

ACT ONE
Scene One

[We open at a school, and we immediately see that there are different groups dotted around the stage: the comic book geeks, the card trading group, the jocks, etc. We also see the “cool kids” who are hanging together, laughing amongst each other. Cue Song 1: Perfect. Terri enters and heads towards her group.]

EVERYONE (-TERRI)

THERE SHE IS - WE ALL KNOW HER NAME
SHE'S GOT IT ALL - THE LOOKS, THE CLOTHES, THE FAME
ALL HER FRIENDS WANT TO BE THE SAME
AS HER
AS HER
YEAH HER

THE WAY SHE WALKS IS SO CONFIDENT
AND HER VOICE SOUNDS SO HEAVEN-SENT
AND IT'S LIKE SHE'S THE PRESIDENT
OF SCHOOL
AND COOL
SO COOL

EVERYONE WANTS TO BE HER
EVERYONE WANTS TO BE LIKE HER
EVERYONE WANTS TO BE SEEN
NEXT TO HER
NEXT TO HER!

'CAUSE ALL SHE DOES IS PERFECT, YEAH, YEAH!
EVERYTHING SHE SAYS IS SHEER PERFECTION
SHE'S PERFECT, YEAH, YEAH
BUT IT'S NOT FAIR
IF ONLY WE WERE PERFECT TOO!

Hey all! TERRI

Hi Terri! COOL GIRLS

Guess what I got on the weekend? TERRI

What? COOL GIRLS

Tickets to see ... TERRI

No way! COOL GIRLS

Yes way! TERRI

[Everyone's excited for Terri.]

Let's get a selfie of the moment! TERRI

Great idea, Terri! RACHAEL

Of course it was, Rachael. Everyone smile! TERRI

[They pose for the selfie.]

Straight on to Instasnap it goes! TERRI

Where everyone will see it! COOL GIRLS

TERRI
I'M THE ONE THAT YOU WANT TO BE
EVERY POST IS CENTRED ALL ON ME
'CAUSE I WANT EVERYONE TO SEE
MY LIFE
THIS LIFE
THE PERFECT LIFE

COOL GIRLS
IT'S IN HER, THE TALENT AND THE FLAIR
IT'S HER SPOTLIGHT THAT WE GET TO SHARE
AND ONE DAY SHE MIGHT STOP TO CARE
FOR ME
MAYBE
WE'LL SEE

GEEKS AND NERDS
FOR A SECOND TO BE HER
FOR A MOMENT TO LIVE LIKE HER
FOR AN INSTANT TO KNOW
A LIFE LIKE HERS
WE'D PREFER!

EVERYONE (-TERRI)
'CAUSE ALL SHE DOES IS PERFECT, YEAH, YEAH!
EVERYTHING SHE SAYS IS SHEER PERFECTION
SHE'S PERFECT, YEAH, YEAH

BUT IT'S NOT FAIR
IF ONLY WE WERE PERFECT TOO!

TERRI

I KNOW THAT I'M FORTUNATE
I WAS BORN THIS WAY

ALL

SHE WAS BORN THIS WAY

TERRI

WHY SHOULDN'T I CELEBRATE
THAT FACT EVERY DAY?

ALL

CELEBRATE EACH DAY

TERRI

EVERYTHING I'VE WANTED
IS HANDED OUT FOR ME
IF THIS LIFE THEN LET ME HAVE IT
FOR ETERNITY
'CAUSE ALL I DO IS

ALL

PERFECT!

TERRI

YEAH YEAH!
EVERYTHING I SAY IS

ALL

SHEER PERFECTION!
SHE'S PERFECT

TERRI

YEAH, YEAH! THAT'S JUST ME!

ALL

AND WHEN YOU ARE SO PERFECT, YEAH YEAH,
THEY ALL KNOW THAT PERFECT'S WHAT YOU'RE LIVING
SO GIVE ME YEAH YEAH

TERRI

A LIFE LIKE MINE

ALL

AND LIVE IT ALL THE TIME

TERRI

IT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

ALL
IF ONLY WE WERE PERFECT TOO!

TERRI
OOH WUH OH!

ALL
SHE'S PERFECT
I WANT PERFECT TOO!

*[Everyone breaks off into their social groups and Terri joins the cool girls.
They all gather around her.]*

RACHAEL
What's on for the weekend?

TERRI
Rachael, I'm thinking ... a pool party.

COOL GIRLS
[Excited gasp.]

COOL BOYS
Huh!

RACHAEL
That would be amazing!

JANE
Is your brother going to be there?

TERRI
I hope not. He's such a geek!

[The girls agree.]

RACHAEL
And he's always hanging around with his geeky friends.

THE COOLS
Always.

DARA
Hey, look! They're just over there.

TERRI
Watch this.

STEPH
Go get 'em!

[Terri walks over to Lucas, who's sitting reading comic books with his friends.]

TERRI

Hi Lucas.

LUCAS

What do you want Terri?

TERRI

Oh, nothing. I just wanted to see what the other side looks like.

LUCAS

[Sighs.] Well, you've seen us. Happy? You can go back to your so-called friends now.

TERRI

I'm not finished yet.

LUCAS

Really?

TERRI

Listen, I'm having a pool party this weekend, and you're not invited.

LUCAS

What's new?

TERRI

So, I don't want you - or your loser friends - there. Okay?

LUCAS

Whatever.

TERRI

[Brightly.] Thank you! You're the best brother.

[Terri goes back to her group.]

SHELLY

Lucas, why do you let her treat you like that?

LUCAS

Sometimes it's easier to stay out of her way.

MATTHEW

She's so cute.

THE GEEKS

What??

LUCAS

What's cute about that? She's just mean. And she's my sister.

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Ugh! THE GEEKS

Who would want a sister like that? NAOMI

It's ok. She's got a head like a vacuum. LUCAS

[The geeks laugh.]

Come on, let's get out of here. LUCAS

[Lucas and his friends exit.]

See? Not a problem. TERRI

You always get what you want. RACHAEL

Of course. Terri's perfect. JANE

Naturally perfect. No work needed. TERRI

[We hear a car horn in the distance.]

That's my ride home. KIRSTEN

Daddy's picking me up from the shopping centre. I just have to find some new clothes. TERRI

[The other girls moan in disappointment.]

How do you have the money for it? RACHAEL

Even my parents know I'm perfect. They just want to make sure their sweet daughter is happy. TERRI

I wish I had your parents. CAROLINE

Uh huh. THE COOL KIDS

RACHAEL

I wish I was you.

TERRI

Not while I'm around. See you later Rach.

RACHAEL

Bye!

JANE

Bye Terri! See you at the party.

TERRI

Only if I invite you Jane!

[Everyone leaves. Terri pulls out her phone and points it at herself. Cue Song 2: The Future's Waiting For Me.]

TERRI

You're looking at the girl who has it all laid out for her. All I have to do is take it.

THE FUTURE'S WAITING
FOR ME TO ARRIVE
TO WELCOME ME IN
AND FOR ME TO DECIDE
WHERE I WILL TAKE IT
AND WHERE I WILL GO
IT WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT ME
'CAUSE IT DOESN'T KNOW

ALL THE THINGS I'LL SEE
AND ALL THE THINGS I WILL DO
IT IS ALL UP TO ME
AND IT'S MY CALL TO CHOOSE

I'LL BE THE ONE THAT YOU WILL SEE
SHINING LIKE THE SUN
I'LL BE THE GIRL THAT'S LOVED BY ALL
AND EVERYONE
I'LL BE THE ONE WHO'S STANDING TALL
THE ONE THAT'S SOARING FREE
I KNOW IT'S TRUE
'CAUSE THE FUTURE'S WAITING FOR ME

IF THERE'S A ROAD THAT'S YET TO FOLLOW
THEN I WILL PAVE THE WAY
AND IF THE FUTURE SAYS TOMORROW
THEN I WILL SAY TODAY

THE FUTURE'S WAITING
IT'S AT MY COMMAND
IT WILL BE AMAZING

'CAUSE IT UNDERSTANDS
THAT I'M THE FUTURE
NO ONE COULD DENY
IT'S NOTHING WITHOUT ME
AND I'M GONNA FLY!

I'LL BE THE ONE THAT THEY WILL SEE
SHINING LIKE THE SUN
I'LL BE THE GIRL ADORED BY ALL
AND EVERYONE
NO MOUNTAIN AND NO VALLEY
WILL STOP ME SOARING FREE
I KNOW IT'S TRUE
THE FUTURE'S WAITING FOR ME
I'M COMING THROUGH
THE FUTURE'S WAITING FOR ME

[Terri's phone rings. She answers.]

TERRI

Hi Mummy. *[Pause.]* I'm on my way there now. Can you pick me up in a few hours?
[Pause.] You're the best. See you then! Love you! Bye!

[Terri hands up. Taps on her phone and lifts it up to film herself again. She begins to exit.]

TERRI

Hi everyone! It's me - your favourite person! Today, I'm off to get some new fashion - how anyone could wear the same clothes as last season is beyond me...

[She exits. Blackout. Suddenly, we hear cars screech, and Terri screaming. There's sound of panic which fade into voices of her parents saying soothing things that overlap each other. We hear a hospital monitor beeping, and voices of doctors. Eventually it all dies down, and there's silence.]

Scene Two

[Lights up and we see Terri sitting in a wheelchair, looking shattered. Her legs are covered in a blanket. It's obviously been awhile since the accident. She is unable to walk. She stares off into the distance. Lucas enters carrying some comic books. He puts them down on a table next to Terri. He starts to leave.]

TERRI

I don't want your stupid comic books.

LUCAS

Mum says you have to read something.