

ABBOTT ELEMENTARY

Back-to-School Night

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INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

ANGLE ON: B-ROLL OF BUSES LEAVING SCHOOL.

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE

Hey, good evening, flocks, and we're back! Well, it's after school, but we're back! Tonight is Back-to-School night, and I'm excited! This summer was a little rough for me. After my breakup with Tariq and him surprisingly blowing up on TikTok, he is now dating Ariana Grande. I have been struggling to get back on the dating scene. I even change up my look. Don't you Like my new dress?

Ava walks into camera.

AVA

Didn't you wear that all last year?

JANINE

No, this is from the fall edition.

AVA

You got that right!

Janine looks back at the camera with a sad face.

JANINE

Like I was saying, it's been rough!

CUT TO:

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - MOMENTS LATER

Janine enters the teacher lounge, where Jacob, Barbara, Melissa, and Gregory are located.

JANINE

Hey, are you guys excited for the Back-to-School night?

Janine poses, hoping someone would notice her new dress. No one does.

JACOB  
 ...I'm excited! I can't wait to win  
 the best back-to-school room of the  
 year.

MELISSA  
 Slow your road there, sparky!  
 Usually, Barb or I win that award.

JANINE  
 Well I won last year.

MELISSA  
 ...YEAH! That's because one of your  
 kids got me sick that year, and I  
 had to go home!

BARBARA  
 And I had to leave early to bring  
 her some soup!

JANINE  
 (Under her breath)  
 I still won.

Janine smirk at the camera. Melissa silently stares at  
 Janine. Janine sees Melissa.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
*Sorry.*

Jacob points at Gregory.

JACOB  
 Gregory is eating a jelly donut.

Everyone Looks at Gregory eating a donut.

Gregory looks at Jacob. Jacob shrug both to Gregory and back  
 to the camera.

GREGORY  
 Yeah, I'm eating a Jelly donut,  
 (Annoyed voice)  
 Taylor is having me try new things.

JACOB  
 I've never seen you eat one before!  
 Not even a regular donut. You do  
 know how messy those things can  
 get, right?

Gregory looks at Jacob with a blank face and eats the donut.

JANINE

Uh I didn't know you and Barbara's daughter we're still dating.

GREGORY

Yeah, we made it exclusive last week.

JANINE

And you're okay with this Ms. Howard?

BARBARA

Why wouldn't I be Janine?

JANINE

No reasoning.

Melissa grins at the camera.

MELISSA

So when was the last time you talked to your ex Janine? It seems like he is doing pretty well for himself.

Janine heads to the sink to watch her hands behind Gregory.

MELISSA (CONT'D)

Isn't he dating Ariana Grande? My kids love their music. I heard the song they put out together...It's pretty catchy!

Barbara shakes her head playful while Melissa starts singing the song.

GREGORY

Ooh! Taylor really likes that song.

Janine "accidentally" bumps into Gregory when try to get away from the sink. Gregory spills jelly donut on his pants.

JANINE

Oh my gosh! I'm so sorry Gregory.

GREGORY

It's fine I'll just clean it off.

JACOB

Is that Jelly Donuts from the corner store? Those don't come off, man.

GREGORY  
Well, we will see today.

Gregory pulls out a stain remover from his pocket.

JACOB  
Alright! You'll might make it  
worst!

Jacob looks at the camera with a worried face.

MELISSA  
(to Janine)  
You know I was just playing with  
you right.

JANINE  
Yeah I know! I guess it still...

GREGORY  
Alright! I think I got it, How does  
it look.

Gregory turns around to show them his stain pants, all jaws  
drop, with Barbara covering her eyes.

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

JACOB/MELISSA/JANINE TALKING HEADS

JANINE  
WOW!

MELISSA  
Holy \*\*\*\*, did you see the size of  
that thing? It's ok! There are no  
kids around; I can curse.

JACOB  
I don't want to be that person  
but...

Jacob whispers to the camera.

JACOB (CONT'D)  
Called it!

AS WE WERE

GREGORY  
Is it that bad?

JANINE

You'll might want to cover all that  
up before back-to-school starts.

BARBARA

Young man I can see everything.

JACOB

We sure can!

MELISSA

We sure can!

Both Melissa and Jacob look at each other with  
acknowledgment.

JACOB

Jinks...

Jacob hits the table.

JACOB (CONT'D)

You own me a soda!

MELISSA

You ruin it!

Jacob looks at the camera with disappointment.

Gregory covers himself up quickly.

MELISSA (CONT'D)

I can still see it.

JANINE

Me too!

JACOB

Me three!

Ava walks into the lounge

AVA

What are all of ya'll looking at?

Are ya'll looking at me!

Ava smiles at the camera.

Jacob points to Georgy's stain; Georgy looks at Jacob, and  
Jacob again innocently shrugs towards Georgy. Ava takes a  
look.

AVA (CONT'D)

Gawd damn!

GREGORY TALKING HEAD

GREGORY  
This is a problem!

INT. AVA'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Ava while sitting in her chair, makes Gregory stand up for the entire time.

GREGORY  
Do you mind if I sit down.

AVA  
You can stand.

Gregory looks towards camera. Ava smiles back at camera.

AVA (CONT'D)  
Look! You need to take care of that problem before back-to-school starts.

(To camera)  
Which I'm doing by the way, DJ-A.V.A is back baby!...

(To Gregory)  
But seriously you got until 6 to fix it.

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Amber and her son Joel, one of Gregory's student Parents, showed up early to back to school night and headed straight to Georgy's class.

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - AFTERNOON

Gregory is still trying to take the stain out of his pants before Back-to-School starts. Amber walks in with her son and sees his print stain. Amber closer Joel's eyes.

AMBER  
Damn tech! You could think of warming a parent first!..my kid is here!  
(Flirty)  
Although I am glad, I came early just to see that, but still, let us save all that energy for another night.

Gregory looks at camera. Gregory then see Mr. Johnson walk by.

GREGORY  
 (To Amber)  
 ...Please take a seat, and I'll be  
 right back.

Gregory hurries toward Mr. Johnson, catching him in this  
 janitor's office.

INT. MR. JOHNSON JANITOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

GREGORY  
 Hey, Mr. Johnson you think you can  
 help me out really quick.

MR. JOHNSON  
 Sure, what you need son!

GREGORY  
 It's my pants.

MR. JOHNSON  
 Alright, Let's take a look.

Gregory shows him the stain. Mr. Johnson till his glasses.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
 I've seen bigger.

Mr. Johnson laughs. Gregory looks at camera.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
 Alright, give me 10 minutes, I  
 should be able to get it out.

GREGORY  
 Thanks Mr. Johnson, I really  
 appreciate this.

MR. JOHNSON  
 In the meantime, you can wear  
 this...

Mr. Johnson digs in this closet for pants. He pulls out an  
 old used up wore out Janitor uniform that smells awful.

GREGORY  
 What are you doing!...And what's  
 that smell!

MR. JOHNSON  
 Awwh...Here you go.

Mr. Johnson hands him his old uniform.



MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
It's my old uniform from back in  
the day...You know, I used to be  
just about your height and size  
before age caught up to me. Here  
you go...You can borrow it for the  
time being.

Gregory covering his Noshie, taking the uniform.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
Be careful with it, though! It  
means a lot to me... I clean a lot  
of messes in that uniform.

Gregory takes a sniff of the uniform.

GREGORY  
It smells like it...Why have you  
never watch it.

MR. JOHNSON  
What for, it's just going to get  
messy again.

Mr. Johnson laughs.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
Plus, the school can't afford new  
uniforms.

Mr. Johnson points to the uniform he's wearing.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
I had to save up for this  
one...myself.

GREGORY  
(disgusted)  
Well thanks! How thoughtful.

MR. JOHNSON  
No problem young fella.

Gregory heads to Barbara's Classroom.

INT. BARBARA'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Barbara and Melissa are going over Back-to-School Night.  
Barbara's room is decorated with flowers that smell amazing.

BARBARA  
You smell that!...It smells like  
victory in here.

MELISSA  
Really! It makes me want to sneeze  
in here.

Barbara playfully hits Melissa in the arm. Melissa Laughs.  
They start murmuring about parents. Gregory comes in.

GREGORY  
Hey Barbara can I get some ideas...

BARBARA  
Jesus Christ what's that smell!

GREGORY  
(annoyed)  
It's me!

MELISSA  
Why are you wearing a funky old  
Janitor Uniform?

GREGORY  
Mr. Johnson is helping me take out  
the Jelly stain in my pants.

BARBARA  
Well, you smell awful, son. I'm  
calling my husband Gerald and see  
if he can bring you extra pants on  
his way here.

Barbara gets on the phone with her husband.

MELISSA  
And I'll see if I can put in favor  
to bring you some pants just in  
case Mr. Johnson can't get the  
stain out and Barbara's husband's  
pants don't fit.

BARBARA  
It'll fit; they're practically the  
same size; well, maybe you're  
right; Gerald is bigger-

Barbara smile and winks at the camera.

Gregory looks at the camera.

BARBARA (CONT'D)  
 Alright, son! You got to go! You're  
 stinking up the place. How am I  
 supposed to win Back-to-school  
 night, room of the year? If you're  
 making my room smell like that.

Gregory heads out the room. Barbara and Melissa continue the conversation.

MELISSA  
 Hey! What If I win it this year.

BARBARA  
 Is the AC still broken in your  
 room?

MELISSA TALKING HEAD

MELISSA  
 I put in an order to Ava to get my  
 AC fix again...Still nothing!

AS WE WERE

MELISSA (CONT'D)  
 Guess I'll put in favors for fans  
 also.

Melissa looking at the camera while heading out.

CUT TO:

INT. JANINE'S CLASSROOM - AFTERNOON

Janine and Jacob, our also disusing Back-to-School.

JANINE  
 So how do you like my new dress.

JACOB  
 That's new?...I swear I thought I  
 saw you wear that all last year.

JANINE  
 It's from the fall edition!

Gregory walks in.

GREGORY  
 Hey you guys can ya'll please help  
 me...

JANINE  
Good lord what's that smell?

GREGORY  
(Quickly)  
It's me!

JACOB  
(Eating something)  
Why are you wearing a Janitor's  
uniform?

GREGORY  
(Quickly)  
Ok we're not doing this again.

Jacob looks confused at the camera. Gregory tries to walk  
closer.

JANINE  
No you're good right there.

Gregory stays put.

GREGORY  
Look- I was hoping to get some  
help...I guess...in...spicing up my  
classroom for Back-to-School Night.

JANINE  
Oh wow, I wouldn't have taken you  
for a guy who would've been into  
this kind of stuff...what got you  
wanting to be part of teacher  
activates

Janine quickly glances towards camera

GREGORY  
Taylor...she suggest I try new  
things to help better connect with  
others.

Janine stares at camera.

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE  
(In denial)  
I like Taylor! Taylor great!

AS WE WERE

JANINE (CONT'D)

That's good to hear.

GREGORY

Yeah, she'll be coming by soon to spend time with Barbara and me for Back-to-School night.

JANINE

How about you tell her to swing by with pants while she at it!

GREGORY

Yeah you're right, appreciate that Janine.

Janine looks at camera. Gregory leaves the room to make a phone call.

JACOB

You ok! You seem not yourself lately.

JANINE

I don't know it's just...

GREGORY

She didn't answer, so I sent her a text. Do you think you guys can help with my classroom real quick?

JANINE

I'm sorry, I can't being near you, it's too unbearable!

JACOB

(eating)

I'll lose my appetite if I help, and I'm really hunger.

JANINE

Why are you in a Janitor's uniform?

GREGORY

It's an old pair from Mr. Johnson. He let me borrow it while he works on removing the stain off my pants.

JACOB

That thing was huge!

GREGORY

Thank you...I mean no!

JACOB

The stain wasn't as big as mines  
though.

Gregory looks at the camera.

JACOB (CONT'D)

When I first got a jelly donut from  
the corner store, it was delicious,  
but one of my students thought it  
would be a great idea to prank  
their teacher on the *first* day of  
school...I lost my favorite pants  
that day.

JANINE

Ohhh! I remember that! That's when  
Darius took one of your jelly  
donuts and put it under your seat  
when you weren't looking. That kid  
was terrible, but that prank was  
hilarious!

Janine starts laughing but clears her throat when Jacob  
doesn't find it amusing.

JACOB

I never ate a jelly donut at school  
ever again.

GREGORY

Yeahhh, well that's all good! I'm  
going to go check on my pants now.  
He said he'll be done in about 10  
min.

Gregory heads out the classroom.

JACOB

(Yelling)

I'm telling you man, that stain  
don't come out.

INT. MR. JOHNSON JANITOR'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

We see Mr. Johnson still working on the pants when Gregory  
shows up.

GREGORY

Hey how's it coming Mr. Johnson,  
you all done.

MR. JOHNSON  
This stain is trickier than I  
thought, how did you stain it?

GREGORY  
I was eating a jelly donut when I  
spilled some of it on my pants.

MR. JOHNSON  
Jelly donut!...from where?

GREGORY  
The corner store.

MR. JOHNSON  
Uh oh!...this one is going to be  
complicated. I need some more time  
on this one. Corner store jelly  
stains have been one of the few  
messes I haven't been able to clean  
yet!...

Mr. Johnson shakes his head.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)  
You just *had* to get a Jelly donut!

GREGORY  
My girlfriend wanted me to try new  
things!

MR. JOHNSON  
You can try some new pants for  
tonight! Because this is going to  
be a while.

GREGORY  
Where am I going to get new pants  
right now? The closest store is  
about to close in 5 minutes, and  
Back School is about to start soon.

MR. JOHNSON  
Try looking in the lost and found  
for some pants.

GREGORY  
Why will there be a grown man pants  
in the lost and found.

MR. JOHNSON  
You'll be surprise what people lose  
around this school.

GREGORY  
Yeahhh! I'm not doing that.

MR. JOHNSON  
Alright! suit yourself, but I will  
be needing my uniform back before  
the end of night.

GREGORY  
Got it!

INT. BARBARA'S CLASSROOM - EVENING

Barbara's Husband Gerald walks into class with pants in his  
hands.

GERALD  
Hey Baby!

Gerald kisses Barbara.

BARBARA  
Hey Baby!

GERALD  
Hey, has Taylor showed up yet!

BARBARA  
Not yet but she'll be here soon,  
did you bring the pants?

GERALD  
Yeah, but why do you need them?

Gregory walks into the classroom to see if they have any  
pants.

GREGORY  
Hey Ms. Howard...Oh!...hey, how are  
you doing, sir? Sorry, Ms.Howard, I  
didn't know you were with a parent;  
I can come by later.

Barbara introduces her Husband to Gregory.

BARBARA  
No it's fine son, this is my  
Husband Gerald, Gerald his is Mr.  
Eddie...Taylors's now Boyfriend.

GREGORY  
It's nice to meet you sir! You can  
call me Gregory by the way.  
(MORE)



GREGORY (CONT'D)  
(going for a handshake)

GERALD  
(to Barbara)  
I thought you said she was dating  
one of the teachers here...not the  
janitor.  
(to Gregory)  
And why do you smell like that  
young man.

BARBARA  
And that where the pants comes in.

Barbara gives Gregory the pants and tells him to change.

BARBARA (CONT'D)  
Here, take his! And son don't ever  
come back in here smelling like  
that again!

Gregory take the pants and change. We stay with Gerald and  
Barbara.

GERALD  
That's who she dating!

BARBARA  
Be nice. She might really like him.

Janine walks in to check out the competition.

JANINE  
Hey Ms. Howard, just coming around  
to check out the competition...Oh!  
Hi sir, I'm Ms. Teagues.

BARBARA  
Hey Janine, this is my Husband,  
Gerald.

GERALD  
So you're Janine.

JANINE  
(super happy)  
Well yes I'm! Does Barbara talk  
about me?

Barbara gives Gerald a worried look. Gerald gets the signal.

GERALD

All the time... she said you're like a second daughter to her...and that she loves having you around as much as possible.

JANINE

(to Barbara)

Really!

BARBARA

Absolutely not, his man is lying to you.

GERALD

Don't mind her! She just afraid to get attach.

Barbara moves towards her Husband Gerald.

BARBARA

(whispering)

You are an evil man evil, evil man!

Gerald kiss Barbara on the cheek. They both playful banter.

GERALD

You said yes!

BARBARA

I hate you so much right now!

GERALD

Till death do us apart!

BARBARA

Be careful that might happen sooner than you think.

GERALD

I'll died a happy man!

Both laugh in a loving way.

JANINE

Awww. I want that! I thought me and Tariq would have that but whatever?

BARBARA

Janine!.. do you want to talk?

JANINE

No, I'm fine...It's just that...

Gerogry walks into the classroom to present the pants.

GREGORY  
Yeaaa! I don't think this pants is  
going to work.

GERALD  
Yeah, I'm pretty big.

BARBARA  
(wispers)  
You sure are daddy!

Both Gregory and Janine awkwardly look at each other and  
then towards the camera.

JANINE  
Well, I'm go beacuse...Yeah

Janine heads out.

GREGORY  
I appreciate you guys trying to  
help, But I think I'm just put back  
on the uniform.

BARBARA  
No!...I don't think our noise can  
take anymore of that... try going  
to Melissa, see if she was able to  
pull that favor.

GREGORY  
I'll go do that  
(while Gregory heads out)

GERALD  
Hey Son, make sure you give me back  
my pants.

GREGORY  
Will do!

INT. MELISSA'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Gregory walks into Melissa's classroom.

GREGORY  
Hey, Ms. Chemmenti were you still  
able to pull that favor.

MELISSA  
I was, but all they had was skinny  
pants. You can see if it fits...

GREGORY

Why not!

INT. OUTSIDE THE BATHROOM HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Melissa waiting for Gregory to come out with the new pants.

MELISSA

Hurry up in their Back-to-School  
will start soon.

Georgy comes out with the tight pants.

MELISSA (CONT'D)

Have Macey! It's even bigger in  
this one!

Amber comes to take Joel to the bathroom and see Gregory's  
print.

AMBER

Word Tech!

Amber close Joel's eyes.

AMBER (CONT'D)

I can't be having you have your  
whole package all out in my kid's  
face like dat...

(demanding tone)

Now, unless it's in front of my  
face, I need you to put that away,  
sir!

Melissa looks at camera. While Amber takes her son to the  
bathroom.

GREGORY TALKING HEAD

Gregory back in the Janitor's uniform.

GREGORY

I might be in trouble.

Ava coming out her office in Gregory's Talking Head shot.

AVA

Damn who died in here? Can someone  
open up some windows! Damn! Did  
Janine have tacos for lunch again?

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Gregory looks in the Lost and found for pants. Janine comes by to help.

JANINE  
Need any help.

Gregory stops what he's doing to answer.

GREGORY  
I thought you said I'm was  
unbearable.

JANINE  
You are,...but seem like you really  
need some help.

GREGORY  
I do.

Janine start digging in the Lost and found with Gregory.

JANINE  
I'm sorry I made you spill donut on  
yourself.

GREGORY  
It's fine, I should never try to  
eat it in the first place, that's  
not me.

JANINE  
Well I'm still glad you're trying  
new things...like school activates,  
give us time to hangout more.

GREGORY  
I'll like that.

Janine and Gregory lovely stare at each other before going back to looking for pants. Janine finds some pants.

JANINE  
OMG! I found some pants.

GREGORY  
Wait really!

JANINE  
Yeah!

Gregory hugs Janine. The hug last longer than expected.

GREGORY  
Thanks Janine.

JANINE  
No problem!...You know! You kind of  
get use to the smell.

Gregory stops hugging her.

GREGORY  
I'm sorry.

Janine smiles at camera.

Gregory checks the pants and sees it has a jelly stain donut  
on the back of it.

GREGORY (CONT'D)  
No wonder this was in the lost and  
found.

JANINE  
Darn it! I though we fix the  
problem.

GREGORY  
(concern)  
You doing, ok?

JANINE  
I don't know, I think...

Taylor walks in with pants in hand.

TAYLOR  
Hey baby! I got your text...Do  
y'all smell that?

Janine looks at camera.

GREGORY  
It's me.

Taylor hands Gregory pants.

The "DING" of the loudspeaker sound goes off.

AVA (O.S.)  
(DJ Background Music)  
IT'S DJ A.V.A., and I'm here to  
tell you that Back-to-School night  
is ABOUT TO BEGIN!...  
(MORE)

AVA (CONT'D)  
 (serious)  
 And Mr. Eddie, come see me in my  
 office.

GREGORY TALKING HEAD

GREGORY  
 Today was a pretty interesting one.  
 Gregory changing his pants.

GREGORY (CONT'D)  
 My First Back-to-School here wasn't  
 as bad as I thought.  
 Gregory Giving the Uniform back to Mr. Johnson.  
 The Staff pre-party with kids' drinks and candy.  
 Gregory and Janine decorate Gregory's classroom. Taylor  
 Helps.

GREGORY (CONT'D)  
 I just got done talking to Ava.  
 Gregory talking to Ava in her Office.

GREGORY (CONT'D)  
 She just told me, "damn, I should  
 have taken a pic before you changed  
 your pants!"...Still are principal,  
 ya'll!  
 DJ A.V.A on loudspeaker DJing.

AVA (O.S.)  
 (DJ voice)  
 BACK-TO-SCHOOL STARTS RIGHT NOWWW!

ANGLE ON: B-ROLL OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS COMING INTO SCHOOL.

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE  
 Back-to-school night is going  
 really well!  
 Teacher talking to Parents and Student, having a good night.

JANINE (CONT'D)

There was a big turnout this year, surprisingly. Last year I only got to talk to 5 parents...I had 25 kids in my class.

A crowd of mothers with Amber gossiping about Gregory.

JANINE (CONT'D)

I'm not sure what got all of these parents to come out but I'm sure glad they did.

Students, Parents, and Teacher Mingling and saying their goodnights.

JANINE (CONT'D)

Oh! Who won the Back-to-school Room of the Year!

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

Melissa!

Melissa winning Back-to-School night room of the year.

JANINE (CONT'D)

You can say she had the *coolest* room!...see what I did there... because all of the *fans*...

Janine holds back her laugh. Melissa comes by with her trophy in her.

MELISSA

Hey, munchkin, no one is laughing! Now, come on! Let's get drinks and celebrate my win, and then you and I can talk.

Melissa walks off camera. Janine makes a gratitude face towards camera.

CUT TO:

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - NIGHT

Mr. Johnson comes out his Office with the unfix pants in hand. Mr. Johnson looks around, confuse by the empty hallway.

MR. JOHNSON

Where did everybody go?



Mr. Johnson puts the jelly stain pants in the lost and found stash and heads home.