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EPISODE 5.05

"Chapter Eighty-One: The Homecoming"

As the gang continues to reconcile the past and the present, Riverdale High faces an uncertain future. Meanwhile, tension mounts between Toni and Hiram.

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Erinn Westbrook
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Alice Cooper
Sweet Pea
Tom Keller
Chad Gekko
Tiera Skovbye
Polly Cooper
Peter Bryant
Principal Waldo Weatherbee
Alvin Sanders
Pop Tate

1 00:00:09,551 --> 00:00:11,052 [Jughead] There's an old adage:

2 00:00:11,636 --> 00:00:13,680 "You can't go home again."

00:00:14,431 --> 00:00:16,808 Which was certainly ringing true for us.

> 4 00:00:17,934 --> 00:00:19,644 Archie had been in a war.

> 5 00:00:20,353 --> 00:00:21,980 Betty was an FBI agent.

> 6 00:00:22,564 --> 00:00:24,107 Veronica was married.

7 00:00:24,190 --> 00:00:26,276 Toni was Queen of the Serpents.

8 00:00:26,985 --> 00:00:28,403 And I was a published writer.

00:00:29,279 --> 00:00:33,408
So why were we only talking about how the town of Riverdale had fallen?

10 00:00:33,825 --> 00:00:36,703 And Archie's pipe dream to somehow save it.

00:00:37,662 --> 00:00:41,207
Probably because it was easier
than the conversations that awaited us.

12 00:00:42,625 --> 00:00:44,127 Why didn't you reach out?

13 00:00:47,338 --> 00:00:51,176 I didn't think you wanted me to, after you left me that voicemail.

14

 $00:00:53,636 \longrightarrow 00:00:55,597$ On the night of your book launch.

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00:00:56,514 --> 00:01:00,268
After that, I just assumed
you didn't want to hear from me.

16

00:01:03,063 --> 00:01:05,690 It wasn't my intention. Sorry if it came off that way.

17

00:01:06,441 --> 00:01:07,776 It is nice to see you.

18

00:01:09,152 --> 00:01:11,780 Even if it's strange to be back here.

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00:01:11,863 --> 00:01:14,282 It's just deeply uncanny.

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00:01:14,866 --> 00:01:18,536 Same old Archie though, trying to save everyone.

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00:01:18,620 --> 00:01:20,622 [scoffs] Good luck with that, dude.

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00:01:21,498 --> 00:01:24,000 I mean, I have a book to write.

23

00:01:24,083 --> 00:01:27,629 After Pop's retirement party, I have to get back to Quantico.

24

00:01:28,338 --> 00:01:30,381 It's good to see you too, Jug.

25

 $00:01:31,758 \longrightarrow 00:01:34,093$ Even though it is a bit weird.

26 00:01:34,177 --> 00:01:36,179 [melancholy music playing]

27 00:01:40,058 --> 00:01:41,976 That's some rock on your finger.

28 00:01:43,102 --> 00:01:44,604 Must be a great guy.

29 00:01:44,687 --> 00:01:45,897 Chad?

30 00:01:45,980 --> 00:01:47,065 Yeah, he is.

31 00:01:47,732 --> 00:01:49,818 Underneath the bluster and bravado.

32 00:01:52,320 --> 00:01:56,241 What about you, Bugle Boy? I'm sure you've had a swarm of lovers.

> 33 00:01:56,991 --> 00:01:58,409 I don't know about that.

34 00:01:59,661 --> 00:02:04,958 The last real relationship I was in was while I was with you.

35 00:02:08,878 --> 00:02:11,381 A devil-may-care fling never hurt anybody.

> 36 00:02:12,841 --> 00:02:15,426 You should be having fun at this point in your life.

> 37 00:02:16,177 --> 00:02:17,512 Once you're married...

> 38 00:02:18,805 --> 00:02:21,766 Well, that's why this is just

a quick jaunt for me.

39

00:02:22,392 --> 00:02:25,019
I have to get back to my life, my husband.

40 00:02:26,437 --> 00:02:27,438 Yeah, for sure.

41 00:02:32,819 --> 00:02:33,653 Mom?

42

00:02:33,736 --> 00:02:37,574 -[shushing]

-I brought you a vanilla milkshake.

43

00:02:37,657 --> 00:02:40,577
 Oh, thanks, sweetheart.
Will you put it in the fridge?

44 00:02:40,660 --> 00:02:42,912 Keep your voice down, the twins are asleep.

45 00:02:42,996 --> 00:02:44,873 Sure. Is Polly home yet?

46 00:02:44,956 --> 00:02:46,499 Nope. Not yet.

47 00:02:48,001 --> 00:02:49,168 It's late. Where is she?

48 00:02:50,378 --> 00:02:53,172 Out and about. At work. You know your sister.

49 00:02:53,256 --> 00:02:55,258 [dramatic music playing]

50 00:03:19,157 --> 00:03:20,158 [hatch closes] 51 00:03:20,867 --> 00:03:21,868 [sighs]

52 00:03:22,869 --> 00:03:23,912 [cell phone chimes]

53 00:03:27,040 --> 00:03:28,499 [on recording] Jones, it's Samm.

54 00:03:28,583 --> 00:03:31,044 Where the hell are you? And where are your pages?

55 00:03:31,127 --> 00:03:33,630 -Scribners is---[woman] Forsythe Jones,

56 00:03:33,713 --> 00:03:36,716 you currently owe \$9876 to Premiere Credit.

57 00:03:36,799 --> 00:03:40,220 If you do not pay the outstanding balance within 24 hours--

58 00:03:45,892 --> 00:03:48,686 So how did the Bughead reunion go?

59 00:03:50,563 --> 00:03:52,815 As well as it could have, considering.

00:03:52,899 --> 00:03:56,194
Not all of us can be shacked up with our high school sweethearts.

00:03:56,277 --> 00:04:00,657

-Uh, FBI agent. High-school drama teacher.

-I'm technically not an agent yet.

62 00:04:01,824 --> 00:04:05,119 [tense music playing] 63 00:04:05,203 --> 00:04:07,038 -Oh, my God. -What? What is it?

64

00:04:08,289 --> 00:04:11,751 Charles. He kept files of everyone in my family, including me.

65 00:04:12,794 --> 00:04:16,172 And tapes of our phone conversations, I think.

66 00:04:19,926 --> 00:04:20,969 [Polly on tape] Edgar?

67 00:04:21,052 --> 00:04:23,930 -Is it really you? -[Betty] No, bitch. It's your sister.

68 00:04:24,013 --> 00:04:26,724 -[Polly] What? -[Betty] You're as good as dead to me now.

> 69 00:04:26,808 --> 00:04:28,768 -[Polly] What? Betty--? -[tape stops]

> 70 00:04:28,851 --> 00:04:30,353 -Is that--? -Me.

71 00:04:31,271 --> 00:04:33,856 Calling Polly on Halloween, years ago.

> 72 00:04:36,901 --> 00:04:37,860 [Betty sighs]

73
00:04:37,944 --> 00:04:41,614
Let's get right to it. I want back in on the family businesses.

00:04:41,698 --> 00:04:43,449

Don't you live in New York?

75

00:04:44,033 --> 00:04:48,037 As it so happens, Chadwick and I are looking for a weekend home.

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00:04:48,121 --> 00:04:49,497 Possibly here in Riverdale.

77 00:04:50,373 --> 00:04:51,499 I see.

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00:04:51,582 --> 00:04:55,837 Well, unfortunately for you, Hermosa moved the rum business to Miami.

79

00:04:55,920 --> 00:05:00,133 And I sold La Bonne Nuit to Toni Topaz years ago.

80

00:05:00,216 --> 00:05:02,635
-Without telling me?
-It must have slipped my mind.

81

00:05:03,386 --> 00:05:06,222 Like how you forgot to tell me that you were marrying Chad.

82

00:05:06,848 --> 00:05:09,642
If you're truly interested
 in a weekend home,

83

00:05:09,726 --> 00:05:11,811 may I suggest a property in SoDale?

84

00:05:11,894 --> 00:05:15,815
Oh, you mean Stepford
for bougie mobsters? No, thanks. I'm good.

85

00:05:20,987 --> 00:05:22,780
[Toni] You want me to give you a job?

00:05:22,864 --> 00:05:26,951
I need cash. I was hoping you could set me up with some short-term.

87 00:05:27,994 --> 00:05:30,747 You're lucky I'm even willing to serve you.

88 00:05:30,830 --> 00:05:31,914 What? Why?

89 00:05:31,998 --> 00:05:34,751 What the hell is he doing here? No way, Toni.

90 00:05:34,834 --> 00:05:38,755 Gathering some research for your next book there, Jones?

91 00:05:40,757 --> 00:05:44,052 Hang on. Are you guys actually upset about my novel?

92 00:05:44,135 --> 00:05:47,055 -You made the Serpents look like fools. -You mean, the Vipers?

> 93 00:05:47,138 --> 00:05:50,433 The Vipers were the good guys. I didn't use your names.

94 00:05:50,516 --> 00:05:53,770 You think people around here couldn't figure out who--?

95 00:05:53,853 --> 00:05:56,564 What was that one character's name? Toothy?

96 00:05:56,647 --> 00:05:58,107 Yeah, or Popeye?

97 00:05:58,191 --> 00:06:00,568 You mocked our traditions and codes,

98

00:06:00,651 --> 00:06:02,737 and now you're asking for our help?

99

00:06:02,820 --> 00:06:04,197
Toni.

100

00:06:05,281 --> 00:06:07,241 -Guys.

-[Toni] Okay, I'll help.

101

00:06:07,325 --> 00:06:10,661
I'll give you some advice.
Watch your back, Jones.

102

 $00:06:11,162 \longrightarrow 00:06:12,914$ You've made a lot of enemies in this town.

103

00:06:14,582 --> 00:06:17,627

You got me crawling back to you >

104

00:06:18,127 --> 00:06:19,587

Now got me crawling back N

105

00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:21,798
Principal Weatherbee,
as I wrote in my e-mail,

106

00:06:21,881 --> 00:06:24,759 I'm here to relaunch the RROTC program.

107

00:06:24,842 --> 00:06:27,970
Archie, I meant to reply,
 but it's been chaotic.

108

00:06:28,054 --> 00:06:28,888 What's up?

109

00:06:29,639 --> 00:06:33,184
Riverdale High might not be opening up
its doors next Monday.

00:06:33,267 --> 00:06:34,894 Like everything else in this town,

111

00:06:34,977 --> 00:06:38,106 -our budget's been cut, thanks to--Hiram Lodge.

112

00:06:39,232 --> 00:06:42,527 -Is there anything I can do? -[Toni] Alice, you're on the PTA.

113

00:06:42,610 --> 00:06:44,904

Any word on which way
the school board's leaning?

114

00:06:44,987 --> 00:06:48,407
The board has some serious doubts.
We're a skeleton crew.

115

00:06:48,491 --> 00:06:52,662 Kevin, you're teaching, what, five classes?

116

00:06:52,745 --> 00:06:56,124 Drama, debate, biology, gym, and...

117

00:06:57,041 --> 00:06:57,875 And sex ed.

118

00:06:57,959 --> 00:07:00,086 -[Toni] Are we dead in the water? -[Alice] Not yet.

119

00:07:00,169 --> 00:07:03,923 Some board members would like to see the school stay open,

120

00:07:04,006 --> 00:07:07,635 if we can prove that we have the personnel and resources,

00:07:07,718 --> 00:07:09,428 which is questionable.

122

00:07:09,512 --> 00:07:12,098
The board will hear arguments
 before the vote, right?

123

00:07:12,682 --> 00:07:14,767 We should all be there. I'll speak.

124

00:07:14,851 --> 00:07:15,935 In the meantime,

125

00:07:16,018 --> 00:07:19,564 let's target the board members who are still waffling and work on them.

126

 $00:07:19,647 \longrightarrow 00:07:22,233$ If we lose this vote, we lose the school.

127

00:07:22,316 --> 00:07:24,110
Another nail in Riverdale's coffin.

128

00:07:24,193 --> 00:07:26,028 [dramatic music playing]

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00:07:53,264 --> 00:07:55,391
It's Tabitha, right? Tabitha Tate?

131

00:07:56,601 --> 00:07:57,810

It is.

132

00:07:57,894 --> 00:07:59,896 And you're Jughead Jones.

133

00:07:59,979 --> 00:08:04,734

Yeah, I am. I noticed that you're looking for a new waiter. I'm interested.

00:08:05,818 --> 00:08:08,613 Thanks, but this isn't the right job for you.

135

00:08:09,447 --> 00:08:10,531 You don't even know me.

136

00:08:10,615 --> 00:08:12,325 Also, you can't sit here all day.

137

00:08:12,408 --> 00:08:18,206
You have to order food, not just coffee, and then you have to pay for said food.

138

00:08:18,289 --> 00:08:21,375
My grandfather did things his way and I do them mine.

139

00:08:21,459 --> 00:08:25,630

And the first rule of my diner is no running tabs.

140

00:08:26,464 --> 00:08:30,968

J I gotta strive to move on J

141

00:08:31,052 --> 00:08:33,054 [rock music playing over speakers]

142

00:08:38,351 --> 00:08:39,185 Toni Topaz.

143

00:08:40,728 --> 00:08:43,147 -You lost, old man? -[Toni] It's okay, guys.

144

00:08:43,231 --> 00:08:44,315 I got this.

145

00:08:45,525 --> 00:08:47,276 You can save your breath.

00:08:47,360 --> 00:08:52,114
If you're here to bribe me or threaten me
 into giving up Riverdale High--

147

00:08:53,449 --> 00:08:56,452 -How many students do you have? -A hundred or so.

148

00:08:56,536 --> 00:08:59,664
 What if I offer them all
a scholarship to Stonewall?

149

00:08:59,747 --> 00:09:02,792
They'd get a world-class education at zero cost.

150

00:09:02,875 --> 00:09:05,795 Except that you're on the board at Stonewall Prep.

151

00:09:05,878 --> 00:09:08,798
Which means
the school must reflect your morals,

152

00:09:08,881 --> 00:09:10,675 which I'm not okay with.

153

00:09:11,342 --> 00:09:14,637
What if I told you
that there was an open position

154

00:09:14,720 --> 00:09:18,015 with a corner office and a big, fat paycheck?

155

00:09:18,599 --> 00:09:19,850 Thanks but no thanks.

156

00:09:20,434 --> 00:09:23,437 -So we're playing hardball, huh? -I guess so.

00:09:23,521 --> 00:09:25,523 [dramatic music playing]

158

00:09:34,365 --> 00:09:37,702

Kevin and I used to sneak peeks through that window,

159

00:09:37,785 --> 00:09:39,620 hoping you were shirtless.

160

00:09:40,162 --> 00:09:41,831 And now you're spying on...?

161

00:09:42,415 --> 00:09:45,960 Ghoulies. They've turned my house into a drug den.

162

00:09:46,586 --> 00:09:50,006
[Betty] That tracks with everything my mom says about this block.

163

00:09:51,257 --> 00:09:52,508 I'm sorry, Arch.

164

00:09:53,676 --> 00:09:54,885 It's only temporary.

165

00:09:54,969 --> 00:09:58,055 Like Hiram Lodge trying to close down Riverdale High.

166

00:09:58,139 \longrightarrow 00:09:59,724 I'm taking this town back.

167

00:10:00,516 --> 00:10:03,769 -Building by building, if I have to. -Well, I can help.

168

00:10:05,479 --> 00:10:07,356 I mean, I trained with the FBI.

169

00:10:08,024 --> 00:10:09,859

I may just take you up on that.

170

00:10:10,943 --> 00:10:13,946

But first, I need
a little more information.

171

00:10:15,531 --> 00:10:17,325 [Archie] Where's the rest of your team?

172

00:10:17,408 --> 00:10:20,911 You're looking at him. Mayor Lodge cut my budget.

173

00:10:20,995 --> 00:10:23,581 I've got no support staff and no deputies,

174

00:10:23,664 --> 00:10:26,042 and I'm covering a whole damn county by myself.

175

00:10:26,834 --> 00:10:30,671
Unless, of course,
you count Hiram's private security force.

176

00:10:30,755 --> 00:10:31,839 They're connected to SoDale?

177

00:10:31,922 --> 00:10:34,133 They work out of SoDale. They're corrupt as hell.

178

00:10:34,216 --> 00:10:37,470

You should know
who's running the force. Reggie Mantle.

179

00:10:39,263 --> 00:10:41,641 Maybe Reggie can help me with my Ghoulie problem.

180

00:10:41,724 --> 00:10:44,560 No. You call him, he'll tip them off.

181

00:10:44,644 --> 00:10:47,104 He's getting a kickback from them.

182

00:10:47,188 --> 00:10:50,775 -You won't get any help from Reggie. -Not knowingly, anyway.

183

00:10:51,859 --> 00:10:55,279
You may not have any deputies left,
but you still have their gear, right?

184

00:10:55,363 --> 00:10:56,864 Kevlar vests, batons?

185

00:10:56,947 --> 00:10:58,991 You might wanna dust them off.

186

00:10:59,075 --> 00:11:01,786
I gotta do some recon first,
but after that...

187

00:11:03,037 --> 00:11:05,623 -we're going in. -Hm.

188

00:11:08,084 --> 00:11:11,837
I've been thinking about your offer,
Trudy. Is that job still on the table?

189

00:11:11,921 --> 00:11:12,922 Hell, yes, it is.

190

00:11:13,005 --> 00:11:16,133

The Morris William Agency would love to have you as a sports agent.

191

00:11:16,217 --> 00:11:18,094 But what about the whole L.A. of it all?

192

00:11:18,177 --> 00:11:21,722
 I've been wanting to give
the West Coast a try for a while.

00:11:21,806 --> 00:11:24,809
Let me make some arrangements
and I'll get back to you, okay?

194

00:11:24,892 --> 00:11:25,726 Okay.

195

00:11:26,727 --> 00:11:29,814
 -First class, of course.
-Yes, of course, Miss Lodge.

196

00:11:30,940 --> 00:11:35,027
But I'm having a little trouble with the credit card on file.

197

00:11:35,611 --> 00:11:36,445 Really?

198

00:11:37,571 --> 00:11:40,366
That doesn't make sense.
Let me get back to you.

199

00:11:41,575 --> 00:11:42,785 It's so weird, Chad.

200

00:11:42,868 --> 00:11:48,040
I was doing some online shopping
and our American Excess card was declined.

201

00:11:48,124 --> 00:11:50,376
All of our credit cards were declined.

202

00:11:50,459 --> 00:11:52,628 The same thing happened to me.

But don't worry.

203

204

00:11:55,423 --> 00:11:56,757 Which is when exactly?

00:11:57,883 --> 00:12:01,804
The retirement party is in two days so probably the day after that.

206 00:12:01,887 --> 00:12:03,556 Well, hurry.

207 00:12:04,306 --> 00:12:05,141 I miss you.

208 00:12:05,766 --> 00:12:06,600 I will.

209 00:12:07,143 --> 00:12:08,686 I miss you too. Bye.

210 00:12:10,020 --> 00:12:12,523 Miss Veronica, excuse me for interrupting.

> 211 00:12:12,606 --> 00:12:14,150 No problem. What is it?

212 00:12:14,233 --> 00:12:17,069 I've noticed the same car parked out front for two days.

213
00:12:17,153 --> 00:12:21,198
A black sedan with tinted windows.
I fear you're being watched.

214 00:12:21,282 --> 00:12:22,116 Followed.

215 00:12:23,117 --> 00:12:24,618 I wouldn't be surprised.

216 00:12:25,327 --> 00:12:28,539 Is it a "welcome back to Riverdale" gift from my father 00:12:28,622 --> 00:12:32,042
 or a not-so-subtle message
from my over-possessive husband?

218

00:12:32,751 --> 00:12:34,545 It's time to get creative.

219

 $00:12:35,713 \longrightarrow 00:12:38,299$ And bring an old friend out of mothballs.

220

00:12:40,718 --> 00:12:43,220
How high are you willing
 to jump for these?

221

00:12:43,846 --> 00:12:46,474 Let's say 20 grand for both.

222

00:12:46,557 --> 00:12:47,558
I'll take 30.

223

00:12:48,309 --> 00:12:50,019 But it has to be in cash.

224

00:12:50,102 --> 00:12:51,479 Like, right now.

225

00:12:53,606 --> 00:12:55,399 [safe opens]

226

00:12:55,483 --> 00:12:59,528 Also, you wouldn't by chance happen to have any...

227

00:13:00,446 --> 00:13:02,239 tasteful, discreet,

228

00:13:02,990 --> 00:13:04,366 ladylike revolvers

229

00:13:04,450 --> 00:13:06,619 tucked away somewhere, would you?

230 00:13:06,702 --> 00:13:10,456 -This being Riverdale and all. -I might have something. 231 00:13:23,969 --> 00:13:25,638 [floorboards creaking] 232 00:13:25,721 --> 00:13:28,307 -[shocking music playing] -[Betty screams] 233 00:13:29,225 --> 00:13:31,227 [suspenseful music playing] 234 00:13:33,729 --> 00:13:35,272 [objects clattering] 235 00:13:57,044 --> 00:13:58,170 [footsteps approaching] 236 00:13:58,254 --> 00:13:59,380 [gasps] 237 00:13:59,463 --> 00:14:02,883 Oh, my God. Polly. You gave me a heart attack. 238 00:14:02,967 --> 00:14:05,594 -You're the one pointing a gun at me. -Sorry. 239 00:14:05,678 --> 00:14:06,679 Old habits. 240 00:14:07,388 --> 00:14:09,014 It's also 3 in the morning. 00:14:09,098 --> 00:14:11,600 You can go back to bed. I'm not a burglar. 242 00:14:13,227 --> 00:14:14,311

Hey, can I...

243

00:14:16,981 --> 00:14:18,983 make you a cup of tea, at least?

244

00:14:21,151 --> 00:14:23,153 [tender music playing]

245

00:14:26,824 --> 00:14:28,742 Polly, I wanna apologize to you.

246

00:14:32,246 --> 00:14:33,831 I wasn't there for you...

247

00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:37,543 on the other side of The Farm when you needed me most.

248

00:14:39,795 --> 00:14:42,923 Also, for prank-calling you that year on Halloween.

249

00:14:43,007 --> 00:14:46,135 I really didn't mean what I said.

250 00:14:48,345 --> 00:14:49,179

Wow.

251

00:14:49,805 --> 00:14:51,682 -It's a deep cut. -Yeah, I know.

252

00:14:53,350 --> 00:14:54,643 I haven't forgotten.

253

00:14:58,522 --> 00:15:02,902

If it's not too late, I'd like for us to be real sisters to each other.

254

00:15:05,029 --> 00:15:08,073
-How long you in town for?
-Just a couple days.

256

00:15:11,035 --> 00:15:13,871
I'm surprised

you're not already running the FBI.

257

00:15:14,371 --> 00:15:15,497 I don't know about that.

258

00:15:19,251 --> 00:15:20,419 I've missed you.

259

00:15:21,921 --> 00:15:23,631 Ma, the twins...

260

00:15:25,674 --> 00:15:27,176 We've all missed you.

261

00:15:42,691 --> 00:15:45,986
-Good morning.

-Good morning, honey. How'd you sleep?

262

 $00:15:46,946 \longrightarrow 00:15:51,742$ Well, I woke up when Polly got home. Does she usually stay out that late?

263

00:15:51,825 --> 00:15:54,828 She's working at that nightclub, the Roving Eye.

264

 $00:15:54,912 \longrightarrow 00:15:56,705$ She waitresses a few nights a week.

265

00:15:59,291 --> 00:16:00,751 Is that a good thing?

266

00:16:00,834 --> 00:16:04,046
She helps with the mortgage,
gets the twins everything they need.

00:16:04,129 --> 00:16:05,631 She's doing her best.

268

00:16:05,714 --> 00:16:06,548 We all are.

269

00:16:06,632 --> 00:16:10,719
No, I know. I just remember
the Roving Eye can be sketchy.

270

00:16:10,803 --> 00:16:12,888 Okay, that's not fair, Elizabeth.

271

00:16:12,972 --> 00:16:16,016
You don't get to pop in
and judge your sister.

272

00:16:16,100 --> 00:16:17,685 Or me, for that matter.

273

00:16:17,768 --> 00:16:20,145 -[knock on door] -Ooh. Can you get that? Might be Toni.

27/

00:16:21,814 --> 00:16:23,357 [Toni] You see the morning paper?

275

00:16:23,440 --> 00:16:27,861
"Local school counselor runs seedy bar and snake-dances."

276

00:16:27,945 --> 00:16:28,988 [Toni] It's a hit piece.

277

00:16:29,071 --> 00:16:32,116

Hiram's trying to ruin my credibility with the school board.

278

00:16:32,199 --> 00:16:35,577
 I'll run damage control.
I'll call each board member.

279 00:16:35,661 --> 00:16:36,537 Good.

280

00:16:36,620 --> 00:16:40,290

If Hiram is trying to drag
the Serpent Queen down to his level,

281 00:16:40,374 --> 00:16:41,667 he's gonna get himself bit.

282 00:16:48,424 --> 00:16:51,010 [cell phone rings]

283 00:16:52,553 --> 00:16:54,054 -Archie. What's up? -Jug.

284 00:16:54,888 --> 00:16:57,224 How's the Five Seasons? Room service every meal?

285 00:16:58,225 --> 00:16:59,643 Morning, noon and night.

286 00:16:59,727 --> 00:17:02,354 I got an idea for Pop Tate's retirement gift.

287 00:17:02,438 --> 00:17:05,065 But I was wondering if one of us should say something.

288 00:17:05,149 --> 00:17:07,192 Give a speech about Pop Tate.

289 00:17:07,276 --> 00:17:11,196 -Since you're the world-famous writer---Yeah. Yeah, I'd love that.

> 290 00:17:11,280 --> 00:17:12,948 Okay, great. Thanks, Jug.

00:17:23,876 --> 00:17:26,962 Reggie. Good to see you. I appreciate you coming out.

292

00:17:27,046 --> 00:17:31,050

Duty calls, Mantle answers.

You're having trouble with your tenants?

293

00:17:31,133 --> 00:17:35,471
I'm having trouble with the gangbangers using my house as a drug den.

294

295

00:17:41,894 --> 00:17:44,063 [rock music playing over speakers]

296

00:17:44,146 --> 00:17:48,317 It's messy, but I'm not seeing any evidence of drug paraphernalia.

297

00:17:49,526 --> 00:17:51,070 Okay if we keep looking?

298

00:17:54,698 --> 00:17:57,993
-Nothing here but stale cereal.
-Let's check upstairs.

299

00:18:02,998 --> 00:18:05,793
 Sorry, but I didn't see
 any contraband anywhere.

300

00:18:06,460 --> 00:18:07,294 Yeah.

301

302

 $00:18:15,803 \longrightarrow 00:18:18,347$ There's nothing more for me to say or do.

303 00:18:19,890 --> 00:18:22,267 -But thanks for your help. -My pleasure.

304 00:18:27,773 --> 00:18:30,067 [dramatic music playing]

305 00:18:37,991 --> 00:18:41,036 [Pop] Feels strange to think of not working at this place.

306 00:18:41,120 --> 00:18:44,331 You won't have to deal with annoying customers like me.

307 00:18:44,414 --> 00:18:48,127 Now, you know I had a lot worse than you in here, Jughead.

308 00:18:48,210 --> 00:18:49,545 It all worked out, didn't it?

309 00:18:49,628 --> 00:18:53,465 I lived to see my retirement. And you're a bigtime writer now.

310 00:18:53,549 --> 00:18:55,300 -Always knew you'd make good. -I'm sorry.

311 00:18:55,384 --> 00:19:00,097 Uh... Those are debt collectors.

312 00:19:02,349 --> 00:19:03,809 [jingles]

313 00:19:05,144 --> 00:19:07,146 Hi there. Counter or booth?

314

00:19:07,229 --> 00:19:09,857
We're looking for someone.
Been known to hang around here.

315

00:19:09,940 --> 00:19:11,650 Jughead Jones. Seen him?

316

00:19:11,733 --> 00:19:13,944 [tense music playing]

317

00:19:17,656 --> 00:19:21,493
No. I think I'd remember
a weird-ass name like that.

318

00:19:22,161 --> 00:19:23,370 What do you want with him?

319

00:19:25,038 --> 00:19:27,708 Give us a call if he comes in. Okay, sweetie?

320

00:19:28,500 --> 00:19:30,919
Oh. I'll be sure to do that, pumpkin.

321

00:19:31,545 --> 00:19:32,379 Bye now.

322

00:19:36,049 --> 00:19:36,925 [bell jingles]

323

00:19:40,679 --> 00:19:44,183

Thank you.

It's not the greatest first impression.

324

00:19:44,766 --> 00:19:47,895

How much you need?

I can loan you some. I've been saving up--

325

00:19:47,978 --> 00:19:50,856

I'm not low enough

to take your retirement money.

00:19:50,939 --> 00:19:53,942
I'll figure something out.
Thanks for the interview.

327 00:19:54,026 --> 00:19:56,278 -See you tomorrow. -Hey, Jones?

328 00:19:57,154 --> 00:19:59,448 If you still want it, the waiter job's available.

329 00:20:01,533 --> 00:20:02,367 Okay.

330
00:20:03,368 --> 00:20:08,081
In a couple days, could you just call them and vouch for me and say I have a job?

00:20:08,165 --> 00:20:13,086

I'll send them half of my weekly salary so they don't break my legs?

332 00:20:14,213 --> 00:20:16,632 Yeah. I think I can do that.

333 00:20:17,633 --> 00:20:19,134 [Reggie] Long time no see, Ronnie.

334 00:20:19,676 --> 00:20:20,677 Reginald.

335
00:20:21,345 --> 00:20:24,348
You've been working for my father,
so let's skip the pleasantries.

336 00:20:24,431 --> 00:20:26,433 -Fair enough. -I need to buy a car.

337
00:20:26,516 --> 00:20:29,519
Nothing flashy, just in good shape and with excellent gas mileage.

00:20:29,603 --> 00:20:31,939
-I'm paying cash.
-Who you running from?

339

00:20:32,522 --> 00:20:35,067
Your husband? Is that how you roll now?

340

00:20:35,150 --> 00:20:37,611 I'm not running from anyone, Reggie.

341

00:20:37,694 --> 00:20:41,490 I'm taking the path of least resistance, and I'd rather not leave a paper trail.

342

00:20:41,573 --> 00:20:44,618 Now, will you sell me a car or not?

343

00:20:44,701 --> 00:20:48,288

If you're in trouble, talk to your dad.

Really. Talk to him.

344

00:20:48,372 --> 00:20:51,541
He'll help you, even now,
with whatever you need.

345

00:20:59,383 --> 00:21:01,385
[muffled rock music playing]

346

00:21:03,470 --> 00:21:06,265 -You're sure you saw Polly? -No doubt about it.

347

00:21:06,348 --> 00:21:08,809 She's hanging with the Ghoulies, probably using.

348

00:21:08,892 --> 00:21:10,602 Seems like that's a safe bet.

349

00:21:11,561 --> 00:21:12,562 I'm sorry, Betty.

350 00:21:12,646 --> 00:21:13,730 I'm not sorry.

351 00:21:14,564 --> 00:21:15,565 I'm pissed.

352 00:21:16,316 --> 00:21:19,736 So my question is, when do we kick their asses?

353 00:21:20,862 --> 00:21:24,700 Thanks to Reggie Mantle, I have intel to sweep and clear the site.

354 00:21:24,783 --> 00:21:28,245 -How many Ghoulies are in your house? -[Archie] I counted a dozen.

355 00:21:28,328 --> 00:21:30,914 We hit them hard. We hit them fast.

356
00:21:30,998 --> 00:21:33,500
It's been too long since
the Serpents rumbled with the Ghoulies.

357
00:21:33,583 --> 00:21:37,587
Calm down. I don't want anyone dying, especially not my boyfriend.

358
00:21:37,671 --> 00:21:40,716
Hopefully, they've dropped their guard
and we find narcotics.

359 00:21:40,799 --> 00:21:43,093 And like Kev said, no one gets killed.

360 00:21:43,176 --> 00:21:46,346 None of us and none of them. Wouldn't mind breaking a few bones though.

> 361 00:21:46,430 --> 00:21:47,347

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362
     00:21:47,431 --> 00:21:52,936
        Don't you ever feel sad
              Lean on me ♪
                   363
     00:21:53,020 --> 00:21:56,940
      Ready? Three, two, one. Go.
                   364
     00:21:58,775 --> 00:22:00,068
             ♪ I'm comin' ♪
                   365
     00:22:01,111 --> 00:22:04,406
         ♪ Hold on, I'm comin' ♪
                   366
     00:22:05,615 --> 00:22:09,244
    ♪ I'm goin' my way, your lover ♪
     00:22:10,203 --> 00:22:13,707
♪ If you get cold, I will be your cover ♪
                   368
     00:22:14,374 --> 00:22:18,545
♪ Don't have to worry 'cause I'm here ♪
                   369
     00:22:19,379 --> 00:22:22,591
         ♪ Hold on, I'm comin' ♪
                   370
     00:22:23,383 --> 00:22:24,760
               ♪ Hold on ♪
                   371
     00:22:24,843 --> 00:22:25,927
                You good?
                   372
     00:22:26,011 --> 00:22:27,387
               -Yeah, you?
                 -Yeah.
                   373
     00:22:28,263 --> 00:22:29,514
               ♪ Hold on ♪
     00:22:29,598 --> 00:22:31,600
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Hell, yeah.

[dramatic music playing]

375

00:22:34,811 --> 00:22:39,483

Jingle-jangle. Just like the old days.

They've got a lab set up in the bathroom.

376

00:22:39,566 --> 00:22:42,360 Will that be enough to put them behind bars, Agent Cooper?

377

00:22:42,444 --> 00:22:44,488 Yeah, Kev. That should do it.

378

00:22:49,659 --> 00:22:51,828 -[man on phone] The Roving Eye. -Hi, this is Polly.

379

00:22:51,912 --> 00:22:54,122 I'm just calling to get my schedule.

380

00:22:54,206 --> 00:22:55,457 Polly Cooper?

381

00:22:55,540 --> 00:22:58,085
You haven't worked here for over a year.

382

00:22:58,168 --> 00:22:59,169 Who is this?

383

00:22:59,252 --> 00:23:01,254 -[dramatic music playing] -[keypad beeps]

384

00:23:02,589 --> 00:23:03,590 [Weatherbee] Bad news.

385

00:23:03,673 --> 00:23:05,801

Two more teachers
have defected to Stonewall Prep.

386

00:23:05,884 --> 00:23:07,427 Miss Crouton and Mr. Cedars.

00:23:07,511 --> 00:23:09,888

Damn, Miss Crouton! That backstabbing--

388

00:23:09,971 --> 00:23:11,848
[Toni] We've got a bigger problem.

389

00:23:11,932 --> 00:23:15,769
One of my girls broke into Hiram's office to see what dirt we could use against him,

390

00:23:15,852 --> 00:23:18,146 and she found his agenda for the town hall meeting.

391

00:23:18,230 --> 00:23:20,524

It feels like we're in an episode of Succession.

392

00:23:20,607 --> 00:23:22,692 [Toni] And besides deciding about Riverdale High,

393

00:23:22,776 --> 00:23:25,904 Hiram's also putting forth a vote to unincorporate the town.

394

00:23:25,987 --> 00:23:28,490

Based on the receipts,
he has enough people bribed

395

00:23:28,573 --> 00:23:30,325 or terrorized into passing the motion.

396

00:23:30,408 --> 00:23:32,327 Unincorporate? What does that mean?

397

00:23:32,410 --> 00:23:35,205 It means that all the money that the town gets from the state

398

00:23:35,288 --> 00:23:39,251

for public services, for maintenance, for education, it goes away.

399

00:23:39,334 --> 00:23:41,711
 It means that Riverdale,
 as a town, ceases to exist.

400

00:23:41,795 --> 00:23:45,715
Hiram will get what he's wanted
for years, the death of Riverdale.

401

00:23:45,799 --> 00:23:47,509 So his SoDale can thrive.

402

00:23:47,592 --> 00:23:51,513

If that happens, would we be able to keep the school open with the board's support?

403

00:23:51,596 --> 00:23:55,142 -Yes, but it will be much harder. -We need to fight harder.

404

00:23:55,225 --> 00:23:58,937 Alice, go on RIVW and blow the whistle on Hiram's plan.

405

00:23:59,020 --> 00:24:02,524

He was trying to keep it secret so no one would oppose him.

406

00:24:02,607 --> 00:24:05,527

We need the public there
so they can vote against his plan.

407

00:24:05,610 --> 00:24:08,530 -What about our teacher problem? -I can maybe help with that.

408

00:24:08,613 --> 00:24:12,242

How? Do you know
any qualified teachers with degrees?

409 00:24:12,325 --> 00:24:14,452 That's what it takes to be a schoolteacher.

410

00:24:14,536 --> 00:24:17,455 What if Riverdale went private? We could choose who we wanted.

411

 $00:24:17,539 \longrightarrow 00:24:19,416$ Yes, but we'd lose all public funding.

412

00:24:19,499 --> 00:24:21,626
If the town unincorporates,
 we lose funding anyway.

413

00:24:21,710 --> 00:24:23,378 We need an investor.

414

00:24:24,546 --> 00:24:26,256 I think I might know someone.

415

00:24:26,339 --> 00:24:27,340 Archie,

416

00:24:27,424 --> 00:24:30,886 if you have any favors to call in, now's the time.

417

00:24:32,971 --> 00:24:35,056 [Veronica]
Reggie suggested I see you again.

418

00:24:35,682 --> 00:24:38,768
I've been running around town,
trying to vamp my way out of a problem,

419

00:24:38,852 --> 00:24:41,563 when, really, I should be facing it head-on.

420

00:24:41,646 --> 00:24:44,399 With, maybe, your help.

421

00:24:46,735 --> 00:24:47,861 Go on.

422

00:24:48,820 --> 00:24:52,908 Chad is threatened by my "alpha-ness."

423

00:24:53,533 --> 00:24:57,537
Because of that, he can be somewhat possessive and controlling.

424

00:24:57,621 --> 00:25:02,417

He was having me followed,
but I shot out his goon's tires, so...

425

00:25:02,500 --> 00:25:05,962 Ah. Young love. I remember those days.

426

00:25:06,046 --> 00:25:07,255 I knew you'd relate.

427

00:25:08,215 --> 00:25:11,843
Which is why I'd appreciate
you having a little chat with him.

428

00:25:11,927 --> 00:25:13,803 As only you can, Daddykins.

429

00:25:13,887 --> 00:25:15,847 Nothing too draconian.

430

00:25:15,931 --> 00:25:18,433

Just tell him to stop trying to manage me.

431

00:25:18,516 --> 00:25:21,770 -Or track me when I leave town. -Why don't you tell him yourself?

432

00:25:21,853 --> 00:25:23,647 He's not taking my hints.

433

00:25:23,730 --> 00:25:26,483 But I'm betting the Hiram Lodge...

00:25:27,484 --> 00:25:29,319 could be a lot more persuasive.

435

00:25:30,695 --> 00:25:35,200
And then you don't get your little
Barnard-educated hands dirty, right?

436

00:25:35,283 --> 00:25:37,035 [dramatic music playing]

437

00:25:37,577 --> 00:25:42,123

Hmm. So, just to be clear,
you're officially asking me for my help?

438

00:25:44,584 --> 00:25:45,627 Sure.

439

00:25:46,795 --> 00:25:48,380 Yes, I am.

440

00:25:49,047 --> 00:25:50,298 Well, in that case...

441

00:25:51,800 --> 00:25:52,634 no.

442

00:25:54,761 --> 00:25:56,012 Come again.

443

00:25:58,056 --> 00:26:02,394
Remember you called me a dog?
That I needed to be taught a lesson?

444

00:26:02,477 --> 00:26:05,313 It was about seven years ago. You were cruel, Veronica.

445

00:26:05,897 --> 00:26:06,731 Brutal.

446

 $00:26:07,440 \longrightarrow 00:26:09,567$ When my body was a mass of bruises.

447

00:26:09,651 --> 00:26:12,696 Well, now it's my turn to teach you a lesson.

448

00:26:12,779 --> 00:26:14,572 I warned you, from the start,

449

00:26:14,656 --> 00:26:19,411 that no one outside of this family would understand the Lodge ambition.

450

00:26:20,036 --> 00:26:23,581

You made your bed.
You'll have to deal with Chad yourself.

451

00:26:23,665 --> 00:26:26,876

If that means you have to crawl into the mud to do it, then so be it.

452

00:26:27,752 --> 00:26:29,462 You're a Lodge after all.

453

00:26:29,546 --> 00:26:33,967
You never had any intention of helping me.
You just wanted to hear me beg.

454

00:26:34,050 --> 00:26:37,387 Hmm. I assume you don't need my help finding the exit.

455

00:26:46,771 --> 00:26:50,025
But, Polly, it's not every day
 that Pop Tate retires.

456

00:26:50,108 --> 00:26:52,193 -We can bring the twins. -[Polly] I have to work.

457

00:26:52,277 --> 00:26:55,196 -[Alice] Can't you take the night off?

-Get off my back.

458

00:26:55,280 --> 00:26:57,949 Polly. Give Mom a break.

459

 $00:26:58,033 \longrightarrow 00:26:59,951$ It's fine. Polly has to work.

460

00:27:03,163 --> 00:27:05,081 I'm not so sure she does, Mom.

461

00:27:06,833 --> 00:27:09,044
I know you don't waitress
at the Roving Eye.

462

00:27:09,127 --> 00:27:11,087 You've been hanging out with the Ghoulies.

463

00:27:11,171 --> 00:27:14,132 -Elizabeth, stop it! -How are you making all of this money?

464

00:27:14,215 --> 00:27:17,010
To help out with the mortgage
 and support the twins.

465

00:27:17,093 --> 00:27:20,347
-Are you dealing? Tricking? Both?
-It's none of your business.

466

00:27:20,430 --> 00:27:23,350 Actually, it is. Because I care about you.

467

00:27:23,433 --> 00:27:26,644
You don't live here. You deserted us.

468

00:27:26,728 --> 00:27:29,105
Being a sister doesn't mean
coming in for one day

469

 $00:27:29,189 \longrightarrow 00:27:32,776$ and telling me how to live my life

when you don't know anything about it.

470 00:27:33,401 --> 00:27:34,402 Wait, Polly--

471 00:27:35,653 --> 00:27:37,655 [dramatic music playing]

472 00:27:48,875 --> 00:27:51,503 [cell phone rings]

473
00:27:53,546 --> 00:27:55,507
-Samm. How are you?
-[Samm] At the end of my rope.

474
00:27:55,590 --> 00:27:58,093
Scribners wants pages or their money back.

475 00:27:58,176 --> 00:28:00,637 Yeah, I know. I'm working on something.

> 476 00:28:00,720 --> 00:28:02,305 What have you been working on?

477
00:28:02,389 --> 00:28:05,975
Actually, uh, let me send it to you.
Let me know what you think.

478
00:28:06,059 --> 00:28:08,645
It might convince Scribners
I'm not a one-hit wonder.

479 00:28:08,728 --> 00:28:14,359 Okay, I'm e-mailing you right now.

480 00:28:16,194 --> 00:28:17,112 [computer whooshes]

481 00:28:24,077 --> 00:28:25,328 I'm grateful for your help.

482

00:28:27,205 --> 00:28:30,875 I'd rather be dealing with this mess than the one I made at my own house.

483

00:28:30,959 --> 00:28:32,502 Sorry to hear about that.

484

00:28:35,547 --> 00:28:36,798 That's okay.

485

00:28:36,881 --> 00:28:38,633 It'll be okay. I hope.

486

00:28:42,679 --> 00:28:46,307
After Pop's party, I thought you, me,
Jughead, and Veronica could hang out.

487

00:28:46,850 --> 00:28:49,144

Just the four of us.

We haven't done that yet.

488

00:28:49,227 --> 00:28:52,480 No, yeah, that's a nice idea. Let's do that.

489

00:28:55,108 --> 00:28:56,151 Cool.

490

00:29:01,573 --> 00:29:05,076
Hey, do you want some pizza?
 It's the least I can do.

491

00:29:05,827 --> 00:29:08,788 -Yeah. Pizza. Yeah, that sounds great. -Okay.

492

00:29:12,250 --> 00:29:14,878 -Gonna take a shower first. -Oh, I should--

493

00:29:15,712 --> 00:29:17,338 I-- Me too.

00:29:17,422 --> 00:29:19,132 -Wanna go first? -Should I go home first?

495

00:29:21,176 --> 00:29:23,178 ["Honey" playing]

496

00:29:36,691 --> 00:29:38,902 \$\int \text{ Say my name now } \int \text{\$}

497

00:29:40,862 --> 00:29:42,947

Don't make me wait now D

498

00:29:45,325 --> 00:29:49,662

Now You knew you weren't ready

For a girl like me N

499

00:29:49,746 --> 00:29:52,916

My honey's only sweet

If you can take the sting A

500

00:29:56,002 --> 00:29:58,004 [tender music playing]

501

00:30:01,716 --> 00:30:03,092 Betty, what just happened?

502

00:30:05,053 --> 00:30:06,137 I don't know.

503

00:30:07,013 --> 00:30:10,558
Something we've been wanting to do since high school but never got around to.

504

00:30:10,642 --> 00:30:12,268 Yeah. Sounds about right.

505

00:30:13,520 --> 00:30:16,105 -Just to be clear, we're---Friends.

506

00:30:17,106 --> 00:30:19,067 Just good old friends.

507

00:30:19,150 --> 00:30:22,362
We're both single adults. We're allowed to have fun every now and then.

508

00:30:23,363 --> 00:30:24,197 Yeah.

509

00:30:25,281 --> 00:30:27,367
And it's okay
if we keep this to ourselves?

510

00:30:28,451 --> 00:30:30,662
Yeah. Veronica's a married woman.

511

00:30:30,745 --> 00:30:34,249
And Jughead and I haven't dated
for seven years, so...

512

00:30:36,042 --> 00:30:37,502 I think it's okay.

513

00:30:37,585 --> 00:30:38,962 Okay. Good.

514

00:30:43,049 --> 00:30:45,176 -[applause] -What a gift.

515

00:30:45,260 --> 00:30:46,386 Thank you, Archie.

516

00:30:46,469 --> 00:30:48,096 It's from all of us, Pop.

517

00:30:48,179 --> 00:30:50,473
A small token to show
how much you mean to us.

518

00:30:50,557 --> 00:30:53,852

-To Riverdale High. To the whole town.
-[woman] Yeah.

519

00:30:53,935 --> 00:30:59,190

You know, I had to drop out of school to take over this place after my pop--

520

00:31:00,149 --> 00:31:02,735 The original Pop passed away.

521

00:31:03,236 --> 00:31:04,904 I never got to graduate.

522

 $00:31:06,239 \longrightarrow 00:31:08,575$ This means the world to me.

523

524

00:31:11,202 --> 00:31:12,537 Jug's gonna say a few words.

525

00:31:18,293 --> 00:31:20,753
Sometimes it can be hard
to put our faith in this town.

526

00:31:24,173 --> 00:31:26,634

But I think Pop created
something really special here.

527

00:31:27,260 --> 00:31:30,597
A place for the lost and wayward souls of Riverdale to come to.

528

00:31:30,680 --> 00:31:32,348 [tender music playing]

529

00:31:32,432 --> 00:31:36,185
And I think that's more
than a jukebox or vinyl booths.

530

00:31:36,269 --> 00:31:39,147

It's like a lighthouse in a storm.

531

00:31:40,815 --> 00:31:44,235 Now, Pop himself is many things.

532

00:31:45,987 --> 00:31:47,155 He's a joker.

533

00:31:48,698 --> 00:31:49,699 He's a soldier.

534

00:31:51,159 --> 00:31:52,118 He's a cook.

535

00:31:52,201 --> 00:31:55,079 -[all laugh] -He's a really good listener.

536

00:31:56,497 --> 00:31:57,624 He's also a father.

537

00:31:58,374 --> 00:31:59,375 He's a son.

538

00:31:59,459 --> 00:32:00,627 And a grandfather.

539

00:32:01,878 --> 00:32:03,087 And to many of us...

540

00:32:04,839 --> 00:32:06,299 and to me personally...

541

00:32:11,137 --> 00:32:13,389
he's about the only reason
 that I made it through.

542

00:32:14,432 --> 00:32:15,850 You gave us a home, Pop.

543

00:32:18,269 --> 00:32:19,145

Thank you.

544

545

00:32:22,941 --> 00:32:23,942 To Pop Tate.

546

00:32:25,151 --> 00:32:28,112 -Who never let the lights go dark. -[all] To Pop Tate!

E 17

00:32:28,196 --> 00:32:29,781 [applause]

548

00:32:29,864 --> 00:32:31,616 [crowd cheering and whistling]

549

00:32:31,699 --> 00:32:33,701
[country music playing over speakers]

550

00:32:35,787 --> 00:32:37,038
I'm glad you came.

551

00:32:37,455 --> 00:32:40,541
 I wasn't sure you would,
after I sent you my message.

552

00:32:40,625 --> 00:32:42,001 It sounded rather dire.

553

00:32:42,752 --> 00:32:46,255 Plus, Pop always added a drop of human kindness to my order.

554

00:32:46,339 --> 00:32:48,132 Have you considered my ask?

555

00:32:49,008 --> 00:32:51,177

To fund Riverdale
and the new teachers it needs?

00:32:52,095 --> 00:32:54,263 It's the only thing that might--

557

00:32:54,347 --> 00:32:56,557 Might save the school.

558

00:32:56,641 --> 00:33:01,270 Look, I came here to celebrate Pop, not get caught up in small-town politics.

559

00:33:02,605 --> 00:33:05,692
I can barely afford
Thornhill's renovations as it is.

560

00:33:06,275 --> 00:33:08,111 I know you think you're cursed

561

00:33:08,194 --> 00:33:12,281 and the sins of your family are so great, you can't atone for them.

562

00:33:12,365 --> 00:33:13,950 But you're wrong.

563

00:33:14,534 --> 00:33:17,453 There's a war going on in Riverdale for Riverdale.

564

00:33:18,121 --> 00:33:19,414 We need you.

565

00:33:21,165 --> 00:33:22,166 Sorry. I can't.

566

00:33:22,750 --> 00:33:27,171

It will start as something good and end up corrupted like everything I try to do.

567

00:33:29,549 --> 00:33:31,467 If you won't do it for the town,

00:33:32,635 --> 00:33:34,012 would you do it for me?

569 00:33:35,513 --> 00:33:36,347 Please?

570 00:33:36,973 --> 00:33:38,349 [dramatic music playing]

571 00:33:38,433 --> 00:33:40,768 If our love ever meant anything to you,

> 572 00:33:41,978 --> 00:33:42,979 help us.

573 00:33:47,734 --> 00:33:50,528 If I gave you the money, who would these new teachers even be?

> 574 00:33:55,324 --> 00:33:57,035 You're really gonna do this?

575 00:33:57,118 --> 00:34:01,372 You know, run the RROTC out of your old high school, huh?

576 00:34:01,456 --> 00:34:03,124 If I get a chance to, yeah.

577 00:34:04,500 --> 00:34:07,628 It's why I wanted us to sneak in here, the four of us.

578 00:34:08,838 --> 00:34:10,715 Hiram's trying to shut this place down.

579
00:34:11,883 --> 00:34:15,136
He's pushing to unincorporate the town,
which would wipe out Riverdale.

580 00:34:15,219 --> 00:34:17,513 My father is nothing if not consistent.

00:34:17,597 --> 00:34:20,349 We can stop him.

Or at least slow him down.

582

00:34:20,433 --> 00:34:21,517 How?

583

00:34:21,601 --> 00:34:23,144 [dramatic music playing]

584

00:34:24,145 --> 00:34:25,772 We become teachers here.

585

00:34:25,855 --> 00:34:26,898 [Veronica chuckles]

586

00:34:26,981 --> 00:34:30,234

I know it sounds crazy,
but it's a way to keep the school going.

587

00:34:30,318 --> 00:34:34,405 Which means, if Hiram wins the vote, we still have a defendable position.

588

00:34:34,489 --> 00:34:35,615 This school.

589

00:34:35,698 --> 00:34:37,283 And if we can save it,

590

00:34:37,366 --> 00:34:40,828 we can give people one more reason to stay in Riverdale.

591

00:34:41,496 --> 00:34:44,123

In time,

we can bring this town back to life.

592

00:34:44,207 --> 00:34:48,044 Archie, I'm married.

I have a life back in New York.

00:34:48,127 --> 00:34:50,797 Yeah, and I have a novel to write.

594

00:34:50,880 --> 00:34:53,674

Veronica,

plenty of people commute to the city.

595

00:34:53,758 --> 00:34:55,301 Jug, you always said,

596

00:34:55,927 --> 00:34:58,596
 you do your best writing
 in a booth at Pop's.

597

00:34:59,889 --> 00:35:02,642 And it's not gonna be long. A month or two.

598

00:35:03,226 --> 00:35:06,229

Just to give Weatherbee enough time to find permanent replacements.

599 00:35:06,312 --> 00:35:07,814 I'm in.

600

00:35:09,065 --> 00:35:10,608 Quantico can wait a couple months.

601

00:35:10,691 --> 00:35:13,236

And I need to be here right now for my mom and Polly.

602

00:35:13,319 --> 00:35:14,237 Thanks, Betty.

603

00:35:16,114 --> 00:35:16,948
Jug?

604

00:35:18,699 --> 00:35:20,493 I'd have to clear it with my new job.

605 00:35:21,244 --> 00:35:22,078 But why not?

606

607

00:35:26,207 --> 00:35:28,835 I'm in too. I'll make it work with Chad.

608

00:35:28,918 --> 00:35:32,338
Considering that what's happening here is all my dad's fault,

609

00:35:32,421 --> 00:35:33,923
I need to give back more than anyone.

610

00:35:35,133 --> 00:35:37,260
 I didn't really wanna be
 a sports agent anyway.

611

00:35:37,343 --> 00:35:38,261 That's awesome.

612

00:35:39,345 --> 00:35:41,722 So Bulldogs forever?

613

00:35:47,687 --> 00:35:49,647 [all] Bulldogs forever!

614

00:35:51,232 --> 00:35:54,777
Before the school board votes
on the fate of Riverdale High,

615

 $00:35:54,861 \longrightarrow 00:35:58,030$ Toni Topaz has asked to say a few words.

616

00:35:58,114 --> 00:35:59,073 Good afternoon.

617

00:35:59,157 --> 00:36:03,411

My name is Toni Topaz, and I am a guidance counselor at Riverdale High.

618

00:36:04,954 --> 00:36:08,708
"The point of a school board is to make sure there is equity.

619

00:36:08,791 --> 00:36:12,461
That kids of all ages,
from all different backgrounds,

620

00:36:12,545 --> 00:36:14,881 have equal access to education.

621

00:36:15,882 --> 00:36:20,386
Well, with the help
of one very generous donor,

622

00:36:21,888 --> 00:36:25,349

I'm happy to announce that Riverdale High will be able to do that

623

00:36:25,433 --> 00:36:26,934 as a private school.

624

00:36:27,018 --> 00:36:28,561 [applause]

625

 $00:36:28,644 \longrightarrow 00:36:31,147$ And, unlike other private schools,

626

00:36:31,230 --> 00:36:33,274 Riverdale will be tuition-free.

627

 $00:36:34,025 \longrightarrow 00:36:36,402$ And we're bolstering our teaching staff

628

00:36:36,485 --> 00:36:39,780 with notable alums, like Sergeant Archie Andrews,

629

00:36:40,781 --> 00:36:44,785

FBI trainee and Yale graduate Betty Cooper,

630

00:36:45,786 --> 00:36:48,915 businesswoman

and Barnard grad Veronica Gekko,

631

00:36:49,498 --> 00:36:54,086 and acclaimed author Forsythe Jones III.

632

00:36:54,170 --> 00:36:56,255 So spread the news far and wide

633

00:36:56,339 --> 00:36:59,926 that Riverdale and its children will not be at the mercy

634

00:37:00,009 --> 00:37:03,221 of Hiram Lodge's destructive whims."

635

00:37:03,804 --> 00:37:04,639 Thank you.

636

637

00:37:06,515 --> 00:37:07,725 That's very nice.

638

00:37:10,770 --> 00:37:13,940
That was better than Kendall Roy's speech at the end of Season 2.

639

00:37:14,023 --> 00:37:18,819

And now I'd like to introduce what I hope will be my last motion as mayor,

640

00:37:18,903 --> 00:37:22,114 a proposition to unincorporate the town of Riverdale.

641

00:37:22,198 --> 00:37:23,824

[tense music playing]

642

00:37:23,908 --> 00:37:26,202 -[crowd murmuring] -All those opposed?

643

00:37:27,620 --> 00:37:28,829 All those in favor?

644

00:37:33,251 --> 00:37:34,168 Majority wins.

645

00:37:34,252 --> 00:37:37,171
The township of Riverdale
is hereby dissolved.

646

00:37:37,922 --> 00:37:39,382 [indistinct chatter]

647

00:37:45,638 --> 00:37:49,642
[Jughead] What had taken decades to build was toppled in the blink of an eye.

648

00:37:50,142 --> 00:37:53,062 With the rap of a gavel, Riverdale was no more.

649

00:37:53,145 --> 00:37:55,606 And yet, life continues.

650

00:37:56,190 --> 00:37:58,943 -[cell phone rings] -[sighs]

651

00:38:01,696 --> 00:38:03,030 Samm, I was gonna call you.

652

00:38:03,114 --> 00:38:05,950 Scribners loved your story about the old man.

653

00:38:07,118 --> 00:38:10,079

-They what?
-Yeah. They think it's your next book.

654

00:38:10,162 --> 00:38:13,249
There's a huge market right now for tragic Americana.

655

00:38:13,332 --> 00:38:14,917

Dying community,

656

657

00:38:17,336 --> 00:38:20,047
We'll call it Elegy for a Small Town.
What do you think?

658

00:38:21,132 --> 00:38:21,966 Uh...

659

00:38:23,342 --> 00:38:26,137 -I don't wanna write about that. -You don't have a choice.

660

00:38:26,220 --> 00:38:29,682
This is your ticket out
of the literary grave you dug.

661

00:38:29,765 --> 00:38:33,144
-Now you need to deliver. Understood?
-Yeah, understood.

662

00:38:33,227 --> 00:38:34,061 Thank you.

663

00:38:50,703 --> 00:38:52,705 Hey, Mom. I checked upstairs.

664

00:38:52,788 --> 00:38:56,083

The twins are playing,
but Polly's still not home. I'm worried.

00:38:56,167 --> 00:38:58,419
You know your sister.
She gets angry, storms off.

666

00:38:58,502 --> 00:39:01,005 God knows when she'll be back. This is what happens.

667

00:39:01,839 --> 00:39:03,341 But this one's on you.

668

00:39:03,424 --> 00:39:05,426 [dramatic music playing]

669

00:39:07,345 --> 00:39:08,846 [Veronica] I'm not coming home yet.

670

00:39:08,929 --> 00:39:11,682 I'm gonna stay in Riverdale a little bit longer, Chad.

671

00:39:11,766 --> 00:39:12,683 Oh.

672

00:39:13,309 --> 00:39:14,143 Why's that?

673

00:39:14,226 --> 00:39:18,939
My alma mater, Riverdale High, has fallen on hard times and needs my help.

674

00:39:19,565 --> 00:39:21,067 I'll be teaching there.

675

00:39:21,150 --> 00:39:23,402 -That's absurd. -No, no.

676

00:39:23,486 --> 00:39:26,781 What's absurd is you freezing our credit cards.

00:39:26,864 --> 00:39:30,659

Especially since I made

most of the money in our joint accounts.

678 00:39:30,743 --> 00:39:31,577 Yeah.

679 00:39:32,286 --> 00:39:36,540 So, if they're not unfrozen in the next, say, 30 minutes,

680 00:39:37,416 --> 00:39:41,337 I'll consider it an act of aggression. Like you having me followed.

681 00:39:41,420 --> 00:39:45,549 And the next time you see me, it'll be on Wall Street, on the floor,

682 00:39:45,633 --> 00:39:47,343 when the markets open Monday morning.

683 00:39:47,426 --> 00:39:49,762 This She-Wolf will tear out your throat

684 00:39:49,845 --> 00:39:52,807 in front of all the other alpha dogs with zero hesitation.

685 00:39:52,890 --> 00:39:55,643 Is that it, then? Are we done?

686
00:39:55,726 --> 00:39:58,270
You have 30 minutes
to reactivate our cards.

687 00:40:03,025 --> 00:40:05,027 [car alarm wailing in distance]

688 00:40:19,875 --> 00:40:20,876 [text whooshes] 689 00:40:25,005 --> 00:40:26,215 [knocking on door]

690 00:40:35,641 --> 00:40:36,475 Jug.

691 00:40:36,559 --> 00:40:38,602 Hey. Yeah. Sorry, it's late.

692 00:40:39,728 --> 00:40:42,148 Wondering if you could use a roommate,

00:40:42,231 --> 00:40:44,483

now that you're in this big house all by yourself.

694
00:40:45,151 --> 00:40:49,738
-What happened to the Five Seasons?
-It's a little rich for my blood.

695 00:40:50,322 --> 00:40:51,157 Come in.

696 00:40:53,659 --> 00:40:55,661 [dramatic music playing]

697 00:40:57,913 --> 00:40:59,165 [line ringing]

698 00:41:01,333 --> 00:41:04,920 -[recording] It's Polly. Leave a message. -Polly, it's me again.

699 00:41:06,130 --> 00:41:09,049 I'm sorry about what I said before.

700
00:41:09,967 --> 00:41:14,722
I really had no right to judge you,
especially after being gone for so long.

701 00:41:14,805 --> 00:41:16,390 It wasn't my place, so...

702

00:41:16,474 --> 00:41:20,436
I wanna tell you that I love you
 and that I'm here for you,

703

00:41:20,519 --> 00:41:24,190 so just call me and I'll come find you, wherever you are.

704

00:41:24,273 --> 00:41:26,358
Or I'll see you when you get home.

705

00:41:26,442 --> 00:41:28,819 Just, please, please, please, come home.

706

00:41:35,868 --> 00:41:37,870 [theme music playing]

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