

CARRIE

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"CARRIE"

FADE IN:

From an absolutely glistening WHITE -- an image which first appears to be a brilliantly shining glass globe, and then gradually becomes more of a piece of solid matter, less of a mystery. It's the

1 EXT. WHITE BUNGALOW (OR HOUSE) - DAY 1

FILLING THE FRAME like a picture postcard. Modest, old-fashioned, spotless -- a vision of small town normalcy and virtue.

This is the home of MARGARET WHITE and her daughter CARRIE. It seems to have been scrubbed from roof to porch; it is white. Even the lawn seems to have been washed and bleached. Antiseptic.

We hear a woman's voice:

MARGARET (o.s.)
Carrie! Carrie!

The voice is distant but insistent. It is heard, in perspective, through the following prologue, which initially involves:

2 STELLA HORAN - DAY 2

An All-American sunbathing beauty of eighteen, getting the tan of her life with only a skimpy white bikini running interference between her skin and the sun.

The CAMERA SLOWLY PANS OVER the expanse of her body -- luxuriantly, taking it in inch for inch as she dreamily rubs in suntan lotion and licks her lips. The MUSIC is coming from a transistor radio by her side; she's on a beach blanket in the Horan back yard.

3 DOWNWARDS ANGLE - STELLA 3

as she senses someone standing over her, someone staring at her body through the half-grown hedge which separates the Horan yard from the White house next door.

VOICE (o.s.)
What are those?

A terribly appealing little girl, a child of indeterminate age. Pink cheeks, a halo of blonde-white hair which will darken in time. What sets her apart from other children, however, are a pair of bright button brown eyes; and it is these eyes that we notice as she peers at Stella through the hedge.

STELLA

Hiya, Carrie. Gee you gave me a fright.

(turning down
the radio)

How long have you been there?

CARRIE

(not smiling;
pointing with
her finger)

What are those?

Stella looks where Carrie is pointing: the top of her bikini has slipped, just barely revealing her breasts -- white against the golden tan. Stella adjusts her suit -- not out of any particular modesty of her own but as a reflex at being stared at so strangely.

STELLA

Those are my breasts, honey.

CARRIE

(a beat; then,
solemnly)

I wish I had some.

STELLA

You will. 'Course you'll have to wait a couple of years, but --

CARRIE

(a fact)

No I won't.

STELLA

Why, sure you will.

CARRIE

(emphatic)

No I won't.

(glancing behind her)

Momma says no... Momma says good girls don't.

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4 CONTINUED:

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STELLA
(at something
of a loss)
Well, I'm a good girl. And besides,
doesn't your mother have breasts?

5 CARRIE

5

glances anxiously at the mention of her mother at the
White house next door. She swallows her words so that
all Stella and we hear is:

CARRIE
... dirtypillows.

STELLA
What?

CARRIE
Momma calls them dirtypillows.
Says she's got them 'cuz she was
bad when she made me.

6 STELLA

6

Incredulous. But she senses that Carrie is both per-
fectly serious and quite worried, and she too glances
warily over at the White house just beyond the half-
grown hedge.

She kneels next to Carrie and tries to laugh it off.

STELLA
Now, honey, that's just silly.
Listen -- you must be real hot
in that long dress. What do you
say we go inside and get us some
lemonade, would you like that?

7 CARRIE

7

clearly torn -- tempted but in the clutch of some
weird terror -- as if she expected the earth to open
and swallow her up. She shakes her head.

STELLA
C'mon.
(offering her
hand)
It'll be our secret.

(CONTINUED)

7 CONTINUED:

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Carrie -- now really scared -- shakes her head and disappears farther into the hedge.

CARRIE

I can't!

STELLA

Sure you can. I make it nice
and sweet, and --

And just at that moment, a figure appears in a second-story window in the White House. Although Stella and we really can't see distinctly through the sun's glare, it's unmistakably MARGARET WHITE. The moment this big woman sees her daughter with Stella, she lets out a bloodcurdling scream:

MARGARET

CAARRIEETTAAA!!!

8 CARRIE, STELLA

8

Both frozen by this terrible sound.

9 STELLA'S POV - CLOSER ON CARRIE

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as she sucks in her breath, quivering with fright, looking as if she might faint. She looks quickly to Stella, then back at the White house, then back to Stella. For the merest flash, she seems to smile -- or is she about to cry?

And then, she's gone -- running around the hedge and then up the porch stairs and into the White house as fast as her legs can carry her.

10 STELLA

10

stands there, riveted. Not knowing what's happened, what to do. It's utterly silent for a moment.

And then, an incredible CACOPHONY of strange sounds starts coming from the White house -- an unearthly babble as Margaret White screams, rants, and screeches; as Carrie sobs that she's sorry, that she forgot.

STELLA

Mother!

(louder)

Mother!

11 THE HORAN HOUSE

11

as MRS. HORAN -- in an old housedress with the hem falling down the back -- rushes out in answer to her daughter's call.

MRS. HORAN

What in the name of God? What's the matter?

STELLA

(frantic)

I don't know... Carrie was just talking to me, and Mrs. White started screaming and...

12 THE WHITE HOUSE

12

The sun glistening brilliantly on it as in the opening shot. Again, it should appear like a huge glass globe over which we counterpoint one mother/daughter dialogue with the less distinct babble of another:

MARGARET (v.o.)

I told you to stay away from there, I told you...

CARRIE (v.o.)

I'm sorry, Momma.

MARGARET (v.o.)

... to stay away from that girl, that whore...

CARRIE (v.o.)

Please, Momma!

MARGARET (v.o.)

... of Babylon!

which continues over:

13 TWO SHOT - STELLA AND MRS. HORAN

13

Their eyes riveted on the house -- trying, squinting to see through the sun's terrible glare.

STELLA

Don't you yell at her like that! Stop that!

MRS. HORAN

That poor sweet child...

(CONTINUED)

13 CONTINUED:

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STELLA

Mother, we've got to do something!

MRS. HORAN

What?

STELLA

Call the police? Mother, call
the police!

MRS. HORAN

(not about to
interfere; hope-
less)

The child...

At this point, the hysteric babble reaches its crescendo; we should be able to pick out phrases in this cacophony as Margaret rants at Carrie to go into her closet and pray for forgiveness; as Carrie's frightened little voice proclaims that she forgot, that she's sorry. And then suddenly, the screaming stops and it's quiet -- dead quiet.

14 THE WHITE HOUSE

14

as it becomes more distinct, visible. There's a low WHISTLING SOUND, and then what appears to be a stone the size of a small pebble lands on the roof.

Another, slightly larger one appears a second or two later. And then another, and another, and...

15 TIGHTER TWO SHOT - STELLA AND MRS. HORAN

15

squinting, blinking at the pebbles which are coming down like marbles...

16 THE WHITE HOUSE

16

as it's pelted with what are now even larger stones -- WHISTLING, SCREAMING in the air like miniature bombs.

Stones from a perfectly blue summer day.

Stones ranging in size from marbles to handballs.

One of them hits a downspout, knocking it onto the lawn. CRASHING, CRACKING SOUNDS as these pieces of granite tear into the stucco roofing, leaving holes.

The effect is that of a drum being bombarded.

17 TWO SHOT - MRS. HORAN AND STELLA 17

Frozen to the spot: Mrs. Horan with her hands over her ears, her screams blending with the SOUND of larger and larger stones as they pelt the house and we hear Margaret throughout screaming:

MARGARET'S VOICE

Stop that! Stop that!

Stella is clutching Mrs. Horan like a child terrified by the freakiest of summer storms -- a healthy young woman as her figure in the bikini testifies, but a child nonetheless, this nightmarish moment.

18 THE HOUSE 18

as still larger stones hail from the sky.

And then just as suddenly and inexplicably as they began, just as incredibly as they started, they stop.

19 TWO SHOT - THE WOMEN 19

Mrs. Horan with her hands still over her ears, her daughter standing next to her, transfixed on the lawn. Once again, it's quiet.

20 THE WHITE HOUSE 20

as one final stone -- this one the size of a mere pebble, a small mothball -- falls from the roof and plops onto the lawn.

The image grows lighter and lighter. All the color seems to bleach out, turning the screen once again into an incredible, silently blazing white.

As the colors bleach out, we go directly into the

MAIN TITLES.

21 EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - MORNING 21

Now some years later -- and no longer glistening so whitely or mysteriously. We see the front of the house as the door flies open. Carrie, now sixteen or seventeen, appears in the doorway, carrying school books. As she comes out on the porch, the screen door bangs behind her.

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21 CONTINUED:

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She is wearing a shapeless, drab dress -- much too long, not so much out of style as utterly without style. What remains in this adolescent girl that links her with the pretty child we glimpsed in the prologue are those remarkable eyes.

As she comes down the porch stairs, we hear:

MARGARET'S VOICE

Carrie!

Carrie stops, turns to reply, into the house.

CARRIE

Yes, Momma.

MARGARET'S VOICE

You come straight home from school.

A moment of hesitation on Carrie's part, a very slight hint of rebellion. But:

CARRIE

(sweetly)

I always do, Momma.

Then she turns, walks to the street, gathering pace, quickening.

22 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - ANOTHER ANGLE

22

As Carrie walks down the path from the porch and turns at the sidewalk, in the course of which she passes by where the Horans used to live. Only the Horans no longer live here. No one does. It's a vacant lot with a FOR SALE sign out front, with overgrown weeds. From the looks of them, the house vanished a long time ago.

23 EXT. TOWN STREETS - DAY

23

Carrie is walking to school, the sun shining brightly above her. The farther she gets from her house, the livelier she seems. We sense that underneath this drab dress is a girl pushing out, an altogether different creature than her appearance would suggest. And to help persuade us about this possibility, there is MUSIC.

24 BOBBY ERBETER

24

about five, BOBBY bikes on the other side of one of the streets, keeping pace with Carrie on a twenty-inch Schwinn with training wheels.

BOBBY

Hey, fart-face! Hey, old praying
Carrie! Praying Carrie, praying
Carrie, praying Carrie...

Carrie favors him with a sweet tolerant smile and goes on toward the high school, in the background.

Bobby, frustrated, stops, astride his bike and screams after her.

Bobby's face --

DISSOLVE TO:

25 THE FACE OF AN ADOLESCENT

25

or as he is known in school, THE BEAK. He is pathetically thin, myopic, weak-chinned, beak-nosed -- almost a caricature of an adolescent reject. Over his face, we HEAR:

FROMM'S VOICE

What are you going to leave for us,
You people in your big cars
Spewing pollution into the air?

We PAN the faces of adolescents, listening with various degrees of attention, indifference, or reluctance to:

FROMM'S VOICE

You people with heavy feet
Trampling down the wilderness?
You people who peer into the back
seats of our cars
Hours after you come out of the
back doors of your motels.
Soon all we will have is each other,
And that could be enough...

26 INT. CLASSROOM - FROMM - DAY

26

or, as he is known to his pupils, BIG BELLY FROMM, at his desk in front of the class, reading from an assignment paper.

(CONTINUED)

- 26 CONTINUED: 26
- FROMM
- ... If you will let us have room
enough
And air enough
And peace enough
To love each other
As you never could.
- He sets down the paper, and looks at the class.
- 27 FROMM'S POV - THE CLASS 27
- We will see, among the others, Carrie.
- We also see TOMMY ROSS - a mid-seventies version of the boy next door. Good-looking, clean-cut, intelligent, athletic.
- 28 FROMM 28
- He is nodding his head slowly, affecting a kind of puzzlement.
- FROMM
- I must say -- I must confess --
this poem displays an extraordinary
talent...
(the knife)
... a talent extraordinary for
you, Tommy Ross.
- 29 THE CLASS 29
- All eyes are on Tommy, who doesn't seem very abashed. In fact, he turns, clasps his hands over his head, to the delight of his classmates. But you don't get the feeling he is a goof-off; he is a kid aware of his own popularity and comfortable with it.
- 30 FROMM 30
- FROMM
- Tommy, this is slightly different
from running for a touchdown...
Any criticisms?
- 31 THE CLASS 31
- The usual hesitation. Then Carrie's hand shoots up.

32 FROMM

32

He appears surprised to see Carrie, ordinarily shy, volunteering.

FROMM

Carrie White?

33 THE CLASS - FEATURING CARRIE

33

Her volunteering has surprised her as well. But she's stuck with it. The eyes of the class are on her. And she has to say something. So she does.

CARRIE

It's... beautiful.

34 FROMM

34

He leaves his desk, moving into the class area, seeming to pounce on Carrie.

FROMM

'Beautiful.' 'Bee-t-ti-ful!'
'Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain.' Is
that the beautiful you mean?

The class is snickering. Carrie throws a despairing glance toward Tommy. Tommy looks at her, and away, embarrassed. Carrie looks down at her desk, almost burying herself.

FROMM

That isn't exactly criticism,
Miss White.

(looking around)

Anyone else?

(no one else)

Well, at least we've finally
gotten Carrie White to say
something!

Tommy looks toward Carrie, with something suggesting compassion. Then he looks toward Fromm, and he is muttering something. Or to be specific:

TOMMY

(muttering)

You suck.

FROMM

Tommy? You said something?

(CONTINUED)

34 CONTINUED:

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TOMMY

Yes sir.

(moment;
"popular" grin)

I said... 'shucks.'

But everyone in the class knows.

CUT TO:

35 OMITTED

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36 A VOLLEYBALL

36

arching over the net, striking the outstretched hands of CHRIS HARGENSEN, a girl of seventeen loaded with sexual dynamite (which could explode later in life into a husband, three children and numerous little affairs).

Chris skillfully passes the ball to a girl with the clean good looks of a cheerleader, SUE SNELL; she hits it back over the net. One of their teammates is Carrie, but Carrie is placed off in a corner, safely distant from the main action, awkward, tentative, wanting to get into the game, afraid of making a mistake.

The game is supervised by MISS COLLINS, about 24, wearing gym shorts which show her good legs, and a tee-shirt which shows very little. She's in her second year of teaching.

The serve goes to Carrie's team.

CHRIS

Whose serve?

SUE

Carrie's.

CHRIS

(groaning)

Oh, Gawwwd!

The groan is taken up by all the girls, becoming a chorus as the ball is thrown to Carrie, who fumbles it before stepping to the service line.

RHONDA

Don't hit it into the net!

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36

EXT - A VOLLEYBALL COURT - DAY

Two teams of girls among them NORMA WATSON, HELEN SHYRES, CORA and RHONDA WILSON (sisters although not identical twins), CHRIS HARGENSEN and SUE SNELL. Supervising the game is MISS COLLINS wearing a warm up suit and holding a whistle awaiting the next point. Among the girls is CARRIE anxiously watching for the ball to come her way. It has apparently been a close game the competition building steadily. When the shot begins Miss Collins has just blown her whistle to announce:

A*

COLLINS

Okay, now. This is game point.

D*

This is the final point of the game and Rhonda Wilson is serving (she is on the opposite team as Carrie):

A*

RHONDA

(giving the score)

Twenty - Twenty.

D*

The ball is successfully served and remains in play for some time as the girls skillfully volley it back and forth over the net. And then, just when the tension is greatest, the ball comes over the net toward Carrie. It's evident that the outcome of the game depends upon her success. The little boy who decided to put his finger in the dyke had it easier.

The other girls are (AD LIB) shouting cautions and admonitions to Carrie. Carrie almost trembles with tension, about to bat the ball over the net, afraid to hit it.

Carrie whacks the ball. She shacks it hard. And on a line--straight into the net.

Another chorus of groans, with remarks like "Wouldn't you know!" and "Dumbo!" reinforcing them. The game is obviously over and the girls begin to file off the court and move toward the locker room. Just as Chris passes the humiliated Carrie:

CHRIS

(low, harsh)

You eat shit!

CUT TO:

(A/D*)

37 CONTINUED:

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Steam partially obscures the girls as they whoop and holler and cavort under individual showers. They banter little barbed pleasantries, bits of sexual information, family complaints, talk of college - all of which we hear from separate stalls.

One by one the showers are turned off, the girls stepping out, removing pastel bathing caps, toweling, spraying deodorant, bras hooked, underpants stepped into. Steam hangs in the air. So do words, running into one another, tumbling, drifting.

'...Tommy says he hated it on me... My sister's husband picks his nose... So does your sister... too cheap to spend a penny... we'll go after school... I'm going with Billy, we'll meet you... Friday night...'

We PICK UP Miss Collins as she steps among the girls, spies Carrie still standing under the shower. She claps her hands once, smartly.

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37 CONTINUED:

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COLLINS

What are you waiting for, Carrie?
 (as Carrie looks
 at her)
 Bell in five minutes.

CARRIE

Oh uh?

As Collins departs, and the other girls start to move toward their lockers, Carrie is left alone in her shower stall. She is soaping herself. In a virtual reverie, she begins at her shoulders, moving her hands over her breasts in small, regular, virtually erotic circles. Her hand goes out of frame, below her stomach. Slowly, it emerges back into frame -- full of blood. And just as she and we see this, so do the girls.

CHRIS

Peer-iod! Peer-iod!

Carrie stares at her dumbly.

The other girls are quick to take up the chant. Chris leads them.

GIRLS

Peer-iod! Peer-iod! Peer-iod!
Peer-iod!

One voice chimes in:

NORMA

Plug it up!

Others take up this new chant. For a while, like counterpoint, the chants overlap; then the new chant emerges solely:

GIRLS

Plug it up! Plug it up! Plug
 it up!

Dime-sized drops are striking the tile floor at Carrie's feet.

SUE

For God's sake, Carrie, you got
 your period.

(as Carrie turns
 toward her)

Clean yourself up!

Carrie seems bewildered.

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37 CONTINUED: (2)

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SUE
 (furiously)
 You're bleeding! You dumb
 pudding, you're bleeding!

Carrie looks down and wails; the sound is very loud.

A tampon strikes Carrie's chest, plops to her feet.
 Carrie just stares at it..

NORMA
 She thinks they're for lipstick.

Behind her, another girl pretends to throw up.

Shrieks of laughter. Another tampon strikes Carrie.
 Another. The girls are bombarding her with tampons
 and sanitary napkins, some from purses, some from
 the broken dispenser on the wall. As they bombard
 Carrie:

GIRLS
 Plug it up, plug it up, plug
 it up, plug it up...

We isolate Sue Snell at the moment she joins in the
 chant, and watch her beginning to be caught up in
 what can only be described as a fury.

Carrie howls and begins to back away, howling louder
 and louder.

The door is flung open by Collins.

COLLINS
 What is this?

And she takes it in. She jerks the whistle to her
 mouth, blows and blows! The sound is louder than
 a shriek (which it resembles) or a howl (which it
 doesn't).

And there is sudden silence.

COLLINS
 (to girls)
 Get out! Get out!

The girls retreat, Sue last.

SUE
 It must be her first...

COLLINS
Out!

(CONTINUED)

37 CONTINUED: (3)

37

As the girls slip out, Collins turns to Carrie, who has backed up and is whimpering. Collins slaps her face, not too hard at first, then with a flash of anger.

CARRIE
M... M... Miss Collins...

COLLINS
Stand up. Take care of yourself.

CARRIE
I'm bleeding.

One blind searching hand comes up, clutches Collins' white shorts, leaving a bloody handprint.

COLLINS
Damn you!

She hurls Carrie part way across the room toward the broken sanitary napkin dispenser.

COLLINS
Get over there! And take one!

CARRIE
I don't know...

COLLINS
Never mind the coin slot... it's broken.

CARRIE
It hurts... my stomach...

COLLINS
(grabbing her)
Do it! Now.

CARRIE
I can't. I don't know how!

There's a bright flash as a light BULB POPS, fizzling out. Collins is surprised.

COLLINS
What...?

And she looks at Carrie. Her anger seems to seep away. Her voice softens.

COLLINS
Carrie, don't you know...?
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

37B CONTINUED:

37B

COLLINS
 Carrie, don't you know...?
 (shakes her head;
 realizing and
 wondering)
 You don't.
 (reaches for
 Carrie)
 I'll show you.

DISSOLVE TO:

38A INSERT INT WAITING ROOM - DAY Carrie and Miss Finch. 38A

38 INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY 38

HENRY MORTON, the principal, a decent but somewhat plodding man in his mid-forties, is tapping out his pipe as he talks to Collins.

MORTON
 Isn't she a bit old for her...

Well, he can't quite say it.

COLLINS
 Her first period?

MORTON
 Ah, yes.

COLLINS
 Morty, until a half hour ago, I don't think she knew there was such a thing.

He hesitates a moment -- noticing Carrie's bloody handprint on Collins' gym shorts.

MORTON
 It's hard to believe in this day and age a girl in high school wouldn't know... something... the facts.

COLLINS
 Well, knowing that mother of hers. . .

*D

MORTON
 (cutting her off)
 Miss Collins, if you'd been with us longer, you'd understand we cannot interfere with people's beliefs. As for the girls --

(CONTINUED)

(*D)

COLLINS

Carrie's always been their scapegoat.
So they...

MORTON

You'll have to do something.

COLLINS

I will. But I understood how those
girls felt. The whole thing just
made me want to take the girl and
shake her.

MORTON

Ummm.

COLLINS

It's just her period for God's sake!

D*

MORTON

(cutting in;
uncomfortable)

We'll send her home.

(to intercom)

Miss Finch send in Cassie Wright.

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COLLINS

It's Carrie White.

MORTON

(fiddling with
paper clips on
his desk)

Oh.

The door is opened. Carrie stands in the doorway.

MORTON

Come in, Cassie.

Collins starts to correct him, but:

MORTON

Close the door. No, wait.

(up)

Miss Finch bring in a dismissal
slip.

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(to Carrie)

I think you might take the rest
of the day and go home and, uh,
well... take care of yourself,
Cassie.

(CONTINUED)

(D*/*)

38 CONTINUED: (2)

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CARRIE
 (hardly a murmur)
 Carrie.

MORTON
 We're all sorry about this
 incident.

MISS FINCH elderly, spinterish, goggles in with the
 yellow dismissal slip, brings it to Morton, who
 initials it. *

MORTON
 (to Fish, as
 she goes)
 Thank you.
 (to Carrie)
 Would you like to go to the
 infirmary?...

Carrie is shaking her head.

MORTON
 ... lie down for a while...

COLLINS
 I think Carrie can go home.

MORTON
 Would you like a ride?

Again Carrie is shaking her head.

MORTON
 We could call you a cab.

COLLINS
 I'm sure she can walk home. And
 Carrie, you're excused from gym
 for a week. Take study hall
 instead.

Morton picks up the dismissal slip, hands it to
 Carrie.

MORTON
 We are sorry about this, Cassie.

CARRIE
 (sudden fury)
That's not my name!

Two things happen simultaneously: Morton recoils slightly
 and the ashtray quakes a little and then tumbles from the desk.

Then Carrie goes out.

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38 CONTINUED: (3)

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Morton comes around the desk, stoops to pick up the ashtray, stares at it curiously for a moment, then looks at Collins.

COLLINS

(slowly)

That reminds me. A light blew out while I was trying to calm her down.

MORTON

I'll send a janitor to fix it.

Okay, that's reality. He puts the ashtray back on the desk decisively, dismissing any "peculiar" thought he may have had.

DISSOLVE TO:

39 A RED SCREEN

39

PULL BACK QUICKLY to show the red circle of a traffic light.

Carrie is standing at an intersection, waiting for the light to change.

40 CARRIE'S POV - CHAMBERLAIN STREET

40

Cars are flashing by; they seem to leave blurs of light.

41 FLASH CUT

41

Carrie's tormentors.

42 FLASH CUT

42

Carrie.

43 LONGER CUT

43

the girls throwing the tampons and sanitary napkins.

44 LONGER CUT

44

Carrie, hatred showing.

- 45 THE GIRLS - FEATURING CHRIS 45
 Suddenly their motions are ARRESTED. Their images POLARIZE; the girls DISAPPEAR, except for Chris. Her image REMAINS.
- 46 CARRIE 46
 concentrating her hatred.
- 47 CHRIS' IMAGE 47
 It begins to shatter. And then explodes.
- 48 THE LIGHT 48
 turns green.
- 49 CARRIE 49
 She walks across the street.
- 50 EXT. ANOTHER STREET - DAY 50
 A quiet residential street in a lower middle-class neighborhood. Carrie is walking down the street, slowly.
- 51 ANOTHER ANGLE 51
 There comes Bobby Erbeter again on his bike, paralleling Carrie (as before).
- BOBBY
 Hey, fart-face! Hey, old praying
 Carrie!
- 52 CARRIE 52
 She keeps on walking, ignoring him.
- 53 BOBBY 53
 keeping pace with Carrie, shouting across the street.
- BOBBY
 Fart-face, fart-face, fart-face...

- 54 CARRIE 54
turning toward him, her face contorted with rage.
- 55 CARRIE'S POV - ANGLE ON BOBBY 55
The bike wobbles on its training wheels.
And the bike topples over, on top of Bobby, who screams.
- 56 OMITTED 56
- 57 CARRIE 57
CLOSE now, featuring her eyes most prominently. Her face is uncertain, confused. What just happened? She thought (that's right, thought) something and it happened...
And we HEAR another SCREAM, more of an angry shriek, and then the strange sight and SOUND of:
- 58 FLASH CUT 58
as the stones pelt the White bungalow years ago.
- 59 CLOSER 59
The stone pelting the roof.
- 60 CARRIE 60
She is staring across the street at:
- 61 BOBBY 61
screaming with anger (more than anything else) as he disentangles himself. He stands up, looks toward Carrie across the street, shakes his little fist.
BOBBY
(defiantly)
Fart-face!
- 62 CARRIE 62
The boy's defiant chant can be heard as Carrie blinks, wondering. Then she opens her eyes, wider. She looks at the boy. She frowns for a moment.

- 63 FLASH CUTS 63
 the stones.
 the light bulb exploding.
 the ashtray falling.
 We hear:
- BOBBY'S VOICE
 Fart-face, fart-face, fart-face!
- 64 CARRIE 64
 a faint smile, partly of wonder, partly of a strange
 kind of joy. She knows.
- DISSOLVE TO:
- 65 INT. SNELL KITCHEN - ELEANOR SNELL - DAY 65
 Sue's mother. Out of a margarine commercial -- a
 packaged, nice lady, neat, trim -- good mother, good
 wife. She is preparing dinner; in her line of sight a
 television game show glitters.
- DOORBELL.
 Eleanor frowns momentarily, leave the kitchen.
- 66 INT. SNELL HOUSE - TRACKING ELEANOR - DAY 66
 Through the middleclass, rather tasteful home, to the
 front door.
 Eleanor opens the door.
- 67 ANGLE ON MARGARET WHITE 67
 standing in the doorway. She is a large lady dressed
 in black, carrying a worn black leather sack, which
 we will discover is bulging with religious tracts.
- 68 ELEANOR, WITH MARGARET 68
 Margaret White is not a welcome visitor, but Eleanor
 Snell is a polite lady.

ELEANOR
 Oh, Mrs. White.

(CONTINUED)

MARGARET
How have you been, Mrs. Snell?

ELEANOR
Fine.

MARGARET
And the doctor?

ELEANOR
Fine.

MARGARET
And your daughter?

ELEANOR
Sue is... fine.

An impasse. Finally Eleanor feels constrained to open the door wider, put a little smile on her face, and:

ELEANOR
Won't you come in, Mrs. White?

MARGARET
Thank you.

She steps inside, and Eleanor closes the door behind her, saying:

ELEANOR
I think Carrie is in some of
Sue's classes.

MARGARET
Yes.

ELEANOR
Perhaps some time Carrie might
visit...

MARGARET
I'm here on the Lord's work.

ELEANOR
Yes. Of course.

Margaret is fishing tracts out of her bag.

MARGARET
These will interest the doctor
and you.

(CONTINUED)

68 CONTINUED: (2)

68

Eleanor looks at the tracts with pretended interest.

ELEANOR
I'm sure they will.

MARGARET
And your daughter.

ELEANOR
(a smile)
Well, I don't think Sue would
be --

MARGARET
(cutting in)
Children are godless these days,
Mrs. Snell.

Margaret's voice is almost toneless -- now and
throughout.

ELEANOR
My Sue is a good girl.

MARGARET
These are godless times.

ELEANOR
I'll drink to that.

Humor -- and she regrets it immediately.

ELEANOR
(continuing; quietly)
We'll all read... these.

The telephone RINGS.

ELEANOR
(continuing; relief)
Excuse me.
(retreating)
Please sit down.

Margaret doesn't sit, and Eleanor flees into the
kitchen.

69 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

69

As Eleanor reaches the phone.

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69 CONTINUED:

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ELEANOR

Hello... Betty, can I call you back. Margaret White is here... Right... right... Let me get rid of her and I'll call you back.

She hangs up, opens a drawer, takes out some hidden household money (a couple of bills), and drags herself back into the living room.

70 INT. SNELL LIVING ROOM - DAY

70

Margaret is still where we left her.

ELEANOR

We'd like to contribute ten...
(a look at
Margaret)
... twenty dollars.

MARGARET

Thank you. I'll give you a receipt.

Eleanor shifts from foot to foot while Margaret writes out the receipt, gives it to her.

ELEANOR

Thank you, Mrs. White.

MARGARET

I'll pray you find Jesus before it's too late.

What can one say? Eleanor stands there, completely exasperated but retaining her politeness like a steel, middle-class glove. She accompanies Margaret to the door and the latter leaves. Eleanor is about to close the door, stops, seeing:

71 EXT. SNELL HOUSE - FROM DOOR - DAY

71

Sue is coming toward the door. She passes Margaret with a quick (inaudible) greeting and hurries to the front door where her mother is waiting.

SUE

That's Carrie White's mother...

As Eleanor nods and closes the door.

SUE

(apprehensively)
What did she want?

(CONTINUED)

71 CONTINUED:

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ELEANOR
 (indicating tracts)
 She gave us these --
 (conspiratorial
 sigh)
 -- and I gave her a donation.

Sue's face betrays relief; but Eleanor notices nothing.

ELEANOR
 (brightly)
 Well, how was school today?

SUE
 Today? Like always.

HOLD ON Sue, staring at the tracts on the table (or perhaps out the window as Margaret leaves). A long beat, then:

DISSOLVE TO:

72 CARRIE

72

Who is sitting in an old Boston rocker by the window in her room which overlooks the street. She is wearing just a slip or perhaps an old terrycloth robe -- her plain dress and school books on the narrow bed.

She is leafing through a teenage magazine on the order of "Seventeen" -- absorbed in the mundane fantasies of models in their pantyhose and underwear; long gowns and mystery men. An escape of sorts.

And we reveal Carrie's bedroom in the low attic of the White house: tiny, plain, severe. It's decorated with just the fewest embellishments (i.e., a high school pennant) that Margaret would allow in exchange for her own prices -- a crucifix above Carrie's bed, a small bureau with an equally small mirror, a Bible and plastic glow-in-the-dark Madonna and Child, and various religious prints and plaster quotations on the wall.

73 ANGLE - FEATURING CARRIE

73

Caught up in the magazine, in the most normal of female fantasies courtesy of the slick Madison Avenue mind. And then, with that extra sense of perception apparatus that fears it's about to be caught doing something it shouldn't, Carrie glances out the window and down to see:

74 EXT. THE STREET - MARGARET 74

as this formidable vision of black strides down the walk. Another woman dressed like this would be coming home from a funeral; Margaret actually seems to like black.

75 CLOSEUP - CARRIE 75

her heart pounding as we glimpse that look of terror we witnessed earlier -- a scared little girl now encased in the body of an adolescent.

As she hears Margaret close the front door and call out her name as she hangs up her coat, Carrie hastily stashes the magazine under the mattress. Then she begins to dress as we hear the SOUNDS of Margaret in the kitchen, starting her daily afternoon ritual of making tea.

And then the telephone RINGS -- only to stop as Margaret picks up the receiver. It's just as Carrie dreaded -- it's the school -- and she stands by the door, trying desperately to overhear Margaret's muffled voice. And then Margaret hangs up, and in a deadly tone of voice -- not yelling but enunciating with terrible clarity -- she calls up the stairs:

MARGARET'S VOICE

I know you're listening. Come downstairs.

And defeated, Carrie braces herself and goes down the:

76 HALLWAY, STAIRS, LIVING ROOM - FOLLOWING CARRIE 76

as she hurries down toward her mother and into:

77 INT. WHITE KITCHEN - DAY 77

Where Margaret is standing by the stove, her back to her in stony silence.

CARRIE

Hello, Momma.

No response. The teakettle is just beginning to boil over the gas burner, and in this altogether strange little kitchen -- a veritable arsenal of lace-tatted religious art -- Margaret is a rock.

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77 CONTINUED:

77

Carrie sits down at the kitchen table, bursting with shame and the need to talk. Yet she recognizes her mother's wall of silence, knowing she won't speak until she's ready. They've been through this dance a thousand times. Finally, Carrie breaks.

CARRIE

Who was it that called?

(no response)

What did they say?

78 MARGARET

78

point one and some grim satisfaction. Yet she doesn't respond immediately. Then she turns from the stove.

MARGARET

(softly)

You're a woman now.

CARRIE

Oh Momma, why didn't you tell me something? I was so scared...

Margaret walks over to the table and sits next to Carrie. She puts on rimless glasses, then opens the Bible and starts to read with one of those strange Kathryn Kuhlman looks on her face:

MARGARET

'And God made Eve from the rib of Adam. And Eve was weak and loosed the raven on the world, and the raven was called Sin -- '

She pushes the Bible at Carrie, her finger on the place.

MARGARET

... and the raven was called Sin...

CARRIE

Why didn't you tell me? Oh, Momma --

MARGARET

(overriding)

... and the raven was called Sin... Sin!... and the first sin was intercourse.

(CONTINUED)

CARRIE

I was so scared! And the other girls, they made fun of me and threw things and --

Margaret's hand flashes out backhanding Carrie into the wall. It's a wallop of a slap, the sting of it bringing tears to her eyes.

CARRIE

Momma, please listen. It wasn't my fault.

Another backhanded blow knocks Carrie to the floor.

CARRIE

Momma!

MARGARET

And Eve was weak and... say it, woman!

CARRIE

No, Momma.

MARGARET

Say it!

Kick.

CARRIE

Momma, please help me.

MARGARET

And Eve was weak and loosed the raven on the world.

CARRIE

They threw things...

MARGARET

(overriding)

... and the raven was called Sin... Sin!... and the first sin was intercourse.

CARRIE

Momma, please listen.

A kick.

MARGARET

And the Lord visited Eve with a Curse, and the Curse was the Curse of Blood!

(CONTINUED)

78 CONTINUED: (2)

78

The teakettle starts to WHISTLE.

CARRIE

You should have told me!

Margaret clutches Carrie's wrist in a vise.

MARGARET

(heavenward)

O Lord, help this sinning woman
see the sin of her days and ways.
Show her that if she had remained
sinless --

CARRIE

No!

MARGARET

-- the Curse of Blood would never
have come on her. She may have
been tempted by the Antichrist.
She may have committed the Sin of
Lustful Thoughts --

The teakettle is WHISTLING louder -- a high-pitched
scream.

CARRIE

No, Momma.

MARGARET

Don't you lie to me, Carietta,
don't you know by now I can see
inside you? I can see your sin
just as surely as God can.

CARRIE

Momma, let me go.

Margaret flings open the door of the kitchen closet.

MARGARET

We will pray. We will pray,
woman, we will pray to Jesus
for our woman-weak, wicked,
sinning souls...

She switches on the light, and there is Jesus on the
wall, rictus, crown of thorns, bathed in an ominous
blue light. A vision of a wrathful God. Throughout
the following, Carrie struggles desperately, but she's
no match for her mother.

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78 CONTINUED: (3)

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MARGARET

And the Lord visited Eve with a
Curse, and the Curse was the Curse
of Blood. And there was a Second
Curse, and this was the Curse of
Childbearing, and Eve brought forth
Cain in sweat and blood!

She propels Carrie into the closet, slams the door
behind her. Margaret's voice continues, overlapping
onto:

79 INT. CLOSET - CARRIE - DAY 79

very much the little girl now as she sinks to the floor
of the closet -- crying, disheveled, beaten. The
closet is just what every child ever dreaded about the
night.

80 JESUS 80

looking down at Carrie.

81 CARRIE 81

She looks away -- and inwards. With her, we see:

82 SPLATS OF BLOOD 82

falling on the shower floor.

83 THE GIRLS - IN THE SHOWER ROOM 83

surrounding Carrie, jeering her, bombarding her.

84 JESUS 84

impassive, impersonal, unconcerned -- or so it seems.

85 CHRIS - IN THE SHOWER ROOM 85

in the forefront of the pack.

86 CARRIE - IN THE SHOWER ROOM 86

as the girls would see her, cowering, the bloody
napkins pelting her.

87 JESUS - CLOSER ANGLE 87

the blood seems to be streaming down his face; it moves.

88 CARRIE - IN THE CLOSET 88

tears are streaming down her face. She whispers:

CARRIE

Please!

Carrie closes her eyes. Overlapping music (perhaps David Bowie's "Changes" - the sax break) begins, and

The SCREEN GOES DARK.

DISSOLVE TO:

89 EXT. THE HILL - NIGHT 89

MOVING IN SLOWLY on Tommy Ross' 1963 Ford, which is parked in shadows on The Hill (something of a ridge which overlooks the town and is dedicated to Eros by high school students and occasional graduates). The MUSIC swells as we MOVE IN. And finally, we PEER into the car, where we SEE:

90 INT. TOMMY'S FORD - NIGHT 90

Sue and Tommy have finished making love in the back seat. They are both putting their clothes in order, silently, slowly.

Then they climb into the front seat. Sue takes out a cigarette. Tommy lights it with the dashboard lighter. They say nothing as Sue smokes for a few moments. Then Tommy looks at her closely.

TOMMY

Hey.

She turns away.

TOMMY

Hey, what's the matter?

He puts his arm around her clumsily.

SUE

Nothing.

TOMMY

What did I do?

(CONTINUED)

90 CONTINUED:

90

SUE
Nothing. It's not you.

TOMMY
Hey, everything's all right. I
love you, honey.
(silence)
Did I...?

SUE
(blurting)
It's Carrie.

TOMMY
Who?

SUE
Carrie. Carrie White.

TOMMY
Praying Carrie?

SUE
(sharply)
Don't call her that.

TOMMY
(imitating
Carrie)
It's... beautiful.
(laughing)
That's what she said when I read
that poem you wrote for me.

SUE
Tommy, please...

TOMMY
(going on)
And Big Belly Fromm saying...
(imitating)
That isn't exactly criticism,
Miss White.
(exploding)
Jesus!

Sue has turned away from him.

TOMMY
Hey, honey, it was a beautiful
poem. I wish I could have written
it.
(silence)
Honey?

(CONTINUED)

SUE

Don't call me that.

TOMMY

Don't call her that. Don't call me that. What the hell's the matter with you?

She is crying, that's what.

TOMMY

Hey, are you crying?
(yes, stupid)
Are you?

He tries to turn her toward him. She struggles. Manfully, he forces her around.

TOMMY

Jesus, Sue. What is it?

SUE

(trying to
turn away)

I told you.

TOMMY

Told me what?

SUE

About Carrie.

TOMMY

That thing in the shower?
(she's silent)
Hey, it was a joke, wasn't it? I mean everyone was doing it.

SUE

I'm not everyone.

TOMMY

You're special.

SUE

I was one of them.

TOMMY

So you were teasing Carrie White --

SUE

We were hurting her --

(CONTINUED)

TOMMY

She's used to it. Jesus, you remember how she'd get down on her knees and say grace in the cafeteria... alone, for Christ's sake. And the way she dresses... Hey, Sue, she's asking for it.

SUE

(vehemently)

How would you like to be Carrie White?

TOMMY

How would I like to be Carrie White?

SUE

How would you like to be Carrie White? How would you like to be Carrie White instead of being Tommy Ross... big man, big jock, popular.

TOMMY

What's the big deal about being popular? I mean, one day I'll wake up and find myself working at my dad's car lot and out Friday nights and Saturdays at Uncle Billy's or the Cavalier drinking beer and maybe married with a bunch of kids...

(stops)

What's that got to do with Carrie White? Or anything?

SUE

I did something wrong and I feel bad about it.

TOMMY

I can understand that. Hey, back in seventh grade there was this kid...

SUE

(interrupting)

I've got to do something about it.

TOMMY

Like what?

SUE

I don't know yet. Apologize.

(CONTINUED)

TOMMY

Okay, you tell her you're sorry.

SUE

That's not enough. That's like something my mom would do.

TOMMY

What are you going to do? Kiss her, for God's sake?

SUE

God, I hate you sometimes!

TOMMY

What the hell do you want me to do?

SUE

I want you to help me. Or are you just interested in fucking me?

TOMMY

(angrily)
Don't say that!

SUE

Fucking me, fucking me...

TOMMY

Cut it out!

SUE

Then help me!

Tommy moves back from Sue. He is looking at her, trying to figure her out. He wants to do something, he doesn't want an argument, but...

TOMMY

Okay. What can I do?

SUE

I want you to think about Carrie White.

TOMMY

(incredulously)
You want me to sit here and think about... Jesus!

(moment)

Are you serious?

(moment)

You're serious.

(moment)

What's there to think about?

(CONTINUED)

90 CONTINUED: (5)

90

SUE

Think about it.

TOMMY

Jesus.

He stares off through the windshield. He is really puzzled. He steals a look at Sue. He starts to put his arm around her; she moves a little, subtly but clearly. Tommy stares off into space again.

TOMMY

I never thought about her. I mean, she wasn't someone you had to think about.

(beat)

She was always there -- keeping to herself in that stupid dress -- and that weird mother.

(beat)

You know what I mean?

Sue glances toward him. Of course she knows. And he is beginning to understand.

Tommy looks straight ahead again. He is starting to think. It's not all that easy.

TOMMY

(almost under
his breath)

Carrie White?

It does come out as a question.

DISSOLVE TO:

91 INT. WHITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

91

Margaret is at the sewing machine. She is either listening to a reasonable facsimile of Kathryn Kuhlman preaching on the radio, or instead, to an old Victrola which plays Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." A Black Forest cuckoo clock, providing a sense of lapsed time.

Suddenly the treadle on the sewing machine depresses itself. The needle begins to dip up and down; the bobbin whirs and jerks.

Margaret turns around to see:

- 92 CARRIE 92
 She is standing in the entrance of the living room. Her demeanor seems more peaceful, calm, almost too calm.
- 93 MARGARET 93
 A touch of fear in her eyes. But:
 MARGARET
 Go to bed.
- 94 CARRIE 94
 She crosses over to her mother, kisses her lightly on the (unmoving) head.
 CARRIE
 Good night, Momma.
 Carrie goes to the stairs.
- 95 UP THE STAIRS 95
 with Carrie.
- 96 UPPER HALLWAY 96
 Carrie goes into her room.
- 97 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM - NIGHT 97
 Carrie turns on a light. She undresses slowly, wearily. And then she stops and looks at herself in the mirror. A close, tired inspection. Her eyes seem hollow, haunted. Carrie doesn't like what she sees; she doesn't like herself.
Flex. Slowly cracks appear in the mirror, spiderwebs.
Flex. The mirror cracks wider.
 And flex: the mirror shatters, crashes to the dresser in pieces, loudly; some of the pieces fall on the floor.
 MARGARET'S VOICE
 Carrie! Carrie? Carrie!
 A moment of utter panic -- now what?

98 HALLWAY STAIRS

98

as Margaret strides up them, past the landing, and tries the knob on Carrie's door. It's locked. She rattles the knob. But to no avail. Then:

MARGARET

Carrie! Carrie, open this door!
(a beat; nothing)

Carrie!

Another beat; then:

CARRIE'S VOICE

(sweetly)
It's open, Momma.

Margaret tries the knob again, and it is, indeed, open.

99 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM

99

where Carrie is kneeling by her bed, now in her flannel nightgown, praying.

MARGARET

What was that noise?

CARRIE

Nothing, Momma.

Margaret peers around the room; she did hear a mirror break, no mistake about it. But there it is -- whole again as her reflection in it testifies. Margaret walks over to it, rearranges the plastic-glow-in-the-dark Madonna and child on the dresser.

MARGARET

Go to bed.

She leaves the doorway, and we return to Carrie who smiles sweetly. And then:

Flex.

The door slams closed.

100 INT. THE GYM - TRACKING SHOT - DAY

100

down the class of twenty-five or so girls, still in their street clothes, lined up against the gym wall under their class numbers as:

101 COLLINS

101

walks in front of them with a clipboard taking roll.

COLLINS

... Shyres...

SHYRES (o.s.)

Present.

COLLINS

... Snell...

102 THE GIRLS

102

STILL TRACKING, FEATURING Sue.

SUE

Here.

COLLINS (o.s.)

Watson...

WATSON

Present.

The CAMERA COMES to an empty space -- without being told, we can tell it's Carrie's.

103 COLLINS

103

hesitates, then moves right along.

COLLINS

... and the Wilsons.

Who're identical twins.

CORA

Here...

RHONDA

... Miss Collins.

COLLINS

(small smile; then,
closing her book)

Okay. Sit down.

All the girls -- except Chris -- obey.

COLLINS

You too, Chris. And spit out
that gum.

CHRIS

(overly sweet)

Where'll I put it, Miss Collins?

(CONTINUED)

103 CONTINUED: 103

COLLINS

You can choke on it for all I care. Now sit down.

104 CHRIS 104

pausing for a second, then deciding it's better to go along without talking back. She sits down.

105 THE GIRLS 105

shifting nervously, unused to Collins' absolute nonsense tone.

106 COLLINS 106

taking a deep breath.

COLLINS

Okay. I just want you all to know that you did a shitty thing yesterday. A really shitty thing.

107 HELEN SHYRES 107

the freckled, slightly pudgy girl sitting next to Sue -- giggles nervously. But no one joins her, and she claps her hand over her mouth, trying to stifle it.

108 COLLINS 108

glaring at Helen, silencing her.

COLLINS

Did any of you stop to think that Carrie White has feelings? Do any of you ever stop to think? No, I guess you've got your minds on your dates and the Prom. Chris, I imagine you can take your pick, who's the lucky guy?

CHRIS

(mumbling)

Billy Nolan.

COLLINS

(loudly)

Who? Speak up! I can't hear you.

(CONTINUED)

108 CONTINUED:

108

Chris tries to control her anger -- is barely able to.

CHRIS

Billy Nolan.

Collins -- eye-to-eye with Chris now, smiles.

COLLINS

Well, isn't he the lucky one.

She walks down the line, stopping in front of Sue.

COLLINS

And what about you, Sue? Who's taking you?

SUE

Tommy Ross.

COLLINS

Right.

(beat, then)

Okay. Now my idea for this little trick you pulled was three days' suspension and refusal of your prom tickets.

109 THE GIRLS

109

as Collins' words sink in -- groans of disappointment.

110 SUE'S POV - COLLINS

110

almost seeming to single Sue out as she continues -- at least that's the way it seems to Sue.

COLLINS

That would hit you where you live, now, wouldn't it? And you'd deserve it -- I don't think any of you have any idea of just how nasty what you did was. The office has decided you're to have one week's detention.

The girls sigh with relief; Chris has a particularly smug look. Collins takes in their reactions; then she reels in the line:

COLLINS

But. There's one little catch. It's to be my detention.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

- 110 CONTINUED: 110
- COLLINS (cont'd)
Right here in the gym. Fifty
minutes every day. Get the picture?
- 111 THE GIRLS 111
- as they realize just how they've been had -- indeed,
getting the picture.
- 112 CHRIS 112
- furious, defiant.
- CHRIS
I won't come.
- 113 COLLINS 113
- no less determined but cool.
- COLLINS
That's up to you, Chris. That's
up to all of you. Punishment for
skipping detention is three days'
suspension and the loss of your
prom tickets. Any other thoughts?
- 114 THE GIRLS 114
- sober, slightly frightened.
- 115 INT. HALL OUTSIDE GYM - CARRIE - DAY 115
- She is standing in the hall, looking into the gym
through the small glass window cut in the door.
- 116 INT. GYM 116
- Collins has finished with the girls; she stands in
front of them, the victor.
- COLLINS
Right. Now change up.
- The girls start to turn.
- 117 INT. HALL OUTSIDE GYM 117
- Carrie quickly pulls away from the door before she
can be seen, hastens away.

118 INT. GYM 118

Collins watches the girls filing into the locker room, a small triumphant smile on her face.

119 INT. HALL OUTSIDE GYM 119

Carrie is far down the hall, a small distant figure. Now she goes out of sight around a corner. The hall is empty and still; HOLD, then:

CUT TO:

120 INT. THE LOCKER ROOM 120

as the girls change silently into their green gym outfits -- quiet, subdued, most of them resigned to their punishment. Chris, however, is about to blow up; she tosses her skirt into her locker and slams the door shut.

CUT TO:

121 AN INDEX CARD - SCHOOL LIBRARY 121

And then another, and another, and yet another flipping by us, one title following another as Carrie looms over the card catalog, searching. The title cards include POISON, POLITICS and POLTERGEISTS -- on this latter card, it reads: "A ghost supposed to be responsible for table rappings and other mysterious noisy disturbances." It also contains a cross-reference -- see tele -- and the rest of the word is blurred.

121A CARRIE 121A

her face -- curious, deciding to follow it up.

121B A FASTER MONTAGE 121B

as Carrie flips through the "T" card catalog -- passing by everything from Talmud to Tarantula until she gets to:

121C TELEKINESIS - A CLOSER SHOT 121C

on the word, and below it:

'Thought to be the ability to move or to cause changes in objects by force of the mind, perhaps a genetic-recessive in origin.'

121D CARRIE - CLOSE 121D

Her mind struggling with the words on the card, pondering, thoughtful. Her heart starts to beat.

122 INT. THE GYM - TRACKING SHOT 122

on the girls, all of them in their green gym suits, being run ragged, just as Collins promised. She's pushing them extremely hard, barking orders at them, using her whistle like a drill instructor.

123 ANGLE - ON CHRIS 123

as she runs to position herself next to Sue.

CHRIS

She can't get away with this. I'm going to get her. That goddamn snerd --

SUE

Let it go, Chris.

And Sue runs on, leaving Chris -- red in the face, breathless, furious -- behind. Chris deliberately slows down and then just halts.

COLLINS

The period's not up, Hargensen.

CHRIS

It is for me.

COLLINS

There are ten minutes left.

CHRIS

Stick them up your ass.

Chris starts to stalk past Collins who reaches out and firmly pushes her back. Chris becomes immediately hysterical.

CHRIS

You can't hit us! You'll get canned for this, you bitch!
My father --

COLLINS

One more word from you and I'll throw you across the room. Want to see if I'm telling the truth?

124 GROUP SHOT - FEATURING CHRIS 124

appealing to the others now; flailing, out of control.

CHRIS

She can't get away with this!
Goddammit! If we all stick together
we can --

125 THE GIRLS 125

as Chris looks to them for support, none of them quite knowing what to do.

CHRIS

Norma... Helen... Sue!

126 ANOTHER ANGLE 126

featuring Chris and Sue.

SUE

(lifeless)
Shut up, Chris. Just shut up.

127 CHRIS 127

a mutineer without a single ally now. She realizes it and heads for the door leading to the locker room, and this time, Collins doesn't even try to stop her. At the door:

CHRIS

This isn't over. This isn't over
by a long shot.

The door slams shut, leaving the girls and Collins frozen by Chris's outburst. The BELL gives a shrill RING, and we:

128 INT. THE CAVALIER - AFTERNOON 128

The local after-school hangout. Clusters of students milling in and around booths. Pinball machines, a jukebox thumping "NO WHERE TO RUN" by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

Sue is sitting, reading, alone in one of the booths as Chris enters, says hello to some of her clique, and spots her.

(CONTINUED)

CHRIS

Hey, Sue! Just who I've been
looking for.

Sue looks up and tries to force her face into a smile. Chris slides into the booth across from her and thrusts her John F. Kennedy school yearbook across the table -- an action which Sue involuntarily jerks away from out of nervousness..

CHRIS

(continuing)

I wanted you to sign my yearbook.
Hey, where's your old man, did he
stand you up?

SUE

(busying herself
with the year-
book)

Still at practice.

CHRIS

Well, I guess you've heard I'm out
of the prom. I bet that cocksucker
Morton loses his job, though.
Daddy's suing them. Hey, Billee!
Billee!! Come over and say hi to
Sue.

Sue slides the yearbook back across the table to
Chris who examines it:

CHRIS

(continuing)

Hey, is that it? Just Sue Snell?

Billy goes INTO FRAME next to Chris, glomming his
arm around her neck.

BILLY

Hi, Suze.

CHRIS

I think we're going anyway, right,
Billee?

BILLY

Sure thing, Charlie.

Chris playfully jabs him in the ribs.

SUE

You mean crash?

(CONTINUED)

CHRIS

Sure, why not? Hey, listen, I've got a good one. 'Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, but Carrie White eats shit!

Billy, goon that he is, cracks up.

Sue finds it not at all funny, but doesn't know exactly what to do about what she's feeling.

SUE

Chris, I've got to go.

A new tune comes on the juke -- Shirley and Company whooping it up on "SHAME, SHAME, SHAME."

CHRIS

(oblivious; her laughter turning to fury)

That goddamn Carrie! If only the rest of you had walked out with me... Jesus, Sue, why didn't you?

SUE

I took the detention because I thought we -- I -- earned it. It was a shitty thing to have done. End of statement.

CHRIS

Bullshit! That goddamn snerd and her batshit mother -- saying we're all going to hell.

SUE

(rising)

What'd she ever do to you, Chris? Or to any of us? Why do you hate her so much?

CHRIS

Hey, hey... tell me if I'm wrong, but who was that in there pitching with the rest of us?

SUE

Me.

(it comes out a pinched nerve)

Me. But I stopped.

(CONTINUED)

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CHRIS

(dawning on her;
getting it finally)Oh. Oh, aren't you just it? Oh
my, yes.

(imitating, prissy)

You stopped. Hey, Billee, she
stopped.

Sue is scared now -- she hears it coming. There's no question about it, though; the rumbles have already begun, and there's no stopping what's coming.

CHRIS

(continuing)

God, I'm dumb sometimes. Billee,
hey, Billee, you want to know why
Suze here didn't walk out?

Billy's over by the pinball machines with some of his goon squad. He boastfully struts around -- much to their obvious delight -- making the sound of a chicken in reply.

129 SUE - CLOSE

129

seeing this; feeling it all about to lurch out of control and turn against her. The bottom's falling out.

SUE

I'll see you around, Chris.

130 TWO SHOT - SUE AND CHRIS

130

FEATURING Chris prominently -- a bloodhound now sure of the scent:

CHRIS

No. Wait. You stopped, remember?
So just stop again.

(uglier)

Why didn't you walk out? Why
didn't you walk out, Sue?

SUE

Okay, Chris. That's enough.

CHRIS

You didn't walk out, Sue... little
Suze... little Suzy Creamcheese...
because you didn't want to miss a
moment of your precious prom.

(CONTINUED)

130 CONTINUED:

130

Bulls-eye. Sue fights back tears and fury, trembling now. But she tries to muster up some dignity.

SUE

And you don't?

CHRIS

(not about to
be put off)

You're goddamn right, I don't.
But we're on your case now.

(beat)

I'll bet you've got your dress all
picked out, too. What color is it?
Yellowguts?

Sue's about to break, holding it in as best she can. Chris just as quickly as she spots the weakness, shuts it off, bottling up all the rage into the cruelest stainless-steel smile she can muster.

CHRIS

(continuing)

Okay.

(dismissively)

See you around, Sue.

And that's it -- shut up, shut down, shut out.

Sue turns and starts to walk out of the Cavalier. In the b.g. behind her, it's all out of focus, an incoherent babble of snickering and clucking laughter. She's crossed the line.

DISSOLVE TO:

131 EXT. ATHLETIC FIELD - DAY

131

Sue sits in the bleachers overlooking the field. She is preoccupied, still shaken by the afternoon's confrontation with Chris. Tommy comes running over to her, still in his team uniform, and she gets up. He gives her a kiss, and puts his arm around her. They start to walk off together over which we hear, intermittently, the following:

SUE

Tommy...?

TOMMY

Mmmm?

(CONTINUED)

131 EXT ATHLETIC FIELD - DAY

131

Sue sits in the bleachers overlooking the field. She is preoccupied, still shaken by the afternoon's confrontation with Chris. The track team is moving past the bleachers (a coach in the field clocking them and shouting orders). Tommy, in his track uniform, peels away from the group and comes running up to Sue.

A*

TOMMY

Hi!

D*

SUE

I want to talk to you.

D*

TOMMY

Sure, what's up?

D*

To avoid the noise of the cheerleaders practicing down in front of them, and the other girls sitting in the bleachers half watching their boyfriends and half eyeing Tommy and Sue, Sue beckons Tommy to follow her away from the group behind the bleachers, and as they walk off together we hear the following:

A*

SUE

If I asked you to do something for me -- something special -- would you?

TOMMY

(nodding)

Uh-huh.

SUE

No matter how crazy it sounded?

TOMMY

Sure. What?

The sound is muffled, and we don't hear what she says. But we do hear:

TOMMY

(continuing; exploding)

Are you out of your mind?

CUT TO:

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131 CONTINUED:

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SUE

If I asked you to do something for me -- something special -- would you?

TOMMY

(nodding)

Uh-huh.

SUE

No matter how crazy it sounded?

TOMMY

Sure. What?

The sound is muffled, and we don't hear what she says. But we do hear:

TOMMY

(continuing; exploding)

Are you out of your mind?

CUT TO:

132 EXT. VAN NUYS BOULEVARD - NIGHT

132

A big hangout-cruising night on the boulevard. Neon, convertibles, "Rebel Without a Cause" meets "American Graffiti" seventies-style. In other words, the works -- with MUSIC.

133 EXT. INTERSECTION - NIGHT

133

As a '61 Chevy leaves a sizeable patch of rubber on the street as it GRINDS to a hard stop, just barely halting before it almost went through a red light and collided with the traffic already in the intersection.

134 INT. THE CHEVY

134

which belongs to the aforementioned BILLY NOLAN -- a character whose life and brains stopped around the time he saw "Rebel" on television. He's Chris' boyfriend, and a huge cross swings around his neck. Right now, he's utterly amused by his harrowing driving, and turns to Chris who ignores him, still brooding over her afternoon losses. Billy takes a huge toke from a joint and hands it to her; she ignores that, too, and proceeds to busy herself applying makeup in the visor window. So Billy looks out his window and strikes up some banter with a fellow cruiser idling beside them at the light. The light changes, and Billy peels out -- an action which throws Chris backwards onto the seat.

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CHRIS
Goddamnit, Billy!

He just laughs as he weaves through traffic.

CHRIS
(continuing)
Slow down!
(as he pays no
heed)
Slow down, you stupid shit!

BILLY
Scared, Chuckie?

CHRIS
No. You'll kill us, you stupid
shit!

Billy lazily slaps her, speeds up.

BILLY
Don't call me that.

CHRIS
Stupid shit.

He slaps her again.

CHRIS
(continuing; under
her breath)
Stupid shit.

BILLY
(disgustedly)
Oh wow!

He slams on the brakes, and pulls into:

135 EXT. CARNEY'S (SUNSET BLVD.) - DOWNWARDS ANGLE - NIGHT

135

LOOKING DOWN on a parking lot where cars are parked; a huge pullman's car which has been converted into a restaurant. This after-school hangout is called the Cavalier.

136 INT. CHEVY

136

As Billy reaches over, very confidently, to draw Chris to him.

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136 CONTINUED:

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She lets herself be kissed, then pulls away abruptly.

He grabs at her, and she pulls away.

BILLY

What's wrong?

CHRIS

Can't you wait a minute?

BILLY

What for?

CHRIS

You're so ignorant.

BILLY

That's what you like.

CHRIS

Bullshit.

BILLY

No? I'll show you what you like,
Chuckie.

Grab.

CHRIS

No!

BILLY

Jesus!

Grab.

CHRIS

No!

She pushes him away.

He grabs her. She pushes; he grabs. A struggle.
Grabs at her tit. There goes the blouse; the buttons are ripped off.

BILLY

... How you... gonna... explain
that...

CHRIS

Dumb shit!

He slaps her.

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BILLY

What'd I tell you?

Silence. Then, after some time, he leans over and kisses her. She lets him. He kisses her again, and she responds. He goes at it. And she squirms away.

BILLY

(continuing)

Hell is this?

CHRIS

I want you to do something.

BILLY

What?

(eagerly)

Yeah, what?

CHRIS

I want you to do something for me.
Something important.

BILLY

(warily)

Something important?

CHRIS

It will be very important to me.
It will make me feel very good if
you do it.

She moves closer to him. Her hand dips down out of FRAME. She blows in his ear. Billy is beginning to writhe; he moves on her, but she holds him off, playing him like a puppet.

CHRIS

(continuing)

Billy, I hate Carrie White.

CUT TO:

137 TELEVISION SCREEN

137

On which we see the opening, helicopter-credit sequence from "Duel at Diablo." The television is in:

138 INT. SNELL LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

138

Where the movie's SOUND continues uninterrupted for a bit over an incredible silence between Tommy and Sue. They are sitting on a couch. The silence is finally broken by a reluctant.

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138 CONTINUED:

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TOMMY

Okay. I'll do it.

And we:

DISSOLVE TO:

139 INT. WHITE HALLWAY - NIGHT

139

Margaret slowly opens the door to Carrie's room and enters. Light filters in from the street. Carrie is lying in bed, motionless, asleep.

Margaret crosses the room quietly. She leans over the bed. On the table next to it is the glow-in-the-dark statue -- not in its usual place on the dresser. Carrie's face, in the soft light, seems very innocent.

MARGARET

(low)

Carrie, did you pray?

No answer.

Margaret bends over Carrie. And with surprising tenderness, she kisses Carrie's forehead.

Then she straightens up quickly, as though she has violated herself, and leaves the room.

Carrie opens her eyes. She pulls a book out from under the covers; then she stares at the madonna-child figurine, and as she stares at it, it begins to glow brighter and brighter, illuminating the room. It's bright enough to read by now, and we leave Carrie expanding her education and:

DISSOLVE TO:

140 INT. SCHOOL LIBRARY - DAY

140

As Carrie examines a shelf of books with titles like "Cosmic Consciousness" and R.D. Ogilve's "Hidden Powers of the Mind." She decides on the latter just as a voice startles her:

TOMMY'S VOICE

Carrie?

CARRIE

Ohuh?

(CONTINUED)

She stares at him and quickly covers the binding of the book with her hand, covering the title. He looks as startled as she does.

TOMMY

How're you doing?

CARRIE

(after a beat; almost inaudibly)

Okay.

It's harder than he thought it would be; just trying to make small talk is agonizing. But try it he does:

TOMMY

I thought you had gym this period.

All she can do is shake her head. And a young man not easily deterred, he tries again.

TOMMY

(continuing)

What're you reading?

CARRIE

(trying to cover, and not very well)

It's about... um... sewing...

Right. Check and stalemate. Which brings him to:

TOMMY

Umm... if you don't have a date for the Prom, would you want to go with me?

CARRIE

What?

TOMMY

The Prom...

Without saying a word, Carrie walks down the aisle of book shelves. He follows her into the main room where students are reading, working.

TOMMY

(continuing)

... It's next Friday, and I know this is late notice, but they stop selling tickets soon, and --

The bell RINGS.

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CARRIE

I don't like to be tricked.

A couple of students stare at Tommy talking to Carrie as they start leaving the library.

TOMMY

Carrie...

But it's too late -- she's gone, already out the door.

CUT TO:

141 INT. HALL - TRACKING - DAY

141

As Tommy weaves through the crowd after her. Gangly GEORGE DAWSON spots him:

GEORGE

Hey, Ross!

But Tommy ignores him in his singular pursuit.

TOMMY

Hey, Carrie! Wait!

A couple of other students watch this -- is this their Tommy Ross actually trying to speak with Carrie? But he's oblivious of any looks now, any snickering -- all he wants is to catch up with Carrie.

Which he does; he manages to touch her arm, and it's a weird moment, this contact. She turns around, her head painfully ducked down.

TOMMY

(continuing)

Hey, it's no big deal.

And she looks up and stares at him with that peculiar intensity that cuts through all the clamor around them. Quiet, quietly:

CARRIE

Do you people think you can just go on tricking me forever?

A beat. Tommy stands there helpless, sensing just how much a big deal it is. Seeing that she's on the verge of tears, he's feeling even worse, and all he can say is:

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TOMMY

Sorry.

But it's too little, and too late. She's crying.
And what's more, she's gone -- swallowed up into
the clamor of students rushing to beat the bell.
Which RINGS as we:

DISSOLVE TO:

142 INT. GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM - AFTERNOON

142

As Collins tidies up after one of the classes --
throwing towels into huge cans, etc. Only to hear
a mewling, whimpering sound and to come upon Carrie
who's huddled in one of the dark corners of the room,
crying. It's almost as if she created her own closet
of space.

COLLINS

Carrie?

(on no response)

Carrie, what's the matter?

(on still no re-
sponse)

Was it one of the girls? Did one
of the girls do something to you?
Do you want a kleenex?

CARRIE

No.

COLLINS

It's all right. Just tell me,
there's nothing to be afraid of.

CARRIE

Miss Collins...

COLLINS

That's it...

CARRIE

When can I come back to gym?

COLLINS

Not until Monday. Now what is it?
Are you going to tell me? Come on
Carrie, tell me.

D*

CARRIE

I got asked to the prom.

D*

COLLINS

That's great!

D*

(CONT'D)

(D*)

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CARRIE

Tommy Ross asked me.

D*

COLLINS

Tommy Ross -- that's wonderful.
He's cute.

D*

CARRIE

I know who he goes around
with. They're trying to trick me
again. I know.

D*

COLLINS

Maybe he really meant it. I mean,
maybe he really did mean it. Maybe
you should think about it. It
might be fun. You might have a
really good time!

D*

CARRIE

It would be a nightmare.

D*

COLLINS

C'mon Carrie. You should have a
better image of yourself. You just
think you're unattractive, but
look at your hair. It's really
beautiful. If you just fixed it
up a little...here, I'll show
you.

D*

CUT TO:

143 OMIT

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144 INT. FACULTY LOUNGE - DAY

144

where Collins and Morton are grabbing a quick cup of
coffee.

COLLINS

Carrie's been asked to the prom.

MORTON

Who?

COLLINS

Carrie White.

MORTON

By whom? The Beak?

(CONTINUED)

(D*)

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COLLINS

By Tommy Ross.

Morton goes into a coughing fit, accidentally knocking over his coffee in the process. Collins watches, slightly amused by his reaction. When he recovers:

MORTON

What about his girlfriend? Doesn't he date the little Snell girl?

COLLINS

I think she put him up to it.

D*

145 INT OFFICE - DAY

145

Where Collins is grilling a very nervous Sue -- just Sue so far.

COLLINS

Who's brainstorm was this?

D*

(no response)

What are you trying to do?

D*

SUE

You've got it wrong.

COLLINS

I hope so. I wouldn't have expected this from you, Sue. Not any of it. Well?

SUE

What do you want to know?

COLLINS

Why Tommy asked her to the prom.
(after a beat)

Well?

SUE

(reluctant; able
to go this far)

I asked him to.

COLLINS

Why?

D*

(CONTINUED)

(D*)

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SUE
(swallowing)
I asked him to.

COLLINS
But, in God's name, what for?
What could you possibly have in
mind?

146 DIFFERENT ANGLE - FEATURING TOMMY

146

who's also in the office for this interrogation --
ill-at-ease, trying to appear cool.

SUE
You mean what good would it do?
Maybe it'll... bring her out of
... make her a...

COLLINS
A part of things? Oh, come on,
Sue. None of us are that stupid.
And neither is Carrie.

D*

SUE
Maybe not.

COLLINS
And you're not going to go? You're
going to stay home and miss your
senior prom?

Just at this point, NORMA WATSON -- a prissy little
pleaser with a mouth whose verbal discretion could
make the telephone obsolete -- enters the room with
a sheaf of attendance sheets for the next week. All
conversation ceases.

COLLINS
(continuing)
Yes, Norma? What is it?

NORMA
Just the attendance sheets, Miss
Collins.

COLLINS
Just leave them on the desk.
(to Sue)
You understand, you can't come
without a date?

(CONTINUED)

D*

Sue understands perfectly well, but with Norma there, she's not about to say a word. And Collins finally picks up on this:

COLLINS
(continuing)
Is there something else, Norma?

NORMA
(butter could melt)
No, Miss Collins.

And she exits as slowly as she can -- trying to hear the last possible word. Then:

COLLINS
(to Tommy)
Which brings us to you.

TOMMY
Miss Collins, I have to get
to practice. D*

COLLINS
That's too bad.

TOMMY
Look, this is between Sue and me.
If you don't mind...

COLLINS
Oh, but I do. Or would you rather
we continue this discussion in Mr.
Morton's office.

TOMMY
(bluffed; then off-
handedly -- like we
first saw him in
Morton's class)
What's the big deal? D*

COLLINS
Because it's a very big deal for
Carrie White. And you know it.

TOMMY
Anyway, she's already said no.

SUE
You can make her change her mind.

TOMMY
Don't overrate me. D*

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COLLINS

Just don't try.

TOMMY

Okay.

SUE

It's not okay.

(to Collins)

You can't order anyone not to take
someone to the prom.

COLLINS

I can make sure you don't hurt
Carrie.

SUE

We're not trying to hurt her.
We're trying to help her.

D*

COLLINS

How?

Silence.

COLLINS

(continuing)

Tommy, when you come to the prom
with Carrie White, don't you think
you'll look a little ridiculous?

TOMMY

Well...

SUE

We don't care how we look.

D*

Sue looks over to Tommy.

SUE

(continuing)

Do we?

Tommy says nothing; he's caught between a rock and
a hard place.

DISSOLVE TO:

147 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

147

As Tommy's Volks | parks across the street; Tommy
gets out and approaches the White house.

148 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - PORCH - DAY

148

Carrie is inside, watching him come up the stairs. She remains on the hall side of the screen door.

TOMMY

So this is where you live.

CARRIE

What... what're you doing here?

TOMMY

(laughs)

Aren't you going to ask me in?

She shakes her head; he laughs again, a little nervously. Throughout this scene in which he remains on the porch side of the screen door, he catches glimpses of the weird house within.

TOMMY

(continuing)

Why not?

CARRIE

Momma's resting. What do you want?

TOMMY

Right to the point, huh? Okay, about the prom.

CARRIE

I already told you.

TOMMY

(a little charm)

Nothing to stop you changing your mind. Girls do it all the time.

CARRIE

Why are you doing this?

TOMMY

Hey, I'm asking you because I want to.

CARRIE

No.

TOMMY

Look, I don't do anything I don't want to.

CARRIE

I can't.

(CONTINUED)

TOMMY

Sure you can.

In the b.g. -- in the kitchen, perhaps -- Margaret calls out Carrie's name.

Carrie glances nervously behind her; then back at Tommy.

'CARRIE

You better go.

MARGARET'S VOICE

Carrie! Who are you talking to?

TOMMY

Don't you think you better answer?

CARRIE

No one, Momma.

TOMMY

You're going with me.

CARRIE

I can't.

TOMMY

You're going.

CARRIE

They'll laugh.

TOMMY

No one'll laugh. We'll see to it.

CARRIE

Please. Please go.

TOMMY

Not 'til you say yes.

Carrie swipes at her eyes with the back of her hand; helpless, honest, confused. She'd really like to go at this point, but that extra sense in her is resisting.

CARRIE

Why? Why is it so important to you?

TOMMY

I don't know. Maybe it's because you liked my poem.

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MARGARET (o.s.)

Carietta!!!

And in just these split seconds, she decides; had he not "liked" her poem, had Margaret not called, perhaps she could have held back.

CARRIE

Yes.

(beat)

Okay.

TOMMY

I'll pick you up at eight.

CARRIE

(whispering)

Fine.

(then)

Thank you.

Tommy smiles at her, and turning to leave, touches her hand against the screen door. A goodbye, nothing more. He goes down the walk toward his car.

149 CARRIE

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watching him. She takes the hand he "touched" and brushes the hair back from her face. A little beautiful? You bet.

MARGARET'S VOICE

Carrie? Did you hear me?

CARRIE

Coming, Momma. Coming.

And as she turns away from the door, we:

CUT TO:

150 INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

150

where the girls on the Decoration Committee are hard at work preparing for the prom. Sue and Helen Shyres are off to themselves.

SUE

Why not?

HELEN

Why did you do it? God, everyone's talking.

(CONTINUING)

150 CONTINUED:

150

We PULL BACK to see the gym. The entire back wall has been devoted to a giant mural of stars and planets -- it seems the prom is to have a celestial theme, and the gymnasium is in the process of being hung with a great deal of crepe paper, moons, etc.

SUE

I asked Tommy to take Carrie. I thought I owed her that much.

HELEN

Where does that put the rest of us?

SUE

You have to make up your own mind.

HELEN

And Tommy went along with it?

SUE

Uh-huh.

(pause)

I guess the other kids think I'm stuck-up.

HELEN

Well... they're all talking about it. But most of them still think you're okay.

151 HELEN'S POV - THE GYM - CHRIS AND NORMA WATSON 151

as thick as thieves, off in the corner, whispering.

152 TWO SHOT - SUE AND HELEN 152

HELEN

There is...

(giggles)

... a small dissenting faction.

SUE

I guess she's having a field day with this.

HELEN

Susie, she hates your guts.

Sue nods -- she knew it, now she hears it.

DISSOLVE TO:

153 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - EVENING

153

FULL FRONTAL VIEW of the bungalow IN the FRAME.

The lights are on downstairs; there's a slight drizzle and haze. HOLD, then:

CUT TO:

154 INT. WHITE KITCHEN

154

As Carrie and Margaret finish dinner. Silence -- punctuated only by the slight DRIZZLE outside and occasional flashes of THUNDER and lightning. Then:

MARGARET

You haven't touched your pie, Carrie.

CARRIE

It makes me have pimples, Momma.

MARGARET

Your pimples are the Lord's way of chastizing you.

CARRIE

Momma?

MARGARET

Yes?

CARRIE

Momma, please see that I have to start to get... to try and get along with people.

MARGARET

Whatever are you going on about? Have you been showering with the other girls again?

CARRIE

I... I've been invited to the prom.

MARGARET

(a foreign language)

Prom?

CARRIE

It's next Friday, and --

MARGARET

It's that teacher, the one that called. She'll be sorry.

(CONTINUED)

CARRIE

Momma, please see that I'm not like you. I'm funny, I mean, the kids think I'm funny. I don't want to be. I want to try and be a whole person before it's too late to --

Margaret throws her cup of tea in Carrie's face. It's cold, wet, sticky. But Carrie holds herself in, she's going to be in charge this time. She takes a deep swallow and continues:

CARRIE

(continuing)

His name is Tommy Ross, and he's a very nice boy. He's --

MARGARET

No!

CARRIE

-- promised to stop in and meet you before, and --

MARGARET

(overlapping)

-- I said no!

CARRIE

-- have me in by midnight. I've --

MARGARET

(shaking her head now; uncontrollable)

No, no, no --

CARRIE

-- accepted.

Pause.

Margaret's shaking with fury, trembling.

Carrie wipes the stringy wet hair from her forehead.

CARRIE

(continuing)

I've accepted, Momma. I have accepted.

MARGARET

The closet.

(CONTINUED)

CARRIE

No.

MARGARET

After all you've been taught --

CARRIE

Everyone isn't bad, Momma, everything isn't sinful.

MARGARET

Go to your closet and pray. Ask to be forgiven!

CARRIE

You'll like this boy, he...

And Margaret at this word shifts gears and winds up -- in the grip of a weird babble.

MARGARET

Boys. Yes, boys come next. After the blood the boys come. Like sniffing dogs...

CARRIE

Momma --

MARGARET

... grinning and slobbering, trying to find out where the smell comes from, where the smell is. That... smell!!

CARRIE

Please stop...

MARGARET

Yes, in cars. Yes. I know where they take you in their cars. Roadhouses. Music. Whiskey. I've seen it, all right. Oh, yes.

CARRIE

Momma, you better stop.

MARGARET

You're not going.

CARRIE

I've already said I would, Momma.

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MARGARET

Then say no. Say no. Or we'll
move.

CARRIE

No.

MARGARET

We'll move away from here, and
you'll never see that boy again.

A gust of wind causes the window to blow open.
Margaret gets up and starts toward the window.
Carrie is silent, watching herself being shut out.

MARGARET

(continuing)

The rain's coming in.

CARRIE

Momma, sit down.

MARGARET

I'm going to close the windows.

CARRIE

I'll get them. Please sit and
talk to me.

MARGARET

No.

Margaret continues toward the kitchen window to
close it.

Carrie knits her brow, and flex: the window closes.

Margaret whips around, facing Carrie.

CARRIE

I'm going, Momma. And things are
going to change around here.

Flex.

The SOUND of a window shutting in another room.

MARGARET

Witch!

Flex.

Another window.

(CONTINUED)

154 CONTINUED: (4)

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MARGARET

(continuing)

It's Satan's power. First he entered your father, carried him off...

CARRIE

He ran away, Momma. Everyone knows that.

Flex.

A couple of windows.

MARGARET

The devil tempted him.

CARRIE

He ran away with a woman, Momma.

MARGARET

All men are the same. That boy, he's like all the rest, he doesn't --

Flex.

The rest of the windows in the house THUNDER shut.

CARRIE

I don't care. He asked me to go. And I'm going. I'm going, Momma. You can't stop me.

HOLD --

SLOW DISSOLVE TO:

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and
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OMITTED

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and
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157 EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

157

leading to Henty's farm. A slight drizzle; or, the ground still wet. A little more than a crescent moon silhouettes a group of five: Billy and Chris in front, and Billy's twitchy zoo -- a completely wrecked KENNY GARSON, a very nervous FREDDY DE LOIS, and an occasionally giggling, goggled HENRY TRENNANT -- trailing behind. De Lois is swinging a nine-pound sledge hammer in the air; the other two goons are struggling with an ice-chest and steel pails. Henty's farmhouse and barn are in the distance.

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DE LOIS

Hell of a risk for a joke.

Trennant giggles inanely. Billy stops and glares at De Lois.

BILLY

You want out?

DE LOIS

(hastily)

No, uh-uh.

(then)

It's a good joke, Billy.

A long beat. Billy resumes walking.

DE LOIS

(continuing)

A good joke.

Trennant giggles again.

Garson is stoned silly -- zonked, deadpan. He greedily sucks the last remnants of a joint into oblivion before our eyes.

De Lois angrily snatches the roach out of Garson's fingers.

DE LOIS

(continuing)

Hey, piggie...

Trennant just giggles inanely.

Another long beat, then:

DE LOIS

(continuing)

You sure Old Man Henty won't be around?

CHRIS

I told you. He's at a funeral.

Trennant explodes into a fit of high-pitched laughter.

BILLY

Shut up, Henry.

DE LOIS

Whose funeral did he go to?

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BILLY

His mother's.

DE LOIS

His mother's? Jesus Christ, she
musta been older'n God!

Trennant lurches into another cackle. And in spite of themselves, Billy and Chris start laughing, too. Even De Lois starts laughing.

The group passes a "No Trespassing" sign, prompting:

DE LOIS

(continuing)

That bastard is going to shit where he stands when he comes back and gets a look.

Garson drops one of the pails on the ground.

BILLY

Asshole.

The sound of Trennant's high-pitched giggle:

DISSOLVE TO:

158 CHRIS' POV - THE HOG PEN

158

and OVERLAPS INTO the harmonic chanting of De Lois, Trennant and Garson:

THE BOYS

Soo-ee, soo-ee,
Pig-pig-pig...
Soo-ee, soo-ee,
Pig-pig-pig...

And an old sleeping boar and two sows are GRADUALLY REVEALED.

159 FULL SHOT - PANNING

159

the face of the five -- COMING TO REST on De Lois.

DE LOIS

Doan worry, piggies, doan worry.
I'm gonna bash your fuckin' heads
in, and you woan have to worry
'bout the bomb no more.

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159 CONTINUED:

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BILLY

Shut up and do it already.

DE LOIS

I will, I will. I'm not gonna
even give 'em time to burp.

BILLY

The throat.

But it's too late. De Lois has lost all conviction.

DE LOIS

I... can't.

(then)

You.

He hands the sledge hammer to Billy.

Chris, chilled to the bone, rubs herself to keep
warm.

CHRIS

Do it, Billy.

Billy touches the ball of his thumb to the edge of
the sledge hammer.

CHRIS

(continuing)

Do it quick.

And Billy smiles. Yes, he actually smiles. As he
raises the sledge hammer, we GO TO:

BLACK:

FADE IN:

160 EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - AFTERNOON

160

The sun shining -- perhaps the next day, a day later.
The house is a picture postcard -- under it, we hear
the sweet, muffled sound of "Amazing Grace." It's
just loud enough for us to hear it -- joyous, triumphant.

DISSOLVE TO:

160A INT. WHITE LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

160A

Margaret sits beneath the plaster crucifix.

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160A

The sampler, however, sits in her lap -- unfinished, unminded. She's virtually catatonic.

"Amazing Grace" -- a sweet, contemporary rendition -- is on the Webcor. A pleasure after Kathryn Kuhlman.

Carrie sits at the sewing machine, finishing work on the pattern for her prom dress. She removes the material from the sewing machine, which we now see is a lush crushed velvet.

MARGARET

Red. I might have known it would be red.

The cuckoo clock is TICKING, TICKING.

Carrie stares at Margaret, then turns the sewing machine off. She looks back at Margaret, then turns her attention to the machine, her eyes sparkling.

Courtesy of Carrie, the treadle on the machine depresses itself.

The needle starts to bob up and down, up and down, up and down... WHIRRING, jerking.

The side wheel spins. And then stops.

CARRIE

(softly)

Only clearing the thread, Momma.

She smiles. Then rises and goes to start up the stairs to her room.

Margaret looks after her. Hate. And fear.

MARGARET

(abruptly)

It's Satan.

Carrie pauses.

CARRIE

(wearily; pitying)

Oh, Momma.

MARGARET

He has given you a power.

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CARRIE

Momma, it doesn't have anything to do with Satan. It's me. If I concentrate hard enough, I can make things move.

MARGARET

Satan is clever.

CARRIE

Momma, there are other people... people with the power... It's a part of me...

MARGARET

Satan...

CARRIE

If it were, I'd know it.

MARGARET

You poor child. He doesn't let you know he's working through you.

CARRIE

Momma, I'd know.

MARGARET

You are to renounce that power. You must give it up. You must never use it.

CARRIE

I'm going to do my homework, Momma.

Another step up the stairs, stopping as Margaret hurls after her:

MARGARET

There's going to be a judgement!

There's nothing more to say. Carrie walks up to the stairs, and we:

DISSOLVE TO:

161 INT. GYMNASIUM - NIGHT

161

very dark, shadowy, deserted. The night before the prom. Silence, then a SCRAPING sound of a:

- 162 WINDOW 162
being jimmed open. Behind the thick glass, we see a face -- just whose isn't clear yet. The slip-lock comes free, the sill is pushed up, and Billy's head appears. Chris is right behind him.
- 163 LONG SHOT - THE GYM 163
as a flashlight is shined upwards -- at criss-crossing girders sheathed in crepe paper; at banks of lights which will later be used to shine down and highlight two areas in particular -- the huge wall mural, and the chalked-in spot where the King and Queen of the Prom will be crowned.
- 164 TWO SHOT - BILLY AND CHRIS 164
DOLLYING right behind them as they proceed toward the stage area -- past the numerous tables set up for the prom-goers, past the twin bandstands. Billy is carrying the ice chest, Chris the flashlight.
- 165 ANOTHER ANGLE 165
as they arrive behind the stage. Billy puts the chest down and takes out a pair of Playtex rubber gloves, snaps them on. Then he takes out two small pulleys and a coil of twine.
- 166 CHRIS' POV - BILLY 166
looking somewhat like a bizarre mountaineer, climbing a ladder which takes him up to a narrow platform overlooking the stage area.
- 167 CLOSEUP - CHRIS 167
shining the flashlight to guide Billy, her face flushed with excitement.
- 168 BILLY 168
as he disappears behind a short draw curtain which obscures the girders over the stage.
- 169 CHRIS 169
unable to see him, suddenly feeling very alone.

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CHRIS
 What's it like up there?
 (no response)
 Billee?
 (no answer;
 genuinely scared)
 Billy!

And just at that moment, a piece of crepe paper floats into the FRAME and lands in Chris' hair. She jumps, utterly unnerved. She looks up to see Billy staring down at her from the platform, grinning.

BILLY
 Boo.

CHRIS
 You stupid shit.

BILLY
 (still in good
 humor)
 Nice talk.

CHRIS
 Hurry up. Do you hear me, just
 hurry up!

BILLY
 (blackface)
 Yes'um, yes'um. Weeze doing the
 best we can.

CHRIS
 I want to go home.

BILLY
 Just keep your tits on and I'll
 let you pull it when the time
 comes.

CHRIS
 I plan to.

DISSOLVE TO:

170 A SERIES OF SCENES - LEADING TO THE PROM

170

CUTTING between the final arrangements for the Prom itself and Carrie's preparations as the night approaches. The emphasis is on these two paralleling elements, although this montage -- scored throughout with happier and happier MUSIC -- will also feature some of our lesser characters.

Among other things, we will see:

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- A) THE GYM -- as last-minute arrangements are made -- more crepe-paper hung, party favors put on tables, etc.;
- B) CARRIE -- in a town store as she shops for makeup;
- C) NORMA WATSON -- under a hair dryer, her mouth going a mile a minute as a manicurist does her nails and looks utterly exhausted;
- D) TOMMY -- picking out Carrie's corsage at the florist;
- E) CARRIE -- at the sewing machine, finishing her dress (which we still don't see), a happy look on her face;
- F) THE GYM -- as a bank of lights suddenly illuminate the mural on the stage wall;
- G) SUE -- having dinner with her parents;
- H) THE TWINS -- in front of their dressing tables; both of them putting on enormous fake eyelashes simultaneously;
- I) ERNEST -- the class president -- making sure the microphone on the stage works;
- J) THE BAND -- among them, the Beak, setting up;
- K) SANDRA STENCHFELD, practicing her fabulous twirling baton act;
- L) A DOOR -- which opens to reveal The Twins in their high heels, both of them several inches taller than their depressed-looking dates;
- M) GEORGE AND FRIEDA -- he in his tuxedo, she in her prom dress; a flash as Frieda's parents take a Polaroid of this night to remember;
- N) THE GYM -- with the adult chaperones -- teachers, administrators -- standing around looking for something to do.

It is now the night of the Prom -- just minutes before it officially begins, and we end this montage and

DISSOLVE TO:

171 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

171

Carrie sits in front of that same mirror, but this time, there's a different attitude.

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And a different girl, which pleases her. She looks different, very different, from before. She's dressed in her lush red crushed velvet prom dress, but the SHOT is ANGLED in such a way that we don't see it. In any case, it is not prim. She is wearing some makeup. She looks... well, there has been a transformation.

In the b.g., the door is opened by Margaret.

CARRIE

Come in, Momma.

Margaret advances into the room.

Carrie opens a florist box and takes out a lovely corsage of tiny tea roses.

CARRIE

Do you want to pin it on, Momma?

MARGARET

I can see your dirty pillows.
Everyone will.

CARRIE

Breasts, Momma, breasts. Every woman has them.

Carrie's voice is calm; nothing, not even Margaret, will spoil tonight, and ever so slightly, this scene -- and all that follow for a considerable period of time -- has an edge of unreality to it. It's all been diffused a bit -- a fairy tale through Carrie's eyes. What would look bad or tacky looks acceptable; what looked good before now looks spectacular.

MARGARET

Take off that dress.

CARRIE

No.

MARGARET

We'll burn it together, we'll pray for forgiveness.

CARRIE

No, Momma.

The Black Forest CUCKOO CLOCK sings out downstairs. It's eight o'clock.

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MARGARET

He's not coming.

CARRIE

Stop it, Momma. I'm nervous
enough.

Margaret reaches up and pinches her cheek hard, leaving a red mark. She looks toward Carrie.

Carrie is pinning the tea roses on herself.

Margaret hooks her right hand into a claw, rips at her cheek, leaving a thin line of blood.

CARRIE

Stop hurting yourself, Momma.
That's not going to stop me
either.

Margaret strikes herself in the mouth with her fist.

CARRIE

Go away, Momma.

MARGARET

You know I'm right. He'll laugh
at you. They'll all laugh at you.

CARRIE

No. It'll be okay.

But she's rattled, and nervously starts moving around a series of objects in the room. Cosmetics on the bureau, the florist box, the glow-in-the-dark statue. But it's sheer will at this point. It's after eight, and there's no sign of Tommy.

MARGARET

It's not too late. You can stay
here with me.

CARRIE

No.

MARGARET

I'll answer the door and say
you're sick, I'll say --

CARRIE

Momma, sit on the bed.

Flex.

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Margaret is pushed back on the bed. Horrified, she rises again.

MARGARET

I'll say you changed your mind,
I'll say --

Flex.

Margaret is thrust back on the bed.

MARGARET

'Thou shalt not suffer a witch
to live.'

The words stop. But Margaret's eyes are fixed on Carrie, as Carrie leans toward her. Carrie's voice is soft and compassionate.

CARRIE

You'll say nothing, Momma. You
are going to have to learn that
I'm not like you, not anymore.

The BUZZER downstairs sounds. Carrie goes to her window and sees.

172 CARRIE'S POV - TOMMY

172

at the front door, the overhead light shining on his hair, making it glisten. He looks very handsome.

173 CARRIE

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She goes back to the bed and picks up her wrap; then, to Margaret:

CARRIE

I'll be home early, Momma.

The BUZZER downstairs sounds again.

MARGARET

There's going to be a judgment!

CARRIE

Momma, you will be quiet until
I'm gone.

(beat; then, at
the door)

I love you, Momma.

And she's gone, down the

- 174 STAIRS, LIVING ROOM, TO THE FRONT DOOR - TRACKING 174
Carrie who opens the door.
- 175 ANGLE ON TOMMY 175
Well, we know he's beautiful. And he's looking at
Carrie. He didn't know:
- 176 CARRIE - TOMMY'S POV 176
He didn't know she could be beautiful. And she is.
- 177 TOMMY AND CARRIE 177
He reaches out his hand.
- TOMMY
- Hi.
- Carrie takes his hand.
- 178 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT 178
Hand in hand Carrie and Tommy walk down the path
toward his car.
They are observed by:
- 179 MARGARET 179
at the window of Carrie's room.
- 180 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM - NIGHT 180
Margaret leaves the window as we HEAR Tommy's car
drive off.
She goes out of the room.
- 181 TRACKING MARGARET 181
Down the stairs, through the dining room, into the
kitchen. Almost the same path that Carrie trod, but
trod so differently. While Carrie's pace had been
light, nervously expectant, Margaret's is slow and
heavy.

182 INT. WHITE KITCHEN - NIGHT

182

Margaret crosses to one of the drawers.

She reaches in and takes out a long carving knife; it gleams in the light.

CUT TO:

183 EXT. SCHOOL PARKING LOT - NIGHT

183

The school gymnasium is lit up brightly for the Prom; cars are pulling in, among them Tommy's Ford.

184 INT. TOMMY'S CAR

184

as Tommy turns off the ignition. Carrie's staring at the other couples getting out of their cars. Tommy watches her taking it all in.

CARRIE

It's like a dream.

TOMMY

You can still change your mind, you know.

She turns to him and realizes he's teasing her.

CARRIE

Easier said than done.

TOMMY

(grinning)

C'mon.

CARRIE

No. Please -- not yet.

TOMMY

Scared?

CARRIE

Yes.

(beat)

Can we sit here another minute?

Tommy laughs and nods. A moment of silence. Carrie is miserable -- she's happy to be with Tommy, she's trying to have a good time, but it's hard. It's like getting up to dance the first time. Perhaps it would be better to sit this one out.

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CARRIE

Tommy...
 (and then out
 it comes)
 Maybe... maybe this was a mistake.

TOMMY

Hey, it won't be so bad.

She tries to smile at him. It's not very persuasive.

TOMMY

Really, I mean it. They're okay,
 you'll see.

(beat; she's try-
ing to believe him)

Don't be nervous. Besides...

(a little
 self-mocking)

I'd look awfully silly dancing by
 myself.

And that's enough -- he's taken her mind off her own
 fear just enough to make her laugh.

CUT TO:

185 INT. GYM

185

where the Prom is already under way, the band PLAYING
 an energetic version of "Harlem Nocturne." From
 CARRIE'S POV it's all magic -- explosions of pastel
 color, everyone looking like they stepped out of an
 advertisement for happiness.

Carrie just stands at the double doors which are the
 main entrances to the gym, taking it all in as Tommy
 hands their tickets to ushers at the door. As Carrie
 stares at the giant mural on the stage wall -- full
 of celestial moon, stars and rockets -- a VOICE
 bellows out behind her.

VOICE

Hey, Ross. Gawd, you look queer.

186 GEORGE DAWSON

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the source of the saluation and Tommy's best friend.
 He bounds INTO FRAME, wearing a T-shirt with a
 painted black tie under his dinner jacket. His girl-
 friend, Frieda Jason, tags behind.

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TOMMY

When did you come out of the
treetops, Bomba?

GEORGE

Ross, if I'd known you were going
to look this good, I'd have asked
you instead of Frieda.

The two boys immediately go into a mock fight. Frieda
comes up to Carrie.

FRIEDA

Don't let it bother you. If they
destroy each other, I'll dance
with you.

Carrie smiles back at her nervously; there's an
awkward silence.

FRIEDA

Hey, where'd you buy your dress?
I love it.

CARRIE

(shyly)
I made it.

FRIEDA

(unaffected
surprise)
Made it? No shit.

Carrie hesitates; realizes Frieda is quite sincere.

CARRIE

No shit.

Frieda laughs; so does Carrie, and the tension eases
up. Behind them, Tommy keeps one eye on Carrie. He
shrugs -- it's working, goddammit -- and he stuffs
his hands in his dinner jacket.

Carrie and Frieda, Tommy and George right behind them,
head for their tables.

FRIEDA

The mural's nice.

CARRIE

Yes.
(confiding)
I'm really nervous.

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FRIEDA

S'okay. We're sitting together.

And she takes Carrie's arm.

Norma Watson rushes over to them -- all breathy taffeta and green chiffon.

NORMA

Carrie!

(looking her up
and down)

That's a lovely dress, Carrie.
Wherever did you get it?

CARRIE

I made it.

NORMA

Well, of course you did. I can't
get over it, you look so different.
You're positively glowing. What's
your secret?

CARRIE

I'm Don MacLean's secret lover.

NORMA

(a half-beat
late, getting
it, tittering)

Don MacLean's secret... How funny
you are.

(cutting her)

Why, hello Tommy. Aren't you
excited?

TOMMY

Cold sweat is running down my
thighs in rivers.

NORMA

(smile slipping a
full notch now)

Well, I have to hurry back.
Stan'll think I got lost.

GEORGE

(King Kong; right
on top of her)

Bom-ba!

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NORMA
 (tittering, moving
 away smack into
 Frieda)

And, Frieda, don't you look nice.

FRIEDA
 (toothpaste smile)
 Get douched, Norma.

And the four of them march off like musketeers. Norma is left standing there in her chiffon -- looking... well, douched.

CUT TO:

188 MONTAGE

188

as the Prom gets underway:

- A) JOSIE AND THE MOONGLOWS -- THE BAND -- make like Lawrence Welk and launch into an oldie-but-goodie. On drums -- The Beak himself.
- B) THE TWINS -- CORA AND RHONDA -- dressed identically, dancing with
- C) ERNEST PETERSON, the black class president, is wonderfully officious as he gets the evening's first entertainment organized. It (or she) is --
- D) SANDRA STENCHFELD and her fabulous twirling baton act, a phenomenon to the lilting STRAINS of "Raindrops Are Falling on My Head."
- E) NORMA is off in a corner, bending another girl's ear; STAN is standing by idly, pretending to be invisible.
- F) MORTON, FROMM, and the other chaperones including Miss Fish look for something to do, for someone who's stepping out of line. And find it. In the person of BILLY DE LOIS who's guzzling the punch.
- G) TOMMY and CARRIE sit at their table next to George and Frieda. Tommy lights a chandle.

189 ANGLE - TOMMY AND CARRIE'S TABLE

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as Josie and the Moonglows launch into a new NUMBER. George suddenly comes to life.

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GEORGE

Viiibes!

He grabs Frieda, and they make their way out onto the dance floor, Frieda shrugging helplessly at Carrie.

CARRIE

They're nice. George is funny.

TOMMY

He's a good guy.

(beat)

See, didn't I tell you?

(beat)

Sure you don't want to dance?

CARRIE

Could we just sit here for a minute?

Tommy nods -- it's okay with him.

VOICE

Carrie?

Carrie turns around and finds herself facing Collins -- dressed up, looking more like one of the students than a teacher.

CARRIE

You look very pretty, Miss Collins.

COLLINS

Thank you.

(beat)

You, too. Beautiful.

CARRIE

It's awfully nice of you to say so. I know I'm not... not really ... but thank you anyway.

Tommy -- feeling like a fifth wheel -- clears his throat and stands up.

TOMMY

'Scuse me.

(to Carrie)

Be right back, okay?

He goes off into the crowd.

COLLINS

(gesturing to his seat)

May I?

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Carrie nods, and she sits down, pulling the chair next to her. They're virtually alone at this moment; everyone else is dancing or occupied.

COLLINS

Carrie, anything that happened before... well, it's all forgotten. I wanted you to know that.

CARRIE

I can't forget it.

(beat)

But it's over with. It's over.

Collins smiles; she looks at the dance floor and Carrie's eyes follow hers. At this particular moment, the band is PLAYING a quiet number -- slow, romantic.

COLLINS

I remember my own prom. I was two inches taller than the boy I went with when I was in my heels. He gave me a corsage that clashed with my gown. But it was magic. I don't know why. But I've never had a date like it, ever since. Is it like that for you?

CARRIE

It's very... nice.

COLLINS

(smiling)

Just nice?

CARRIE

No. There's more. I don't know...

(hesitating;

then)

... it's like being on Mars.

COLLINS

You'll never forget it.

CARRIE

I think you're right.

And then, on sheer impulse, Carrie reaches out and hugs her, hugs her tightly.

CARRIE

Thank you.

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COLLINS

Have a lovely time, Carrie.

TOMMY (o.s.)

Hey, what's going on here?

There is Tommy, looking "stern."

TOMMY

(to Collins)

What are you doing with my date?

COLLINS

Girl secrets.

A smile at Carrie, and she goes off.

TOMMY

Don't let me catch you hugging
any guys.

CARRIE

You won't.

TOMMY

Better not. Hey, listen, do you
really have to be back so early?

CARRIE

I promised.

TOMMY

Okay. I understand.

CARRIE

I'm sorry.

TOMMY

No, it's okay. Listen, the other
kids are going over to Lewiston
after the Prom --

CARRIE

(breaking in)

That's okay.

TOMMY

What is?

CARRIE

You want to go with your friends.
I don't want to spoil anything...

(CONTINUED)

TOMMY

Hey, let me finish. What I was going to say, I mean if it'd be all right with you, what do you say we go to the Cavalier?

CARRIE

(surprised; she'd love to)

I've never been there.

TOMMY

Hey, great. We'll have the place all to ourselves. Great!

(he means it)

Then it's settled.

He takes her arm, turns her toward the dance floor.

CARRIE

(holding back)

Tommy...

TOMMY

C'mon...

CARRIE

I don't... I can't... I...

TOMMY

You can.

He has his arms around her and half-spins, half tugs her out onto the floor. He is a young man of considerable confidence -- the best part of his popularity -- and it's a contagious trait. Gradually, Carrie gets caught up in the (slow) dancing, begins to follow him less and less awkwardly, begins to get less and less self-conscious, and, in short, starts to glide into her freedom.

Tommy and Carrie dance into this corner; Carrie is a bit breathless and very happy. For some moments, Tommy keeps his arms around Carrie, looking at her. And then he leans forward, about to kiss her, impulsively. And impulsively and instinctively, she draws back. And is immediately embarrassed.

TOMMY

Hey...

(CONTINUED)

190 CONTINUED:

190

I'm sorry. CARRIE

I... TOMMY

It's just... CARRIE

No harm, no foul. TOMMY

They stand there for a couple of seconds.

And suddenly and swiftly, Carrie kisses Tommy. It's a quick, awkward, frightened kiss. A bird peck.

And again they stand there, until:

I don't know... anything. I can't dance... CARRIE

You danced. TOMMY

I don't even know how to... CARRIE

It's easy. TOMMY

And he kisses her. She breaks, looking up at him.

Tommy... why? CARRIE

Why what? TOMMY

Why am I here? CARRIE

It's the Prom. TOMMY

With you. CARRIE

Because I asked you. And... TOMMY

Why? Why did you? CARRIE

(CONTINUED)

190 CONTINUED: (2)

190

TOMMY
Because I wanted to.

CARRIE
Why?

TOMMY
Because...

He pauses; he's on the edge. And steps back.

TOMMY
... You liked my poem. Only I
didn't write it. Someone else did.

CARRIE
Oh.

She's puzzled. And she's about to ask something else.

TOMMY
(quickly)
Look, Carrie, we're here, we're
together... and I like it, you know
... I mean, I...

CARRIE
But...

A commotion from the floor.

Tommy turns.

TOMMY
Hey, look!

Carrie looks off, following his glance, at:

191 STAGE AREA - POV

191

as the head Custodian supervises the sliding of two
thrones from the wings onto pre-set marks on the stage
apron. They're sheathed in white -- strewn with crepe
papers and flowers to match the prom's celestial
theme.

192 CARRIE AND TOMMY

192

CARRIE
(uneasily)
It's a fairy tale.

(CONTINUED)

192 CONTINUED:

192

TOMMY
 (beaming; taking
 her arm)

C'mon.

He starts to lead her towards their table while:

CUT TO:

193 EXT. SCHOOL - STREET - NIGHT

193

Sue Snell -- unable to contain her curiosity about how all this has worked out - pulls up in one of her parents' cars, parks, and deliberates coming in. The lights of the gymnasium are glowing. While inside:

194 INT. GYM - STAGE AREA

194

Class President Ernest Peterson makes his way to the microphone. He takes all this quite seriously.

ERNEST
 All right, ladies and gentlemen.
 Take your seats, please -- it's
 time for the voting.

NORMA
 This contest is an insult to women!

A couple of CHEERS, scattered APPLAUSE.

GEORGE
 It insults men, too!

Louder CLAPPING, foot STOMPING, WHISTLES.

ERNEST
 (over the noise)
 Please take your seats. It's
 time to vote for the King and Queen.

Several ushers go up and down the aisles, passing out ballots.

195 ANGLE - TOMMY AND CARRIE'S TABLE

195

as Norma Watson haughtily drops a ballot on their table in front of Tommy, another in front of George.

Carrie examines the paper.

(CONTINUED)

CARRIE

Tommy...
(looking up to
see him smiling
at her)
... we're on here!

TOMMY

I know.
(seeing her concern)
Want to decline?

CARRIE

Do you want to?

TOMMY

Hell, no. If you win, all you do
is sit up there for the school song
and one dance. And they put our
picture in the yearbook so everyone
can see we looked like idiots.
Besides, it's the last year.

Carrie looks up at the stage -- at the massive thrones
all in white.

CARRIE

They're beautiful.

TOMMY

You're beautiful.

Carrie meets his eyes and blushes; it's all overwhelm-
ing her, and she has to look away -- at the tiny party
favor boat on the table in front of her, at the tiny
pencil next to it.

CARRIE

Who do we vote for? They're more
your crowd than mine.

TOMMY

Whatever you like.

CARRIE

(small laugh)

In fact, I don't really have a
crowd.

TOMMY

Let's vote for ourselves. To the
devil with false modesty.

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195 CONTINUED: (2)

195

She laughs aloud -- the sound of her own laughter is so foreign to her that she claps a hand over her mouth, at her own daring. She takes the pencil and quickly circles their names -- so quickly that the pencil breaks, bringing a small drop of blood to her finger. She gasps.

TOMMY

Hurt yourself?

CARRIE

No.

(trying to smile)

But I broke it and it was a souvenir.

TOMMY

There's still your boat.

(he pushes it
gently toward her)

Toot, toot.

196 INT. SCHOOL - NIGHT

196

as Sue -- hardly in formal attire -- stares through the same small window in the gym door that Carrie stared through earlier -- stares inside as:

197 INT. GYM - STAGE AREA

197

The ballots are being counted, Morton and Fish helping Ernest separate them into piles. We ought to notice either De Lois or Trennant hanging around the voting tables -- perhaps Norma Watson as well.

198 ANGLE - TOMMY AND CARRIE'S TABLE

198

Carrie is holding Tommy's hand tightly -- too tightly.

TOMMY

Hey, hey.

CARRIE

Sorry.

TOMMY

Don't know your own strength.
Whew.

He sees she's taking him seriously. Sensitive to her reaction, he smiles at her.

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198 CONTINUED: 198

TOMMY

Hey, it's okay.

In the b.g. Josie and the Moonglows provide a flourish of DRUMS.

199 THE STAGE 199

as Ernest walks up to the microphone and almost drops the ballots in the process.

ERNEST

We've sort of hit a snag. Mr. Morton says this is the first time in the history of the Spring Prom that --

VOICE

How far does he go back? 1800?

LAUGHTER, CATCALLS.

ERNEST

We've got a tie.

GEORGE

Polka dot or striped?

ERNEST

Sixty-three votes for Frank Grier and Cora Wilson, and sixty-three votes for Tommy Ross and Carrie White.

Silence, then the APPLAUSE begins and starts to swell as we...

CUT TO:

200 TOMMY'S POV -- CARRIE 200

an island in the APPLAUSE around her, her head lowered...

201 TOMMY 201

watching her intently, his mouth slightly open...

202 THE STAGE - ERNEST 202

vainly trying to speak over the APPLAUSE.

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202 CONTINUED:

202

ERNEST

Attention! If I could have your
attention, please...

203 TOMMY AND CARRIE

203

Tommy staring at her...

ERNEST (o.s.)

We're going to have a run-off ballot.
When you get yours, please write
the couple you favor on it.

204 CARRIE

204

slowly looking up, seeing Tommy.

CARRIE

They're not applauding for us.
It can't be for us.

TOMMY

Maybe it's for you.

CUT TO:

205 CHRIS AND BILLY

205

Just exactly where they are isn't clear yet, nor
should it be. But we do hear the Prom noises.

BILLY

I thought you said they'd win.

CHRIS

They will. They will. Won't even
be close.

BILLY

If you screwed up...

CHRIS

Don't worry. I called in a few
favors.

CUT TO:

206 INT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

206

The black cuckoo clock -- STRIKING TEN.

CUT TO:

207 INT. WHITE KITCHEN

207

as Margaret, mumbling to herself, with the fixated attention of the damned, continues to scrub a sliver of whetstone along the gleaming edge of the knife's blade.

CUT TO:

208 INT. GYM - CARRIE AND TOMMY'S TABLE

208

as new ballots arrive courtesy of Norma, who leans over them and whispers breathily:

NORMA

Good luck!

As Tommy picks up the pencil, Carrie puts her hand on his:

CARRIE

Don't.

TOMMY

What?

CARRIE

Don't vote for us.

TOMMY

In for a penny, in for a pound.
That's what my grandmother used
to say.

CARRIE

(swallowing)

Don't. Please.

Tommy hesitates for a second, seeing her face so full of premonition. Then he overcomes it, and scrawls their names on the slip of paper, folding it.

TOMMY

For you.

He hands it to Norma Watson, and it's off -- spirited away, gone.

TOMMY

Tonight you go first-class.

Carrie stares at the receding figure of Norma as if she were the messenger of doom.

CUT TO:

- 209 INT. GYM - VOTING TABLES 209
- Where we get a sense of exactly what Chris meant by favours -- as De Lois, Trennant, and a once again completely wrecked Kenny Garson plus Norma bring over more ballots. It's not exactly what one would call an honest ballot.
- 210 GYM DOOR - POV 210
- as Sue manages to slip by Fromm who's still lazily monitoring the door. She starts heading for the back-stage area, trying to be as unobtrusive as possible.
- 211 NORMA 211
- At the voting table; she spies Sue coming in, and finding it irresistible, blurts out the news, whispering to:
- 212 MORTON 212
- who's just finishing the ballot counting. He looks in the direction that Norma's pointing, seeing:
- 213 SUE 213
- going backstage, heading into the wings to watch:
- 214 INT. GYM - THE STAGE 214
- as Ernest returns to the microphone.
- The BAND plays another FANFARE OF DRUMS. Ernest sees this as his big moment; he almost drops the ballots. He pauses for a moment, surveying the gym floor and the anxious prom-goers. An actor savoring the tension. Then he smiles, white teeth grinning:
- ERNEST
- Tommy and Carrie win. By one vote.
- Begin SLOW MOTION.
- Silence -- everything a half-beat exaggerated, slowed.
- Carrie gasps inwardly; the candle in front of her blows out.
- Tommy grins, amused. He shrugs his shoulders at Carrie.

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- 214 CONTINUED: 214
- And the APPLAUSE begins -- some of it, most of it, genuine, but some of it mocking, too.
- The band launches into a rock version of "Pomp and Circumstance."
- Ushers appear at Tommy and Carrie's table. George is pounding Tommy's back. An aluminum-foil scepter is thrust into Tommy's hand; a robe with a fur collar is thrust over Carrie's shoulders.
- 215 SUE - STAGE WINGS 215
- peering out farther to get a good look. Unseen at first by her, there's a cord on the edge of the FRAME.
- 216 MORTON 216
- Blocked by the clamor of students, he's unable to make a straight bee-line for Sue in the wings. So he takes the long way around -- back behind the stage...
- 217 TOMMY AND CARRIE 217
- DOLLYING as they're led down the center aisle; past a blur of smiling faces, the APPLAUSE SWELLING. They're being led toward the stage area -- the thrones waiting for them. The lights get brighter; the MUSIC gets louder.
- 218 THE BANDSTAND 218
- as they pass by. The Beak winks conspiratorially at Carrie.
- 219 THE STAGE 219
- as Tommy gives Carrie his hand, helping her up the steps, over tangles of black power cables.
- 220 BENEATH THE STAGE 220
- where we finally reveal just where Chris and Billy have been hiding all this time. Chris listens to the footsteps (of Carrie and Tommy) coming overhead; grasping the cord that Billy has hooked up, holding it very tightly...

221 CARRIE AND TOMMY 221

as they're helped into the massive thrones; behind them is the huge mural of stars and ships...

222 ERNEST 222

the showman now, P. T. Barnum in all of his expansiveness.

223 SUE 223

In the wings, watching this action. In the corner of the FRAME, the cord we glimpsed earlier -- the same one which Chris clutched beneath the stage -- jiggles, and Sue notices it move. She traces its path with her eyes, seeing that it goes up to:

224 A BANK OF LIGHTS 224

concealing a single silver bucket; meanwhile:

225 CARRIE 225

staring down at the gym floor; the lights are searing -- so hot and bright that it's impossible to see clearly, and a new set of spotlights being shone on Tommy and her only makes it harder.

226 ANOTHER ANGLE - CARRIE 226

as a piece of crepe paper lands in her hair...

227 THE STUDENTS 227

A sea of faces, the spectrum of reactions.

228 ERNEST 228

spreading his arms; a politician.

ERNEST

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you
the King and Queen of the Spring
Prom -- TOMMY ROSS AND CARRIE WHITE!

The Band starts playing the school SONG, and we...

CUT TO:

229 SUE IN THE WINGS

229

The implications of the cord and bucket positioned over the thrones just starting to dawn on her as everyone begins singing the school song:

ALL (o.s.)
All rise for John F. Kennedy Hiyyyh...

And a hand comes into FRAME, clutching Sue's wrist. It belongs to:

MORTON
 What're you doing here, young lady?

SUE
 (trying to head
 for cord under
 stage)
 Something's wrong!

ALL (o.s.)
We'll raise your banner to the skyyyh...

But Morton has no interest in what Sue is trying to tell him:

MORTON
 I'll say there is.

230 ANOTHER ANGLE - CARRIE'S POV

230

From the throne, she sees Sue -- and Morton as he pulls her toward the back exit.

231 BENEATH STAGE

231

Chris is almost hyperventilating as the school song continues.

BILLY
 What's the matter with you? Pull
 it!

Chris is frozen -- immobilized, terrified.

232 CARRIE'S POV - SUE

232

as Morton firmly pushes Sue out the rear gym door. The door shuts, and as it closes:

233 CARRIE

233

confused, wondering what's happening in the glare of lights and noise...

- 234 EXT. BACK OF GYM - SUE 234
 locked out by Morton, trying to get back in. The door won't open. She debates going to try another door.
- 235 UNDER STAGE - CHRIS AND BILLY 235
 as the song reaches its crescendo:
- ALL (o.s.)
With pride we wear the red and
 whyyyte...
- BILLY
 (leering)
 It can stay there until hell freezes
 over, Chuckie.
- Chris shudders involuntarily at the mention of this nickname. She violently jerks the cord with both hands, yanking it. A sound -- half-scream, half-moan -- comes from her mouth, overlapping into:
- 236 CARRIE 236
 sitting on the throne next to Tommy; above her, something flashes -- a glint of metal reflected by the lights...
- 237 THE STEEL BUCKET 237
 high above the stage, slowly tipping over, the blood pouring from it.
- 238 LONG SHOT - THE STAGE 238
 almost proscenium-like in this FRAMING, from all the way in the back of the gym.
 Carrie and Tommy sit on their huge thrones as the buckets above them deposit their contents on top of them.
- 239 CLOSER 239
 The blood splashing down...
- 240 THE MURAL 240
 some of it splattering on the celestial cyclorama, running downwards, streaking...

- 241 THE BAND 241
as more blood splatters them in their white dinner jackets, the MUSIC halting.
- 242 THE STAGE 242
End SLOW MOTION.
Tommy and Carrie, drenched with blood.
- 243 CHRIS AND BILLY -- UNDER THE STAGE 243
Preparing to leave now that their mission has been accomplished, just about to crawl out as they spot:
- 244 MORTON - CHRIS AND BILLY'S POV 244
standing guard at the rear exit door, blocking their path.
- 244A CHRIS AND BILLY 244A
realizing they'll have to stay put -- trapped now.
- CHRIS
(panicky)
Billee!!!
- BILLY
(nervous too;
hissing)
Shut up!
- They crawl back under the stage, out of sight.
- 245 INT. GYM - THE STUDENTS 245
as the singing stops, the students staring at the stage.
- 246 CARRIE 246
her eyes tightly clenched shut, looking as if she's been dipped in a bucket of red paint. She's gotten the worst of it.
- 247 THE BUCKET 247
dangling on the pulleys over the throne, clanging back and forth. A high-pitched GIRL'S VOICE SCREAMS.

- 248 TOMMY 248
splattered with blood. Below them, the sounds of hysteria begin ("My God, that's blood!"). Tommy starts toward Carrie just as:
- 249 ANOTHER ANGLE - STAGE - FEATURING TOMMY 249
as the bucket falls and hits Tommy on the head; it knocks him unconscious, and he slumps to the floor.
- 250 THE STUDENTS - FEATURING HELEN SHYRES 250
watching this in pure horror. She starts to giggle uncontrollably, the kind of hysterical laugh that comes out of pure terror. It overlaps onto:
- 251 STUDENTS - ANOTHER ANGLE (S) - SIWSH PANS 251
as the hysteria begins to spread.
- 252 CARRIE 252
as she starts toward the unconscious Tommy.
- 253 THE STUDENTS 253
as more of them start laughing... the sound of it becoming contagious.
- 254 CARRIE 254
hearing the dreaded laughter.
- 255 CARRIE'S POV - THE STUDENTS 255
through the harsh glare of the lights -- laughing, pointing (see Norma Watson), doubling up in hysteria, utterly out of control.
- 256 FACES, FACES, FACES 256
laughing...
- 256A BILLY AND CHRIS 256A
reacting to their "success."

- 257 CARRIE 257
 putting her hands to her blood-covered face, slowly getting to her feet.
- 258 THE STAGE 258
 as Carrie makes her way to the stairs, tripping over the black power cords. A horrified Collins is on her way up the stairs.
- COLLINS
 Oh, Carrie -- let me help you.
- Carrie hesitates at the sight of the teacher. But it's too late for help, and in the fastest flex we've seen to date, she jerks her head and Collins bounces backward -- down the stairs, slamming into a wall.
- 259 THE STUDENTS 259
 laughing even harder now, unable to stop.
- 260 THE GYM - ANOTHER ANGLE 260
 where all is pandemonium.
- Morton makes his way to Collins, giving her his handkerchief; she has a bloody nose.
- COLLINS
 (to Morton)
 Call the police!
- 261 CARRIE 261
 tears streaming down her face, the blood streaking, as she takes in the sight of her tormentors.
- 262 THE GYM - YET ANOTHER ANGLE 262
 Helen Shyres is still laughing so hard that she's about to throw up or go into shock.
- George Dawson has climbed on the stage and is hunched over the slumped figure of Tommy Ross, examining him.
- GEORGE
 Call a doctor! Hey, call a doctor quick!
- He tries to pick Tommy up, and in the process the throne topples over on the stage.

- 263 INT. HALL CORRIDORS - SUE 263
 Frantic, rushing back into the school and down the hall toward the prom doors.
- 264 CARRIE 264
 takes a deep breath, mustering her energy. She closes her eyes and sees:
- 265 THE GYM DOORS - THREE SETS OF DOUBLE DOORS 265
 all of them open, a few students milling around them as...
- 266 CARRIE 266
 closes her eyes even tighter, and flexes. And -- in SWISH PANS:
- 267 THE DOORS 267
 slam shut. In the process, several things are accomplished at once. The prom-goers are trapped inside, and one or two of them get their hands or legs caught in the doors as they close, screaming with surprise and pain.
- 268 INT. HALL - SUE 268
 who once again was just a little late, arriving just as the DOORS SLAMMED SHUT; she sees the screaming prom-goers unlucky enough to have been caught in the doors.
- 269 INT. GYM 269
 Utter pandemonium as students rush toward the doors.
- 270 THE BEAK 270
 near the bandstand area, looking up at the stage and realizing that it's Carrie who's responsible for closing the doors.

THE BEAK
 It's Carrie! It's Carrie!

Fromm starts heading toward the stage to get control of the microphone, to stop the panic.

The kids continue rushing toward the closed doors.

- 271 CARRIE 271
A small smile at being recognized by the Beak as the one responsible, the one with the power now. It's not what she wanted, but it no longer matters. They're going to know her now and never forget her.
- 272 CARRIE'S POV - GYM WALL 272
Between two sets of double-doors, FEATURING a huge firehose installed in case of an emergency.
- 273 CARRIE 273
seeing the hose, getting the idea... NOTE: SPLIT SCREENS begin here.
- 274 CLOSER 274
as her eyes narrow and focus on the hose, zeroing on it.
- 275 THE HOSE 275
as it starts to unwind, to unspiral into the air, starting to spray a burst of water.
- 276 THE HOSE - ANOTHER ANGLE 276
as it becomes snake-like, water springing from the nozzle.
- 277 THE STUDENTS 277
Cries of surprise as it begins to spray water on them, ruining their clothes.
- 278 THE HOSE 278
as the velocity of water increases, stronger and stronger.
- 279 CARRIE 279
eyes gleaming, a glimmer of triumph as she concentrates and surveys --

- 280 THE STUDENTS 280
 like rats in a maze -- a slapstick chaos as they try to get away from the animated hose. The water forces the students back from the doors, backwards toward the stage.
- 280A CHRIS AND BILLY - UNDER THE STAGE 280A
 as they see students propelled toward them by the hose.
- 281 CARRIE 281
 A smile of satisfaction. For the first time, she's showing them -- they're the ones being made to look foolish. She's standing on one side of the stage.
- 282 THE STAGE AREA 282
 as the hose now starts to rain water on the thrones, on the place where the blood fell, washing it away.
- 283 ERNEST 283
 level-headed to the end, making his way through the pandemonium toward the stage area and the bandstand as fast as he can...
- 284 CARRIE 284
 Still controlling the hose, she spots Ernest, seeing him move toward the stage area.
- 285 TRACKING - ERNEST 285
 knowing somehow -- with some sixth sense -- that Carrie's watching him. He feverishly hurries toward the area where the band equipment is plugged in... where the high voltage cables are hooked up to the electrical current.
 Behind him, Fromm has reached the microphone and is trying to be heard, telling everyone to remain calm.
- 286 CARRIE 286
 realizing just what Ernest plans to do:

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286 CONTINUED:

286

CARRIE
(gently; determined)

No.

And she mentally fixes on him, jerking her head just so... so --

287 ERNEST

287

is flung invisibly and forcibly away from the area by Carrie's will.

288 FROMM

288

Big belly and all, trying to steady the mike. He puts his hand on it. The water, however, has reached him, and just as he touches the mike, he's electrocuted -- his arm bursting into flame, unable to let go as his body goes into an electric dance, his mouth gaping open like a fish on land.

289 CARRIE

289

watching this; another flex, and:

290 FROMM

290

is propelled backwards from the microphone; he falls backward into the cyc, his flaming arm igniting it. A celestial fantasy immediately bursts into flames. It prevents any of the students from using the back exit.

291 THE STUDENTS

291

watching, rivetted with horror, some of them screaming, others frozen to the spot as the cyc CRACKLES. Utter pandemonium.

292 CARRIE

292

her face flushed, a vein in her forehead throbs, her heart pounding. She spots:

293 THE LIGHTING T-BAR

293

hanging over the bandstand.

- 294 THE DOORS 294
 as the prom-goers press against the opaque glass,
 straining to get out. Fish in an aquarium.
- 295 COLLINS 295
 moving toward the dazed Ernest, who's recuperating
 from his bout with Carrie.
- 296 CARRIE 296
 her heart pounding like an anvil. She's staring at:
- 297 THE LIGHTING BAR 297
- 298 CARRIE 298
 She flexes.
- 299 CEILING POV 299
 Collins and Ernest directly below the path of the
 lighting bar. We see the flaming cyc on the stage
 collapse forward. The light bar begins to shake.
 Plaster drops, and the light bar DROPS -- just short
 of Collins' head -- as far as its wires carry it.
- 300 CARRIE 300
 watching all this -- a giggle (or is it a sob?) emerg-
 ing from deep within her.
 Another flex:
- 301 THE LIGHT BAR 301
 starts to swing recklessly around the gym. Back and
 forth, back and forth -- it hits the ceiling, igniting
 it and the decorations. Flaming stars and planets
 begin dropping from the ceiling.
- 302 BENEATH THE STAGE -- BILLY AND CHRIS 302
 seeing their chance to escape while Carrie is busy
 with the light bar.

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- 302 CONTINUED: 302
- The back door (which Sue couldn't enter from the outside, and which the cyc flames prevented any of the students on the gym floor from getting to) is now free, and Billy and Chris see their chance to escape. They burst out from under the stage as:
- 303 CARRIE 303
- spots them. In the instant it takes her to wonder what they're doing there, it's too late. They're out the door, and there's absolutely nothing she can do.
- 304 THE GYM - FEATURING THE LIGHT BAR 304
- as it swings, catching Norma Watson in its path, casually whipping this screaming girl in her green chiffon dress back into a wall.
- Helen Shyres is backed into a corner, giggling with horror, in shock, utterly hysterical.
- Students have climbed onto the back bleachers, trying in vain to pry off the screens on the windows so they can escape.
- Morton has grabbed a chair and is trying to smash it through another of the windows. All this to no avail. End SPLIT SCREEN.
- 305 CARRIE 305
- as she makes her way down the stage stairs and out onto the floor. She spots the cord going under the stage first, and realizes just how the trick was engineered... that Billy and Chris did it.
- 306 THE STUDENTS 306
- moving aside as Carrie walks through them -- an endless series of blurred, hysterical faces.
- 307 WIDE SHOT - THE GYM 307
- as Carrie makes it to one set of double doors, flexes them open, and exits.
- 308 EXT. GYM - HALLWAY 308
- as Carrie exits, the doors swing shut. Behind her, through the windows, we see a wall of fire collapse behind her.

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308 CONTINUED:

308

She passes Sue in the hall who's sobbing hysterically. And as Carrie exits, Sue runs into this inferno of fire to find Tommy. And then the town WHISTLE BLOWS ... and BLOWS. It overlaps onto:

DISSOLVE TO:

309 EXT. TOWN STREETS - NIGHT

309

Carrie's on her way home. At this point, she looks less like a girl than the survivor of a grisly car accident; wet, caked with blood, eyes glistening madly, almost shapeless. She goes down a hill, and then, from:

310 ANOTHER ANGLE - THE HILL - NIGHT

310

as a fire truck rushes toward the school, past Carrie. And then shortly afterwards, out of nowhere, Billy's Chevy -- its headlights gleaming, lurches forward; it's headed right for her.

311 CARRIE

311

turns around and sees it coming toward her.

312 INT. THE CHEVY

312

Chris screaming "Get her! Get her! at the top of her lungs, Billy grinning madly behind the wheel.

313 CARRIE

313

as the Chevy heads right for her, standing in the headlights in its path, bloated, swaying back and forth, her arms thrown out.

314 THE CHEVY

314

almost right on top of her...

315 CARRIE

315

flexing, averting the car just as it almost smacks into her. It just misses her.

316 INT. THE CHEVY

316

Billy is livid, turning around to see Carrie in the back window.

BILLY
Goddamnit!

CHRIS
Billy!!!

BILLY
Shut up! Just shut up!

But the car is headed for an embankment. Billy realizes this and starts pumping the brakes. But the car's accelerating, not responding to Billy's efforts to slow it down.

317 CARRIE

317

her head pounding, flexing...

318 INT. CHEVY

318

as Billy attempts to turn the wheel; it, too, has turned traitor -- it won't turn.

They're heading right for the embankment. Billy's eyes are bugging out, Chris is screaming as:

319 THE CHEVY

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plows smack into the embankment and rolls over several times. It then bursts into a sheet of flames.

320 CARRIE

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watching this explosion turn into a conflagration. We see the fire reflected in her puffy, exhausted face -- brighter and brighter and brighter as we HEAR the sound of the WHISTLE merging with the SOUND OF SIRENS, and:

DISSOLVE TO:

321 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

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The house is totally dark. Not even a porch light. In the distance, perhaps, the glow from the burning gymnasium.

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A figure is moving toward the house.

It is Carrie.

322 AT DOOR

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Carrie tries the front door. It is unlocked. She opens it partially.

CARRIE
(small voice)
Momma? Momma?

She opens the door wider.

CARRIE
(louder)
Momma?

Silence. Carrie steps inside.

CARRIE
(louder)
Momma, I'm home.

Silence.

Carrie closes the front door.

323 INT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

323

With the closing of the door, Carrie turns on a light. She looks around. The house is ominously empty, ominously still.

CARRIE
MOMMA!

Silence floods back in.

Carrie moves to the foot of the stairs, turning on lights as she goes. She mounts the stairs, goes along the narrow hallway to her room.

324 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

324

Carrie turns on the lights, closes the door.

She stares at the madonna-child figurine on the bureau.

Then, slowly, she removes her bloodstained clothing, letting it lie in a heap.

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- 324 CONTINUED: 324
Clutching a robe, she goes into the bathroom.
- 325 INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT 325
Carrie turns on the shower, - waits for it to get hot.
It is almost steaming as she steps in.
Very carefully, Carrie scrubs herself clean.
Then she steps out of the shower, dries herself briefly,
puts on her robe, and turns off the bathroom light.
What's important here is this gives us time to breathe,
to focus on Carrie.
- 326 INT. CARRIE'S ROOM - NIGHT 326
Carrie returns to her room. She is clean now; her
wet hair hangs. A feeling of despair about her; or
perhaps she is emptied out.
Carrie almost mouths:
CARRIE
Momma...
It is a little child's voice, and there is no answer.
She goes out into the hallway.
- 327 INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT 327
Carrie goes to the head of the stairs. Once again,
she mouths the words:
CARRIE
Momma...
Something -- a movement? an instinct? -- makes her
turn. She sees:
- 328 MARGARET 328
coming toward her.
- 329 CARRIE 329
She flings out her arms and cries out:
CARRIE
Oh, Momma!

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329 CONTINUED:

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And throws herself against her mother, holds her. A movement from Margaret, a quick movement hard to define. And Carrie recoils, her hands clutching her stomach.

Briefly we see the knife in Margaret's hand.

Then Carrie tumbles down the stairs.

330 ANGLE DOWN STAIRS

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on Carrie, lying like a broken doll, huddled at the foot of the stairs.

331 MARGARET

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Carrying the knife, she stares down the stairs.

MARGARET

It says in the Lord's Book: 'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.'

332 CARRIE

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Dazed, she sees her mother coming, dimly, everything distorted. She begins to crawl backwards, her eyes always on her mother, who is slowly but inexorably coming down the stairs.

MARGARET

And now the devil has come home.

CARRIE

(whimpering)

Momma, it's not right.

Carrie starts crawling to the kitchen.

333 INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

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Carrie crawls farther and farther from the door, until she reaches the far end of the kitchen, just as Margaret, the knife gleaming in her hand, point toward Carrie, reaches the bottom of the stairs and turns toward the kitchen, mumbling all the while.

Carrie flexes: the kitchen door swings shut.

Margaret is coming toward the kitchen.

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Carrie flexes again -- to hold the door shut.

But it's no use -- Margaret is relentless now, and the door opens. She raises the knife and starts toward Carrie, the door swinging behind her.

MARGARET

I should have killed you when you were born.

CARRIE

Momma, I love you. Please help me!

MARGARET

Sin never dies.

There's nothing else to be done; Carrie flexes, and a serving fork -- dangling from a hook on wall -- suddenly hurtles through the air, piercing Margaret. It is followed by another and another as a rain of instruments strikes Margaret.

Margaret collapses.

Carrie, horrified by what she's done, starts toward her mother.

And then she and we see Sue standing in the doorway, clasping her hands to her mouth, stifling her screams.

CARRIE

You. You tricked me.

SUE

No.

CARRIE

Get out.

SUE

We were just trying...

CARRIE

Get out.

And then something hits the roof, rattling. A small sound. A stone.

Then another.

Then a third.

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CARRIE
Get out! Get out!

The stones are beginning to rain on the roof, like hail.

Sue is rooted to the spot, terrified.

CARRIE
Get out, get out, get out!

The stones are coming down harder. All sound as one or two of them break through the roof, rattle on the floor above.

CARRIE
GET OUT!

A stone of fairly small size crashes through into the kitchen.

Carrie flexes.

And Sue stumbles backwards, toward the door.

Flex.

Sue is whipped around, as though by a great wind.

333A EXT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

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Stones are crashing on the house.

Sue is hurtled out of the house.

334 INT. KITCHEN

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as a couple of larger stones crash into the room, Carrie heads for the closet.

335 EXT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

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Sue, rising from the ground, sees stones crashing into the house.

She begins to run away.

336 INT. WHITE HOUSE - NIGHT

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Carrie walks toward the closet; the figure of Jesus is illuminated -- welcoming her? She goes into the closet.

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- 336 CONTINUED: 336
 She closes the door.
 Stones crash down, obliterating the scene.
- 337 EXT. WHITE HOUSE -- NIGHT 337
 Sue stops running. She turns to look at the White house.
- 338 WHITE HOUSE - SUE'S POV 338
 The stones are flattening the house. The house is being pounded into the ground.
- 339 SUE 339
 Terror and disbelief. Nightmare.
- 340 THE WHITE HOUSE 340
 The rain of stones stops.
 Silence.
 Then the house begins to sink -- slowly, slowly, slowly -- into the ground.
 And the ground is swallowing up the house.
 And covering it over until -- nothing remains.
- DISSOLVE TO:
- 341 EXT. VACANT LOT - DAY 341
 where the Horan house used to stand, where now only a FOR SALE sign remains.
 We PAN OVER next door, to where the White house used to be. This lot, too, is vacant -- overgrown with grass and weeds and maybe wildflowers. It is also strewn with beer cans.
 And there is another FOR SALE sign. We come in closer and realize that there's some writing on the sign, some hastily written graffiti. Which reads:

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341 CONTINUED:

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CARRIE WHITE IS BURNING FOR HER SINS

And underneath:

JESUS NEVER FAILS

HOLD for a long beat, then:

FADE OUT.

THE END

THE WHITE HOUSE

The rain of stones stops.

Silence.

Then the house begins to sink -- slowly, slowly -- into the ground.

And the ground swallows up the house.

And covers it over until nothing remains. Not a trace.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SNELL HOUSE - DAY

Some time later -- a week, perhaps two weeks after the nightmares of Prom Night.

INT. SNELL HOUSE

A home in the course of losing its family. White sheets over furniture. Boxes in the midst of being packed.

Eleanor Snell, looking incredibly tired, is attending to the last minute details of moving. She sorts through magazines and books, discarding some, putting others in cartons. And she comes across the religious tracts left behind by Margaret White, forgotten until now. They have a momentary hypnotic effect on her.

The phone RINGS, startling her. She rushes to answer it in the kitchen, catching it on the first or second ring.

ELEANOR

(hushed voice)

Hello? Oh, thank God it's you, Betty.
I don't think I could have handled one more reporter.

(she appears to hear a noise upstairs)

Just a sec, dear.

(she comes into the living room and looks toward the upstairs)

Sue?

(a little louder)

Sue?

(no answer; she returns to the phone)

Sorry, Betty, I just wanted to make sure the phone didn't wake her. We're all a bit edgy.

(beat)

Better. Sleeping too much, I guess, but Schneider says that's to be expected after what she's gone through. He says she's young enough to forget it in time. Knock wood

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As Eleanor's side of the conversation continues, the camera conveys her tension. Half of her is listening and talking to Betty; the rest of her mind is on Sue upstairs. With good cause. Because:

EXT. EMPTY LOT - DAY

Where the Horan house used to stand, now vacant. Strewn with beer cans, overgrown with grass and weeds and wildflowers. And a FOR SALE sign.

We PAN over next door where the White house used to stand. It, too, is vacant but utterly bald -- there's been no time for anything to grow here. There is another FOR SALE sign put up by Born Realty.

SUE SNELL -

Looking utterly haggard and perhaps a bit on the looney side from a lack of sleep stands staring at the lot. She's standing there in her white nightgown, barefoot.

THE WHITE LOT - SUE'S POV

As she slowly walks toward it. Underwater, almost floating. We come in closer on the sign which now starts appearing a bit odder -- less like a simple FOR SALE sign and more like a grave marker.

And when we get close enough, we see that some graffiti has been hastily scrawled in chalk on the sign:

CARRIE WHITE IS BURNING FOR HER SINS

And below it, in a second vandal's handwriting, some idiot's notion of one final joke:

JESUS NEVER FAILS

SUE -

As she kneels down, putting the wreath she's carrying next to the marker. She proceeds to try to wipe off the red chalk with the palm of her hand; it smudges badly.

She stares at he hand, fixating on it, remembering Carrie in the shower. Suddenly, a second hand thrusts into the frame, onto her nightgown.

A bloody hand.

A hand from the earth itself.

Carrie's hand.

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It clutches a horrified Sue by the wrist. Tightly. A vise.

Sue begins screaming uncontrollably. The hand is trying to pull her into the ground. Her screams turn into howling.

CUT TO:

SUE --

Still screaming. But now in her room, waking up from what is, indeed, a bad nightmare. Upright in bed, screaming her head off, her face covered with perspiration.

Eleanor Snell rushes into the room to the bed, embraces her hysterical daughter.

ELEANOR

It's all right, it's all right darling.

SUE

Mother?

And we come in close on Sue's stricken face as her mother holds her, calming her, cradling her. Closer still on Sue's eyes. She closes them, and we go to

BLACK.