your mind is made up then let us go back inside into the dinning room to wait for Madison to return.

Alegra

Just you watch Nigel, he may be out there to tear up our friendship up and make a move on you with all that about joining the Basketball team.

Daisy

I think it would be a good career move for him.

Alegra

Maybe but he better not get any bright ideas because I can do more snitching than he can shoot baskets.

Daisy

That's what I like about you, you always take care of my best interests.

Alegra

I have no choice, I don't mind multi-tasking and your mother wants me to keep an eye on you especially since you seem to shy away from wanting to do coursework and if that's not at a successful standard you'll fail your exams before you take them.

Daisy

If I take Athletics I won't have time to study, anyway

you didn't always revise and it did you no harm.

Alegra

I have a photographic memory which I need when I have A list parties to attend and my 18th beat all of the fellow students that it silenced them for weeks.

Daisy

Especially since no one could have guessed you'd have a Miranda Cosgrove impersonator and bouncers on the door, there are people so low key at high school that they weren't on the list hence you didn't let them in.

Alegra

I didn't want to turn into a hate figure but a girls got to do what a girls got to do. Besides they got over it and I did buy those left out presents so they didn't feel hard done by.

Daisy

You've always been sweet even when you had to let people down so Madison won't find anyone more committed than you for the squad.

Alegra

I always aim to try my best and will especially work my hardest for the other girls or boys and will be the best team player and super geek this university has ever seen.

Daisy

In return I'll be the fastest and most fit athlete there is and provide my family with medals and trophies that will make up for the fact that none of them made it here.

Alegra check her watch.

Alegra

It's almost bell time so into the dinning room we go.

Daisy

I'm right behind you.

Daisy and Alegra re-enter the dinning room in order to be reacquainted with their fellow students, whilst they had stood outside the place had half emptied and but the 1st years were still there.

Alegra

I told you we hadn't missed anything.

Daisy

We'll probably head back to our form room before we start the tour after all we wouldn't want Nigel to miss out.

Alegra

I knew you liked him and want him not to miss out but I haven't decided whether I'd be friends with him.

Daisy

You're always so judgemental, what is stopping you making a decision?

Alegra

He doesn't seem academic enough for me.

Daisy

No he isn't and you drive a hard bargain but he'll prove himself and then you'll be eager to have him on board.

Alegra

That's the way things usually turn out.

The bell rings for afternoon lessons and more people rush out the door hoping to be spared for their lateness owing to the fact it was only their 1st day back.

The senior representatives walk in but Madison hasn't returned.

Romeo was a tall blond haired 20 year old and a member of the basketball team, he decide to talk to Troy who was also 20 but with dark brown hair.

He was not into sports but was extremely helpful to his fellow students so hadn't the time for trivialities

Romeo

What a turn out this year, my lot are a talented bunch who are going to go far.

Troy

We have some competition at such an early stage of the year because mine seek potential, they are still eating at the moment so we'll give them a few minutes because they'll probably need longer today because they're nervous.

Romeo

Good idea, we not need rush this tour but the other senior representatives are taking there's already so we'll do the opposite and people will like us for being different.

Troy

And that's what makes us such great leaders when it comes to running a group of newbie's and making sure they survive the hustle

and bustle of their new and fresh start.

Romeo

I couldn't disagree with anything in your statement.

Troy

There's still 1 of our fellow students helpers missing.

Romeo

Where is Madison?
I noticed the place seems calmer
when she is not in the room.

Troy

Probably got distracted by her fellow squad members.

Romeo

She held a catch up session on the 1st day back, she must be very eager to get them all in the swing of thing.

Troy

Of course she is, that squad is her pride and joy.

Romeo

She must have heard the bell even if she is with them.
Her group rely on her to help them out and too some she is probably already considered a role model.

Troy

Perfect hair, perfect dress sense, she is the sort of idol a girl can aim for but don't speak about intelligence and her in the same sentence.
She is a teacher's worst nightmare and her grades show that.

Romeo

What is she planning to do this year?

Troy

Another trophy at nationals perhaps, she won't give up without a fight when it comes to winning

Romeo

Look at this lot, she may want to take everyone of them and make them bigger than Christian Dior and she certainly worships him.

Troy

Madison is the girl every boy wants to date but I think the Headteacher has a newbie he seems think will go far.

Romeo

I've seen her, she's sweet and the complete opposite of the head cheerleader.

Alegra comes over to see where Madison is.

Troy

The girl the Headteacher was talking to is right here and he said she is the next big thing.

Alegra

I only recovered his line of thought, he can't owe me much in return.

Romeo

Maybe a free ride into North Alabama Lions without the strain of tryouts.

Alegra

How did you know I was interested?

Troy

I heard you and your friend Daisy discussing you getting into cheer, me and my student group were passing on the side of the corridor next to you and we overheard.

Alegra

Well I won't ask for favours, that would discourage the pride I made in life.

Troy

Well you couldn't have a better senior representative when you are so pretty.

Alegra

No boy has ever called me that before, at least I don't think they did, if they commented on me like that I'd ignore them as it may distract me from my education.

Romeo

Quite the innocent aren't we.

Troy

She probably has her reason?

Alegra

It's Catholic morals to sit down and work hard and not get easily distracted.

Romeo

It's good to obey your religion your parents brought you up on, I am Christian like many but even as a Catholic you have to follow your heart as much as other religions and a minor crush isn't harmless if you can not avoid it affecting your school work like Madison would, it would make her less attentive than she normally is.

Alegra

I'm not sure, it sounds like the sort of thing that would give me a guilty conscience and committing a sin is wrong.

Troy

It's not like that, I had a couple of girlfriends as has my best friend here, it is very hard to make the right idea the 1st time so you have to fail at something so you can learn what went wrong and that gives you a real sentimental feeling inside.

Alegra

My heart generally leads my success and determines a bright future although my best friend Daisy is destined to fail because she is easily distracted.

Romeo

Work is a very hard thing especially at BTEC and degree level, if you really become so boring that work is all you're here for then it will become very hard to make friends.

Alegra

I will start high and make friends with Madison before I attempt anyone nearer my own age because she can send me very far and give me a life more unpredictable than I can imagine.

Troy

It sounds like a good place to start but if you don't take a free pass through tryouts it will be tough and rather sought after to make the squad.

Alegra

You said to follow my hear and mine tells me to become a cheerleader without cheating and to stop having dreams that might affect the future.

Romeo

I never knew you could do that.

Alegra

It's just a hunch but my dream last night seemed so real that I'm determined to find out whether it comes true.

Troy

It has a 1 in 3000 chance of becoming real.

Alegra

Do you know about dreams?

Romeo

He has dreams that he'll become a journalist but nothing he could foresee at this moment.

Troy

I on the other hand heard the fact on TV the other night.

Alegra

That sounds like something you'd hear on Nickelodeon.

Troy

It wasn't quite there, it was a pretty trustworthy source, you don't get lied to on the Discovery Channel.

Alegra

Except for that so called fact they said about the big bang theory starting off the world when we all know is was god.

Romeo

They had prove of their claim so do you have anything to prove the most intellectual scientific channel wrong?

Alegra

I have a bible and that should prove them wrong.

Troy

Do you mean the TV channel?

Alegra

Yes and possibly Stephen Hawking.

Romeo

That's a pretty big thing for 1 small girl like yourself to do.

Alegra

I did sent him my A* homework from high school on why religion started the world and he was so shocked by the fact I was right and the fact I'm so clever that he send me a blank e-mail with no

writing and a signed picture as an attachment.

Romeo

That's really nice of him to take the time to reply like that, we have to take our groups on a guided tour now but we'll see you around, perhaps on the Baseball court.

Alegra

I'd like to do that and will defiantly be there edging you to victory.

Troy

Goodbye Alegra and good luck here.

Romeo and Troy took their groups out of the dinning room leaving only 14 confused individuals still standing there staring into open space.

FADE OUT

ACT FIVE:

Location: The dining room.

FADE IN

It was now a few minutes later Madison ran in and cart wheeled over a table. The students had sprung to life and were applauding her.

Madison

I always like to make an entrance.

Alegra

It amazed me and I want to end up like you so much.

Madison

It really makes me happy to be a role model to a girl such as yourself.

Daisy

Didn't the bell ring 10 minutes ago?

Alegra

Daisy, she has every right to be late because she does have a squad to organise.

Madison

Precisely and we do meet on the other side of the university, meaning it's a 10 minutes walk from there and I see someone's on my side, what is your name Miss?

Alegra

It's Alegra Cruise.

Madison

Well with your positive attitude I would so love to have you on board.

Alegra

I would like that very much but my friend Daisy doesn't think I'm the sort of girl for that.

Madison

You only need talent and from what I heard from the Headteacher you have it bursting from the seams and that I why I volunteered to take this group when I found out you were coming.

Alegra

Shouldn't you have already known my name?

Madison

I forget names easily, I knew a cute and superficial geek was coming but I did forget what the Headteacher said you were called.

Daisy

Her best friend may feels she's a failure at sports but I have known her for many years and I wouldn't forget a thing about her even though my brain usually extracts facts involving education.

Madison

I forget things because I'm under pressure to get my team perfect for performing at nationals and come out victorious. I'm not that good academically but I know Alegra is talented and since our several key players left in May, how talent could be crucial to us winning another trophy and she has charm that also goes a long way to success.

Alegra

What do I need to be like you?

Madison

To make it through tryouts by impressing the judging panel, they will decide whether you make it or not and your fate rests in their hands but I know for you that things will come up smelling of roses.

Alegra

Then I must do it, what sort of a crowd usually show up?

Madison

About 50 but I doubt they have talent like you.

Daisy

How many progress was tryouts?

Madison

About 6 but it's Alegra's destiny and if you're going to patronise her, I'd leave her alone so she doesn't fail.

Alegra

You said that I'd make it.

Madison

Of course you will but your best friend's bad vibes don't exactly help.

Daisy

Alegra, I'm sorry I doubted you.

Madison

Now that means business and now you're best friend is supporting you, you have a dream to fulfil.

Alegra

Can we start the tour soon?

Madison

For you Alegra we'll start right this second.

Daisy

Just shield your ears when we get to the chemistry lab because my best friend can get over excitable.

Madison

I'll bare in mind, everybody let's get exploring.

Madison, Alegra, Daisy and the others leave the dining room and en route they stop at the form room to pick the 6 people up who decided to eat their lunch in there to avoid the chaos.

Now they were outside of the room they were ready to being.

Madison

Now do anyone have an idea where they'd like to start on the tour because we have a lot of ground to cover so try and make it as original as possible.

Nigel

How about the English department?

Madison

A little too series for starting from.

Daisy

I'd recommend the chemistry laboratories.

Madison

We don't want to excite Alegra too soon.

Alegra

I have a great idea, let's start on the other side
and look at the cheerleading practise room.

Madison

And that is why I like you, your such a bright spark
and you want to where you'll be spending a lot of
time so I respect that idea and think we'll start there.

Alegra's here

Alegra's clear

Alegra's going to do so great at cheer.

With her stylish hair

she loves to share

she'll work her way to be a North Alabama Lion.

Daisy

Now you got her all excited.

Alegra

I need to know the way when I make the squad but
what a chant that was and she made it up on the spot.

Madison

That sort of reasoning makes sense, we have such hi-tech
equipment that we beat our close rivals in most sports here.

Alegra

It's always good to wake up with the best commitment
to the day and that's why every morning I go for a canter
on my Horse but I was so overwhelmed by the day
that I hadn't time to do it so when I go and feed
him this evening I hope he doesn't hate me.

Madison

Don't have regrets about these things, this is big for
you and high school was small in comparison so he'll
have to allow you some leeway whilst you settle in.

Alegra

At least there I had my popularity and
was always the centre of attention.

Madison

You came here and haven't let yourself down,
your hair and outfit work elegantly in sync so
you haven't made a bad start to your Uni life,
your popularity will come back in no time.

Alegra

Thank-you and I won't rush into things, I wouldn't
want to discover that thing people call stress.

Daisy had now ventured to the back of the queue, she saw Nigel so she talked to him for a while.

Nigel

Daisy, so nice to see you again.

Daisy

I was kind of sickening with the fact Madison has
Alegra wrapped around her little finger with all this
nonsense about her being able to pass tryouts.

Nigel

Is she that bad at sport?

Daisy

She's OK but her brain is more focused on education
so she tends not to have the attention set on sport.
I suppose her best attempt was Netball in high
school but if she wants to take the easy option she
should do equestrian as she does live on a ranch.

Nigel

Maybe that would be a little predictable.

Daisy

Yes it would although she wouldn't have to try, she can
do it already hence her academic record will not be at risk.

Nigel

If her heart is on sport than her education could be at risk
and for a girl like that it could be lethal to let her grades slip.

Daisy

I think she has in under control for now but
she is so close to changing paths and
judging the demands would be way too
difficult than I could know what to do to be
of any use through this hard time for her.

Nigel

At least she won't let you down, she'll be there for you because aren't you a bit of a tearaway.

Daisy

I am a handful, there's no doubting it but when it comes to learning, there's no 1 better than Alegra for a study buddy.

Nigel

Perhaps she could help me out.

Daisy

I doubt it, she wouldn't even be friends with you.

Nigel

She know I'm a bad influence for you, she must have sensed that the 1st moment you and I talked.

Daisy

Don't see it like that, she's got a new idol to worship so I doubt she'll even care what I'm up to, paving the way for me to wreck havoc whilst she concentrates on getting her diplomas.

Nigel

That's a rather high accolade to achieve.

Daisy

Oh she's capable of doing it, her coursework is A* material and she even sent a piece opposing the theory of relativity to the greatest scientist in the country.

Nigel

I bet that silenced him.

Daisy

As a matter of fact it did.

Nigel

What sort of career are you heading for?

Daisy

Possibly something in an administrator role. I can take notes and use a computer but my best friend will be a scientist or a world leader and I am too late to beat her.

Nigel

You're right, 1 person in a friendship has to be

cleverer than the other so take a back seat
and take up Athletics instead, then you'll be
on the school's honour roll for something
other than education which takes some doing.

Daisy

You've twisted my leg, I'd like that very much
and have decided that I am heading to Athletics.

Alegra was still unaware of Daisy's development but she still had much to find out from
Madison, they still led the group and stood primed at the front.

Alegra

As much as my attention is on being like you,
I can't help worrying about this persistent
dream I had about a girl breaking her leg.

Madison

That's odd because that very thing happened
whilst I was on my way to the dining room.
I went out to take a breathe of fresh air and I
saw the incident happening right in front of me.

Alegra

That is why I dreamt it last light, it actually
came to me as a warning sign that
something bad was going to happen so now
there's no need for Nigel to work out what
it meant because it actually happened
and hopefully she will recover quickly.

Madison

Does this mean you can predict the future?

Alegra

I honestly don't know, I may have just been
lucky that the accident was picked up in my
brain 14 hours ago, how that happen I
don't know but weirder things can happen.

Madison

I'd watch these dreams next time because they
may provide to be quite an important life lesson.

Alegra

I told Daisy that obsessing over my dreams was something
that could distract me from the real important things in life.

Madison

I suppose that could happen but if it's for the best, I

suppose you should forget it and concentrate on cheer.

Alegra

That was my intentions to make it through tryouts and then if my dreams come true I'll have to get help with identifying why they happen to be coming to me.

Madison

You won't fail tryouts because I'll teach you a routine that will knock the other 2 judges for 6 and determine you won't fail in your destiny to make the squad.

Alegra

I'm always a fast learner.

Madison

Good because there's many steps to learn and only 1 week to do it.

Alegra

Do you mean tryouts are only 1 week away.

Madison

Precisely

Alegra

That seem too soon.

Madison

We must do it soon because there will be games to cheer for and we must strengthen the squad before then and find a position for our new members in the formation and we'll all take a while to adjust to the new layouts.

Alegra

Now it's starting to make sense, how often do you reckon we'll have to practise in order to have the routine for tryouts perfect?

Madison

I reckon 4 nights this week should do it, is this acceptable for you?

Alegra

Of course we can come to an arrangement regarding that but not tonight as I promised to take Daisy horse riding and I'll be quite tired by the end of the busy day.

Madison

Can I come over tomorrow?

Alegra

I'll ask my parent's permission tonight because

they may get tetchy about having a stranger over
but I can get a response to you in the morning.

Madison

That's fine, I don't have any practise sessions
this week so it's nice that you'll ask and you're
such a polite girl for doing that and I don't mind
waiting a few hours to know whether I can come.

Alegra

The ranch is a great place to socialise, we have
big rooms perfect for doing anything so with
those high ceiling our jumps can be super
high and we can be capable of doing anything.

Madison

I can work with that but where we take
classes is so special that you'll know it's the
right place when you enter the front door.

Alegra

Are we nearly there?

Madison

Not far away, it'll be worth the wait and if she's there
you may get the chance to meet our vice-captain.

Alegra

She may not be as encouraging as you.

Madison

I know the sort of people who are destined to do well
so if I think that person is you, then there's an extremely
good chance you're the next IT girl for the team.

Alegra

I certainly want to make it if we get to wear dresses as beautiful as that.

Madison

It depends what team you're on, we have a purple
and a white team, we do take pride in our appearances
and I've been like this for many a year gone by.

Alegra

You can't go wrong with ribbons.

Madison

I'd put some in my hair but there's a lot of maintenance to get
it this way, that it can be quite hard to bring myself to change it.

Alegra

How dynamic are the routines?

Madison

So good, we stunt, we flip, we chant and we choreograph so hard that we don't ever fail.

Alegra

Sounds promising, I'll look forward to seeing the action.

Madison

Haven't you ever been to a sports game here?

Alegra

No, I tend to go to watch show jumping instead.

Madison

Then you're missing out big time.
I'll bring some DVD's of the games when I visit and then you'll see the team in action and it'll help you learn why we support them.

Alegra

I knew they'd a good reputation, with regards to coming here I did my research before I came although my mother told me that I should have relocated to California so I could attend UCLA but my mind was made up when I worked out the distance to come back and see Daisy.

Madison

You make the right choice to stick to a university in your own state of Alabama other than heading to a prestigious place that's full of celebrities and surfers.

Alegra

Well a girl can dream, can't she?

Madison

Yes as long as she always tries her best at sport and doesn't affect her performance for the squad.

Alegra

You can count on me for that.

Madison

Well in that case we are now at the sports department, here you'll find Astroturf pitches, a gymnasium with weights and running machines and much more to set your sights adrift.

FADE OUT

ACT SIX:

Location: The cheerleading classroom

FADE IN

The group entered the cheerleading practise room and sat on the matted floor.

Madison

Now I would have given you a demonstration on the squad uses this room but they've all left for class.

Alegra

We could just do some random dancing if we had music.

Madison

Excellent idea, music on

The stereo operated and played the CD it has inside it.

A big bass started that sounded like drums and 20 seconds later a crooning Canadian started to sing.

Alegra

Michael Buble, how do you cheer to his slow tones?

Madison

We don't, it's for meditation purposes, with the truck load of practise we do, we need time to take a breather.

Alegra

Music off.

The CD came to a halt and Madison rushed up to it to take Michael's album "Call me irresponsible" out of the CD player.

Madison

The equipment is voice operated but it can't change a CD, now how useless is that?

Alegra

Very now what CD are you changing it to?

Madison

We have everything, you're probably not ready for a CD of cheer mixes, they are used to practise for nationals, I got Justin Bieber, he's more for beginners and his album "My world" is so good I'm putting it on.

Alegra

That sounds good but with so many Canadian albums you'd think we were on the border with them and Alabama's no where near the border, that's on the other side of America.

Madison

What an excellent geographical knowledge you have, you will turn into an event bigger spark than what I heard already.

Daisy

Music on.

Justin Bieber player through the surround sound system.

Alegra

Don't mess with the voice recognition, Daisy.

Daisy

It was OK was you to do it a moment ago.

Alegra

I'm friends with Madison so it's allowed.

Madison

You'd be friends with a non intelligent girl like me?

Alegra

Of course I am, I have the brain power for both of us, all I need in return is to be as good at cheer as you.

Daisy

As it's sports, that will take some doing.

Alegra

I may not be excellent as sport but out teachers at high school did give me appraisal for my skill in Netball.

Daisy

That did surprise me because you actually could shoot baskets and dribble the ball so you always want to have a side plan to all the school work.

Madison

So you proved yourself that she is good at sport, I'd skip you through tryouts but the other judges could give me evil glances for it.

Alegra

You should stand up to them as you are captain, by the way Daisy the dream came true and Madison actually saw it happen.

Daisy

I need to know more about this?

Madison

It started when I went outside to get some air and I witnessed a fellow student fall and break her leg.

Daisy

That is precisely what Alegra dreamed would happen.

Madison

I know she dreamt that but she won't let me call her a psychic.

Alegra

Just remember that this is the 1st time this has happened to me hence possibly a 1 off, I can't sense the future and the event probably came to me whilst being distracted by my 1st day here.

Daisy

I read the university has a netball team.

Alegra

That was months ago at high school and I don't want to join it here, Madison showed me a path of enlightenment and I should take it.

Daisy

You shouldn't doubt your dream, if someone had been told it could have been prevented and the girl could have survived without walking with a sprained leg.

Alegra

I got distracted for once, you can't blame me because you do it all the time, anyway our fellow students are being ignored and I won't stand for it.

Alegra went over to her fellow students but didn't talk, she just smiled at them and they invited her to listen in to their conversations.

Daisy was annoyed that Madison could be a distraction for her best friend.

Daisy

I hope all this cheerleading doesn't distract Alegra's grades, she never multi-tasked between academic subjects and sports before.

Madison

How about Netball?

Daisy

It was on the curriculum hence it's all considered educational, here it is optional so is considered academic because it's optional.

Madison

I won't let her intelligence be wasted, if I find out her grades are dipping I'll have a word with her.

Daisy

She won't listen to you about her education because you get grades worse than me, if she drops below a B then we'll get the school president involved to give her some encouragement back into A grade territory.

Madison

I think that might just work, I've seen him many times and we always seems to encourage me to try harder although with me it doesn't last long and I'm back to my usual self in no time.

Daisy

That's just the way you are, Alegra is bred better than that so her conscience can be repaired in no time.

Daisy could now see the Madison was looking after Alegra's best interests even if being head cheerleader still made her a trouble maker.

Alegra had developed a 6th sense by listening to her fellow group members.

Hannah was a Goth and Oregano was the daughter of an accountant.

Hannah

So that start of a new year, what stocks and shares is your Dad hoping to invest in?

Oregano

I am not sure, he already made 100's of thousands on the Indian herb market 20 year ago and he has never done so well since.

Hannah

I just come over as scary, even the girl we asked to listen to us seem to be venturing away from me.

Oregano

You probably are frightening her, she's just a small village girl but with that hair and outfit she could be mistaken for a city slicker.

Hannah

It's OK, you can speak to us as I don't bite people.

Alegra

My name's Alegra and I am from a small village by the name of Decatur but I did want to come to North Alabama University because of it's good reputation. If any of you get stuck in your work here, come

and see me and I'll identify the problem in no time.

Oregano

That is really swell of you since you hardly know us.

Alegra

I don't but I have a friend here already and I'd love to have more.

Hannah

Who are you friends with so early in the University calendar?

Alegra

Why Madison of course.

Hannah

I thought she'd swallow you up and spit you out again.

Oregano

Don't listen to Hannah, she's just scary looking and with Madison's authority you made a great choice in your 1st friend.

Alegra

I will be hoping to be a part of her life very soon.

Oregano

Does this mean you're going to be a cheerleader?

Alegra

Yes, that is correct.

Oregano

Then I wish you good luck and I doubt I'd be brave enough to do what you are about to attempt.

Alegra

Won't you at least attend tryouts?

Hannah

Oregano is a bit shy and to go through all that takes so much confidence that if she tried without preparing to the last details, she'd end up hyperventilating and tiring herself out.

Alegra

I could always prep with her.

Hannah

Do you know what you're doing?

Alegra

No but Madison's going to teach me a routine

that'll knock them dead at tryouts.

Hannah

You mentioned death, I suddenly spring to life.

Alegra

I didn't mean it literally.

Oregano

Some of us knew that but Hannah is deeply depressing.

Hannah

At least I can call myself a proper Goth because my hair is naturally black and I just hate those who have to die theirs just to join our cult.

Oregano

There is nothing worse than someone is only a Goth so they can be depressing. I see my friend's point when she says that if you are going to be a member of a group, you shouldn't have to be false in order to join.

Alegra

Don't you have any male friends?

Hannah

No, it's an all girl double act.

Alegra

Same as me and Daisy.

Oregano

I have nothing against them, it's just my best friend likes them and I am precautious that we avoid them.

Hannah

They do cheat on you and none would date me.

Alegra

That's where the problem lies, we'd never let a boy tear up our friendship because he was cute. I'd let Daisy have a boyfriend but I ain't the time, far too much studying to do.

Oregano

If you make the squad, boys won't be able to keep themselves back from adoring you.

Alegra

I know that was due to happen, I went to church

last weekend and explained the problem to the priest in case my religion would be set against such a sport.

Hannah

You'd never have that problem if you were a Christian child.

Oregano

Don't listen to her, she follows Emo and that isn't even a faith, may I ask what religion you are?

Alegra

I'm a catholic and proud to be.

Oregano

Any time you want to talk to us, feel free to come over and say hello.

Alegra

Will do and anytime you need help with academic issues, come to me.

Oregano

Will do and I apologise if Hannah can be over the top.

Alegra waved to the girls before Daisy was ready to leave but not before Madison had something to show Alegra.

Madison

Now the biggest thing about cheerleading is competition and they don't get any more serious than nationals so as this room is voice operated, cabinet light on.

The glass cabinet on the wall lit up and was more noticeable.

Alegra

They are so wonderful, have you really won all these?

Madison

Not me personally but over my 3 years we won our fair share of these, even before I became captain and the others came from a previous team taken from our university's long and historic past.

When we chose to kick then girl-friend, we get our best pompoms out and work our magic.

Alegra

Cheering for sport and competition must really motivate the team but I fear they have no time for anything else.

Madison

You'll still have time for your popularity.
I spend most weekends at the mall, shopping
whilst my best friend carries my bags.
She didn't join me in the squad but we
never drifted apart so don't you fear
you'll lose Daisy because she'll still
need you and you'll always have time
to hold those parties I heard about.

Alegra

They were mightily special but I never had a real celebrity
there which really made them not as good as I'd liked.
They are always wannabes but when I make more of a
name for myself I could have The Jonas Brothers at my 19th.

Madison

You should get them, I'd be wanting them at my 21st
but my parents are unsure whether to fork out the money.
The university knows we mean business when we burst into the
dining room at lunchtime with our sprit and very popular pep rallies.

Alegra

We can do each other a favour because if you get
stuck at your grades, I could boost them a bit, it's harder
work than I've done before but I'll be willing to give it a go.

Madison

If you can do my work than you're cleverer
than anyone I've ever known before.
I am studying at level 3 whereas your only on
level 1 so to do my work would be exceptional.
To be honest I don't want you're brain to be
overworked that it's stopping your from having fun.

Alegra

I know my fun and ridding horses is pretty epic in the scale of things.
Those trophies are epic and I'm glad I recommend you bring us here.

Madison

It's my please but I know you're mainly
into chemistry so we'll head there next.

Alegra screamed with joy.

Alegra

That would make me so happy but no blowing things
up in the 1st day, I told myself that I shouldn't
overexcite myself so no being the usual
chemistry show off until I've settled in better.

FADE OUT

ACT SEVEN:

Location: The assembly hall inside the university.

FADE IN

Madison led the group out of the classroom before they headed on their way to science. Alegra was very excitable by the idea of being let loose with all those chemicals and acids before her chemistry class started. They all took a leisurely walk before going up stairs and stopping at the top.

The corridor up there was as wide as at the bottom, Madison took the group to a room that was empty before marching them in. Alegra was et in 1st, she amazed at the Bunsen burner points on each desk and the sink between them. An old wooden cabinet also sat in the corner.

Alegra

May I ask what's in the cupboard.

Madison

You seem eager to learn, I assume it's where they keep the acids in glass cylinder jars, I haven't taken science here but from experience at high school they kept the acids there but these will be much stronger.

Alegra

We'll have fun using them.

Madison

Just don't corrode your fingers because you'll need them to be holding pompoms during matches.

Alegra

It's a dangerous subject and for you I'll be careful although I need to get my degree, I don't want to ruin my reputation by being a klutz.

Madison

Alegra's here

Alegra's clear

Alegra's going to do so great at cheer.

With her stylish hair

She loves to share

she'll work her way to be a North Alabama Lion.

Alegra

I am pleased to see you supporting me through all this, though my other subjects are safe so you

can avoid acting like a big sister to me for those.

Madison

I look after my squad's welfare, it's just the girl I am but those rumours about me being viscous are true, I will always be happy for us to do our best but I am willing to take another squad down on our way to victory.

Alegra

You said it cheer idol.

Madison

Is that a nickname for me?

Alegra

Yes

Madison

Do you have 1 I could use for you?

Alegra

It's Lithograph, I doubt you'll remember that.

Madison

Perhaps but I am unclear what it means.

Alegra

Lithograph is a method of bio-molecules that have not been developed, this is tested on a nanometer scale.

Madison

Then I'll try to remember it because it is so uncommon and I tend to remember the unusual nicknames over something common that would never stick to my brain.

Alegra

You don't have to use it, it's just what Daisy calls me.

Oregano comes over.

Oregano

Am I allowed to call you that?

Alegra

If you can remember it but don't call me Ally because I know nobody called Austin so it would make no sense.

Oregano

With your talent I think Miss Cruise would be more politically correct.

Alegra

We're teenagers and surely can be referred to each other by our 1st names or you can call me Lithograph like Daisy does.

Oregano

I can do that, I have no nickname so Oregano will do and neither does Hannah, I wonder where she's gone.

Alegra

Probably gone to chat up a skeleton.

Oregano

Quite amusing, she is the type of scary person to do that but she's not all bad as she looks, she has a kind streak that you have to get to find that out by knowing her a bit longer.

Alegra

I guess everyone's sweet inside and that is the way I will always be, I have no resentment towards others so everyone should like me and that's the way I intend it to stay during my life at Uni.

Oregano

That is a good positive attitude and it will do you well.,

Alegra

Live life as you mean to go on, I understand why Madison is viscous towards rivals, she wants the best for her team and so do I. I really hope my mother lets her come over tomorrow to teach me a routine so good it will beat anyone who attend soon at tryouts.

Oregano

I'd love to come and watch you.

Alegra

Won't that make us both nervous?

Oregano

Maybe but I need to conquer my fears and perhaps I'll be able to have the confidence to tryout in the spring.

Alegra

I would be happy to witness such a turn around from you in such a very short time.

Daisy comes over to Alegra.

Daisy

It's nice to finally catch up to you again,
you must be in your element here and you
haven't resorted to screaming in excitement again.

Alegra

I did it before I arrived, I am happy,
I can't be not be but in a place like
this, I can't help to be distracted before I
come out with my usual reaction to things.

Oregano

It's OK, I'll manage to conquer my fears by spring.

Daisy

Lithograph, may I ask who this is?

Alegra

Her name is Oregano and she is
coming to watch me at tryouts.

Daisy

That'll make you nervous if anyone watches
you that you know and you've gone
through a lot of pressure as it is.

Alegra

I've got it covered and if my Mom
will let Madison visit tomorrow we can
start practising my routine for tryouts.

Daisy

How will you get her to agree to invite her?

Alegra

Mummy's adorable and she always said that
she wanted me to make friends here, 1 who
is a state champion in sport will be
someone she'll be so willing to meet.
I'm a fellow state champion but only for me
winning a spelling bee and I'll be remember for
entering the local pageant but never for sport.

Oregano

You were in a pageant, didn't you win?

Alegra

No, it was to find Miss Alabama's outstanding teen from all over the state but I only came 3rd when it was held a few weeks ago in August.

Oregano

Can't you enter nationally?

Alegra

I could represent the whole country but if I can't beat mere girls to a crown for the state of Alabama then there is little chance to me being picked to represent our country against the world.

Oregano

I suppose that makes your chances quite slim.

Daisy

The decision usually goes to 1 of the 49 girls who won their respective state to challenge each other to represent this country.

Oregano

If you don't mind me asking, isn't there a pageant for chemistry geeks besides the usual airheads?

Alegra

There might be but I lost because the 2 who beat me did look prettier but also let intelligent. I suppose clever people aren't brought up to parade on a stage, they should be tested purely by their knowledge and not have to have another skill our good dress choice.

Daisy

You're dress was beautiful but the other 2 did steal the competition with their talent which was more skilful than educational.

Alegra

I think I looked beautiful but was naïve in thinking I'd winning the nation's hearts by reciting poetry.

Oregano

I think that's an astonishing thing to do and it's a travesty you didn't win.

Madison came over to see whether Alegra had calmed down.

Madison

Hey everyone, what are we talking about?

Oregano

How awful it was that Alegra lost her chance to become Miss Alabama's outstanding teen and get some acclaim for all the good she has done.

Madison

That is terrible, I know she's adorable and talented so losing that was a real rip off for whoever voted for the 2 that beat you.

Alegra

It's OK, I was beaten by a singer and a ballerina so I take losing with a grain of salt.

Madison

Next year you can perform cheerleading and that should beat the other 2.

Daisy

I am so sorry that it was her last chance to compete because this August she was 17 and that is the age limit and she turned 18 last week hence she could possibly be the youngest in our year.

Oregano

Then you should have won and took the competition down.

Madison

That is something I am good at.

Alegra

Those girls were glitzier than me, I just proved that I'm too ordinary to go the extra mile for being pretty.

Daisy

I thought watching you recite poetry was sweet.

Madison

You did that, it maybe easy for you to store facts but for those events they want something spectacular like singing or spinning or anything as lost as it's not educational, with something like that you'll only attract a small number of voters.

Oregano

She can't of done much more, she did come 3rd out of 40.

Madison

If she did that well, she must have picked up a following from somewhere.

Alegra

I told you I was popular, some must have liked my photographic memory, the others may have considered me cute or thought I had a good chance of winning, which I almost did.

Madison

It still a valiant effort and you can go for Miss Alabama next time but only if you can bear the other 2 at their own game. Remind me again what they did?

Daisy

They were a singer and a ballerina.

Alegra

I could sing and cheer at the same time.

Madison

You pushed the bar up a notch and are seriously on the wavelength of a girl who wants to win pageants.

Oregano

At least she was brave enough to enter and go on that big wide stage, I'd be scared witless to do such a thing.

Daisy

That's coming from a girl who wants to take part in tryouts in March.

Alegra

I think Oregano is really trying to face her fear and is up for the challenge it will bring.

Madison

May I ask whether we've finished in the laboratories.

Alegra

Yes but I will miss this place.

Daisy

It's OK, you've class here is less than 24 hours.

Madison

Shall we head to English next?

Daisy

It's certainly where Nigel wanted to go
and as I'm taking English Literature,
I wouldn't mind looking around.

Madison

Then everyone follow me.

20 of them were still on the tour with the exclusion of Hannah and there was so much more yet to be discovered.

Alegra

Hasn't this place got a library?

Madison

Yes we do but it's nearer the dining room,
we started at the wrong end if you wanted
to go there but if we have time at the
end, I'll take the group to there later.

Alegra

That will be suit me fine because I have to
read and draw, scrawl through dictionaries,
thesauruses and there's so much to learn
that I won't stop until I know every fact and figure
and I'll be a match for any person who needs information.

Oregano

I wonder whether we had a plantation?

Daisy

This is coming from the girl named after a herb.

Madison

We have a greenhouse for growing seeds
and fruit but we'll go if we get the time too,
I know this place is too big to tour in 1
afternoon but we'll do our best.

Hannah came to Oregano, seeming quite relieved and her hair seemed slightly out of place, like she'd be running.

Oregano

Are you OK?, I haven't seen
you since we were in sports.

Hannah

I got lost on my way to chemistry,

I fought if I stopped at the bathroom during the tour I'd be able to catch up but somehow I couldn't find any of you.

Alegra

You're here now and glad that you're back.

Hannah

I didn't think a girl liked you cared in the slightest where I was.

Alegra

You're not perfect but it would be very unfair not to give you a chance.

Hannah

I don't know why you would, I'm not sweet with long wavy hair and a dress sense to die for. I'm scary and wear black, have black hair and wear black lipstick, I don't know a colour other than black that would suit me.

Alegra

Dark brown wouldn't go amiss.

Hannah

Thank-you but at this stage in my life, I believe I am beyond repair.

Daisy

I bet the Geology rooms are decorative.

Alegra

We assumed they'd rock the competition.

Daisy starts to laugh.

Madison

Why is Daisy laughing?

Daisy stops laughing.

Oregano

It might have been because Alegra's comment was a play on words.

Alegra

Geology's about rocks so I referenced them when I spoke about the subject.

Madison

They have a geology club but I wouldn't want to lose someone with your intelligence to them.

Alegra

It may be tempting but I promised I'd stick by your side.

Madison

It's unfair to discourage your creativity so if rocks are your fascination, then you need to mix with those who share your passion.

Alegra

Perhaps I should do that but my spirits with the North Alabama Lions and that's where I'll stay.

Daisy

Big mistake lithograph, the world means more to you than this.

Alegra

There's no way I can do both and I am doing degrees and BTEC's, I need a social life that gives me a rest from thinking and geology won't do that.

Hannah

Then things are difficult.

Oregano

You'd be daft to turn away rock studies when you bring along a chisel occasionally just in case it would come in useful.

Alegra

I only did that a few times, it's not very often because it's a heavy item to carry but Madison said about she and her friends go to and that sounds like quite a good way to spend a social life.

Madison

That is correct, you should visit because it's fairly near here.

Alegra

Me and Daisy haven't been to the 1 in Decatur for a month, how do you manage to go every week.

Madison

I have to get everything else done before I'm allowed to go but if you actually study for your exams,

I'm not surprised you haven't been to the mall in months.

Oregano

You must be the person who has to travel the furthest, Decatur must be 50 miles from here.

Alegra

It's about that from the edge of town to the university but the fact it takes me an hour there and back doesn't concern me. I didn't want to go to Athens State University which is a few miles away because they didn't have the atmosphere that they have here so I am proud to make the journey morning and night.

Daisy

I come from Tusculumbia, yet despite the distance apart, me and Alegra still ended up being best friends.

Madison

That is rather far to hold a friendship but when I see your bond, it's amazing how Daisy needs Alegra.

Alegra

She will always need me especially with this idea of joining Athletics but she's entitled to do it, just as it's acceptable to say that Geology will encourage my love of discovering.

Madison

The only thing they lack is spirit, if their heads are always in books they miss out seeing the great things the Lions achieve.

Oregano

Crowded places don't sound like fun to me but I won't influence the decision to see Alegra's popularity return.

Daisy

That's nice of you under the circumstances but if Nigel can take up Basketball then we are all entitled to be who we want to be.

Madison

I commented on Alegra's outfit earlier, where was it bought from?

Alegra

It was from Sears, if you come over I

can show you where you can get it.

Madison

We have a Sears in Regency Square Mall
down the road from here so I'll pop
down there when I get the time.

Alegra

I don't just shop in Sears, I have clothes from Belk and
my shoes usually come from American Eagle Outfitters.

Madison

For a girl who hardly hits the mall often
you sure know where to shop.

Daisy

She much rather spend time at the nature reserve.

Alegra

Shopping isn't my main forte, I am
into environment and my religion and
time spent with Daisy is enough for me.

Oregano

Have you seen the new Brad Pitt movie?

Alegra

I've been meaning to but it hasn't been
out long enough to consider it a priority
on my list of ways to spend the weekend.
It wasn't on the last time we were at Decatur
Mall but the last time we popped to Regal
to see a flick must have been in April.

Daisy

It was around then, we did
get to see the new Robert Downey Jr
film though and it was 1 of his best.

Madison

Now if Nigel is done with English,
we have just enough time to visit the library
before your buses come to take you home.

Nigel puts down a dictionary and walks out of the door, he was behind the other who
exited 1st.

FADE OUT

ACT EIGHT:

Location: The assembly hall inside the university.

FADE IN

The group passed along the corridor and Madison stopped when she saw Troy and Romeo.

Troy

So you actually managed to show up.

Romeo

That's 10 bucks to me then.

Madison

Don't get on to me about punctuality, I had a class to run at lunchtime on the other side of school, there's no way I could come any quicker.

Romeo

I assume finishing your class early isn't an option?

Madison

No it isn't, you wouldn't realise how hard is to be cheer captain and be in 2 place at once.

Troy

Of course we wouldn't but we'd be welcome to hear about it someday.

Romeo

Don't take decisions that you make so quickly, I bet Madison can drone for hours about her team.

Madison

Why do you see me so negatively, I only want the best so don't doubt my potential.

Alegra

I am sure they don't mean it, I spoke to them earlier and they seemed so envious of your talent because they'll never result to being as popular as you and together as a team we're invincible.

Madison

Of course they don't, I may be rather sparkly on the outside but I can be a real honest and good friend.

Alegra

That's something for me to look forward too besides the other known hectic life we'll get around here.

Oregano

Once everyone settles down it should chance into a more embracing atmosphere.

Daisy

The 1st day hasn't gone badly so far, we all seem to have made friends and our form tutor seems like the sort of person who won't let us down.

Alegra

A good start was when he seemed cleverer than me but that's why I'm here to defy standards and to become more clever than my fellow students.

Daisy

Of course you do but you wouldn't want to overtake the teacher's knowledge until you graduate, at least coming 3rd in Miss Alabama's outstanding teen, this paid for 25% of fees towards this place but knowing the destiny you are heading for means you could pay of university in only 1 year.

Alegra

I am sure that money I got won't even cover extra-curricular, there's always some terms and conditions involved when you enter a pageant.

Madison

Sports aren't that expensive and the sort of thing that could be used as a bonus as well as good academic grades when you move on from here, which I will do in just under 2 years time.

Oregano

So you're a 3rd year and thought being a senior meant you were in the top year.

Madison

In high school that is correct but the 1st 2 years here are classified as juniors and the last 2 years are seniors, if you stick at something long enough by the time you're my age you could end up running it.

Alegra

That's a big goal to set yourself but I am aiming high and will try to jump over any obstacle like you did in the dining room.

Daisy

That was a rather acrobatic display.

Madison

I took gymnastics to help my stunting
so I can do most challenges.

Alegra

That can be of use to me but with all this
practise needed for tryouts, it may be advisable to start
the very same thing as you in order not to fail stunting.

Daisy

Lithograph, you always can take part in
something new, you're a girl of so much talent
that taking gymnastics as optional is bound
to give you a lift on your stunting.

Oregano

You've helped me a lot and if you feel it will
help you out to take additional classes to perfect
your chance of making the squad then you must do it.

Alegra

I do have some qualities about me like being
clever and not looking my age, I can still fit into
child sized clothing and I am easily excitable.

Madison

The latter could be more useful to you
when you chant, is it possible to make it so
loud that the other team quivers in their boots?

Alegra

Why of course I can do that, when it comes to
making myself heard I don't let myself down.

Daisy

That is correct especially since you screamed
down the phone when you rang me this
morning, it must have been at least 80db.

Alegra

I couldn't help it, the fact you were coming here
with me was such good news and was also a
good distraction from the physiological problems.

Daisy

It was 1 dream.

Alegra

It may have been but it kept recurring again
and again, so repetitive and hard to ignore but now it's
gone and my potential isn't distracted so it can be let loose.

Oregano

I am not ready for that.

Alegra

Maybe not today but 1 day you will be.

Madison

Getting back to me saying about the
library, Alegra you'd lose yourself in
there because it's so big in there.

Alegra

I believe that can be possible, with the coursework
our teachers set, there's a whole rack of knowledge
that will need to be analysed in greater detail
in order me to pass with flying colours.

Daisy

Another triumphant step towards the moon.

Oregano

Now there's something I'd never do.

Alegra

Of course you wouldn't but I'll try new
things with you slowly and at your own pace
and in time you'll be as confidence as I am.

Oregano

I'd like that but I doubt Hannah would have the patience,

Hannah brushes past the group to get to the front.

Hannah

What won't I have the patience for?

Oregano

To handle my slow development.

Hannah

Ridiculous, if it's confidence you need,
you should take all the time you need.

Alegra

She couldn't have picked a better time to start because in
6 months we could be close to seeing a completely new girl.

The group had now approached the library.

Madison

Now this is the library, everyone go and rummage through the vast collection and you can take 1 book out on my account until we get you library card later in the week.

Alegra

That's so good of you, I'll be right back.

Alegra zoomed off to find a book that she could rent on Madison's behalf. As the other group got hearing off Madison's offer they went to find books as well. Alegra went to find a book on cheerleading so went to the sports section, Daisy was only a shelf away looking for a book on Athletics. Madison shouted some information before she let the group to their own devices.

Madison

The school buses will be here in half an hour so don't get too distracted.

Madison went to sit down whilst her group were occupied.

Daisy

So I need a book on running, have you seen 1?

Alegra

They're on the middle shelf, Dorling Kindersley has a good section on how to be a good runner.

Daisy

They would, they have a book on everything.

Alegra

I don't know precisely how many but it's 100 books and counting and we have many of their encyclopaedias at home but still hoping to fill the gaps in our collection.

Daisy

You're never satisfied until something's complete.

Alegra

You say that like it's a bad thing,
just you remember to catch the bus here with me
because I will start the Horse riding lesson without you.

Daisy

Oh yes, I was coming over to practise my show jumping so I will most certainly not miss the bus.

Alegra

I couldn't ask for much more.

Daisy

If they're late leaving the depot again,
who knows when they'll show up.

Alegra

I heard they just left them up in Florence during the day.

Daisy

That might be true as the depot is about 100 miles from here.

Alegra

It travels far but I can help being isolated where I am,
Decatur isn't exactly near but it does have it's own
colleges although here is better than any of those.

Daisy

I only travelled 10 miles but my Dad will
pick me up from yours after dinner.

Alegra

Same as it always has been and
I wouldn't have it any other way.

Daisy seems to find something on a shelf that may be of use.

Daisy

Here is a good book on running simply titled "Athletics".

Daisy picked up the book and began to search through it to see whether there's a
section on what sort of a balanced diet an athlete should take.

Daisy

I forgot to ask what sort of a book you were looking for.

Alegra

Just 1 on how to be the perfect cheerleader
so Madison doesn't see me as a failure on
sport because you told her I was terrible
and I don't want her to think you're right.

Daisy

You could look it up on the university's website and
e-mail some of the other squad members, they could give
you advice on what sort of things it would take to be the best.

Alegra

Another option would be to look at the internet in general
but I won't look at what most Catholic's opinions on the
sport is because they are dead against how flirtatious it is.

This is especially biased just because you stand on the pitch with an outfit our priest would say shows too much of my stomach.

Daisy

It's OK, it's a matter of principle to do it and you shouldn't let a small controversial faith put you off.

Alegra

I am honestly considering asking Madison to get the outfits redesigned.

Daisy

If you tell her that she'll never take you seriously, it's only a midriff after all.

Alegra

No living person has ever seen mine or a deceased person for that matter.

Daisy

I respect your concern but you always talk about sacrifices and this is 1 you'll have to take to get in the squad.

Alegra

You're right but my parents will take 1 look at me and wonder how I became so de-moral when I used to dress so innocently.

Daisy

If it'll affect your parents and your beliefs go and see Madison and talk to her about the wrong and right reasons for why the dress isn't appropriate.

Alegra

I'm not against the dress, I'm against it's controversy that gives boys the wrong impression about the sort of people we are.

Daisy

When you put it like that, you might have a point.

Alegra

I'd have gone to Cincinnati, they cover their midriffs and wear long sleeves but it was way too far so I came here. I had no intentions of joining the team but seeing how popular Madison is, it seemed like the right thing to do and she wanted me to join her.

Daisy

I don't think you made a mistake to go and attend tryouts next week, I expect with the right practise you could beat the other girls

but Madison will have her work cut out to get you to co-ordinate your arms and legs in time with music.

Alegra

We only have a week, I'm doomed before we started and I'm not exactly the 1st choice. We are friends and not to talk to the most dominant girl around would be critical in my pledge to be well liked so I'll give it my all and also prove that I will pass my BTEC's and degrees with flying colours.

Daisy

It says in this book that I have to have 5 portions of fruit and veg to build up a stamina good enough to be a runner, honestly that seems like a lot and there is no mention of cake in this book.

Alegra

I could have guessed that, you could do with being a bit healthier beside me being too thin but I am just fussy about food and if I put on weight I'd have to get a whole new wardrobe.

Daisy

Why would you?, it's not falling apart.

Alegra

I meant new clothes and not an actual wooden wardrobe and I know fashion because it took me 2 hours to pick this outfit and to buy new clothes would mean a trip to Decatur mall and I only get the chance to visit there every 6 weeks so I always hope not to outgrow my clothes.

Daisy

Of course you don't, when you grow out of clothes for teenagers, it's like you have suddenly grown up but if you order online you can get teen style clothes in bigger sizes.

Alegra

I never thought of doing that, if I expand I could get dresses and kilts measured in my size and height and fashion will no longer be a thing for the young. I already feel quite old in this being my last year to qualify for Miss Alabama's outstanding teen and next year I have to enter the main event.

Daisy

I am sure the other 2 will be there because for the 1st time ever all the top 3 girls were 17 so they could all be joining me for the title of Miss Alabama.

Alegra

Speaking of my really good birthday parties I host, are you still coming to it a week on Saturday.

Daisy

Of course I am, why is it held so late this year?

Alegra

So you didn't miss it, my birthday fell whilst you were in Panama but you did remember to give me presents beforehand. Having the party later gives me the chance to have some of my new university friends attend so I better get some new invites sent out.

Daisy

Of course it make sense now but if there's no famous guest, Madison may feel like you are not a princess of parties and this is your 18th so it to be the most special of anything you're ever hosted before.

Alegra

Believe me it will be hard regarding a special guest, I may have to try harder but if I offer the right sort of money and come with only 10 days notice.

Daisy

As long as everyone is in place than you could leave it to the last minute but the thing that puzzles me is why you didn't mention any of this to Madison.

Alegra

I honestly don't think she needs to know.

Daisy

She'll be seeing you every night after we finish tomorrow until Tuesday so you're not going to get much time to organise a famous person.

Alegra

I have it under control, I'll get started when you Dad drops you back at Tuscumbia after your horse riding lesson.

Daisy

That's very good of you to overwork yourself
so your party can be extra special.

Alegra

It's nothing, do you want to come with me to
Decatur Mall on Saturday?, I need a party dress
for the week after or should I get 1 ordered.

Daisy

I'd love to come, Belk has some
beautiful dresses that would suit you.

Alegra

I've shopped there before but mainly for
jeans, I usually go to Sears for dresses.

Daisy

Perhaps you should live a little or we could go to
the Disney store on a shopping spree but you'd
have to look up where 1 of them is in Alabama.

Alegra

I have been a few times but it's not near,
I'll bare it mind along with the final touches
to my 18th birthday party and Madison
wanting to teach me a new dance routine,
we may not have the time to go there.

Daisy

No time for Disney, this is not like
you, you'd look perfect in pink.

Alegra

I have a lot of pink already so I am sure
when we get to the mall on Saturday we'll
find something to make me the belle of the ball.

Daisy

You always do.

Alegra

I am always adventurous so
what did you mean by living a little.

Daisy

I meant shopping in JC Penny
outlet store for a change.

Alegra

I most certainly won't for clothes,
they insult me stopping the kids clothes
at 14 and making me wear adults clothes
when I'll be how old when we go to the mall?

Daisy

You'll be 18.

Alegra

So metaphorically an adult but only just,
I've been 1 only a fortnight and want to
dress younger, I'm still a teenager until I'm
20 so I'll buy teen clothes until I outgrow them.

Alegra was browsing the shelves when we she picked up a book on cheerleading.

Daisy

That looks like it could be of use to you.

Alegra

It's worth a shot but I don't want Madison
to get the wrong end of the stick.

Daisy

Why would she?

Alegra

She might because if she's sees me learning
some details before we train together,
she might wonder why I am doing that.

Daisy

She knows you like learning so she
should assumed you'd swot up on a
few facts to amaze her when she visits.

Alegra

The fact she knows I'm a geek maybe something
she can use to her advantage, the fact is I did offer
to help her despite her subjects being at a lot higher level
than me so it'll take me forever to revise it to teach her.

Daisy

I'm sure she'll respect the fact you said
that out of kindness and she won't ask for
anything too complicated for you to help her with.

Alegra

I forgot to ask what subjects she's taking,
for all I know she might be taking religion,

I can tell you facts about the main 5 but I stopped it after high school because it wasn't important to me.

Daisy

No 1 is doubting you for giving it up as long as you keep practising Catholicism then no 1 will think any less of you.

A bell rang in the distance.

Madison

Everybody bring your book to me and I'll check them out for them.

Everyone rushed from where they were hiding and Madison collected their books as they passed her, she got them stamped and passed it back to the person who gave her it up checking out of the library system.

Madison

Goodbye everyone, I'll meet you all 1st thing tomorrow.

Alegra

Thank-you Madison for opening my mind to new opportunities and I'll ask my mom tonight about you coming over to tutor me in sport.

Madison

It my pleasure and good luck.

Alegra

Goodbye.

Madison

Goodbye

The entrance was only a mile away so Madison waked the group there, Alegra and Daisy followed the students out to the bus bay to get the yellow bus back to everybody's houses.

FADE OUT

ACT NINE:

Location: The assembly hall inside the university.

FADE IN

They arrived and the 1 of the buses read _____ via Tuscumbia, Decatur, _____ and _____ so that meant Alegra and Daisy had got to the right bus and they could get on it without worrying about being stranded in the middle of nowhere. They stood at the front of the line to get on.

Daisy

That was a busy day.

The 2 of them climbed the few steps onto the bus.

Alegra

It ain't over yet.

They walked down the bus to find seats.

Daisy

Why, wasn't it hectic enough.

Alegra

You're come horse riding at my house.

The 2 of them sat down and flung their backpacks and coats under their seats.

Daisy

I remembered that but beside that
I still think it was a busy day already even
before we get started on saddling up our horses.

Alegra

I suppose you could be right.
I always seem to remain calm and
collective whatever gets thrown my way.

Daisy

I don't know how you do it.

Alegra

I've just had years of practise.

Daisy

So has Madison and it's a shame it was academic.

Daisy notices Nigel getting on board the bus, he comes and sits opposite the pair.

Nigel

Hello Daisy, Alegra, so sorry I took so
long to get here, I was at the back of
the queue in the library so it took
longer for my book to get stamped.

Daisy

It's fine, I know about the mad rush
that happens when the bell rings,
most students are tired from exhaustion
and want to head home but for those others,
they are disappointed that a day of learning is over.

Alegra

I usually can take more learning but today was very hard and I can keep it up, it's quite hard building up my popularity again.

Nigel

I suppose everyone felt the pressure, Alegra are your 2 other friends coming on board?

Alegra

If you're referring to Oregano and Hannah, I'm not sure.

Daisy

It might have been good to ask them bus if the bus fills up without them another 1 will come into the bus bay. They come every 10 minutes until they refill themselves and everyone standing outside not stranded her overnight.

Alegra

That's awfully pleasant of them, do you know where the 1st drop of will be.

The engine revs up and the driver starts to spin the wheel and the bus is on the way.

Daisy

We'll soon find out but it may be Tuscomb because it's only 10 minutes away or we might stop in Florence but I am not stopping at home, I am going to Decatur for horse riding so Nigel will be off the bus much earlier than me.

Nigel

It's alright, speaking of the library, did any of you get a book out?

Daisy

We did but the choice was exceptional and we can't wait to get our own card so we can check out our own book.

Alegra

Nigel, do you want to come to my birthday party?

Nigel

I will but it depends on when it is.

Alegra

It is a week on Saturday.

Nigel

Then I will come and that is fine for me.

Alegra

Then I'll get you an invitation,
I hope you don't mind travelling 35 miles to attend because it
took a lot of planning to book the place I am planning it as it is.

Nigel

The distance doesn't matter, I travelled 100
miles at least when I took my summer vacation.

Daisy

Then we'll be pleased to have you there.

Nigel

Is Madison seeking interest from those
2 other boys who tried to wind her up?

Alegra

I spoke with them earlier but I couldn't get an
inkling whether they had a crush on her although she's
perfect so why would a fellow senior turn her down?
They certainly wouldn't crush on us juniors because
we have to start at the beginning before all become
the centre of attention but if you've seen Hannah,
she'd scare the seniors to run for miles.

Daisy

I wouldn't like to wait 3 years for a boy to ask me out.

Nigel

I doubt you'll be swept off your feet, will
there be champagne at your party?

Alegra had a feeling of absolute anger about her because Nigel was so unaware of
Catholics opinion on drinking.

Alegra

I don't know, isn't alcohol considered a sin?

Daisy

I don't think a glass could hurt
you, it is your 18th after all,

Alegra

I'll answer your question again, yes
we will be having champagne but I won't touch it

because we really should have waited until we were 21.

Daisy

Way to live dangerously, I'm sure
Madison won't turn a glass away.

Alegra

She is unaware of her own actions,
I don't think it will do her reputation
any good but if they say athletes
shouldn't eat cake, it's hard to know what
is right or wrong towards other sport.

Daisy

Just you stay innocent and don't touch the stuff, cake
won't be cut out but I still will be a energetic runner and
prove the 100 metres are not meant for stick insects.

Nigel

Don't go thin at any means, it's nice to be
of average weight so I'm glad you're taking
Athletics seriously and not dreaming of dieting.

Alegra

She can always leave the dreaming to me.

Daisy

Just don't take them too seriously and if they
seem remotely true, then tell someone because
the incident today could have been prevented.

Alegra

I didn't believe it would happen so if I start saying that things
will happen and they don't, then I will be laughed at.

Nigel

It's a hard thing to analyse but if you have any doubts, just tell Daisy
and she will tell me and I will know whether it will happen or not.

Alegra

Thank-you Nigel.

Nigel

It's OK, I am now at my stop
so I'll see you girls later.

Daisy

Goodbye.

Alegra

Goodbye.

Nigel got up and walked to the front before departing the bus, it pulled off and Nigel walked to his house.

Daisy

I'm surprised you're not concerned about Oregano.

Alegra

I am sure she can look after herself despite the fact she is shy but Hannah will always protect her, even if they miss this bus for example.

Daisy

As long as you're sure then I will stop worrying about her.

Alegra

I must invite them 2 to my party and Troy and Romeo we must have seniors there to give the right impression.

Daisy

This is coming from the girl who discouraged alcohol.

Alegra

It's not just me, my Mom has to look after me single handed whilst my Dad runs the secret service in Tennessee.

Daisy

I don't suppose you'll follow him into that line of work but he is back at the weekend and you'll be able to spend the whole of 2 days with him.

Alegra

We are going to the mall Saturday morning because you promised we would visit as it's though we haven't been in a month.

Daisy

OK we'll go but I am sure if you're picking a dress for your party he should come and decide with us, it's your 18th and he wants you to look at your utmost prettiest.

Alegra

I try to but if he'd come to the pageant he'd have seen there's tough competition in the North Alabama region, Madison is a long way from where I'm at so I hope she lays of the juniors and stick to controlling her own age.

Daisy

She has control but as a leader she does get her point across.

Alegra

If she does come to my party, this will take place after tryouts so I should know whether I made it so my won't need to be disappointed with me.

Daisy

It's a hard squad to get in so you won't bring shame to your friends but Madison did say herself it was a synch that you'd get in so you have no need to mull it over.

Alegra

At least let my mother meet her 1st before we plan the rest of my life.

Daisy

I heard you say she's the perfect role model being a state champion so what else can you're mother expect from a new friend?

Alegra

A new friend will keep me distracted whilst father is away and my Mom will be proud that I'm taking up sport as an interest instead of being forced to do it. I've never had to multitask between it and education before but I am not there to waste the next 4 years so I'm not going to give any suggestion the cold shoulder.

Daisy

Is there a theme to this party by any chance?

Alegra

I was going for famous people or cartoon characters or be yourself, I don't really know, it's going to be really decorative and really elegant so I suppose most of those suggestions are optional.

We will be having the usual 4 course banquet so I need everyone's invites in by Monday.

I'll just quickly add that notice to them when we arrive and my house and then we'll grab a drink before we start the lesson.

Daisy

You're the best friend a girl can have.

Alegra

Just don't do anything that I disapprove of and then these 4 years will be the best of our lives.

FADE OUT

END OF EPISODE

END CREDITS