

# RIVERDALE

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### EPISODE 7.12

## "Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-Nine: After the Fall"

Archie and Reggie bond over personal struggles as the Bulldogs prep for a big game. Betty and Veronica have a slumber party to cope with parental issues.

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# EPISODE CAST

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	Veronica Lodge
	Jughead Jones
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	Tom Keller
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	Mary Andrews
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	Clay Walker
	Al Fieldstone
	Bret Weston Wallis
	Milkman
	Principal Foathorhoad
• • •	Principal Featherhead
	Dilton Doiley
	Mrs. Thornton

Smithers

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00:00:10 --> 00:00:11 [alarm clock rings, then stops]

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00:00:11 --> 00:00:14
[Jughead] This is the story of two teenage boys

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00:00:14 --> 00:00:15 living under the same roof.

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They go to the same school,
they think about the same things,

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00:00:18 --> 00:00:20 mostly cars and girls,

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00:00:20 --> 00:00:22 but very different passions drive them.

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00:00:23 --> 00:00:26
On a normal, typical morning,
the first thing these two boys do

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00:00:26 --> 00:00:29
 is go for a run
through the still asleep town.

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00:00:29 --> 00:00:31 For Reggie, the run is a warmup

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00:00:31 --> 00:00:34 before he turns to his true love, basketball.

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00:00:36 --> 00:00:38

For Archie,
it's a different kind of warmup

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00:00:38 --> 00:00:40 before putting pencil to paper.

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Mind you,

today isn't a normal, typical morning.

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00:00:45 --> 00:00:47 It's the day after Halloween.

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When a car full of Bulldogs drove off a bridge and into Sweetwater River.

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00:00:53 --> 00:00:56
Team captain Julian Blossom had been behind the wheel.

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All the Bulldogs most likely would have drowned if not for Reggie,

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But Julian Blossom was unconscious, hovering between life and death.

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00:01:07 --> 00:01:08 [monitor beeping]

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00:01:09 --> 00:01:13

Even as Frank Andrews was doing his best to calm down an enraged Clifford Blossom.

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I knew bringing that punk in was a bad idea.

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It's his fault, it had to have been,
 and I want him off my team.

00:01:20 --> 00:01:23
Mayor Blossom, we're still
piecing together what happened,

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00:01:23 --> 00:01:27 but it's my understanding that it was Julian behind the wheel.

26 00:01:27 --> 00:01:28 You know what I do know?

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00:01:29 --> 00:01:32
That that thug has been trouble since the day he got here,

28 00:01:32 --> 00:01:34 and I want him gone.

29 00:01:34 --> 00:01:37 You shouldn't be thinking about the team right now.

30 00:01:37 --> 00:01:41 You should focus on your son. Everything else can be sorted out later.

31 00:01:42 --> 00:01:44 [Jughead] The Bulldogs weren't the only Halloween tragedy that night.

32 00:01:45 --> 00:01:48 The milkman had tried to murder my bud, Ethel Muggs.

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00:01:48 --> 00:01:54
It was the same milkman
that I saw leaving my house

34 00:01:54 --> 00:01:56 after he killed my parents, sheriff.

35 00:01:56 --> 00:02:01 I wrestled the knife out of his hand, and then...

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00:02:03 --> 00:02:05
It was self-defense, sheriff.

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00:02:05 --> 00:02:07

In case you're getting any funny ideas.

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00:02:08 --> 00:02:12

Well, at least all our questions have finally been answered.

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00:02:12 --> 00:02:13

Are you joshing us?

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00:02:15 --> 00:02:16

Now I have even more questions.

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00:02:16 --> 00:02:19

Should I go to the station and make a statement?

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00:02:19 --> 00:02:22

No. That won't be necessary.

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00:02:22 --> 00:02:25

This strikes me as an open-and-shut case.

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00:02:25 --> 00:02:26

Open and shut?

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00:02:27 --> 00:02:31

Sheriff, whoever this maniac is, killed Ethel's parents,

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00:02:31 --> 00:02:33

killed Mr. Rayberry,

and tried to bump off Ethel.

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00:02:34 --> 00:02:36

If you have all the answers, who is he?

00:02:38 --> 00:02:40 Huh? Who is the milkman?

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00:02:40 --> 00:02:41 I will get to that.

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00:02:42 --> 00:02:44
Maybe his fingerprints are on file

at the office,

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00:02:44 --> 00:02:48

but in the meantime,

we need to get Ethel back to the Sisters.

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00:02:48 --> 00:02:49

-No.

-[Jughead] No. No, no.

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00:02:49 --> 00:02:52

The Sisters were abusing Ethel.
She'll come with me.

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00:02:52 --> 00:02:55

She needs to be

in the care of an adult, Jughead.

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00:02:56 --> 00:03:00

Well, that may be so, but not the Sisters.

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00:03:01 --> 00:03:02

[phone rings]

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00:03:02 --> 00:03:04

Frank, Archie. Do you have any news?

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00:03:06 --> 00:03:09

Jughead, slow down.

What is this about Ethel?

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00:03:11 --> 00:03:11

What?

60 00:03:17 --> 00:03:19

Ethel, dear.

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00:03:19 --> 00:03:22
Mary and I have been discussing everything,

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00:03:22 --> 00:03:24 and we've made a decision.

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00:03:24 --> 00:03:26

Given everything that's been going on,

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00:03:26 --> 00:03:30

we both think that it might best if you stay with the Coopers.

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00:03:30 --> 00:03:31 What--? Again?

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00:03:32 --> 00:03:34

No. The last time

that I stayed with Mrs. Cooper,

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00:03:34 --> 00:03:36

she sent me to that horrible place.

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00:03:36 --> 00:03:38

Oh, honestly, Ethel.

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00:03:38 --> 00:03:41

Sending you to the Sisters was more Mr. Cooper's idea.

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00:03:42 --> 00:03:45

So let's get you settled in my sewing room.

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00:03:47 --> 00:03:48

Come along, dear.

00:03:58 --> 00:04:02

If you hadn't been there,
those Bulldogs would've drowned.

73 00:04:04 --> 00:04:06 You saved their lives, Reggie, even Julian.

> 74 00:04:06 --> 00:04:08 -You're a hero. -I'm no hero.

75 00:04:10 --> 00:04:14 When I realized I was the only one who'd gotten free from the car

> 76 00:04:14 --> 00:04:15 and kicked to the surface,

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00:04:15 --> 00:04:19
I knew that I had to
dive back down there...

78 00:04:20 --> 00:04:21 and get everyone out.

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00:04:23 --> 00:04:26
Even in that moment,
I knew that if any of those guys died...

80 00:04:29 --> 00:04:30 especially Blossom...

00:04:32 --> 00:04:33 that I'd be blamed for it.

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00:04:33 --> 00:04:36
They would've locked me up
for the rest of my life.

83 00:04:36 --> 00:04:37 Or done worse than lock me up. 84 00:04:55 --> 00:04:56 Good morning.

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00:04:57 --> 00:05:00

I'm heading to school now, Ethel, if you wanted to walk with me.

86 00:05:00 --> 00:05:03 -Sure.

-Don't be ridiculous, Elizabeth.

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00:05:03 --> 00:05:05
I'll be driving Ethel
to school this morning.

88 00:05:14 --> 00:05:17 My mom is such a phony-baloney.

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00:05:17 --> 00:05:19
She sent Ethel away
to the Sisters of Quiet Mercy,

90 00:05:19 --> 00:05:21 and now she's playing nice with her

91 00:05:21 --> 00:05:25 and treating me like I'm some unwanted guest.

92 00:05:26 --> 00:05:29 I tell you, Vee, I have half a mind to run away.

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00:05:29 --> 00:05:32
You don't have to sell me
on the pain of phony parents.

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00:05:32 --> 00:05:38
And I'd invite you to stay with me at The Pembrooke, but truth be told,

95 00:05:38 --> 00:05:40 I've been living at the Babylonium

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00:05:40 --> 00:05:43
ever since my parents
locked me out of our apartment.

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00:05:44 --> 00:05:47 What? You're living at the movie theater?

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00:05:47 --> 00:05:50

Veronica Lodge is nothing more than a common squatter.

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00:05:50 --> 00:05:54

Let me ask you,
have you tried breaking back in?

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00:05:56 --> 00:06:02
I know that this is a difficult time, but I did wanna share, aloud,

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00:06:02 --> 00:06:05 a poem that one of you turned in last week.

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00:06:07 --> 00:06:10 It's titled, "Phantom."

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00:06:14 --> 00:06:16 They tell me I'm solid

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00:06:17 --> 00:06:18 They pat me on the back

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00:06:19 --> 00:06:21 They see a son A student

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00:06:23 --> 00:06:24 A team player

107 00:06:25 --> 00:06:27 They see a boy like any other

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00:06:28 --> 00:06:30
But I look in the mirror

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00:06:31 --> 00:06:33
And there's no one there

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00:06:33 --> 00:06:35
Just smoke and mirrors

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 $00:06:36 \longrightarrow 00:06:39$  And I do not know how to be solid

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00:06:43 --> 00:06:45 Any thoughts, class?

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00:06:46 --> 00:06:47 It was beautiful.

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00:06:48 --> 00:06:49 [Kevin] Yeah.

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 $00:06:50 \longrightarrow 00:06:51$  That was incredible, Clay.

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00:06:52 --> 00:06:54 I agree, but I didn't write it.

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00:06:55 --> 00:06:59

No, it was not Mr. Walker's poem.

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00:07:00 --> 00:07:02

It was Mr. Andrews' work.

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00:07:02 --> 00:07:04 [students chattering]

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00:07:06 --> 00:07:08
I wish you'd speak up more in class, Archie.

00:07:09 --> 00:07:12 Based on this poem,

it's clear you have a lot to say.

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00:07:15 --> 00:07:17

All right, fellas, listen up.

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00:07:18 --> 00:07:21

We're scheduled for our big game against Stonewall Prep this Friday night.

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But after recent events...

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00:07:26 --> 00:07:30

we've decided to name a new captain while Julian, God willing, recovers.

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And that captain...

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00:07:33 --> 00:07:34

will be Archie.

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00:07:35 --> 00:07:37

[Fangs] All right, Archie.

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Now, let's all take a knee

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00:07:43 --> 00:07:45

and say a prayer

for our Bulldog brother in distress.

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00:07:48 --> 00:07:51

We're so happy

to have you back with us, Ethel.

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Yes, I admit, it's quite the reversal.

00:07:53 --> 00:07:57
But you proved your sanity

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00:07:57 --> 00:08:01

by single-handedly
dispatching that, uh, drifter.

135 00:08:01 --> 00:08:02 A drifter?

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00:08:03 --> 00:08:05

Who said that the milkman was a drifter?

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00:08:05 --> 00:08:07

Sheriff Keller, if I'm not mistaken.

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00:08:07 --> 00:08:09 It's obvious what happened.

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00:08:09 --> 00:08:14

This drifter, his mind was poisoned by the dreck Pep Comics publishes

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and he was inspired

to go on a murderous rampage.

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Much like the original comic book.

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Then he must've stolen a milkman's uniform

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and begun killing

to satisfy some insane bloodlust.

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[whistles]

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Well, that does makes perfect sense.

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and then try to get Ethel herself?

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00:08:44 --> 00:08:46

Do you really think

that a drifter would do that?

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Yes, don't drifters usually move on?

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Drift.

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00:08:53 --> 00:08:57

Neither of you

are in a position to theorize.

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00:08:57 --> 00:09:00

We have told you exactly what happened.

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00:09:01 --> 00:09:05

Now, I hope that you both finally see

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00:09:05 --> 00:09:08

the very real danger...

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00:09:09 --> 00:09:12

in what comic books pose to society.

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00:09:22 --> 00:09:24

-Uncle Frank?

-Hey, Archie.

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00:09:28 --> 00:09:33

[sighs] I, uh-- I'm honored

to be named captain of this team,

00:09:33 --> 00:09:35 but shouldn't it be Reggie?

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00:09:35 --> 00:09:38

He's our strongest player by a mile.

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00:09:38 --> 00:09:41

Well, that may be so, Archie, but...

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00:09:42 --> 00:09:43 this wasn't my call.

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00:09:43 --> 00:09:45

Clifford Blossom wanted you to step up.

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And given the fact

that he sponsors the Bulldogs,

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I thought it best to respect his wishes.

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Clifford Blossom's

had it out for Reggie since day one.

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The Bulldogs

are the mayor's pride and joy.

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00:09:54 --> 00:09:56

My strong advice...

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00:09:57 --> 00:09:59

leave this one alone.

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00:10:02 --> 00:10:03

But I'm glad you came to see me.

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00:10:04 --> 00:10:06

There's something I wanna give you.

171 00:10:12 --> 00:10:13 Is that--?

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00:10:13 --> 00:10:15
Your dad's captain's patch.

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00:10:16 --> 00:10:19

I know he'd want you wearing it for your first game as team captain.

174 00:10:25 --> 00:10:26 Okay, Uncle Frank.

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00:10:32 --> 00:10:35

I'm leaving.

I'm going to stay with my friend Veronica.

176 00:10:35 --> 00:10:37 It'll just be the two of us in her apartment

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00:10:37 --> 00:10:38
doing whatever we want.

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00:10:39 --> 00:10:41

When have you not, Elizabeth?

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00:10:41 --> 00:10:43 ["See Saw" playing]

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00:10:48 --> 00:10:51

Where did you learn how to do that?

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00:10:51 --> 00:10:53

Pick a lock with a bobby pin?

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00:10:53 --> 00:10:57

Don't laugh,

but my Tracy True Teen Detective Handbook.

183 00:10:58 --> 00:10:59 Laugh?

184 00:10:59 --> 00:11:01 Betty, I love those books.

185 00:11:01 --> 00:11:03 Okay. Question.

186 00:11:03 --> 00:11:06 How quiet do we have to be in here so as not to alert...?

> 187 00:11:06 --> 00:11:08 His name is Smithers.

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00:11:08 --> 00:11:11
And we can be as loud as we want when we're in the apartment.

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00:11:11 --> 00:11:13
It's just when we're going
up and down the back staircase

190 00:11:13 --> 00:11:15 that we have to be mindful.

191 00:11:15 --> 00:11:17 I told the boys that too.

192 00:11:17 --> 00:11:18 What boys?

193 00:11:19 --> 00:11:20 Archie and Reggie?

> 195 00:11:23 --> 00:11:26 So I invited Kevin and Clay

00:11:26 --> 00:11:28

to come over

after closing up at the Babylonium.

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00:11:33 --> 00:11:36

Father, I just got back from the hospital.

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00:11:36 --> 00:11:39

Please tell me the rumors about basketball season continuing

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00:11:39 --> 00:11:42 whilst Julian languishes

are just that, rumors.

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00:11:42 --> 00:11:45

[chuckles] You're brother's always been a dunce.

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00:11:45 --> 00:11:47

He made his bed, let him lay in it.

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As for the season, yes, Cheryl, it will continue as scheduled.

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It must.

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00:11:55 --> 00:11:59

Are you truly so desperate to relive your glory days as a Bulldog

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00:11:59 --> 00:12:01

that you would forsake your own son?

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00:12:01 --> 00:12:04

Yes, I was a Bulldog.

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00:12:07 --> 00:12:10

And I'd do anything

to go back to those days again.

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00:12:12 --> 00:12:16

When I first realized

that a winning team can unite a town...

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00:12:17 --> 00:12:20

[chuckles] You give the people that, they'll follow you anywhere.

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00:12:20 --> 00:12:22

I certainly won't be shaking my pompoms

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00:12:22 --> 00:12:25

while my brother

hovers between life and death.

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00:12:26 --> 00:12:27

Oh, yes, you will.

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00:12:33 --> 00:12:35

You will put on your little happy face,

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00:12:35 --> 00:12:39

and you will cheer your little heart out, until your spoiled pink lungs bleed.

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00:12:40 --> 00:12:43

Or you'll suffer

a fate worse than Julian's.

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-[gasps]

-Do I make myself clear?

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> I'm gonna wash that man
Right out of my hair >

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00:12:59 --> 00:13:02

> I'm gonna wash that man Right out of my hair >

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219
        00:13:02 --> 00:13:05
      ♪ I'm gonna wave that man
        Right out of my arms >
                  220
        00:13:05 --> 00:13:08
     ♪ And send him on his way ♪
                  221
        00:13:09 --> 00:13:11
     ♪ Don't try to patch it up ♪
                  222
        00:13:11 --> 00:13:13
   [all] > Tear it up, tear it up >
                  223
        00:13:13 --> 00:13:14
    ♪ Wash him out, dry him out ♪
                  224
        00:13:14 --> 00:13:15
 [all] > Push him out, fly him out >
        00:13:16 --> 00:13:19
    ♪ Cancel him and let him go ♪
                  226
        00:13:19 --> 00:13:21
        [all] → Yeah, sister →
                  227
        00:13:22 --> 00:13:23
           Sing it, Betty.
                  228
        00:13:23 --> 00:13:27
 ♪ If the man don't understand you ♪
                  229
        00:13:27 --> 00:13:30
   ♪ If you fly on separate beams ♪
                  230
        00:13:30 --> 00:13:33

♪ Waste no time, make a change 

♪

                  231
        00:13:33 --> 00:13:36
♪ Ride that man right off your range ♪
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00:13:36 --> 00:13:39
  ♪ Rub him out of the roll call ♪
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       00:13:39 --> 00:13:42
♪ And drum him out of your dreams ♪
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       00:13:42 --> 00:13:45
          [all] ♪ Oh, ho ♪
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       00:13:45 --> 00:13:48
♪ If you laugh at different comics ♪
                236
       00:13:48 --> 00:13:52
♪ If you root for different teams ♪
                237
       00:13:52 --> 00:13:55
  ♪ Waste no time, weep no more ♪
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       00:13:55 --> 00:13:58
 ♪ Show him what the door is for ♪
                239
       00:13:58 --> 00:14:01
  ♪ Rub him out of the roll call ♪
                240
       00:14:01 --> 00:14:04
♪ And drum him out of your dreams ♪
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       00:14:04 --> 00:14:07
          [all] ♪ Oh, ho ♪
                242
       00:14:07 --> 00:14:11
             ♪ Oh, ho ♪
                243
       00:14:12 --> 00:14:15
   ▶ We went and washed that man
      Right out of our hair )
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       00:14:15 --> 00:14:18
   ▶ We went and washed that man
      Right out of our hair ♪
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00:14:19 --> 00:14:21

• We went and washed that man Right out of our hair •

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00:14:21 --> 00:14:25

And sent him on his way A

247 00:14:25 --> 00:14:26 [all laughing]

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00:14:29 --> 00:14:31 -[Veronica] Care for a top-off? -Yes, please.

249 00:14:31 --> 00:14:34 Thank you, Vee.

This rum is so sweet and yummy.

250 00:14:34 --> 00:14:36

Isn't it? I'll say this about my parents.

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00:14:36 --> 00:14:39 They keep

their liquor cabinet well-stocked.

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00:14:39 --> 00:14:43

Kev, this is so much more of a kick than when you and I were going steady.

253 00:14:43 --> 00:14:44 Oh, I agree.

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00:14:45 --> 00:14:47 And speaking of dating,

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00:14:47 --> 00:14:49 how was your Halloween with Archie and Reggie?

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00:14:49 --> 00:14:51 With everything that happened, I forgot to ask.

00:14:52 --> 00:14:56
It seemed like something was percolating with Archie,

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 $00:14:56 \longrightarrow 00:15:00$  and we did kiss, but then...

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00:15:03 --> 00:15:08

I'll be honest, I thought you and Reggie
 might have made a love connection.

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00:15:10 --> 00:15:14

Well, now that we're talking about both Archie and Reggie...

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00:15:14 --> 00:15:16 Kevin, Clay.

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00:15:17 --> 00:15:20

You fellas are always

in the boys' locker room together.

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00:15:20 --> 00:15:23

Tell us, who's packing the most heat?

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00:15:23 --> 00:15:25

Veronica!

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00:15:26 --> 00:15:27

-Uh...

-Hard to tell.

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00:15:27 --> 00:15:29

Oh, come off it, we all know how it goes.

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00:15:30 --> 00:15:32

It's after gym class.

You're having a steam.

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00:15:32 --> 00:15:34

You're snapping towels.

00:15:35 --> 00:15:37
Are you seriously telling us that neither of you

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00:15:37 --> 00:15:39

has ever cast an eyeball their way?

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00:15:40 --> 00:15:42

I will say that both Archie and Reggie...

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both have a lot to be proud of.

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00:15:44 --> 00:15:47

I am not surprised.

I felt as much with Archie.

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00:15:48 --> 00:15:52

Okay. But, uh, the real story coming out of the boys' locker room...

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00:15:53 --> 00:15:55

Yes. Julian Blossom?

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00:15:55 --> 00:15:56

-No.

-Fangs Fogarty?

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00:15:57 --> 00:15:57

[both] No.

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00:15:59 --> 00:16:01

Dilton Doiley.

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00:16:02 --> 00:16:03

[both scream]

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00:16:03 --> 00:16:06

-No.

-It's always the little ones.

281

00:16:07 --> 00:16:09 Well, to Dilton Doiley.

282

00:16:09 --> 00:16:11

And all the boys of Riverdale High.

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00:16:11 --> 00:16:14 [all] To all the boys.

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00:16:16 --> 00:16:19

-[crowd cheering]

-[boisterous orchestral music playing]

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00:16:44 --> 00:16:46

[Cheryl]

Now that you've met our starting lineup,

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00:16:46 --> 00:16:49

please give a big Riverdale welcome to the man who's going to lead us

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00:16:49 --> 00:16:52

to certain victory

against the Stonewall Stallions,

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00:16:52 --> 00:16:54

and our new team captain...

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00:16:57 --> 00:16:58

Archie Andrews.

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00:16:59 --> 00:17:00

[cheering]

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00:17:07 --> 00:17:09

Are you okay, Cheryl?

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00:17:10 --> 00:17:13

I'm fine. Just doing as is demanded of me.

293

00:17:14 --> 00:17:18

Captain Andrews, will you please

say a few words to your loyal fans?

294

00:17:19 --> 00:17:21

-[boy] Yeah, take us to victory, Archie!
-[girl] All right!

295

00:17:23 --> 00:17:26

-Um... [clears throat]

-[microphone feedback whines]

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00:17:29 --> 00:17:33

Uh, the fact is,

I'm not really great with words.

297

00:17:34 --> 00:17:36

But, uh...

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00:17:36 --> 00:17:37

[microphone whines]

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00:17:45 --> 00:17:47

It was nice, what you said in the gym.

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00:17:48 --> 00:17:51

Come on, Mrs. Thornton. I was awful.

301

00:17:51 --> 00:17:54

Well, it might not have been the Gettysburg Address, but...

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00:17:55 --> 00:17:57

it's hard to speak off the cuff like that.

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00:17:57 --> 00:18:02

However, when you write,

you do so with passion,

304

00:18:02 --> 00:18:04

clarity, heart.

305

00:18:04 --> 00:18:08

Well, that's swell of you to say,

but we both know that I'm not--

306

00:18:08 --> 00:18:10 No, no. Stop right there.

307

00:18:12 --> 00:18:17
I know putting pencil to paper is not as exciting

308

 $00:18:17 \longrightarrow 00:18:21$  as being captain of a sports team, but...

309

 $00:18:22 \longrightarrow 00:18:24$  But I assure you, it can be.

310

00:18:25 --> 00:18:29

And I hope you'll think about putting as much energy into your writing

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00:18:29 --> 00:18:32 as you do into basketball someday.

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00:18:37 --> 00:18:39 Holy hell, freckles.

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00:18:39 --> 00:18:42

From what I've been hearing, you survived those crazy nuns,

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00:18:42 --> 00:18:45

took out a killer, and cleared your name.

315

00:18:45 --> 00:18:48

That's not bad for a teenybopper.

Not bad at all.

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00:18:49 --> 00:18:52

Thank you, Mr. Fieldstone. I'm really just jazzed to be back.

317

00:18:52 --> 00:18:56

Well, let's get you

drawing another story ASAP. Hmm?

318

00:18:56 --> 00:19:00

-Jughead here will write a script for you.
-Oh, golly, we'd love that.

319

00:19:02 --> 00:19:04

I am looking at the dream team.

320

00:19:04 --> 00:19:07

So pitch me. Sky's the limit. Name it.

321

00:19:07 --> 00:19:09

Anything you wanna do.

322

00:19:09 --> 00:19:13

Well, in that case, I would love to do a sequel to The Milkman Cometh story.

323

00:19:13 --> 00:19:16

I think that we could

just make something--

324

00:19:16 --> 00:19:17

Anything but that.

325

00:19:17 --> 00:19:20

Forget the milkman, the milkman is dead.

326

00:19:20 --> 00:19:22

You literally killed him. He's old news.

327

00:19:22 --> 00:19:25

Well, Ethel and I were discussing

328

00:19:25 --> 00:19:30

that The Milkman Cometh is still one of your best-selling issues of all time.

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00:19:30 --> 00:19:33

With everything that's happened, why not capitalize upon it?

00:19:33 --> 00:19:35

Because the heat's on us right now.

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00:19:36 --> 00:19:38
Everybody's talking about the latest editorial

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00:19:38 --> 00:19:39 that quack Werthers wrote.

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00:19:40 --> 00:19:41 Hell, even the AP picked it up.

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00:19:42 --> 00:19:45 We gotta be circumspect.

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 $00:19:45 \longrightarrow 00:19:47$  For a little while, at least.

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 $00:19:47 \longrightarrow 00:19:50$  So give me a story about a zombie,

337

00:19:50 --> 00:19:53

or a goblin,

anything but a milkman, capisce?

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00:19:54 --> 00:19:58

From now on,

consider me lactose intolerant.

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00:20:03 --> 00:20:05

As Coco Chanel allegedly said,

340

00:20:05 --> 00:20:10

"The best cure for a hangover is spending money on new clothes."

341

00:20:10 --> 00:20:13

It sounds better in French, but the point still stands.

00:20:14 --> 00:20:16

Are you girls

finding everything all right?

343

00:20:17 --> 00:20:20

Mrs. Andrews, these pieces are stunning.

344

00:20:20 --> 00:20:23

-Your taste is très magnifique.
-Thank you.

345

00:20:23 --> 00:20:27

Could you please have these two dresses sent over to The Pembrooke?

346

00:20:28 --> 00:20:29

Of course.

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00:20:30 --> 00:20:32

-And yours too, Betty?
-Yes, please.

348

00:20:33 --> 00:20:35

You're staying there as well?

349

00:20:36 --> 00:20:40

Yes, ma'am. But don't worry, my mother is copacetic with it.

350

00:20:44 --> 00:20:46

Copacetic.

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00:20:46 --> 00:20:48

[car engine revving]

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00:20:48 --> 00:20:50

What the hell? They've got Peppy.

353

00:20:50 --> 00:20:52

-Give our mascot back.

-Hey, simmer down, red.

00:20:53 --> 00:20:56
You'll get your chance
to win him back on the court.

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00:20:56 --> 00:20:57

Of course, Mantle there, he's a choker.

356

00:20:58 --> 00:21:00

Yeah, you put him under pressure and he cracks.

357

00:21:00 --> 00:21:03

That's how it was

when he played for us at Stonewall.

358

00:21:03 --> 00:21:07

And dollars to donuts, he's gonna fold like a sheet again this weekend.

359

00:21:09 --> 00:21:12

Shut your mouth before I give you a freaking knuckle sandwich.

360

00:21:13 --> 00:21:14

Save it for the game.

361

00:21:15 --> 00:21:18

We're real sorry to hear about Julian.

Such a tragedy.

362

00:21:19 --> 00:21:22

But, hey, you know, we were thinking of getting a wager going with you chumps.

363

00:21:23 --> 00:21:26

But Stonewall

doesn't play for food stamps.

364

00:21:38 --> 00:21:42

I know these turkeys. I played with them, so I know how to beat them.

00:21:43 --> 00:21:45 First up, Weston Wallis.

366

00:21:45 --> 00:21:48

Has legitimate skills, but can't sink a shot from outside the key.

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00:21:49 --> 00:21:51

Fangs, it's your job to keep him there.

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00:21:52 --> 00:21:54

That way,

he'll be tossing up air balls all night.

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00:21:54 --> 00:21:57

Nothing I dig more

than humiliating a rich boy.

370

00:21:58 --> 00:21:59

-Consider it done.

-Good man.

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00:21:59 --> 00:22:01

Next up, Tank.

372

00:22:02 --> 00:22:05

Looks like Boris Karloff,

but he panics when you crowd him.

373

00:22:05 --> 00:22:09

Archie, that's your target. Stay on him like the paint on the side of a barn.

374

00:22:11 --> 00:22:13

Andrews, you with us?

375

00:22:15 --> 00:22:16

He's a barn. I'm paint. Got it.

376

00:22:17 --> 00:22:18

Righteous.

377

00:22:22 --> 00:22:22 What's eating you?

378

00:22:23 --> 00:22:26

Is it because Peppy got dog-napped?

379

00:22:26 --> 00:22:29

Don't worry. We'll get him back.
Guaranteed.

380

00:22:30 --> 00:22:32

It's not that. It's...

381

00:22:35 --> 00:22:36

I feel like an imposter.

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00:22:37 --> 00:22:40

I shouldn't be the captain

of this team, Reg.

383

00:22:40 --> 00:22:41

You should be the captain.

384

00:22:42 --> 00:22:44

I mean, you're made for it.

385

00:22:44 --> 00:22:46

Heck, it's your dream.

386

00:22:47 --> 00:22:49

I don't think about that kind of stuff.

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00:22:50 --> 00:22:52

As far as dreams, I don't have any.

388

00:22:52 --> 00:22:53

I have a plan.

389

00:22:54 --> 00:22:57

To win the game this Friday night, and then the game after that.

00:22:57 --> 00:22:59

And to keep on winning until I go pro.

391

00:23:02 --> 00:23:04

You got your eyes on the prize.

392

00:23:04 --> 00:23:08

And you know what you do to get it. I wish I could say the same about myself.

393

00:23:09 --> 00:23:11

Can't you, captain?

394

00:23:18 --> 00:23:19

I play basketball...

395

00:23:20 --> 00:23:23

because it's a way for me to feel close to my dad.

396

00:23:25 --> 00:23:27

Not because it's my passion.

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00:23:27 --> 00:23:28

So, what's your passion?

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00:23:29 --> 00:23:30

Cars?

399

00:23:31 --> 00:23:31

Girls?

400

00:23:34 --> 00:23:35

You wouldn't believe it if I told you.

401

00:23:54 --> 00:23:57

Hey, we talked about this. Didn't you hear Mr. Fieldstone?

402

00:23:57 --> 00:23:59

We got an ixnay on the ilkman-may.

403 00:23:59 --> 00:24:00 I can't.

404 00:24:02 --> 00:24:04 I can't, Jughead.

405 00:24:05 --> 00:24:06 What gives?

406
00:24:08 --> 00:24:10
Is it really so important
to do another milkman story?

407
00:24:11 --> 00:24:16
You know, since this whole thing started,
no one but you has believed me.

00:24:16 --> 00:24:20 People were telling me that I was delusional,

409 00:24:20 --> 00:24:23 or that I flipped a lid, or that I killed my parents.

 $\begin{array}{c} 410 \\ 00:24:24 --> 00:24:27 \\ \text{To the point} \\ \text{where I started to doubt my sanity.} \end{array}$ 

411 00:24:27 --> 00:24:29 And now the milkman is dead.

412
00:24:34 --> 00:24:40
And everybody is still trying to tell me what happened and how it happened.

413 00:24:40 --> 00:24:42 Why? I don't know.

414 00:24:45 --> 00:24:50 But I do know that I'm so tired...

00:24:50 --> 00:24:56

of people telling me what I went through and what I experienced.

416

00:24:59 --> 00:25:01 I wanna tell my story.

417

00:25:03 --> 00:25:05

Or at least a version of it.

418

00:25:09 --> 00:25:11

Even if it's just in a comic book.

419

00:25:12 --> 00:25:15

Well, hey, that makes a lot of sense.

420

00:25:17 --> 00:25:18

And you'll draw the heck out of it.

421

00:25:21 --> 00:25:24

We just have to figure out a creative way to have our cake and eat it.

422

00:25:25 --> 00:25:27

Without a glass of milk, of course. [chuckles]

423

00:25:31 --> 00:25:35

This particular shade of pink is Grace Kelly's favorite.

424

00:25:36 --> 00:25:40

It's from the most fantabulous makeup shop on Larchmont Boulevard.

425

00:25:41 --> 00:25:44

My mom used to take me, and we'd do exactly this.

426

00:25:46 --> 00:25:48

She'd paint my nails right before bedtime.

00:25:49 --> 00:25:54

My mom stopped tucking me in after I got my gift from Mother Nature.

428

00:25:54 --> 00:25:58

She said that I was now a woman and didn't need to be coddled.

429

00:26:00 --> 00:26:01

It's funny,

430

00:26:01 --> 00:26:04

I practically ran away from home and she...

431

00:26:06 --> 00:26:08 doesn't seem to care.

432

00:26:11 --> 00:26:16

Will you look at us, 16 years old, living without our mothers.

433

00:26:17 --> 00:26:18

Effectively orphans.

434

00:26:20 --> 00:26:24

-Can I tell you something, Vee?
-Of course, Bee. Anything.

435

00:26:24 --> 00:26:27

I feel so different

from everyone else in my family.

436

00:26:27 --> 00:26:30

Sometimes I wonder if I was adopted.

437

00:26:31 --> 00:26:36

-Is it just you and your parents?
-I have an older sister, Polly.

438

00:26:36 --> 00:26:39

She left Riverdale as soon as she turned 18.

439

00:26:39 --> 00:26:42 Do you ever talk

to her about how you feel?

440

00:26:42 --> 00:26:44 She's so busy.

441

00:26:45 --> 00:26:46 Well, if you were adopted,

442

 $00:26:46 \longrightarrow 00:26:49$  your family is the luckiest on earth.

443

00:26:49 --> 00:26:52
Because you, Betty Cooper, are aces.

444

00:26:54 --> 00:26:56

Not to mention beautiful to boot.

445

00:26:57 --> 00:27:02

You know, if we're divulging our deepest, darkest secrets,

446

00:27:02 --> 00:27:05

I've always had

this paralyzing fear that...

447

00:27:06 --> 00:27:08

That I was a mistake.

448

00:27:10 --> 00:27:11

Unplanned.

449

00:27:12 --> 00:27:15

And that my mother and father never stopped resenting me for that.

450

00:27:16 --> 00:27:18

I mean, they were fine having me around

00:27:18 --> 00:27:21

when I was a little doll

they could dress up however they wanted.

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00:27:21 --> 00:27:25

But when I finally became old enough to have my own mind,

453

00:27:25 --> 00:27:26

with my own thoughts...

454

00:27:28 --> 00:27:29

it was, "Bye-bye, Veronica."

455

00:27:32 --> 00:27:33

Let's make a pact.

456

00:27:35 --> 00:27:38

To never grow up

to be anything like our parents.

457

00:27:43 --> 00:27:46

You know who I do think

are a happy and healthy couple?

458

00:27:47 --> 00:27:49

-Kevin and Clay.

-Ah.

459

00:27:50 --> 00:27:54

Aren't they the dreamiest?

I'm so happy for them.

460

00:27:54 --> 00:27:55

Me too.

461

00:27:57 --> 00:27:59

I'm also slightly jealous.

462

00:28:01 --> 00:28:02

On some level,

00:28:03 --> 00:28:07

it must be easier for two boys to date than a boy and a girl.

464

00:28:09 --> 00:28:12

None of that

battle-of-the-sexes stuff to navigate.

465

00:28:12 --> 00:28:17

Fun fact, I read

in Dr. Kingsley's book that 81% of girls

466

00:28:17 --> 00:28:20

experiment with other girls before they turn 18.

467

00:28:22 --> 00:28:23

Isn't that shocking?

468

00:28:23 --> 00:28:25

Sounds about right to me.

469

00:28:25 --> 00:28:28

I mean, I've kissed a girl before.

470

00:28:29 --> 00:28:33

I won't say who, but you would know her.

471

00:28:34 --> 00:28:36

Oh, my gosh.

472

00:28:36 --> 00:28:37

Have you ever?

473

00:28:41 --> 00:28:42

No, I haven't.

474

00:28:45 --> 00:28:47

But I've thought about it.

475

00:28:47 --> 00:28:49 It's only natural.

476 00:28:51 --> 00:28:51 With whom?

477 00:28:53 --> 00:28:54 With you.

478
00:28:56 --> 00:28:58
Is it okay that I said that?

479 00:28:58 --> 00:29:00 I'm glad you did.

480 00:29:03 --> 00:29:06 Do you...? Do you wanna try it?

> 481 00:29:09 --> 00:29:10 Me too.

482 00:29:10 --> 00:29:12 [whimsical music playing]

483 00:29:24 --> 00:29:26 -[knock on door] -Miss Veronica, we're coming in.

> 484 00:29:28 --> 00:29:28 Smithers.

485 00:29:29 --> 00:29:31 I stand corrected, Mrs. Andrews.

486 00:29:32 --> 00:29:34 You were right about the squatters.

48/ 00:29:34 --> 00:29:36 A mother's intuition always is.

> 488 00:29:37 --> 00:29:40

Okay, girls, you need to tell me everything.

489 00:29:44 --> 00:29:45 Julian.

490

00:29:46 --> 00:29:49
I know we don't always get along, but...

491 00:29:51 --> 00:29:52 I love you.

492 00:29:55 --> 00:30:00 Call me crazy, but I miss your grating voice.

493 00:30:00 --> 00:30:03 I miss your horsey laugh.

494 00:30:04 --> 00:30:05 [sobbing] Brother, dear.

495 00:30:06 --> 00:30:08 Please come back to me.

496 00:30:09 --> 00:30:14 If not for your own sake, then for mine.

> 497 00:30:16 --> 00:30:17 I beg of you.

498 00:30:17 --> 00:30:21 Oh, geez, would you stop it with the waterworks, sis?

499 00:30:21 --> 00:30:23 You're embarrassing both of us.

> 500 00:30:23 --> 00:30:24 Julian.

> > 501

00:30:24 --> 00:30:27
You told a guy in a coma
he has a horsey laugh?

502

00:30:28 --> 00:30:30 I'm gonna remember that.

503

00:30:34 --> 00:30:35 Alice told you what?

504

00:30:36 --> 00:30:38
"I'm not your mother anymore."

505

00:30:39 --> 00:30:40 Unspeakable.

506

 $00:30:40 \longrightarrow 00:30:43$  A mother disowning her own child.

507

00:30:44 --> 00:30:47

And, Veronica, your parents evicted you?

508

00:30:48 --> 00:30:51 Via telegram, via Smithers.

509

00:30:52 --> 00:30:56

You poor things.

I knew something was wrong.

510

00:30:57 --> 00:31:00

But don't worry,

I'm going to fix everything.

511

00:31:01 --> 00:31:04

[Featherhead] Are we worried the Mantles may try to take legal action against us

512

00:31:05 --> 00:31:06 or the school board?

513

00:31:06 --> 00:31:08

[Clifford] Oh, don't be daffy, man.

00:31:08 --> 00:31:11

They'd never find a lawyer to represent them in a case like that.

515

00:31:11 --> 00:31:13

Even if they did, they couldn't afford it.

516

00:31:13 --> 00:31:16

-[Featherhead] You're right, Mr. Mayor. -[Clifford] Yeah, well, in any case,

517

00:31:16 --> 00:31:19

uh, tell me a little bit more
about the Mantle boy's replacement.

518

00:31:20 --> 00:31:24

Difficult keeping it hush-hush, Mr. Mayor, but we just finalized the papers.

519

00:31:24 --> 00:31:27

Your new ringer from Boston, K.O. Kelly,

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00:31:27 --> 00:31:30

will transfer to Riverdale High as soon as next week.

521

00:31:30 --> 00:31:32

Once Mantle gets us

that win against Stonewall,

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00:31:32 --> 00:31:36

we'll just swap him out for a normal, red-blooded American lad.

523

00:31:36 --> 00:31:37

A real one.

524

00:31:37 --> 00:31:40

One that's just as good a player, but more like us.

525

00:31:40 --> 00:31:43
I will send that Mantle packing.

526
00:31:45 --> 00:31:48
Of all the no-good,
rotten things in this world.

527 00:31:49 --> 00:31:51 What kind of mother disowns their own child?

528
00:31:51 --> 00:31:55
When you have a child, do you know what your middle name becomes?

529 00:31:55 --> 00:31:57 Sacrifice.

00:31:57 --> 00:32:01

I mean, we mothers were put
on this planet to nurture our children.

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531 00:32:02 --> 00:32:04 And here I thought Penelope Blossom was bad.

532
00:32:04 --> 00:32:09
You can bet your bottom dollar
I said the same thing to Hermione Lodge.

533
00:32:09 --> 00:32:11
That you should both
do everything in your power

534
00:32:11 --> 00:32:15
to right these horrific wrongs
and to regain your moral footing.

535 00:32:16 --> 00:32:20 And you had best pray that you can repair the damage that you've done.

> 536 00:32:22 --> 00:32:23

Here you go, sweetie.

537

00:32:24 --> 00:32:27

Oh, so am I your daughter again?

538

00:32:27 --> 00:32:30

Of course. You and Ethel are.

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00:32:37 --> 00:32:38

[Cheryl] Archie.

540

00:32:40 --> 00:32:43

Cheryl, I heard the good word from the bird about Julian.

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00:32:44 --> 00:32:46

It is truly a miracle.

542

00:32:46 --> 00:32:48

But I need to talk to you about something else,

543

00:32:48 --> 00:32:53

namely Reggie

and my father's nefarious plans for him.

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00:32:54 --> 00:32:56

[Reggie] They're planning what?

545

00:32:59 --> 00:33:02

After we play Stonewall,

Clifford Blossom is gonna cut you

546

00:33:02 --> 00:33:06

and bring in some goofball ringer
from Boston named K.O. Kelly.

547

00:33:06 --> 00:33:08

How much you wanna wager

548

00:33:08 --> 00:33:10

the new ringer

is a few shades lighter than me?

549

00:33:13 --> 00:33:16

Look, I'm in knots about this, Reg. What do you wanna do?

550

00:33:17 --> 00:33:19

I wanna finish

what I was brought here to do.

551

00:33:19 --> 00:33:23

I wanna lead the Bulldogs

to their first championship in a decade.

552

00:33:25 --> 00:33:28

-And I wanna do it as captain.
-That's what I want too.

553

00:33:28 --> 00:33:31

Same with all the guys on the team.

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00:33:31 --> 00:33:33

So let's see

if we can make it happen for you.

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00:33:40 --> 00:33:43

What do you think, Mr. Fieldstone? It's not about a milkman.

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00:33:43 --> 00:33:44

It's about a mailman.

557

00:33:44 --> 00:33:46

-In case that wasn't obvious enough.

-Hmm.

558

00:33:46 --> 00:33:48

It's subversive.

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00:33:50 --> 00:33:53

But, uh, it's kind of cheeky, and I like that.

00:33:53 --> 00:33:55

Says something without being ham-fisted.

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00:33:55 --> 00:33:56

It's...

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00:33:57 --> 00:33:59

Well, I don't know

how to tell you this, but, uh...

563

00:34:01 --> 00:34:02

I think it's brilliant.

564

00:34:03 --> 00:34:05

Oh, gee. Thanks, Mr. Fieldstone.

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-We tried other things.

-We just kept circling back to, uh...

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The mailman. Yeah, I get it.

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But Werthers and the powers that be will not be as tickled as I am.

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If we publish this, it's gonna thicken the storm that's coming.

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And believe me,

a storm is coming like the wrath of God.

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A storm is coming.

00:34:26 --> 00:34:29 Well, the way I see it is we have two options.

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We either bury our heads in the sand and pray the storm will pass over us-

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But like you,

I don't really see that happening.

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--or, we run headlong into the thunder and thumb our noses at it.

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Jughead, you are wise beyond your years.

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-You know that?

-Shucks.

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What do you think, girl genius?

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I vote we thicken this milkshake.

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Ah, to hell with it.

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I've always been a

"thumb my nose at the world" kind of guy.

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Bernie, call up the printer.

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We got a comic book to publish.

00:35:05 --> 00:35:08 Shouldn't you be resting up before the big game, boys?

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00:35:08 --> 00:35:10 I want you at your best.

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We know what you have planned, sir.

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We're here to give it to you straight.

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We're not letting you replace Reggie with another player.

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I'm turning over my captainship to him.
It's what he deserves.

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You don't have the authority, Andrews.

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Not even your uncle does. Only I do.

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Well, in that case,

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if you don't make Reggie captain for the rest of the season, then I walk.

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Me too.

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And if Archie and Reggie walk, we all walk.

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00:35:39 --> 00:35:40 We're a team.

597 00:35:40 --> 00:35:41 We stand together.

598 00:35:41 --> 00:35:44 -[boy 1] We're in this together. -[boy 2] We all go.

 $$599$ \\ 00:35:44 \longrightarrow 00:35:46$  I'm guessing it'd be pretty embarrassing

600 00:35:46 --> 00:35:49 for the mayor of Riverdale to derail a championship season

> 601 00:35:49 --> 00:35:51 out of, what, spite?

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Let me make one thing abundantly clear to you boys.

603 00:35:56 --> 00:36:02 I do not take kindly to threats.

604 00:36:02 --> 00:36:04 This isn't a threat, Mr. Mayor.

605 00:36:05 --> 00:36:07 Just laying out your options.

606 00:36:10 --> 00:36:12 So, what will it be, sir?

607 00:36:27 --> 00:36:29 [phone rings]

608 00:36:30 --> 00:36:31 -Hello? -Phew.

00:36:32 --> 00:36:36
It's you. I was so worried
your mom was gonna pick up.

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00:36:36 --> 00:36:40 Veronica, that is so strange. I was just about to call you.

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Well, I was only calling to say good night and that... I miss you.

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00:36:51 --> 00:36:52
Great minds.

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00:36:55 --> 00:36:57 I love you, Bee.

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00:36:59 --> 00:37:00 I love you too, Vee.

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00:37:05 --> 00:37:09
Say, were you gonna go
to the big game tomorrow...

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00:37:10 --> 00:37:11 against Stonewall?

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I almost forgot. I guess I am. You?

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00:37:15 --> 00:37:16 I suppose so.

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00:37:17 --> 00:37:18
You wanna sit together?

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That way you can explain all the esoteric rules to me.

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The few I picked up as a River Vixen.

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Fab.

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What should we wear, do you think?

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Before we head out, is there anything you'd like to say, captain?

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Just thank you. I know the only reason Mayor Blossom rubber stamped me

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is because the way

you fellas supported me.

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No one's ever done that for me before.

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Also,

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um...

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my folks made the trip from Duck Creek.

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To watch my first game as captain.

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So...

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-Let's win this for Reggie's folks.
-That's right.

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00:38:22 --> 00:38:23 And for Peppy!

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-[all] For Peppy! -[all barking]

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Hey.

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-Don't even give them a second to breathe.
-Count on that.

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[crowd cheering]

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[dramatic music playing]

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led by Team Captain Reggie Mantle, dominated the Stonewall Stallions,

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who broke school records in points, rebounds, and assists.

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Indeed, all the Bulldogs

treated friends, family, and neighbors

00:39:34 --> 00:39:36 to a night they won't soon forget.

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Playing bravely

in honor of their teammate Julian Blossom,

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who, as we understand it, is on the mend.

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While proving beyond any shadow of a doubt that this was the team,

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led by Mantle the Magnificent,

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that could take Riverdale

all the way to the state championship.

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At the final buzzer,

in a show of good sportsmanship,

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the defeated Stallions shook hands with their victors at center court

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before returning the statue of Riverdale's beloved mascot, Peppy.

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So how's it feel?

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MVP and record-breaker?

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I'm not gonna lie,

I'm happy my parents got to see me win.

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They were so proud of you, Reg. They were on cloud nine.

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00:40:19 --> 00:40:20 You earned it.

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Which is why I, uh...

I wanted to give you something.

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Your dad's captain patch?

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Archie, I can't.

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I want you to, Reg.

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It would mean a lot to me, and to him.

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I'll honor him, I promise.

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And then I'll give it back to you at the end of the season.

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So you, uh, sticking around

on the team or what?

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Well, I guess. Maybe for a little while.

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I gotta watch your back.

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What about writing poems?

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That's what you love to do, right?

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That's your passion, isn't it?

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Maybe.

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I don't know.

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I'm not sure the world's ready for Archie Andrews, beatnik poet.

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Maybe.

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Eh, maybe not.

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[Jughead] For a brief moment, they were two teenage boys...

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friends, practically brothers,

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on the cusp of pursuing

very different dreams,

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unaware that a storm was coming, as Mr. Fieldstone said.

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-[thunder crashing]

-Like the wrath of God, it was coming.

682 00:41:55 --> 00:41:57 And that all of us would be smashed to pieces by it.

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