

Bid Day

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INT. DORM - DAY

AVA and HANNAH (both 18), Ava is dressed in a flowery dress and Hannah is in a duller more casual dress.

HANNAH

I cannot believe it's already rush week. This is so stressful. At least your sister is in Kappa so we know we'll get in there.

AVA

I know. She'll have our back. I hope.

HANNAH

Are you guys not close?

AVA

No we are. She's just... more sorority girl than me.

HANNAH

Oh I get that. We'll try to our best to be ra-ra sorority girls!

AVA

(laughing it off)

I know, my mom would kill me if I didn't.

AVA

Oh yeah wasn't she a Kappa here too?

HANNAH

OHHH yeah. It's still her biggest personality trait, and if I don't keep up the family tradition, I'm honestly afraid she'll disown me.

The girls laugh and get interrupted by a knock on the door. Ava walks over confused and opens the door to reveal her mother, SUSAN (40s) decked out in fancy clothes with a giant handbag, standing there with a giant yet unsettling smile on her face.

SUSAN

SURPRISE!

AVA  
(horrificed but trying to put on a  
fake smile)  
Mom! What are you doing here?!

SUSAN  
You don't think I would miss your rush  
week did you sweetie?! It's the most  
important week of your life!

AVA  
(laughing but internally freaking  
out)  
Uhh, I wouldn't say most important  
Mom!

SUSAN  
But of course it is!

AVA  
(laughs it off)  
You remember Hannah right?

SUSAN  
Oh yes of course!

Looks at her outfit and judges.

SUSAN (CONT'D)  
What sorority do you want to be in,  
dear?

HANNAH  
Ummm well I'm not sure yet.

SUSAN  
I'm sure you know Ava is joining  
Kappa. That's what I was and what her  
older sister Jade is.

AVA  
Well we don't know that for sure mom,  
now do we.

SUSAN  
Well, of course! Your sister has your  
back.

AVA  
Ok, it's almost time to go to our  
first house.

Nearly shoving her mom out the door.

See you later mom!

SUSAN

Good luck! Touch up your lipstick  
sweet-

She gets cut off as Ava closes the door.

AVA

(sigh)

She exhausts me.

EXT. OUTSIDE OF THE KAPPA HOUSE - DAY

Ava and Hannah outside of the Kappa house in the line of freshmen. The house is stunning, elegant, and ginormous. Almost like it looks like heaven. Ava and Hannah look at each other like they are happy to be doing this together. Group of SORORITY GIRLS (19-22 year olds) standing in a formation in front of the house screaming in unison and clapping.

SORORITY GIRLS

KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA WHOO! WE WANT YOU!

Each freshmen gets filed in one by one to talk to one of the sorority girls. Some freshmen are dressed to the nines in poofy dresses and look confident, and some girls look terrified. Ava and Hannah look somewhere in the middle.

INT. INSIDE OF THE KAPPA HOUSE - DAY

The interior design is wealthy and spotless. Gold and white furniture and decorations. Ava gets to talk to her sister JADE (20), caked face in makeup, blonde, dressed in fancy clothes and tall heels.

JADE

Hey OMG how are you doing?? You look  
sooo good. I missed you so much! This  
is so exciting!!

AVA

(tries to match her energy)  
Aw thanks you look beautiful! This  
house is gorgeous wow.

JADE

I know. It's the best house on campus.  
I am so happy you can finally be a

Kappa now!

AVA

Awww me too! Do you know my friend Hannah? I really want her to be a Kappa too.

JADE

(shift in attitude)

Oh. Um. Yeah I think I've heard of her. We'll see.

AVA

Well if you could put in a good wor-

Gets cut off.

JADE

Time's up! Time for your next house!

Jade practically shoves her out the door, and Ava loses Hannah in the rush to the next house.

INT. DORM - EVENING

Ava and Hannah talking about their first day. Hannah is iffy about it.

AVA

Wow I'm exhausted. How'd your day go? I feel like mine went pretty well. I talked to Jade which was good. I told her to put in a good word for you!

HANNAH

(relieved)

Ohh thank you. I don't think I had the best conversation in Kappa today.

AVA

What really? I'm sure they loved you! I'm sure you're just getting in your head.

HANNAH

I hope so.

AVA

Did you see some of the outfits on the girls? Wowza.

HANNAH

I. KNOW. Makes me feel like an odd ball out.

AVA.

Yeah same. At least we weren't shaking like some of the other girls. I feel so bad for them. This is so intimidating

HANNAH

I know. I feel bad for them too.

AVA

I'm exhausted. We need good sleep for day two tomorrow. I think the schedules come out early tomorrow.

HANNAH

You're right. Goodnight!

AVA

Sleep tight!

INT. DORM - MORNING

Ava and Hannah nervously open their schedules all dressed and ready. Ava looks girlier than Hannah again. Ava and Hannah sigh a relief once they see they both got Kappa back.

AVA

You got Kappa too right?

HANNAH

Yes!

AVA

Oh thank god. I'm excited for today. I hope you get to talk to Jade.

HANNAH

Me too. I'm so glad I'm doing this with you.

AVA

Same here. I couldn't do it without you.

EXT.OUTSIDE OF THE KAPPA HOUSE - DAY

Group of sorority girls standing in formation in front of the

house clapping and singing. The group of freshmen in a line watching them is smaller than the first day. Hannah and Ava are in the line.

SORORITY GIRLS  
HOO-RAH FOR KAPPA! HOO-RAH FOR KAPPA!  
SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE YELL HOO-RAH FOR  
KAPPA!

INT. KAPPA HOUSE - DAY

Ava watches smiling as Jade leads Hannah into the house to talk to her. Ava talks to one of Jade's friends, AMANDA (20) petite, lots of makeup, high heels, fancy clothes.

AMANDA

Amanda gives Ava the biggest hug.

EEEEK! It's so good to finally meet  
you! I LOVE Jade so I must LOVE you  
too!

AVA  
(slightly overwhelmed)  
Ohhh Yep! It's so nice to meet finally  
meet you too!

She has no idea who she is.

AMANDA  
I've heard so much about you! Oh and  
don't worry, we'll get rid of that  
freak Hannah soon.

AVA  
(absolutely shocked)  
Hannah Winter? My roommate?

AMANDA  
Oh. Um. Yeah! I've heard some weird.  
things about her. She's definitely not  
a Kappa.

AVA  
She's my best friend and she is NOT a  
freak.

AMANDA  
(stunned and not sure what to say)  
What? I - I didn't know. I thought -

Ava turns around to find Hannah being laughed at by several girls, including Jade.

AVA  
What's going on?

AMANDA  
Oh didn't you hear? Hannah left a...  
stain on the seat from yesterday.

AVA  
What? No she didn't - that's  
ridiculous! Why are people saying  
that?!

AMANDA  
Oh no. It's time to go.

Amanda shoves Ava into the line of freshmen moving out of the house. Ava sees Hannah quickly walking back to their dorm. Ava gets lost in the rush to go to her next house.

INT. DORM - EVENING

Ava bursts through the door to find Hannah laying in bed.

AVA  
What on earth happened today?

HANNAH  
Your lovely sister made up a rumor  
about me.

AVA  
I am so confused. Why would she do  
that? What have you ever done to her?

HANNAH  
Nothing. I guess I'm just not sorority  
enough.

AVA  
That's absolute bull shit. I'll be  
right back.

Ava leaves the room and paces the hallway trying to call Jade. She never answers. She calls her mom. Susan answers in one ring.

SUSAN (O.S.)  
Hi sweetie! How was Kappa today!



AVA

Mom. Hannah got dropped.

SUSAN

Aww, that's too bad. I didn't think she was Kappa material.

AVA

That's bullshit! So what she's doesn't wear pounds of makeup and talk in a squeaky voice! She's more real than any girl in that house!

SUSAN

Don't use that language with me. I know you're upset. You'll thank Jade later. You wouldn't want Hannah to ruin your reputation.

AVA

I don't give shit about my reputation! She's my best friend.

SUSAN

LANGUAGE! Don't think for a second you aren't going to continue with rush!

AVA

I- I know that's what you want for me. I just have to think.

SUSAN

Ava don't hang -

Ava hangs up the phone and catches her breath in the hallway.

INT. DORM - NIGHT

It's a little awkward between the girls as they get ready for bed.

HANNAH

Are you excited to get your schedule tomorrow?

AVA

No. I want to drop.

HANNAH

What? NO you can't. Your mom would kill you.

AVA

I don't care at this point. It's  
fucked up what they did to you.

HANNAH

Oh don't worry about me. I'll be fine.  
I'm really not cut out for all the  
hoo-ra anyways. It's just one more  
day. Stick with it, and if you're not  
happy tomorrow, then you can make a  
decision.

AVA

You're the best, you know that?

HANNAH

Yeah

They both laugh.

EXT. OUTSIDE OF THE KAPPA HOUSE - DAY

Ava standing alone outside of the sorority house. The  
sorority girls chants sound blurry and in slow mo.

DOLLY ZOOM ON DOOR CHANTS

SLOW ZOOM ON AVA'S OVERWHELMED FACE

INT. INSIDE OF THE SORORITY HOUSE - DAY

Ava sees her sister and mother's pictures on the walls.  
Starts to feel worse about wanting to be in the sorority. The  
conversation she has is muffled and chaotic and her sister  
walks by and ignores her.

INT. DORM - EVENING

Ava comes home overwhelmed. Hannah is relaxing.

AVA

That was awful without you.

HANNAH

C'mon I'm not THAT great.

AVA

I can't even think right now. I doubt  
I even got a bid, my conversation in  
Kappa was so bad.

HANNAH

Well, might as well wait until the morning and see if you got in.

OVERHEAD SHOT OF AVA LAYING ON HER BED CONTEMPLATING LIFE

INT. DORM - MORNING

Ava, not excited, gets ready. Susan bangs on her door with coffee and a muffin and is overly excited.

SUSAN

Today is the day!! Bid day!! Oh Hannah, I'm sorry to hear what happened!

HANNAH

(fake happy)

Don't worry about me! I'll be just fine.

AVA

Mom. Calm down. Why are you here? What are you gonna come with me and watch me open my bid card too?

SUSAN

Of course!

Ava rolls her eyes, leads her mom out of her room, and waves goodbye to Hannah.

INT. LOBBY OF DORM/ANY BUILDING - MORNING

Girls and their mothers crowd around waiting for their bids. The girls are dressed in leggings and a white top. Ava is not showing much emotion, but still kind of wants to get the Kappa bid. A random overly excited FRESHMAN GIRL (18), lots of makeup and a lit up face counts down to open the bids.

FRESHMAM GIRL

3...2...1!!!

All the freshmen girls chaotically open their bids. Ava does it at a normal speed.

SHOT OF AVA'S BID CARD THAT SAYS SHE GOT KAPPA

C.U. OF AVA'S SURPRISED REACTION

Susan grabs and hugs Ava aggressively.

SUSAN  
Yes!! I am so happy for you Ava!

AVA  
(smiles)  
Thank you mom.

SUSAN  
It's time to run to Kappa!

Ava hesitates as she watches everyone start to run out of the room.

SUSAN  
Let's goooo! This is the best day of  
your life!

Beat. See Ava's change in attitude to confident.

AVA  
No mom. It's the best day of your  
life.

She takes one last look at the bid card and rips it up. Susan gasps.

AVA (CONT'D)  
I'm sorry mom. Sorority life just  
isn't for me.

Ava walks out of the lobby and heads straight for her dorm.  
Susan stands jaw dropped unable to move.

INT. DORM - DAY

Hannah's head turns quickly and she's in shock to see Ava walk through the door.

HANNAH  
What are you doing here?

AVA  
Who am I kidding. I'm not some ra-ra  
sorority girl. I am nothing like my  
mom and sister. I just need my best  
friend.

The girls smile and hug.

HANNAH

But what about your mom?

AVA

Eh. She's probably still standing  
there frozen in time.

The girls laugh and go on about their day.

THE END.