# **PAULETTE**

Side 1 Pg 1 of 1

# ACT ONE, SCENE SEVEN

ELLE sits in the salon chair.

# **Start**

# **PAULETTE**

Hey there! Welcome to the Hair Affair. You're with Paulette so you're in good hands. I'm sorta like Allstate, but for hair.

ELLE

Make me a brunette.

#### **PAULETTE**

What? Brunette? Honey,

(gestures to her hair)

you're a genetic lotto win! Alright, something else is goin' on here. Back up. Paulette's listenin'. Spill.

# ELLE

Okay. I'm Elle Woods, and I came all the way out for Harvard Law School -

# **PAULETTE**

That's a good school!

#### ELLE

I know, right? And, I did it to follow my one true love Warner out here and now he's... (gagging)

he's dating this evil preppie.

# **PAULETTE**

So what's she got that you don't got? Three tits?

ELLE

She's

(air quotes)

"serious."

## **PAULETTE**

Seriously, she have three tits?

#### ELLE

No, she's a constipated polo shirt with a mousy brown bob. Apparently that's what Warner wants. So, you have to make me a brunette.

#### PAULETTE

Whoa, whoa. Do you know the number one reason behind all Bad Hair Decisions? Love!! God it's days like today I miss my dog, Rufus! He's my angel! See...It's our annual glamour shot! (shows photo)

Side 2 Pg 1 of 2

# ACT ONE, SCENE NINE

A DUMPY TRAILER has appeared, ELLE turns and POUNDS on the door with PAULETTE and EMMETT by her side.

Start

ELLE

Paulette, are you ready?

# **PAULETTE**

I don't know, Elle. Dewey scares the crap outta me.

# ELLE

And that's okay. Channel that fear and tell yourself you are a strong, independent woman. You MUST be reunited with your dog.

## **EMMETT**

Anyone who bakes their dog a birthday cake deserves nothing less.

## **PAULETTE**

(displays cake)

It IS shaped like a bone.

## ELLE

And that kind of devotion cannot be ignored.

# **PAULETTE**

It's not easy to find dog-friendly chocolate substitutes.

ELLE resumes POUNDING on the door.

Meet DEWEY. He sees PAULETTE, yells out the window:

# DEWEY (O.S.)

Crap, not you again! Paulette, get your fat ass offa my property!

# **PAULETTE**

I wanna see my dog, Dewey! I gotta right! I bet you didn't even know it's his birthday today.

DEWEY holds up RUFUS' paw through the window and waves it.

## **DEWEY**

(taunting, sings)

It's your birthday, it's your birthday... Well, you can't see him, Jelly Gut! Best decision I ever made? *Throwin' you out!* 

PAULETTE'S breaking down.

#### PAULETTE

Can you believe I lived with that for 10 years? That cheap-skate never even got me a ring!

Paulette				
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EMMETT pulls ELLE aside.

**EMMETT** 

Elle, they lived together for 10 years —

Instantly, ELLE gets where he is going.

ELLE

Of course! Emmett, you're a genius!

Emboldened, ELLE flings the trailer door open. DEWEY has no choice but to come out of the trailer.

**DEWEY** 

Now what?

ELLE

Mr.... Dewey, we are Ms. Buonofuonte's legal team.

**DEWEY** 

(nervous)

Lawyers?

ELLE

(marginally meandering)

I don't think you understand that the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes your 10-year relationship with Ms. Buonofuonte as a Common Law marriage, which entitles her to equitable division of property.

**DEWEY** 

Huh?

ELLE

Translation:

**ELLE looks to PAULETTE:** 

**ELLE & PAULETTE** 

We're taking the dog!

**END** 

#10 = Run Rufus Run! / Elle Reflects

PAULETTE num. EMMETT the bone-cake and grabs RUFUS from DEWEY. RUFUS attacks her with kisses, which has easierly accepts.

**DEWEY** 

Whatever.

# Paulette Side 3 Pg 1 of 3

# **ACT TWO, SCENE THREE**

...THE HAIR AFFAIR.

Where ELLE gets a manicure from PAULETTE.

# **PAULETTE**

#### **Start**

There. Now you're ready for your big trial. You sure you don't want me to paint little gavels on 'em for ya?

# ELLE

It's okay, Paulette. That might be a bit too much.

#### **PAULETTE**

Classy lawyer pink it is. When the jury people see those nails, they'll know they can trust ya.

#### ELLE

Which is more than my team is doing. They're all over me to give up Brooke's alibi.

# **PAULETTE**

Including your

(does air quotes)

"friend" Emmett?

#### ELLE

Well... he IS on the team too...

# **PAULETTE**

Yeah, in more ways than one. I see the way he looks atcha.

#### ELLE

Paulette, he's just my friend.

#### PAULETTE

Right. And I could use a friend like that.

PAULETTE suddenly sees KYLE and is instantly mute.

#### KYLE

I've got a package. For Miss Paulette Buonufonte.

PAULETTE goes limp at the sight of him, but manages to raise a weak hand. Her hand remains in the air as KYLE approaches.

The name's Kyle. This is my new route and the first stop of the day. Kinda cool karma, huh?

ELLE takes over, grabs PAULETTE's hand, puts a pen in it and forces her to sign. Alrighty, then.

# Paulette Side 3 Pg 2 of 3

(KYLE's theme music plays as he starts to exit.)

(KYLE)

Do me a favor? You have yourself a super day.

PAULETTE nods awkwardly as KYLE saunters out of the salon.

**PAULETTE** 

God, the new UPS guy's like walking porn.

ELLE

So talk to him already.

**PAULETTE** 

Right. I can't talk to guys like that. I'm not like you... I got nothing to offer.

MUSIC CUE as PAULETTE BENDS over...picks up the package and straightens: <u>SNAP!</u>

CHORAL MUSIC and LIGHTS reveal the GREEK CHORUS, striking a tableau of awe...

MARGOT

Oh my god!

**PILAR** 

Did you see that?

SERENA

She's got the most perfect Bend and Snap I've ever seen!

MARGOT, SERENA, PILAR

You're a natural! Hi, Paulette!

PAULETTE waves back slowly, freaked.

**PAULETTE** 

I see dead people.

ELLE

No! It's just my Greek Chorus! I'm so psyched you can see them too now!

**PAULETTE** 

But I haven't had any Jager.

SERENA

When your Bend and Snap has that much snap, it's been known to alter all laws of physics and logic.

**PAULETTE** 

What are you talking about...Bend and Snap ...?

# Paulette Side 3 Pg 3 of 3

# ELLE

(demonstrating)

The Bend...and Snap!

(the GIRLS ad-lib reaction to her Bend and Snap)

It's a move invented by U.C.L.A. cheerleaders to break the will of the opposing team.

(ELLE looks around, cloak and dagger)

But it also has real world applications: the Bend and Snap is 99.99% effective on straight men.

# **PAULETTE**

Yeah, and I've got a great track record with those.

#### SERENA

I see the problem here...and it's not physical: it's spiritual. Paulette just needs a little...spirit.

## MARGOT

And Serena knows about spirit: she's a U.C.L.A. Cheer Team Leader.

# MARGOT, PILAR, SERENA

Go Bruins!/Alright!/Bruin Power! (etc.)

#### PAULETTE

Cheerleaders scare me!

# SERENA

Paul-Ette. Do you know why cheerleaders get the guy and keep the guy?

#### PAULETTE

Because you jump around showin' your panties?

**END** 

#### JEKENA

Yes. And the we demand and command attention.

#### PILAR

For real. You must become the cheener you fear.

# SERENA

You've got the pompoms. It's time to shake 'em. READY? OK-AY!

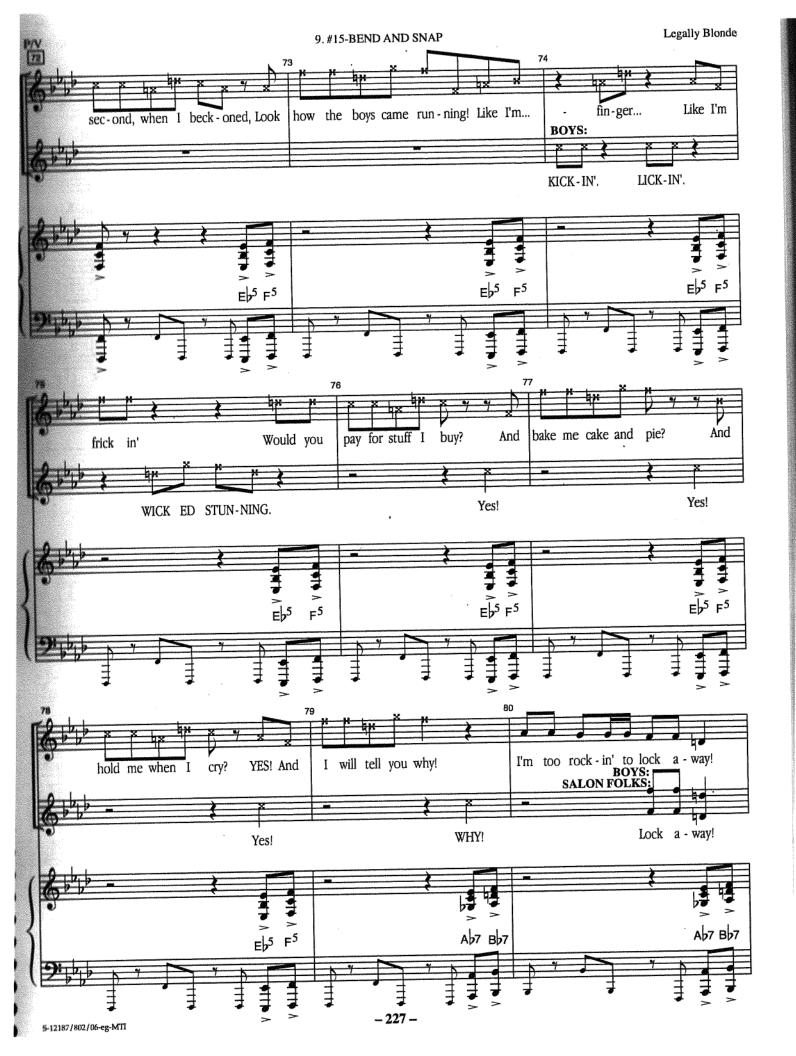
#15 - Bend And Snap

SERENA, MARGOT and PILAR begin a stamp and clap of terrible beauty.





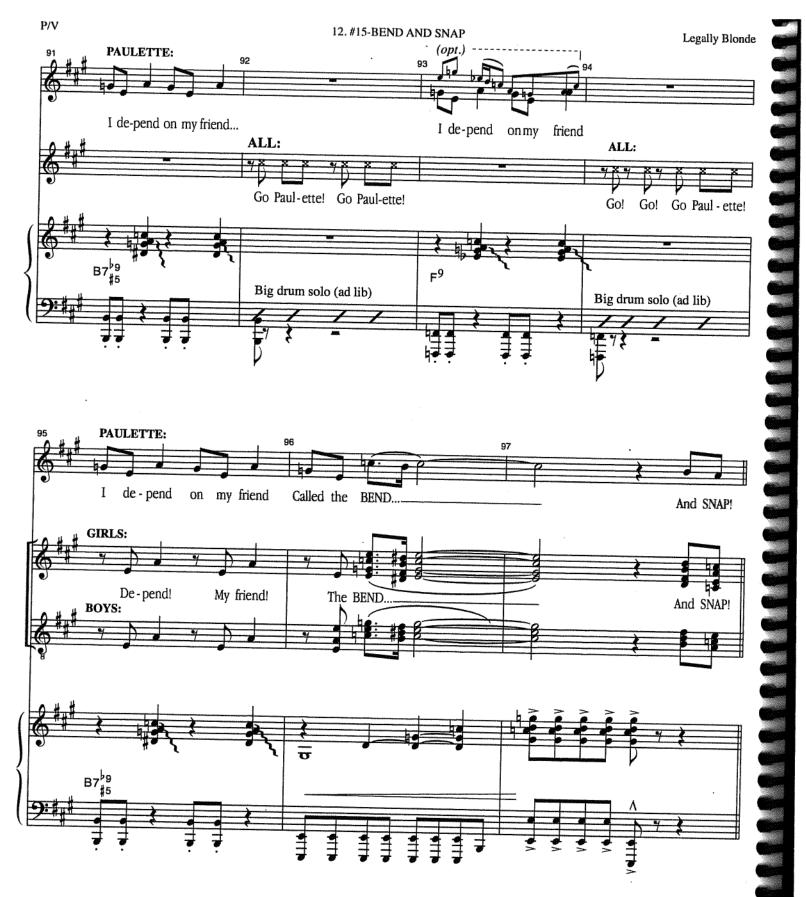












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