



DEC 02

ENCORE!
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WAIT,
WHO ARE
YOU?

OH, THE
RECRUITER! YES!
HANG ON!

WHAT
KIND OF
TEST?

ENCORE!
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DEC 03

"...ADVANCED TO
THE SECOND PHASE
OF TESTING. THIS IS A
MORE COMPREHENSIVE
QUESTIONNAIRE, SO
ALLOCATE AN HOUR
OR MORE TO
COMPLETE IT."

"DO NOT
RUSH THROUGH
YOUR ANSWERS.
IN ADDITION, A PACKET
MAY BE DELIVERED TO
YOUR ADDRESS WITHIN
TWO WEEKS WITH
INSTRUCTIONS FOR
A BLOOD SAMPLE
AND A RELEASE
FORM."

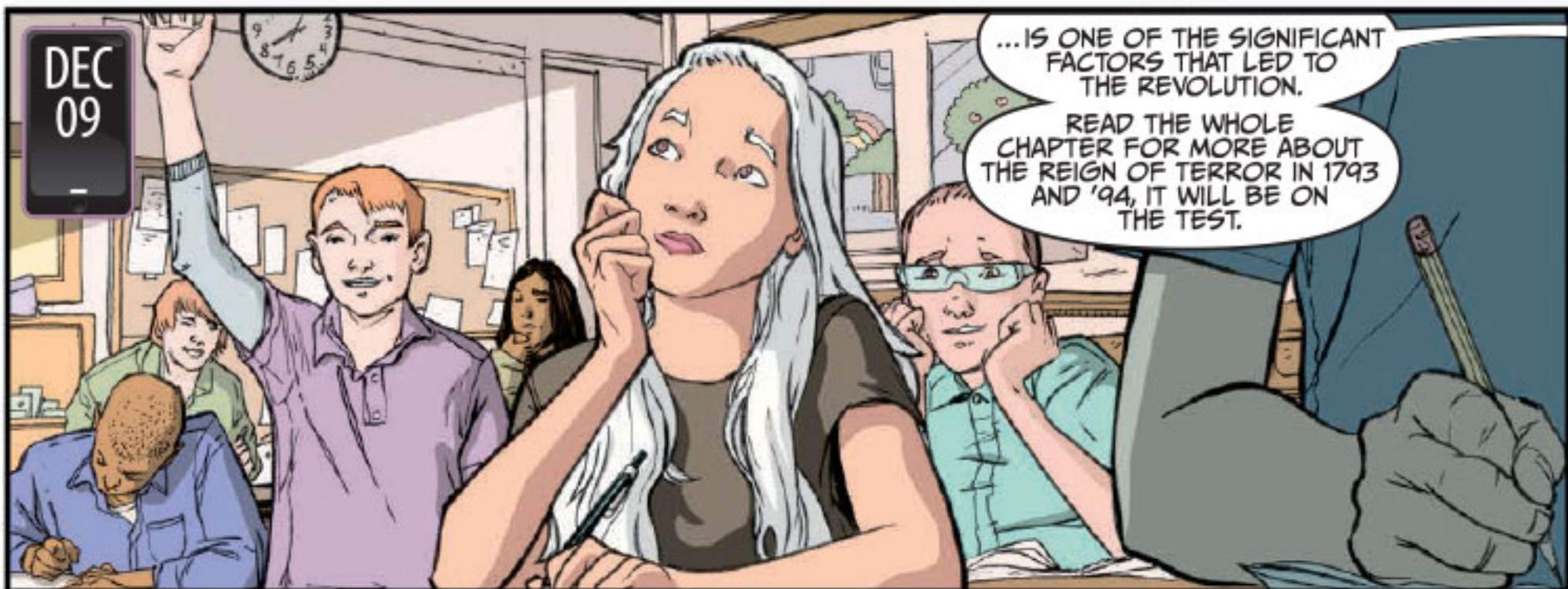
"IF YOU ARE
NOT OF LEGAL AGE,
THIS FORM MUST
BE SIGNED BY A
PARENT OR LEGAL
GUARDIAN."

GREAT. TWO MONTHS
FROM 18.

"QUESTION ONE:
DO YOU SUFFER FROM
HEADACHES OR NECK PAIN
UNAFFECTED BY
MEDICATION?"

UM, YEAH.
HOW DO THEY
KNOW?

"WITH THE
PEN TOOL, CIRCLE
THE REGION WHERE YOU
MOST COMMONLY
FEEL PAIN."



DEC 09

...IS ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT
FACTORS THAT LED TO
THE REVOLUTION.

READ THE WHOLE
CHAPTER FOR MORE ABOUT
THE REIGN OF TERROR IN 1793
AND '94, IT WILL BE ON
THE TEST.



DEC 18

HEY,
GORGEOUS.
MERRY
CHRISTMAS.

OMG DEAN,
YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE!

I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
FORGET ME
OVER THE
BREAK.



DEC 19

AVERAGE 71.

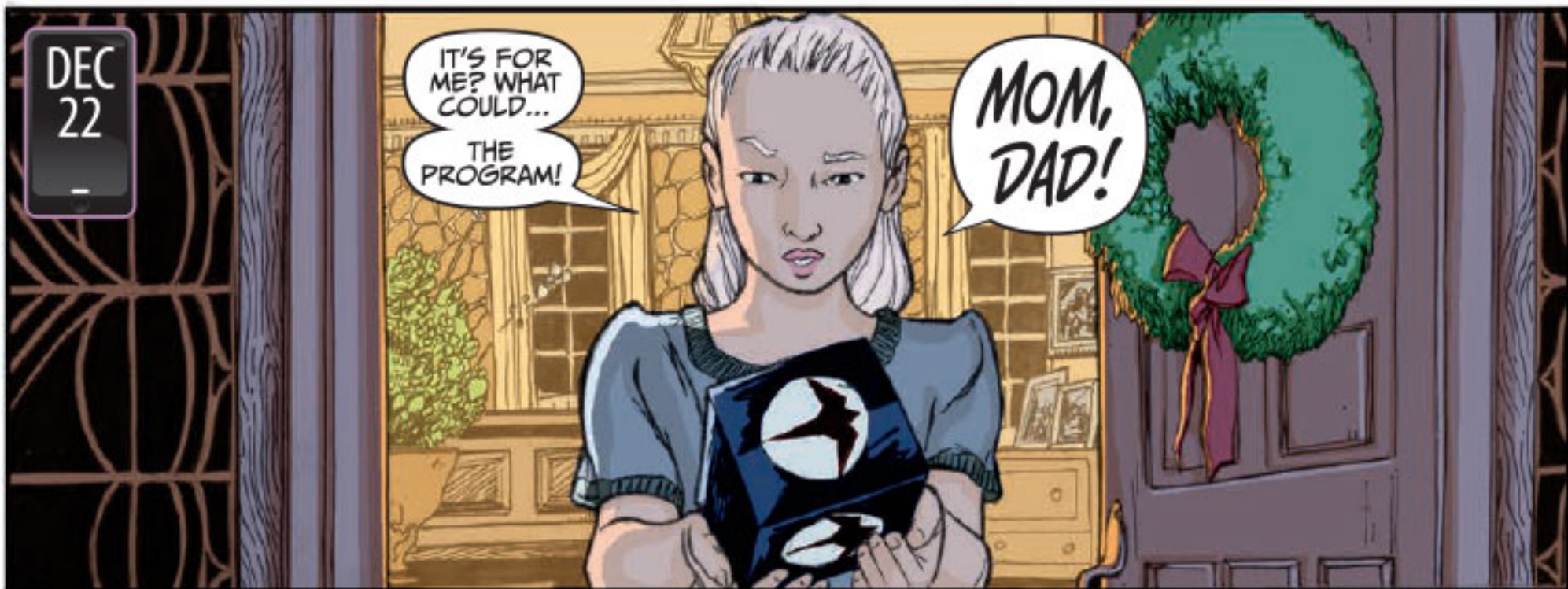
EITHER I GO FULL TWITCH STAR OR IT'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ME.

I THOUGHT I WAS SO MUCH BETTER THAN A B-MINUS.

WHY CAN'T I BE GOOD AT ANYTHING?

YOU'RE GOOD AT SUCKING FACE WITH DEAN.

RUSSELL CROWE JAVERT DOT GIF.



DEC 22

IT'S FOR ME? WHAT COULD...

THE PROGRAM!

MOM, DAD!



HELP US UNDERSTAND, NICOLE.

OKAY, SO, THAT OLD ROUTINE OF MINE THAT GOT POSTED ON YOUTUBE BACK IN FRESHMAN YEAR? THE PERFECT SCORE?

I GOT APPROACHED BY THIS RECRUITER FOR A COLLEGIATE-LEVEL PROGRAM. SUPER EXCLUSIVE, LIKE THE KIND THAT PREPS PEOPLE TO GO TO THE OLYMPICS.

I'VE PRINTED OUT SOME MATERIAL FOR YOU ABOUT IT. IT INVOLVES TRAVEL AND A FEW WEEKS OF TRAINING TO SEE IF I QUALIFY, SO THEY NEED A BLOOD SAMPLE IS ALL.

THIS ISN'T LIKE THE TIME I ASKED TO DYE MY HAIR PINK. IT'S A BIG DEAL TO ME.

IS THIS LIKE AN INTERNSHIP?

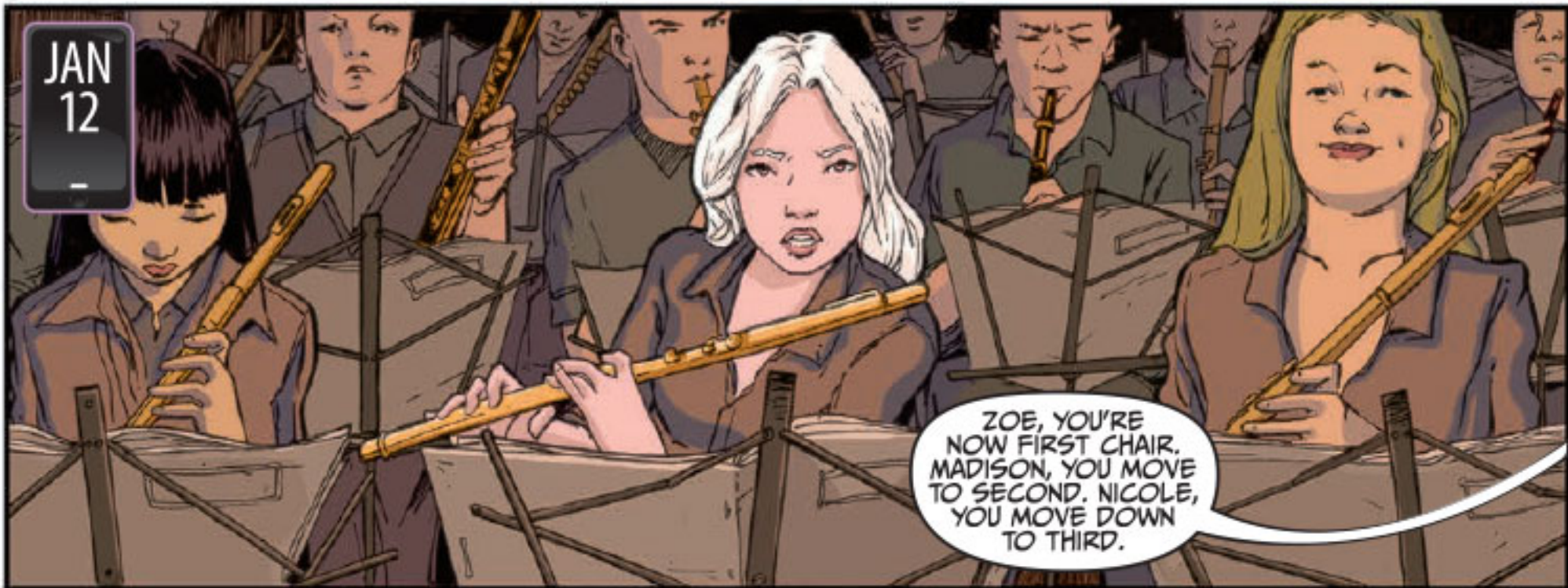
WOULD IT INTERFERE WITH COLLEGE?



THEY DIDN'T EVEN READ THE MATERIAL. JUST SAID NO.

THEY ALWAYS SAY NO WHEN IT MATTERS.

WHATEVER.



JAN 12

ZOE, YOU'RE NOW FIRST CHAIR. MADISON, YOU MOVE TO SECOND. NICOLE, YOU MOVE DOWN TO THIRD.



JAN 20

BUT IF I GET IN, IT MAY MEAN I HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT AWAY. I DON'T KNOW. IT'S ALL KINDA MYSTERIOUS.

YOU'D MOVE TO WHEREVER THEIR CAMPUS IS?

I THINK THAT'S THE DEAL. IT'S WHY THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE I WOULD BE 18.

SPEAKING OF, I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PRESENT...



FEB 02

MAKE SURE YOU MAKE A WISH FIRST!

IT'S THE SAME ONE I'VE ASKED FOR EVERY YEAR.

DON'T TELL US! IT WON'T COME TRUE THEN!



FEB 06

"...ARE ONE OF TWENTY WHO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM. CONGRATULATIONS.

"PLEASE CONTACT ELIZABETH WESTBROOK TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW AND DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS."

OHMYGOD. OHMYGOD.

IT CAME TRUE.



I'M A WHAT? A LATENT?

PSIONICS. YEAH I'VE HEARD OF IT, YOU KIDDING? I JUST THOUGHT...

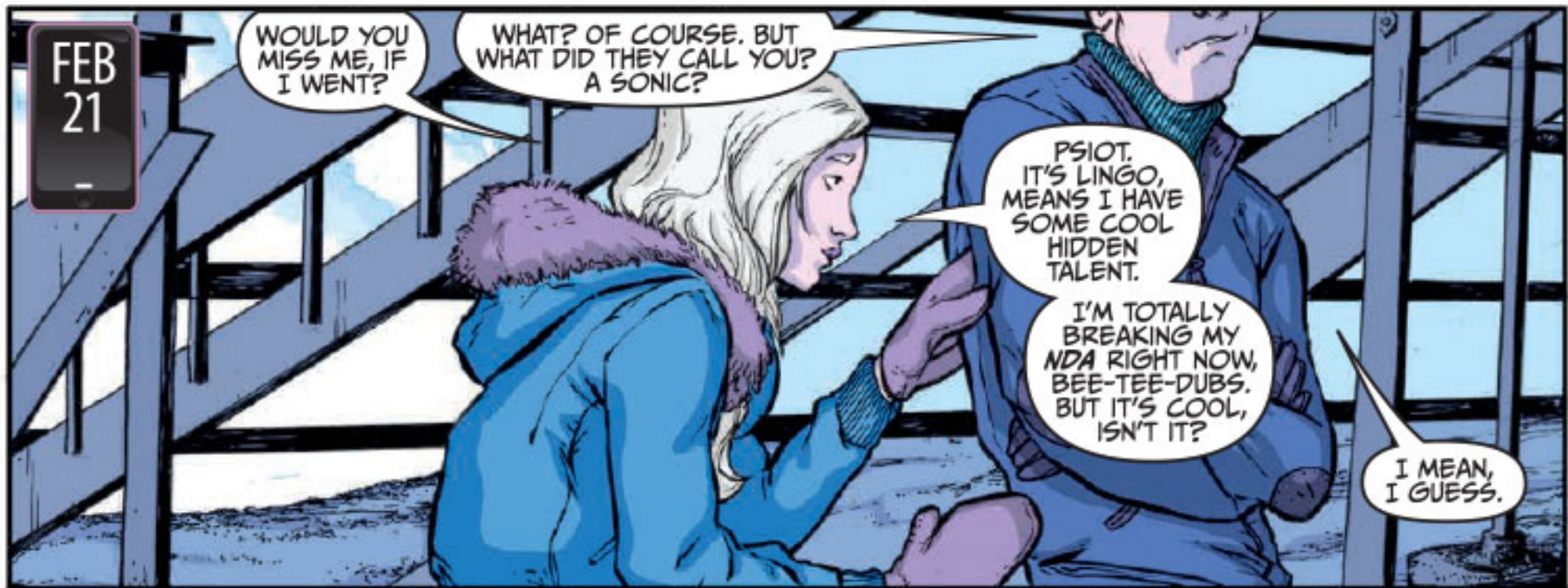
MARCH? OKAY... PITTSBURGH. I JUST, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE...

ALL EXPENSES PAID? REALLY? WOW. WELL.

SO, I HAVE POWERS? IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

OH, NO. I WAS ON THE WRONG TRAIN OF THOUGHT IS ALL. THIS IS CRAZY.

NO, I'M 18 NOW. NO NEED.



WOULD YOU MISS ME, IF I WENT?

WHAT? OF COURSE. BUT WHAT DID THEY CALL YOU? A SONIC?

PSIOT. IT'S LINGO, MEANS I HAVE SOME COOL HIDDEN TALENT.

I'M TOTALLY BREAKING MY NDA RIGHT NOW, BEE-TEE-DUBS. BUT IT'S COOL, ISN'T IT?

I MEAN, I GUESS.



YOU KNOW WHO USES LINGO? CREEPY CULTS.

JULES, NO.

YOU SOUND LIKE MY FOLKS NOW.

I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

I MEAN, ARE YOU EVEN GRADUATING? HOW WOULD THAT WORK?



IF I GO, I DON'T KNOW IF I'M COMING BACK.

DEAN BROKE UP WITH ME.

HE BROKE UP WITH YOU BECAUSE HE SLEPT WITH YOU. HE'S A DOUCHE NOZZLE.

YOU SHOULD GO. TAKE THESE.

THEY'RE MAGIC. PLUS-FIVE RESIST DOUCHE-NOZZLE.