

America's Next Top Model Student!

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DEDICATION

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STORY OF THE PLAY

Ten students from across the U.S.A. compete for the title of "America's Next Top Model Student" in the latest TV reality show. Host Myra Thanks and the show's judges, M'Lady Andrews, Judge Julie, and Mr. Blaine Rose, put each student to the test in a series of bizarre and hilarious challenges that hardly have anything to do with their scholastic aptitude. One by one, the students are eliminated and "expelled" from the classroom competition. No one goes down without a fight and some are even taken away literally kicking and screaming. The off-the-wall challenges give the students the opportunity to put their wacky personalities on display, and display them they do. When it comes down to the final two contestants, the last challenge is one for the ages. After all is said and done, the winner is declared, but not without controversy and a chaotic finish from all of the eliminated students.

SET

The setting is a typical classroom with student chairs angled towards the audience covering the stage left portion of the stage and a judges' table angled opposite stage right. There is a downstage right exit. A door upstage center of the judges' table reads "Judges' Chambers" above it. A downstage left entrance is used by the students to enter the classroom. There is a large sign upstage center that reads "America's Next Top Model Student!"

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(5 M, 9 W, 1 flexible)

MYRA THANKS: Host and judge of "America's Next Top Model Student."

BLAINE ROSE: Judge. Five-time winner of Texas Teacher of the Year.

M'LADY ANDREWS: Judge. Great Britain's charm school teacher.

JUDGE JULIE SHINEDEN: A real life courtroom judge.

HALL MONITOR: *(Flexible role.)* The rule enforcer.

THE STUDENT CONTESTANTS

ZACH BAKER: The jock.

MARY LYNN MOCKER: The drama queen.

FELICIA KING: The ditz.

BROCK ROSCOE: The nerd.

MADDIE GILLEY: The cheerleader.

CHARLY CHUCK FRIDAY: The slacker.

BRITTANY THOMPSON: The whiner.

CHRISTIE MILTON: The fashionista.

MARK POWERS: The entrepreneur.

STEPHANIE SANDERS: The liar.

PROPS

Gavel; several pencils and pens; yardstick/ruler; 5 books; 5 brown paper grocery bags; 6 tests/exam sheets; quarter; 9 backpacks/book bags; two cell phones; tissues; purse; whistle; energy drink can; over-sized award check.

SOUND/ MUSIC

(All sound effects and music are optional.)

Applause, generic theme/game show music, school bell

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL STUDENT!

(AT RISE: Generic game show music begins to play. MYRA THANKS, the show's energetic hostess, stands downstage center to greet the studio audience.)

MYRA: Welcome one and all! It's the show that no one should miss...a competition which will separate the cream of the crop from...well, the rest of the crop. Join us as we find out just who will be...America's Next Top Model Student!! *(She leads the audience in APPLAUSE as the game show music fades out.)* I'm your host, Miss Myra Thanks – former superstudent and your expert on education. First, let's meet our judges, shall we? They, along with me, will decide who our lucky winner will be. They are: five-time teacher of the year winner, from the great state of Texas, Mr. Blaine Rose!

(SFX: APPLAUSE as MR. BLAINE ROSE, an older, stereotypical Southerner, enters waving and tipping his cowboy hat to the audience.)

MYRA: *(Cont'd.)* From the UK, Great Britain's ambassador of education, she's appeared on the TV shows "Teach Your Child or Else!" and "Manners: Get Some," the lovely M'Lady Andrews!!

(SFX: APPLAUSE as M'LADY ANDREWS, a stern-looking taskmaster enters.)

MYRA: *(Cont'd.)* And last, but not least, a real life judge, often called the "Queen of Mean," ladies and gentleman, Judge Julie Shineden!

(SFX: APPLAUSE as a small, older lady dressed in her judge's robe, JUDGE JULIE, enters.)

MYRA: *(Cont'd.)* Wow. Judge Julie, you've been known to kick a lot of people out of your courtroom.

JUDGE JULIE: Myra, I will not tolerate any bologna in this competition! Any student that fouls up is going to answer to the gavel. *(Waving her gavel around.)*

MYRA: Mr. Blaine Rose, many people have called you old school when it comes to your teaching techniques.

MR. ROSE: Well, Myra, I don't know about old school but I must be doin' somethin' right if they gave me the Texas Teacher of the Year award five times.

MYRA: Do you have any mottos or classroom methods that you go by?

MR. ROSE: As I always tell every student that walks into my classroom, "Take this class...and LOVE it!"

MYRA: And M'Lady Andrews, you are famous for training and developing techniques for teaching master students who go on to become world leaders and superstars.

M'LADY: Ms. Thanks, whoever wins this competition is going to have to impress me. And nobody ever impresses me...not even my own children.

MYRA: *(To audience.)* Now that we've met our judges, let's meet our contestants. Students, class has begun!

(SFX: A SCHOOL BELL rings. MYRA and her fellow JUDGES take their seats at the judges' table as the line up of STUDENT CONTESTANTS enter the classroom from downstage left, taking their respective seats. One of the students, CHARLY CHUCK FRIDAY, is the last one in, lagging behind the rest and taking the last desk available.)

MYRA: *(Cont'd.)* Welcome, students! As you know we are here to find out just who America's next top model student is. The winner will be selected by me and our three wonderful judges. At stake: a \$100,000 scholarship, the chance for you to appear on the cover of the biggest educational magazine in the country, "School Rulz!" and the title of "America's Next Top Model Student." Our first contestant is a cheerleader from Houston, Texas, Ms. Maddie Gilley.

MADDIE: *(Jumping to her feet and delivering a cheer.)*
Gimme an M, gimme an A, gimme a double D – I – E!
Gimme a G, gimme an I, gimme a double L – E – Y!
What's that spell?? Me!! Maddie Gilley!

MYRA: Enthusiasm. I like that. Tell us about yourself, Maddie.

MADDIE: *(Another cheer, complete with choreography.)*
I'm number one at having fun and school is where I rule!
The other fools who break the rules will soon be all but done!
Gimme a V, gimme an I, gimme a C-T-O-R-Y.
What's that spell?? VICTORY!!

MYRA: Alrighty then. Our next contestant is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Is this card correct? Your name is...Charly Chuck Friday?

CHARLY: That's my name, don't wear it out.

MYRA: I see. So what makes you America's next top model student?

CHARLY: I'm the guy everybody wants to be: laid back, chillaxed, and ultra cool. School's no sweat. When the gym teacher tells me to take a lap, my saying is "Take a nap."

JUDGE JULIE: There will be no sleeping in my courtroom!
(Slamming her gavel.)

CHARLY: Relax, Ms. Judge J, that's only in gym class. And this is a classroom, not a courtroom, Grandma.

M'LADY: I can tell this competition is going to be very hard for you, Mr. Chuck.

MYRA: Our next contestant is from Cleveland, Ohio...Ms. Felicia King.

(FELICIA is staring off into space, playing with her hair.)

MYRA: Felicia...Ms. King?

(The STUDENT sitting behind FELICIA gives her chair a kick to get her attention.)

FELICIA: Huh?

JUDGE JULIE: Your introduction, Ms. King?

FELICIA: Who? Me? Uh...

M'LADY: You did prepare your introduction, didn't you, Felicia?

FELICIA: Uh...yeah, I guess so.

MR. ROSE: Well, let's have it then, little lady.

FELICIA: Have what?

JUDGE JULIE: Your introduction!

FELICIA: Oh, that...right. *(She stands up slowly.)* Uh, well...um, my name is... *(Forgetting, she looks down to the palm of her hand.)* Oh – that's right - Felicia King! And I want to be America's next top model student. Uh...oh...I practiced this at home, I swear.

MR. ROSE: There ain't no swearing in school, missy. *(Laughing at his own joke and slapping his knee.)*

FELICIA: Huh?

M'LADY: Continue your introduction, Ms. King.

FELICIA: Uh, well...that's it I guess.

JUDGE JULIE: That's it? That's the best you could come up with?!

FELICIA: Um...is this a trick question?

M'LADY: My dear Ms. King, if you ever plan on attending one of my classes, please warn me ahead of time so that I may jump off a bridge first.

FELICIA: Uh, I don't get it.

M'LADY: There are a lot of things you won't be getting ...including high marks for speech writing.

FELICIA: What's that?

MYRA: Never mind. Our next contestant...he comes to us from Los Angeles, California, and his name is Zach Baker.

(ZACH stands up, as FELICIA slowly figures out that she should take her seat.)

ZACH: Hello, my name is Zach Baker and I AM going to be America's next top model student.

MYRA: Confidence...I like that. But what makes you think you've got what it takes?

ZACH: Well, my grades are all A's and I play four different sports.

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