

1. EXT PARK DAY

Theodore Sims 16, junior in high school hangs out in the park. He tosses a football up in the air and catches it when it comes down. A big football player, 17 year old Troy Steele, comes along and intercepts it.

TROY

Interception! What are you doing with a football, four-eyes? Trying to put out your eye?

THEODORE

It's not a bb gun.

TROY

Well, at least you know enough about football to tell a ball from a gun. I'm impressed. Are you coming out for the team this year, Teddy?

Three more players 17 ish wander over by the two in time to hear the last question.

BUBBA

Careful, Troy Boy. Don't give him any ideas. He might beat you out of your starting role.

TROY

Yeah, right. And pigs might start their own airline.

The other boys all laugh.

BUBBA

Let's go get something to drink.

TROY

You mean eat?

BUBBA

Now that you mention it I could wash down some coke with a big burger and fries.

They all start walking away from Theodore. He watches helplessly as his football is exiting with them. Suddenly Troy whirls and fires a bullet right at him. Ted puts up his hands awkwardly and deflects it. The boys laugh as they continue exiting.

2. EXT PARK DAY

Theodore walks through the park. He sees Troy and a bunch of guys and gals. He diverts his course to avoid them and sits down on a bench.

TROY

Football practice starts tomorrow. I think we need to party today.

BUBBA

I'm in.

GLORIA

You're always in. Let's go out to the lake.

BUBBA

Let's bounce.

TROY

Wait a second. Let's invite Four Eyes.

GLORIA

What? Are you serious?

TROY

Absolutely. Let's play with him a bit. Maybe we can even convince that Jesus Freak to come along with us.

GLORIA

And ruin our party?

TROY

He'll give us amusement until we tire of him. Then we could ditch him and let him walk back to town.

BUBBA

Now that would be funny.

GLORIA

He probably won't go, but I'll turn on my hypnotizing charm. Brenda, why don't you come with me?