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MAIN CAST

ALEX BERRETA	JOSH HUTCHERSON
ALISHA HALL	ALYSON STONER
DAVID SULLIVAN	ANSEL ELGORT
ROSE BRAUN.....	BRIDGIT MENDLER
MICHAEL BERRETA	PATRICK DEMPSEY
PAULA SMITH	AMY ADAMS

GUEST CAST

KELSEY MARKS	KEKE PALMER
SHANNON SULLIVAN	SANDRA OH
MEI SULLIVAN	YUNJIM KIM

FADE IN:

INT. BERRETA APARTMENT - ALISHA'S ROOM

ALISHA sits on her bed, typing away at her LAPTOP. A hint of anxiousness crosses her face. She has earbuds plugged in, using them to listen too --

CUE MUSIC: I Wanna Be Yours - *Arctic Monkeys*

ON THE SCREEN: She pulls up a SEARCH ENGINE. In the blank space, she types "BISEXUALITY" and presses enter.

Several links pop up, and she begins to scroll through them. She CLICKS one.

MONTAGE:

- She scrolls through a web page, headed with the word "BISEXUALITY".
- Sitting in a different position, she types in "HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE BISEXUAL". Clicks the first link.
- "WHAT IS BISEXUALITY?" is displayed on the screen.
- Alisha runs her hands through her hair, flustered as she continues her search.
- "I MIGHT BE BISEXUAL"
- "AM I BISEXUAL?"
- "STORIES OF BISEXUALITY"

VZZZ. VZZZ. VZZZ.

Alisha subtly jumps up from her phone buzzing. She yanks her earbuds out of her ears, ENDING THE SONG.

She reads the message from KELSEY: "Movie night tonight? I've got Titanic. That should be an automatic yes, yeah?"

Alisha lets out an exhale, lost. Then types a reply:
"Definitely. Time?"

"7:00 okay? :)"

"See you there! :D"

She throws her phone to the side, and once again runs her hands through her hair. She looks at her laptop, and slams it shut.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

ALEX and ROSE walk, holding hands.

ROSE
Did you ever beat Anarchy 3:
Corruption At Dawn?

ALEX
(proud)
Of course I bet Anarchy 3:
Corruption At Dawn.

ROSE
What difficulty level?

Alex's demeanor quickly changes to defensive.

ALEX
That's not important.

A smile erupts on Rose's face.

ROSE
Easy?

ALEX
Does. Not. *Matt-er*.

They share a chuckle. Then, Rose notices something off-screen.

ROSE
Is that... David? And his moms?

Alex looks.

ALEX
Hey, yeah it is!

SNAP TO DAVID, SHANNON, and MEI. They stand outside a COMIC BOOK SHOP. David gives each of his moms an issue.

DAVID
Okay, so this is the newest Wonder Woman, and this is the newest Starfire.

SHANNON
She's... orange?

DAVID
Because she's from the planet Tamaran, obviously.

SHANNON

Oh... duh.

Mei flips through her copy of Wonder Woman, eyes widening at what she sees.

MEI

So much *blood...* and *gore*.

DAVID

(excited)

I know, isn't it great?

Shannon and Mei look at one another, squinting their eyes.

SHANNON

Fabulous.

Mei holds Shannon's hand.

MEI

Well, I know we both can't wait to start these and be able to discuss them with you.

She leans over and kisses her wife.

DAVID

This again, lovely.

The couple breaks apart, mockingly glaring at their son.

SHANNON

Hey!

They smile.

ALEX (O.S.)

David!

David TURNS to see Alex and Rose walking towards him.

MEI

Ooh, friends!

DAVID

(to himself)

This was not a part of the plan.

Alex and Rose reach them.

DAVID (CONT'D)

(fake excitement)

Heeeey, guuuuuuys.

ALEX

What's up?

SHANNON

David's getting us into comic series.

ROSE

That is honestly the cutest thing in the world.

David squints his eyes.

ALEX

(to Shannon and Mei)

How are you ladies?

MEI

Good. How about you two love birds?

Rose blushes.

ALEX

We're good, too.

DAVID

While we're here...

David grabs Alex and Rose by the wrists.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Time to get you two into series as well.

He drags them towards the entrance to the comic book shop.

Shannon suddenly pops up with an idea.

SHANNON

Oh! How about we all have dinner tonight?

David immediately stops. Turns.

DAVID

Excuse me what...

MEI

I love that idea, hon!

She leans over and kisses Mei on the cheek.

ROSE
(smiling)
Sounds fun to me.

ALEX
Same.

SHANNON
How's six for you guys?

ALEX
Can't wait!

David squints one eye, then quickly pulls Alex and Rose into the comic book shop.

INT. BERRETA APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

MICHAEL sits by PAULA on the couch. His LAPTOP is on the table in front of them. Michael leans forward, his elbows on his knees, staring at the screen.

MICHAEL
How long has it been?

PAULA
Not long enough. Maybe, like, one episode of Batman the Animated Series. That show David got me into.

(beat)
By the way, have you started that yet?

MICHAEL
No, I'm still trying to get through Nikita.

Paula's jaw drops, but she quickly recovers.

PAULA
That's okay, that's okay...
(beat)
Plus, I still have to get through... Galactica Starship?

MICHAEL
No.

PAULA
Battleship Galactica?

MICHAEL
Battlestar Galactica, Paula!

PAULA
(smiling)
Yeah, that.

Michael sighs, looks forward.

MICHAEL
I'm so nervous, Paula.

PAULA
I promise I'll finish GalacticStar Battleship soon.

MICHAEL
Not that... about this whole script.

PAULA
Oh! That's okay! You're trying to get more feedback!
(beat)
It might be with a no-name, but feedback nonetheless!

He leans back and looks at her, worry in his eyes.

MICHAEL
What if they hate it?

PAULA
They definitely *won't* hate it --

MICHAEL
What if they just reply "L-O-L nice try but no".

PAULA
That seems entirely unprofessional, even by *my standards*.

Michael turns back and stares at the screen. Paula bites the inside of her cheek, then leans forward and slams the laptop closed.

MICHAEL
Hey!

PAULA
You're not going to be staring at that screen for hours!

MICHAEL
Why not? You do it all the time.

PAULA
(caught off guard)
Well, yeah but... that's...
(beat)
Important stuff.

MICHAEL
Apocalypse Bunkers is important?

PAULA
This isn't about me!

Michael lays back, runs his hand through his hair.

Paula playfully pushes his shoulder. Again, and again, and again.

PAULA (CONT'D)
Besstiiiee. Come on, stop being sad.

MICHAEL
I'm sorry, Paula...

PAULA
No! Don't be sorry! Everything you're doing is fine, and feeling anxious, or some other big synonym that a snob would use, is a-okay.

Michael looks up at Paula.

MICHAEL
What if I don't ever get a script produced?

Paula grabs his hand.

PAULA
Okay, look, I of all people know what it's like to fail. Remember when you first hired me, and then wanted to fire me, like, the next day?
(beat)
Because I do. Real slick, Michael.

Michael chuckles.

MICHAEL
Yeah, I do.

PAULA

Like, honestly, pretty sure I threw up after that, but anyway.

(beat)

I had to get over a lot of people telling me no, and telling me I wasn't going to be a successful agent, or that I wasn't going to get successful clients.

(beat)

Was it a bummer? Oh my gosh *yes it was a bummer*. But I started to ignore all of those dumb people's comments, and I knew what I wanted to do was... right. And amazing. And everything like that.

(beat)

So if you *do* end up not doing so great the first couple of times, that is totally, absolutely fine. You've got a long way to go, and it'll probably take some time.

(beat)

Because... *honestly* --

MICHAEL

I know, I know. You have to fail to succeed, even just a little bit.

She smiles and nods her head at that quote, then slowly but surely, so does he.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

I never thought I would ever say this, but...

(beat)

I'm so thankful for you, Paula.

PAULA

Do *not* make me cry!

Michael chuckles, and they EMBRACE.

INT. SULLIVAN APARTMENT - DINING ROOM

A long dinner table. Shannon and Mei sit by one another, and across from them sits Rose and Alex, while David sits at the head, all enjoying bowls of noodles and broth.

MEI

So, Alex, how's your acting going?

ALEX

Umm...

(beat)

Good! Just waiting to hear back about an audition.

MEI

That's great! And you, Rose, with your singing?

ROSE

Oh, I'm actually working with someone to try and find an agent.

SHANNON

That sounds cool!

DAVID

So, how did everyone enjoy there single issues today?

SHANNON

Well, Starfire was good, but I'm still very confused as to why she's... *orange*.

David sighs.

DAVID

We'll work on it.

DAVID (CONT'D)

(to Mei)

What about you, Mom?

MEI

Wonder Woman was fabulous! Despite the blood and gore.

(beat; concerned)

But was she really *birthed* from clay?

DAVID

Moving on down the line.

(beat)

Rose?

ROSE

Well... I still don't get why Supergirl is so... *angry*, you know what I mean?

DAVID
Explanation will come in due time.
(beat)
And finally, Alex!

ALEX
I looooooved Batman! Like, holy crap
dude.
(beat)
Holy crap.

DAVID
Right?! Oh my *God!*
(beat)
I love you.

Alex chuckles, then Shannon realizes something --

SHANNON
Oh, David! Something came in the
mail for you today.

She gets up, grabs an ENVELOPE about.

DAVID
Eh, you can open it.

Tearing it open, Shannon sits back down. Pulls the paper out.
Knits her brow.

SHANNON
It's from... Rising Entertainment?

ALEX
(confused)
That's... the company that produced
Warfare...

Shannon continues to read, then gasps as her eyes flash.

SHANNON
Oh -- oh my God!

MEI
What? What is it?

SHANNON
It's... money.

DAVID
What?

SHANNON

They're giving us money. From your accident. So that you don't sue.

Shannon looks up. Locks eyes with Mei.

MEI

Holy bologna...

INT. KELSEY'S APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM

Alisha and KELSEY sit on the latter's small sofa.

ALISHA

Okay, Titanic is good... but have you seen Space Jam?

KELSEY

If you wanted to watch Space Jam, all you had to do was ask!

(beat)

It's iconic.

ALISHA

(chuckling)

Couldn't agree more.

(beat)

Is it bad that I've never seen this all the way through?

KELSEY

What?

ALISHA

I only watch the crash. That's... that's horrible, isn't it?

The girls share a laugh.

KELSEY

(long pause)

Okay.

She stops the movie.

KELSEY (CONT'D)

I'm over you, James Cameron.

ALISHA

Did you want to watch another movie?

KELSEY
Nah, I thought we should do
something else.

ALISHA
Like...?

KELSEY
I know this is going to sound super
high school, but we should totally
play never have I ever.

ALISHA
Oh God...

KELSEY
You down?

ALISHA
Whhhhyyy?

KELSEY
(grinning)
Why noooooot?

ALISHA
(awkward chuckling)
Fine. I guess.

KELSEY
Alright, ten fingers up, Hall.

They each hold up both of their hands, their fingers
outstretched.

KELSEY (CONT'D)
You can go first.

ALISHA
Alright.
(beat)
Um... never have I ever... seen
Titanic all the way through.

KELSEY
Wow, so we're starting off like
that, okay.

Alisha laughs as Kelsey puts one finger down.

KELSEY (CONT'D)
Never have I ever finished the...
Harry Potter series...

Alisha's eyes go wide. She puts a finger down.

ALISHA

What?

KELSEY

Annywwaaay!

ALISHA

This is a travesty!

KELSEY

I'm sorry! Save the pitchforks for later.

ALISHA

Alright, alright.

(beat)

Never have I ever... um...

(slight smile)

Kissed a girl.

KELSEY

Oh, so you're playing dirty, huh?

ALISHA

(smirking)

I'm playing to win.

Kelsey puts a finger down.

KELSEY

Well, never have I ever kissed a boy.

Alisha chuckles as she shakes her head. Drops a finger.

ALISHA

You're ruthless.

Kelsey scoots closer, reverberating her intimidation.

KELSEY

I'm just like you. Playing to win.

Silence. They stare at one another.

KELSEY (CONT'D)

You've really never kissed a girl, Hall?

ALISHA

Never...

KELSEY
It's pretty great if I do say so
myself.

ALISHA
Oh...

Kelsey begins to slowly lean in, and Alisha slowly follows
suit. Their lips are inches apart when --

Alisha quickly hops up.

ALISHA (CONT'D)
I -- I'm sorry. I've gotta go.

KELSEY
Alisha, I didn't mean --

ALISHA
No, everything's fine. I just...
just forgot... something.

She grabs her jacket and runs out, closing the door behind
her.

Kelsey stares and closes her eyes, frustrated with herself.

INT. APARTMENT COMPLEX - HALLWAY (CONTINUOUS)

CUE MUSIC: Echoes - *The Rapture*

Alisha has her back against the door. She slowly sinks down
to the ground, continuing to stare forward.

ALISHA
What am I doing...

She leans her head back and closes her eyes. Confused.

BLACKOUT.

END OF EPISODE