

FADE IN:

INT. GIRLS BATHROOM - MORNING

AMY NOBLE, 17, beautiful, blond, all-American teenager stares at herself in the mirror. She sighs deeply.

AMY

Okay, Amy, you've been doing this for a long time, you can do this again.

She touches up her lipstick.

The door bursts open, JENNA and MONICA rush in, both are 17, beautiful, and covered in makeup.

JENNA

Amy!

MONICA

Amy!

They flank Amy.

AMY

Hey Jenna, hey Monica.

Jenna and Monica pull out their purses and begin touching up their makeup.

JENNA

Oh my God, Amy, did you read the article about you in the Inquisitor yesterday?

MONICA

They are, like, so rude. Brenda Stevens wrote that you actually wore the same outfit twice in once week. I mean, like, hello! Reputation!

JENNA

I know, I almost died when I read that.

Jenna tousles her hair.

AMY

Brenda's still mad 'cause I wouldn't let her cheat off me in English class.

Amy plucks a stray eyebrow.

JENNA

You are so right. She's a total bitch.

MONICA

Totally.

The door opens, a senior girl walks in and waves to Amy, Amy waves back.

AMY

(To Monica and Jenna)

Like I care what a student tabloid says about me anyway, I've got real things to worry about, please.

She puts her makeup back in her purse.

MONICA

I totally agree.

JENNA

Totally.

Jenna and Monica put their makeup back in their purses and follow Amy into the

HALLWAY

The hallway is filled with STUDENTS, they all let Amy, Jenna, and Monica pass. Everyone watches them go and they whisper amongst themselves.

AUSTIN MCALLISTER, tall, gorgeous, wearing a varsity football jacket, strides through the corridor. He is followed by RYAN and JAKE, both are cavemen in varsity football jackets. Students stand aside to let them pass.

Jake punches a YOUNG FRESHMAN in the face as he walks by.

They stop before a small puddle in the middle of the hall. Ryan snaps his fingers at a cluster of AWKWARD NERDS.

RYAN

Yo, freaks and geeks, Mr. McAllister just bought new shoes, you know the drill.

Two of the nerds lay down across the hall, covering the puddle. Austin, Ryan and Jake walk over them and keep going. The nerds get up.

NERD 1

Austin McAllister just stepped on me.

NERD 2

That was awesome!

They high five each other.

HOMEROOM

Austin and his men walk into the room, crowded with STUDENTS. Jake elbows another FRESHMAN, the kid goes down.

MR. GRENNIG, 47, tall, serious, sits at his desk reading a book.

Amy and her girls walk in and approach Austin. The class watches as Austin and Amy walk around each other for a moment, checking each other out.

Then Austin scoops Amy up in her arms, dips her low and kisses her. Several people clap. Jenna and Monica sigh.

Suddenly, LANA DEMARCO, a voluptuous, 17 year-old Spanish beauty appears in the door way. She poses for a moment; a slight breeze blows her hair.

She struts into the room and stops at Austin.

LANA

Hello Austin, darling.

AUSTIN

Hey Lana, what's up?

LANA

Lana just wanted to know if you have a date to the dance tonight.

Amy squeezes between the two of them. Lana looks her up and down.

AMY

Oh Lana, did you see the promise ring Austin gave me?

Amy gently shoves a gold engraved ring into Lana's face. The ring reads: "Austin loves Amy."

LANA

Oh, it looks like the ring is loose.

AMY  
I'll get it re-sized.

Lana gets in Amy's face.

LANA  
Or maybe it wasn't meant to stay on  
your finger for very long.

The crowd of STUDENTS look on. Lana turns back to Austin and smiles.

STUDENTS  
Ooohhh...

LANA  
Anyway Austin, call Lana.

AUSTIN  
Lana, why don't you double check  
your yearbook and remind yourself  
who the most popular girl in school  
is.

He puts his arm around Amy. Lana gets closer.

LANA  
Lana likes it when you're harsh to  
her, Austin, it makes you so much  
more spicy.

Amy takes a step towards Lana.

AMY  
That's it, Lana!

Austin grabs her.

Mr. Grennig looks up from his book.

MR. GRENNIG  
Hey!

AUSTIN  
Amy, look...

He nods his head towards the left revealing CAMERON, 16,  
short, freckles. The boy holds a large camera. Amy backs  
away.

AMY  
Cameron, can't you leave us out of  
the Inquisitor for one day?

CAMERON

Hell no! The upper crust of the school going at it? This is front page stuff!

EXT. NOBLE HOUSE - AFTERNOON

The house is a beautiful brick two storey. Amy's car pulls into the driveway.

AMY'S BEDROOM

The room is messy, the walls are covered with posters of knights, dragons, and wizards. A figure of a knight on a horse stands on her dresser. Amy walks in.

Amy opens her closet door, revealing a backpack stuffed with books. She reaches inside the closet, pulling out a trench coat and a wide-brimmed hat. She puts them on, then takes the backpack.

EXT. NOBLE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

The front door opens, and a disguised Amy peeks out. She pulls a pair of sunglasses from her coat pocket and puts them on.

EXT. MALL - LATER

Amy's car pulls into the parking lot of Sun Valley Mall.

INT. MALL - MOMENTS LATER

Amy treads cautiously through the crowded mall wearing her disguise and carrying the backpack. She keeps her head low and stays near the wall. Teenagers pass her; no one notices her.

Then Amy sees a group of girls strolling towards her, led by Lana. Amy turns to the nearest water fountain and takes a drink. The girls pass. Amy walks on, more quickly.

She slows down as she approaches "Gamer's Nirvana, a small store flanked by expensive clothing stores.

Fantasy and sci fi posters cover the front windows. A sign reads: "Role Players Welcome!"

INT. GAMER'S NIRVANA - CONTINUOUS

The store is small and virtually empty. Shelves packed with books and fantasy figurines fill the place. Several tables line the back walls populated by geeky teenagers playing cards and role playing games.

NADIM, 37, a short jovial Indian man stands behind the counter. He smiles when he sees Amy.

NADIM  
(Heavy Indian accent)  
Hello, my dear Amy.

He waddles out from behind the counter and hugs Amy.

AMY  
Hey, Nadim, are the guys here?

NADIM  
They just arrived and are awaiting  
you as we speak.

AMY  
Thanks.

She heads towards the back of the store.

At the largest table in the back corner sit MIKE TRUDEAU, 16, tall, skinny; MILES RANSLOW, short, chunky, hair spiked with lots of hair gel; and KEVIN NOBLE, 14, short, skinny, awkward. Mike reads a game book intently.

The table is cluttered with fantasy game books, dice, figurines, papers, pencils, and potato chips.

Amy hurries over to the table, stripping off her disguise.

AMY  
We have got to start playing  
somewhere else. I'm going to have  
an ulcer one day.

KEVIN  
Hey sis.

MILES  
Hey Amy.

She plops the backpack on the table, pulling out Dungeons and Dragons fantasy game books.

AMY

Do you realize Lana Demarco almost  
saw me?

KEVIN

Well if Miles over here didn't fart  
so much, mom would let us play at  
home.

Miles looks shocked.

MILES

I got a spleen problem.

MIKE

(Without looking up)  
No you don't, you just like  
farting.

MILES

True.

MIKE

(Still not looking up)  
Okay, let's get started. When we  
left off, you guys were just  
entering the Mountains of Doom,  
headed for Maldorn, the fire  
dragon.

The group gathers papers, dice, figurines and pencils. Mike  
suddenly shoots his head up, raising his hand like a  
composer.

FADE TO:

EXT. MOUNTAINS - EVENING - AMY'S FANTASY

The sky is gray and the landscape is gloomy. Amy stands with  
Kevin and Miles at the entrance to a cave. Amy wears heavy  
plate armor and carries a sword.

Kevin stands next to her wearing elf ears and a green cloak  
and carrying a short bow. Miles wears red hooded scholar's  
robes and carries a staff topped with a purple crystal.

MIKE (CONT'D) (O.S.)

Out from Maldorn's lair comes  
Serina, the evil sorceress.

Out from the cave comes Lana, dressed in a revealing loin  
cloth and corset.

MIKE (CONT'D) (O.S.)  
 She begins casting a spell...

Lana smiles and points at Amy.

AMY (O.S.)  
 Larissa draws her sword and  
 charges!

Amy draws her sword and points towards the sky.

KEVIN  
 Larissa! Look!

A shadow falls over the group.

MILES  
 Serina summoned Maldorn!

Amy, Kevin, and Miles all scream as a blast of fire rains  
 down from the sky striking the trees near Miles.

KEVIN  
 Run for cover! I'll hold him off!

Amy and Miles turn and notice three monsters jump down from  
 the high rocks around them. They look like Jenna, Monica, and  
 Cameron, but with fangs, claws and red eyes; they hold  
 curved, serrated swords.

MILES  
 Drat! Maldorn's minions!

Miles points his finger at "Monica," releasing a ball of  
 fire. It strikes her head-on, engulfing her in flames. She  
 runs away.

"Cameron" charges at Amy. She blocks with her sword and  
 swings back, disarming him.

He swings at her with his claws, Amy ducks, swings back and  
 slashes his shoulder. He begins running away.

GAMER'S NIRVANA - LATER

Amy, Mike, Miles, and Kevin still sit around the table.

MIKE  
 The dragon Maldorn rears up and  
 gets ready to breathe fire upon  
 you. What do you do?

Amy jumps out of her chair.

AMY  
I'm gonna get down and block with  
my shield!

She gets down on one knee, holding up an imaginary shield.

#### MOUNTAINS

Fire rains down from the sky over Amy, Kevin and Miles run for cover. Amy ducks behind her shield.

MIKE (O.S.)  
Maldorn breathes. You're totally  
surrounded by his fire for a  
moment. Take 25 damage points.

The flames lick at Amy around her shield, she winces in pain.

#### GAMER'S NIRVANA

Amy winces for a moment, then sits back down and writes it on a sheet of paper.

MIKE  
Okay, Kevin, you're up.

AMY  
Wait, what time is it?

MIKE  
6:00.

Amy stands.

AMY  
Oh no, the dance!

She starts frantically stuffing her books into a backpack. She grabs her coat.

Nadim walks out of the back room, carrying a box of books.

NADIM  
Leaving early, my dear?

Amy goes over and gives Nadim a quick hug.

AMY  
I gotta go, Nadim, my boyfriend's  
picking me up in a half hour. Bye.

She rushes towards the front entrance, putting on her disguise as she goes.

INT. THE MALL - SAME TIME

Lana and a FRIEND stroll through the mall, each carrying bags.

FRIEND

Lana, I must go tinkle.

LANA

Very well, Lana will meet you in the store.

They separate. Lana heads towards a clothing store near Gamer's Nirvana.

The door opens, Amy rushes out and CRASHES into Lana, knocking them both to the floor.

They roll around for a moment, trying to get off of each other. Amy keeps her head down, her hat low. People stop and watch this, laughing.

LANA

Get...get...off Lana!

She pushes Amy off.

Amy's ring slips off of her hand, onto the floor.

Amy grabs her bag.

AMY

(In a low voice)

Uh, sorry.

She runs off. Lana gets up, brushing herself off. She turns to the people.

LANA

Get away from here, you little skunks!

Still giggling, the crowd disperses. Lana bends down to pick up her bag and notices Amy's ring.

She picks it up, examining it, reading it.

Lana looks back at Gamer's Nirvana, and back at the ring. An evil smile spreads across her face.