

Jon,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me, I sincerely appreciate it. I believe "All In" has something special that will attract a diverse audience. With the right people involved, I know it can be made it into something special. Thank you again Jon for your time and for reading my script. I hope to hear from you soon.

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ALL IN

"EP01 - TV Pilot"

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The logo for Green Light entertainment features the word "Green" in a light green color, "Light" in a dark green color, and "entertainment" in a smaller, dark green font below. A small green leaf-like graphic is positioned above the letter "i" in "Light".

ACT ONE

INT. GREEN HOME - MID DAY

ZEEK and NIKKI walk into their home. ZEEK is carrying a gym bag. NIKKI is carrying GROCERY BAGS.

Their three kids, MAHAYLEE (15), EVAN (14), and GAVIN (12) push their way past them through the door frame making ZEEK drop his bag and NIKKI spill the groceries.

KIDS

As fast as they burst through the door the kids disappear through the house with a box of cookies.

INT. GREEN HOME - LIVING ROOM - MID DAY

ZEEK

Yo! Those were my cookies.

NIKKI is kneeling on the floor picking up groceries. ZEEK looks around. He reaches out towards NIKKI

ZEEK (cont'd)

The level of disrespect those kids have. As my mom would say, no home training.

NIKKI

(smiles)

Right, I wonder who's raising these kids. Help me get this cleaned up.

ZEEK

Copy that.

ZEEK picks up the groceries off the floor and heads towards the KITCHEN.

He makes a bowl of ice cream and walks back through the LIVING ROOM.

NIKKI

You have a one-track mind when it comes to snacks.

ZEEK snaps his fingers and turns around.

ZEEK

You think you could ask the kids
for my cookies back?

NIKKI gives him a stare.

NIKKI

You're the cop, just go up there
and interrogate them. You said
you've never failed to break a
suspect. I'm sure you could break
three kids.

ZEEK

Not these kids. I've interrogated
murderers who were easier to break
than these kids, especially the
little one.

NIKKI

It's good they took them. The
Doctor told you your diabetes is
going to get worse if you don't get
your sweet tooth under control.
Right now it's a pill, you don't
want the needle, you're scared of
needles.

ZEEK

If you're ok with being stuck by a
long sharp object, then there's
something wrong with you, not me.
And I think you need to stop
listening to Doctors. Just because
they have a medical degree (air
quotes) doesn't mean they're
right. Besides my body is a
machine, in college I was called
the Green Machine (beat) mostly by
the ladies (laughs)

NIKKI gives him another stare.

ZEEK

(Sly smile)
(quickly)
Love you!

The kids come running down the stairs.

NIKKI (to KIDS)
Give your dad back his cookies.

MAHAYLEE
They're all gone.

ZEEK
That fast? You three ate a pack of cookies
that fast? You guys are monsters. That's it,
you're all under arrest for cookie theft.
Turn around, place your hands behind your
back, knuckles touching.

GAVIN (runs off)
Black lives matter cop!

ZEEK
So do my Oreos!

All the kids run back upstairs. NIKKI shakes her head and
sighs.

ZEEK looks down and sees he has a large spot on his shirt
from the ice cream.

ZEEK (to Nikki)
I need your help.

ZEEK points to his shirt.

NIKKI
What's all over your shirt?

ZEEK
Ice cream.

NIKKI
What happened?

ZEEK
I wanted some ice cream, lid was a
little frozen on there, one thing
led to another, bam ice cream on my
shirt. (smiles)

NIKKI goes into the kitchen.

NIKKI (O.S.)

Why is it on the walls?

ZEEK

Ok (beat) ok

ZEEK has his hands up as he slowly walks backwards than turns and runs out of the kitchen and upstairs as the kids peak back downstairs.

ZEEK (cont'd) (to KIDS)

Everyone to your room. I think we're in trouble.

MAHAYLEE

What do you mean we?

ZEEK

You guys took my cookies, somehow ice cream got on the wall, then something about you're not ready to be told you're adopted. It all went downhill from there.

MAHAYLEE

(smirking)

Oh, how I wish I was.

EVAN hands over an empty box of cookies.

ZEEK (cont'd)

You really ate them all?

The Kids nod YES.

ZEEK (cont'd)

You couldn't save me one? There's not a lot of things I love in this world. You couldn't let me have that one thing?

MAHAYLEE

I see. So, you love cookies more than your kid's dad.

ZEEK

Only Oreo's, you guys got a leg up on all the other brands.

MAHAYLEE and ZEEK squint their eyes as they look at each other.

GAVIN

(reaches into his pocket)
I got you dad. You can have this.
(hands Zeek a cookie)

ZEEK

What the (beat) a half ate pocket
cookie.

ZEEK snatches the cookie out of his hand.

ZEEK (cont'd)

Don't tell your mom.

EVAN

Silence ain't cheap dad old man.

ZEEK

But that belt in my closet is.

GAVIN walks in front of EVAN with a stern look on his face.

GAVIN

You're threatening us with child
abuse? You know that's a
misdemeanor which carries up to 18
months in jail and \$7,000 fine.

ZEEK

Only if I leave marks!

ZEEK scoops GAVIN up and tickles him as they both laugh.

ZEEK

Stop reading my CRS book. You
should be reading comics.

GAVIN

I have to educate myself on the
law dad. You know what's happening
out there.

ZEEK

You're 12 kid.

ZEEK eats the cookie than checks his shirt to make sure there are no crumbs. He's halfway downstairs when he feels someone staring at him and turns around to see MAHAYLEE.

ZEEK

What are you doing creeper?

MAHAYLEE has the same glare on her face that NIKKI had.

MAHAYLEE

Mom told us about your visit with the Doctors and how you need to stop eating so much sugar or your diabetes is going to get out of control, and you'll lose a foot. We're just trying to take care of you.

ZEEK

First your moms exaggerating, she's still getting most of her information on black men's health from watching Oprah and not the Doctors, don't tell her I said that. And stop worrying about me, it's my job to worry about you. You ready for school tomorrow?

MAHAYLEE

(deep breath)

I'm as ready as I'm going to be. It's not too late for me to go to Jefferson.

ZEEK

I have to side with your mom on this one. Jefferson is a great public high school, but 80 percent of the kids from Brighton go on to Ivy league schools. You still want to go to an Ivy league school?

MAHAYLEE

Yes, but that could change. I've been looking at some historically black colleges like Howard and Grambling.

ZEEK

Graduate from Brighton and you can go wherever you want. And if you don't like Brighton, I'll get you out, but you have to give it a chance. deal?

MAHAYLEE

Deal.

ZEEK

Don't tell your mom.

NIKKI yells from the Kitchen

NIKKI (V.O.)

I can hear you!

MAHAYLEE runs back into her room.

ZEEK walks downstairs where NIKKI is waiting for him.

NIKKI

You know there's nothing I can't hear in this house. If you give MAHAYLEE a way out she's not going to give the place a fair chance.

ZEEK

I want her to know she's not stuck there. And if she's not comfortable there it's going to be harder for her to excel. I was with you when you wanted her to apply there, I was with you when she got in and we had to convince her to go. You have to be with me on this. I do think she's going to adjust, and she'll make it through.

NIKKI

We'll cross that bridge if we come to it. Now about your health. You do need to start taking it more seriously. You're about a Snickers away from becoming chicken George.

ZEEK

Oh snap! You hit me with the Chicken George from roots. I'm

proud of you my Caucasian queen.
(smiles and fist bumps Nikki)

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. GREEN HOME - BATHROOM - MORNING

NIKKI and ZEEK are in their bathroom getting ready for work. ZEEK is in his suit pants and T-shirt, NIKKI is in hospital scrubs and putting on her makeup.

NIKKI

You remember to take your pill?

ZEEK

Of course, I did. But thank you for reminding me.

NIKKI

You know how forgetful you can be especially when you have something else on your mind and today is a big day. I was going to put it in some cheese or crush it up and put it in your morning coffee to make sure you took it.

ZEEK

Not a dog and we're good babe. I've been taking them since high school and haven't missed a day.

ZEEK is trying to tie a tie but keeps starting over. He's nervous and it shows.

NIKKI

It's going to be ok. We've raised a strong young woman. Do you remember the first thing I told you when we first met?

ZEEK

You came up to me after class and tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around and you said, no second guessing.

NIKKI

When we saw each other the first time I knew by the look in your eyes you wanted to speak to me. I could also see you were nervous. I told you not to second guess yourself because I knew we were meant for each other. So, don't second guess this decision. It's the right one.

ZEEK

I'm just not sure this is the right move for her. I know she's smart, and gifted and I don't want to set her up for failure. This Private School is not her environment. And although she's not showing it, she's scared.

NIKKI

This school is the best in the state, and it was a blessing she got accepted. Sometimes we have to be the parents and put our kids in uncomfortable situations so they can be successful.

ZEEK stops fumbling with his tie.

ZEEK

I know what it's like being the oddball in school. I was a black kid who went to a German private school, with an afro. I struggled the whole time there.

NIKKI

But it made you who you are today. A strong, smart and confident person who speaks fluent German.

ZEEK

Yeah, a black cop who speaks fluent German. Not a valuable skillset in Denver. (speaks German) Nicht Nutzlich.

The kids come into the bedroom arguing.

MAHAYLEE

Mom, Dad, EVAN and GAVIN won't get out of my bathroom, can I use yours?

ZEEK leans out of the bathroom door and into the bedroom.

ZEEK

Nope. We're full. Why aren't they using theirs?

MAHAYLEE

Have you seen their bathroom? It's like a truck stop bathroom. They're stains and unexplainable smells everywhere.

GAVIN

EVAN is the one who makes it dirty.

EVAN

No I'm not that's all GAVIN and his mini afro products that he leaves everywhere.

ZEEK leans slowly out of the bathroom door and into the bedroom with a disgusted look on his face.

ZEEK

EVAN and GAVIN, you two need to clean your bathroom. Get out of your sisters so she can get ready.

EVAN and GAVIN look at each other.

EVAN

She'll be in there for hours. And you know I can't go out of this house not looking right.

ZEEK

Alright El Debarge. You're the pretty boy that spends hours in the bathroom.

EVAN

Who's El Debarge?

ZEEK

Al B Sure?

EVAN

Nope, no idea

ZEEK

Jesus what's happening to the black culture.

GAVIN laughs

ZEEK

GAVIN you look like Mike Tyson's love child so I wouldn't be laughing too hard. You two can either go use your own bathroom or wait for MAHAYLEE to finish.

All the kids leave the bedroom satisfied with the bathroom issue.

ZEEK

Thank you!

NIKKI

For what?

ZEEK

I was talking to your birth control pills in the cabinet. I can't handle another kid.

EVAN walks in the room wearing jeans with holes, a nice white dress shirt and a black dress coat with sneakers.

ZEEK

Definitely Al B. Sure. (sings Al B. Sure song) "I can tell you how I feel about you night and day."

EVAN

You're so old.

Behind EVAN is GAVIN wearing a multicolored traditional African shirt and purple jeans.

ZEEK (To GAVIN)

What are you wearing?

GAVIN

It's a traditional African shirt.

ZEEK

Kid I know what it is, why are you wearing it? And what's up with the pants?

GAVIN

I'm wearing this because I'm walking into the belly of the beast and I want to represent who I am. It represents my people and our struggles. And what's wrong with my pants

NIKKI

Don't give him a hard time. You know he's colored blind. Some colors he only sees in black or white.

GAVIN

What color are my pants?

NIKKI

They're purple. Have your brother help you pick out some pants.

ZEEK (To NIKKI)

The belly of the beast is called public school. He looks like a Nigerian child soldier.

(To GAVIN)

Don't forget you're half Scottish "Brave Heart". Your people also wore a kilt. Take your woke butt back into your bedroom and change.

GAVIN

The pig always trying to keep a brotha down.

As GAVIN and EVAN leave, MAHAYLEE enters wearing her school uniform. She has on a white shirt that she has tied in knot tightly around her waist, a checkered skirt that is at thigh level, a black choker around her neck and her hair up in a bun. ZEEK is shocked by the outfit.

ZEEK

What is going on! EVAN is dressed like a 90's R&B singer, GAVIN is dressed like a black revolutionary and MAHAYLEE is dressed like she's in a Motley Crew video.

NIKKI

MAHAYLEE is growing up and becoming a young woman. You have to get used to that.

MAHAYLEE

Dad this is the school uniform. Don't get mad at me for filling it out. You're making me go there.

MAHAYLEE puts her hands on her hips.

ZEEK stares at MAHAYLEE, then at NIKKI, then back at MAHAYLEE.

ZEEK

Nobody wants to hear this. I'm putting a petition in to have their school uniform changed to jeans and a turtleneck.

MAHAYLEE storms off.

NIKKI

Babe you have to let her grow up. You've got all the boys scared to ask her out. She can't always have her dad as her best friend. She's going to rebel one day. Ho's are created by overbearing dads.

ZEEK

Please let's stop talking about this.

NIKKI

You remember when you found out she was getting breast?

ZEEK

I wish I could forget. Those "things" ruined Wednesday night wrestle night with the kids.

NIKKI

They're called breast.

ZEEK

Ahhhhhhh (covering his ears)

NIKKI

Face it, we have a beautiful daughter.

NIKKI shows ZEEK a picture on her phone. It's a picture of MAHAYLEE standing by a pool in a bikini.

ZEEK

What the hell is this? Where's that picture from?

NIKKI

It's on her Instagram.

ZEEK

When did she get an Instagram? She's in a bikini

NIKKI

I told her she could have one and it's a one piece so calm down. I was going to talk with you about it. It's just a way for her to share her pictures.

ZEEK

Exactly! The girl is 15 but looks 23 wearing that. She doesn't need to be sharing anything right now. Remember what I do for a living.

ZEEK points over to the bed where his badge and gun laying.

ZEEK (Cont.)

This is a crappy world we live in and our kids are not street smart. They didn't grow up like us. I still think we need to send them to spend time with some of my family in North Carolina so they can see how good they have it.

NIKKI

What do you mean us? You were an only child who grew up on nice military bases all over the world. I was the one who grew up in trailer parks and started working at 14.

ZEEK

My life wasn't so pristine. I was constantly having to fight to prove myself because everyone thought I was spoiled. Our kids are biracial and will have to deal with living in two worlds, Mahaylee especially. You know better than anyone how girls at her age can be. This is her first day of high school. I know she wants to impress people and make friends. But not dressed like that.

NIKKI kisses ZEEK's on the face.

NIKKI

It's all going to be ok and stop worrying so much. MAHAYLEE is tough like her daddy. Your face is so smooth. Hard to believe it only took you until 27 before you could grow a beard.

ZEEK

Just because you could grow a mustache at 13 don't hate on me.

ZEEK raises his eyebrows and smiles.

He pulls NIKKI towards him.

SFX: DING DONG

NIKKI looks at her watch.

NIKKI

Who's that? You need to put rush on it, you don't want to be late for your first day as the new Sergeant.

(shouting)

Someone answer the door!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. GREEN HOME - LIVING ROOM - MORNING

GAVIN (12) sits on the couch eating a bowl of cereal as EVAN (14) opens the door to reveal CHRIS (70s) and NEDDA (70s) GREEN, ZEEK's Parents. CHRIS is ZEEK's father. He is a retired Military colonel and is the quiet, strong type. His time in the Army has made him hard of hearing and he refuses to wear hearing aids. NEDDA is the other matriarch of the family. She is strong Willed and voices her dislike at anything she sees wrong. She is referred to as "love" by MAHAYLEE, EVAN and GAVIN

EVAN

Love! Granddad!

NEDDA

Hi baby boy.

NEDDA walks into the house and hands EVAN her coat.

CHRIS

Ever ready EVAN. You ready for school. (salutes Evan)

EVAN nods YES salutes back.

NEDDA

We were headed for our morning walk around the park and wanted to check in on everyone. We know it's MAHAYLEE's first day of High School and she's probably nervous. I still don't know why your parents are sending that child to a Private School.

Suddenly MAHAYLEE comes bounding down the stairs. NEDDA spots her and smiles.

NEDDA (cont'd)

Well look at this beautiful young woman! Aren't you lovely!

MAHAYLEE

Thanks Love. Dad's a little suspect on the school uniform but that's on them for sending me there.

EVAN

I can't wait till he sees some of the clothes she wears in her Instagram.

MAHAYLEE

Wait till he finds out you have an Instagram too and sees the half-naked Instagram girls you're following.

EVAN and MAHAYLEE stare at each other in a standoff.

EVAN (nodding his head)

Well played sis.

NEDDA (to MAHAYLEE)

Are you nervous?

MAHAYLEE

A little, there's not a lot of black kids at the school and I don't think I'll fit in. All my friends went to Jefferson. I'm starting to wish I had failed that aptitude test now.

NEDDA

Baby don't ever underplay your intelligence for anyone. We have come to far to have to do that. Be proud to pretty and smart.

EVAN

I'll give her the smarts part, but we need to hold off on the pretty.

MAHAYLEE

(hugs NEDDA) Thanks love. You always know what to say. (sticks tongue out at EVAN)

SFX: DING DONG

EVAN opens the door this time to reveal MARY STEINER (60's), NIKKI' mother, smoking a cigarette with an oxygen tank wrapped around her neck. She blows smoke into the house. NEDDA coughs and waves it away.

Mary blows another puff of smoke and comes in and hugs EVAN.

MARY

EVAN you are getting so big. You look like a young Merle Haggert.

EVAN

Who?

MARY

He's a famous country singer.

EVAN

You with this guy my dad with Al B. Sure. Just as long as I look good.

Mary chuckles.

MARY

Hello CHRIS. Hello NEDDA.

CHRIS

Mary. Nice to see you again.

MARY gives Chris a hug and smiles at NEDDA.

NEDDA

Hello Mary. Still smoking? And I see you're now on oxygen.

CHRIS speaks to try and break the tension.

CHRIS

Are you stopping by to see the kids off to school?

MARY

Yes, and to give my babies a huge hug. (hugs all the kids)
You guys ready for school?

MAHAYLEE

As ready as we can be.

MARY

You're going to have fun at your new school.

MAHAYLEE

Don't count on it, but you
wouldn't understand grandma.

MARY

I understand, but your white too.
The kids at that school are also
your people.

Everyone is quite as they are listening to the
conversation. EVAN covers GAVIN'S mouth before he
could speak.

MAHAYLEE

Grandma, society sees me as black.
Not white, or mixed but black. And
that's how I'm going to be viewed
at that school. I'll be the black
girl going to a Private School.

MARY

But we have come so far MAHAYLEE.
It's nothing like when me and LOVE
were kids.

NEDDA

Amen to that. When I was a kid we
went to separate schools, on
separate buses. The black schools
received all the hand me downs
from the white schools. It was
supposed to be separate but equal,
but there was no equality in how
blacks and whites were treated by
the educational system. Brown
versus the Board of Education was
in 1954. Up into the 1970's there
were schools that were still
segregated. And yes, we have come
far Mary, unfortunately not that
far. Segregation my not be
allowable legally but it is still
practiced socially.

GAVIN breaks free of EVANS grasp. Now free to
give his opinion.

GAVIN

Thank you Love. If you go to our
lunchroom, you'll see black kids
with black kids, white kids with
white kids, Hispanics with

Hispanics. It's not that we're not all friends, we just run in our own squads. But we're damn sure ain't equal.

Everyone yells "GAVIN" at hearing him say "damn".

MARY

I didn't mean to start a debate. I'm only saying things are better and I don't think MAHAYLEE will have that hard of a time. Speaking of minorities. My car broke down, so I had to Uber to get here. It was my first-time using Uber. It wasn't bad, the guy barely spoke any English and he wouldn't let me smoke in the car, which probably would have improved the smell already in it, but it wasn't bad.

As Mary is about to go on a rant the doorbell rings.

SFX: DING DONG

NEDDA

Thank you Jesus.

EVAN opens the door to reveal ROGER (30s) and PAUL (30s).

ROGER is a Caucasian lawyer for the Public Defender's Office and married to PAUL who is Hispanic and a lawyer but works as a District Attorney. They are neighbors of the Green's. Roger is the more sensitive one out of him and PAUL.

PAUL is the more manly one out of the relationship and relates well with ZEEK. ZEEK often forgets Rogers sexual preference until he makes a comment to ZEEK that reminds him.

EVAN

Hi Paul Hi Roger.

PAUL

Hey EVAN.

ROGER

If I know ZEEK he's still fighting with his tie and running late.

PAUL

We just wanted to tell MAHAYLEE to have a good day at school. (looks over at MAHAYLEE) are you nervous.

MAHAYLEE

Just a little. Most of my friends went to Jefferson but my parents think I'll get the best education from this school. It's just not very diverse.

PAUL

Girl you can make friends with anyone. You have a million-watt smile and a personality to match. And if you have to kick someone's ass, I can get you off. (winks at MAHAYLEE)

SFX: DING DONG EVAN opens the door to Ferage (30s) and Fatema (30s).

Ferage is Persian but was born and raised in Colorado. He is a college friend of ZEEK's. He is an Airline Pilot who has to deal with the stigma from being middle eastern and a pilot. He is quick witted and sharp tongued. Fatema is quiet but speaks volumes with a look.

NEDDA

Looks like you have quite the fan club MAHAYLEE.

MAHAYLEE

(shrugs
I guess so.

FARAGE raises his hand showing flowers they had brought.

FERAGE places a large vase filled with yellow, red and pink flowers on the living room table. MAHAYLEE smiles and walks over to smell them.

MAHAYLEE

Thank you, they're beautiful.

ROGER

No, you're beautiful and we all love you.

As EVAN goes to close the door WILL (30s) and KAREN (30s) push it open.

KAREN is Asian, she is a Doctor at NIKKI's hospital. She is smart, funny and a little quirky.

WILL is Caucasian and KAREN's husband. He's a former comedian who is now a stay at home dad. He is funny and loving. He loves being home with the kids but misses the life of a road comic and often works out material on ZEEK. He's still a man's man but now loves cooking and being domestic.

WILL

(surprised)

Hey everyone.

KAREN

Looks like we all are checking on MAHAYLEE. I didn't have breakfast, anyone else hungry.

ROGER, PAUL, and FARAGE follow KAREN into the KITCHEN.

NEDDA

Do they always just go into your kitchen?

GAVIN, who's back on the couch, does not look up from his bowl of cereal as he answers.

GAVIN

Dad doesn't like it. He says that's a white person thing. It makes mom feel like we're a big family. Everyone used to just walk into the house. He settled for letting them go into our fridge, but they have to knock to come into the house.

NEDDA looks at GAVIN then CHRIS.

NEDDA (to GAVIN)

You know way too much about what's going around here. And yes, it's a white person thing.

WILL overhears NEDDA and leans in with the baby strapped to his chest.

WILL

That's what I'm saying. A man's house is his domicile. You can't

let just anyone in, especially with
an eye patch and a nose ring.
Psssst white people.

NEDDA looks WILL up and down.

NEDDA
These are ZEEK's friends.
(yelling upstairs) ZEEK!
Let's go!

NEDDA pulls out an old flip phone.

NEDDA
He's about to make these kids
late for school. I'm going to
call him and see what's taking
so long.

WILL'S eyes widen as he sees the flip phone
NEDDA is using.

WILL
Is that a flip phone? Does it
come with a horse and buggy? Do
you get free nights and
weekends every fortnight?

NEDDA
I've had this phone for years because it's
easy to use and reliable.

WILL
That was comedy gold. My jokes are wasted
around here. (walks away from NEDDA)

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

INT. GREEN HOME - BEDROOM

ZEEK comes out of the bathroom with his tie tied perfectly. He clips on his badge and puts his suit coat on

ZEEK

Let's get this show on the road.

NIKKI and ZEEK fist bump and leave the bedroom.

CUT TO:

INT. GREEN HOME - LIVING ROOM - Everyone is now downstairs in the living room. ZEEK and NIKKI greet them.

NEDDA (to ZEEK)

What have I told you since you were a kid?

ZEEK

Punctuality is the duty of subjects but the politeness of kings. But mom, I'd rather arrive late than arrive ugly. (points at Evan) Evan knows what I'm talking about.

EVAN spins around slowly

NEDDA

And apparently my son is the court jester.

ZEEK hugs his mom and gives her a kiss on the cheek. She stares at him, so he knows she is still upset. ZEEK steps back and appears as if he's going to make a speech.

ZEEK

(deep breath)

I don't what all of this is.

ZEEK points at everyone there.

ZEEK (Cont.)

But all yall got to go.

PAUL

We just wanted to offer (beat)

ZEEK

Out!

ZEEK starts hearing everyone towards the door.

NIKKI

Thank you all for stopping by and
I apologize for ZEEKS rudeness.

ZEEK

(closes door)
They'll get over it.

CUT TO:

INT. NIKKI'S CAR - SCHOOL PARKING LOT

NIKKI is dropping MAHAYLEE off at school. They sit in the parking lot watching the students in front of the school.

NIKKI

Untie your shirt and pull your skirt down. I know what you were trying to do with your dad.

MAHAYLEE

It was worth a shot.

MAHAYLEE fixes her school uniform

NIKKI

You can do this.

MAHAYLEE

I know mom.

NIKKI

Within a week you'll be the most popular girl in the school.

MAHAYLEE

None of them look like me. Have you thought about home schooling? More mother and daughter bonding time for us.

NIKKI

No one looks like you. You're an original and you're too smart for me to home school. I barely passed algebra. Plus, the boys would want

the same and I would need dads
taser to get through the day with
them. Close your eyes, take a deep
breath and handle business. This
day will be over before you know
it.

NIKKI leans over and gives MAHAYLEE a hug. MAHAYLEE closes her eyes and takes a deep breath than steps out of the car. There are several groups of female students in front of the school. She's approached by one of the female students.

FEMALE STUDENT

WOW, your hair is so beautiful.
Can I touch it?

MAHAYLEE

(surprised look)
I'm going to have to say no on
that.

FEMALE STUDENT

Bitchie much!

She turns around and goes back to her group of friends. She points back at MAHAYLEE as she speaks with her friends and they all laugh. MAHAYLEE sighs and walks into the school with her backpack over her shoulder.

CUT TO:

INT. ZEEK'S OFFICE - A little later

ELIZABETH is speaking with ZEEK about a case. ZEEK is preoccupied and is not responding to ELIZABETH questions.

ELIZABETH

So, what do you want to do about
this case? I think we have enough
to jack up the bond on this guy.

ZEEK

Whatever you decide I'm good with.
Just keep me in the loop.

ZEEK is staring off into space.

ELIZABETH

You haven't heard a word I said.
You're not making a good first
impression for your first day
Sarge. What's on your mind?

ZEEK

I'm worried about MAHALEE. Today is her first day at that Private School. I know it's the right move for her educationally, but socially, I think she's going to struggle.

ELIZABETH

I'm going to be honest with you, girls are dirtbags. Which is why all my friends are dudes. I'm not saying guys aren't dirt bags, they're just upfront about it. Girls are devious. I've known MAHAYLEE since the day she popped out of NIKKI. She's a beautiful young woman, with the best qualities of being a dude. Anyone that messes with her is going to suffer for that mistake. I taught her how to throw a mean neck punch. And I'm not above fist fighting a nun.

ZEEK

(laughing)
Thanks partner.

ELIZABETH

I got a crazy idea.

ZEEK

Let's hear it.

ELIZABETH

We can do a quick drive at her school and check on her. You're not going to get anything done today until you see her.

ZEEK

NIKKI and MAHAYLEE would both kill me.

ELIZABETH

It will be quick. No one will notice. I think lunch should be starting soon.

ZEEK

Let's roll

ZEEK hops up from his desk and throws ELIZABETH the keys.

ZEEK (Cont'd)

You drive.

END OF ACT FOUR

ACT FIVE

INT. PATROL VEHICLE - SCHOOL PARKING LOT - DAY

ZEEK and ELIZABETH sit in their unmarked patrol car watching the front of school as the lunch bell rings.

ZEEK

Do you know Who the School Resource Officer is here?

ELIZABETH

It's Paul Ramowsky. We had a little thang, but unfortunately, he had a little...thang. So, it didn't last. He still wants me though. I can reach out to him and let him know to take care of her.

ZEEK

(shakes his head)

Thank you god for your libido. Pass him my cell number. He can call me at any time if something goes wrong there.

Some of the students are exiting the building to have lunch in front of the school, ZEEK sees MAHAYLEE. She is carrying her lunch and walking by herself. She takes a seat in the grass and begins to slowly eat as she watches students pass her by laughing and joking but paying her no attention. ZEEK'S heart is breaking. He instinctively reaches for the intercom mic in the patrol car.

ZEEK (Cont.)

(over the intercom)

I'm her baby girl! Dad loves you!

All the students stop eating to see where the voice came from. MAHAYLEE sees her dad and ELIZABETH in the patrol car. ELIZABETH snatch's the mic out of ZEEK'S hand.

ELIZABETH

Dude, what the hell.

ZEEK slouches down in the seat.

ZEEK

Drive!

ELIZABETH drives off.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

NIKKI is walking down the hospital hallway with her friend REETA. Both REETA and NIKKI are in scrubs. REETA is one of NIKKI's best friends. She is a lesbian and proud of it. She has an attitude to match her intelligence.

REETA

If that homophobe in room 118 says one more mean thing to me he's getting a size 22 catheter in the pee hole.
(demonstrates with hands)

NIKKI

You're too much.

REETA

How'd it go with MAHAYLEE this morning?

NIKKI

She put on a brave face, but I could see she was worried.

REETA

How did meathead do?

NIKKI

Same, he had a brave face, but I think he was more worried than MAHAYLEE. I hope he doesn't do anything stupid.

REETA

It's a guarantee he does. Don't tell him I said this but he's an amazing dad who really loves you guys. He's going to make sure she's ok, even if it involves an act of stupidity on his part.

CUT TO:

INT. PATROL CAR - Later

ZEEK and ELIZABETH are driving back to the station. ZEEK breaks the silence.

ZEEK

You think she saw us?

ELIZABETH

Pretty sure the loud booming god voice gave us a way. You're going to have to deal with one pissed off daughter when she gets home. Did you see her face?

ZEEK

I Saw it. I didn't know what else to do. No one was talking to her. She was eating alone. At her old school she had a lot of friends. I'll find a way to make it up to her when she gets home.

ELIZABETH

Get your credit card ready. That's going to be an expensive mistake. And since I'm now an accomplice lunch is on you. I feel like something fancy, Red Robins. I love the strawberry shakes there.

ZEEK

Have my back with NIKKI and I'll take you to eat wherever you want. She's going to be as pissed as MAHAYLEE. I promised her this morning I wouldn't embarrass MAHAYLEE.

ELIZABETH

That's going to cost you lunch at Texas Roadhouse.

ZEEK

Deal

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - LATER

MAHAYLEE walks into Class and takes a seat in the back. Sitting In front of her is SAMANTHA. SAMANTHA is one of the popular girls in school. She's a tall dark-haired brunette with blue eyes and a privileged attitude.

SAMANTHA (to MAHAYLEE)

How do like Brighton

MAHAYLEE

It's not bad.

SAMANTHA

I bet it's a lot different than your other school.
Did you go to Jefferson?

MAHAYLEE

I was going to go but my parents
made me go to Brighton.

SAMANTHA

You'll like it here. You don't have
to worry about getting shot,
stabbed or robbed. You have such a
beautiful skin tone.

SAMANTHA places her arm on MAHAYLEE'S desk, next
to MAHAYLEE'S

SAMANTHA (Cont.)

When I tan we're almost the same
color. We could be twins.

MAHAYLEE politely smiles and places her arm under
the desk.

END OF ACT FIVE
ACT SIX

INT. GREEN HOME - LIVING ROOM - LATER

ZEEK is waiting in the living room for NIKKI and the kids to get home. He is pacing back and forth talking quietly to himself. The door opens, EVAN and GAVIN are the first to run in.

EVAN

What's up pop. Why are you home so early?

ZEEK

I just wanted to see how everyone's day went.

GAVIN

You sure that's it? It was a quiet ride here. Mom didn't interrogate us about what we did at school. MAHAYLEE didn't yell at us for (beat)breathing.

MAHAYLEE and NIKKI walk in. Both have a serious look on their face.

ZEEK

(nervous)

How was my two beautiful ladies' day?

NIKKI walks straight toward ZEEK. She stands in front of him and places her hands on the side of his face and gives him a big kiss.

ZEEK (Cont.)

Seems like it went pretty well.

NIKKI

I love you, talk to your daughter.

MAHAYLEE walks straight over to ZEEK. She stands in front of him.

ZEEK

Tell me about your first day. Anything interesting happen?

MAHAYLEE

You mean besides you and ELIZABETH pulling up in front of my school and you yelling at me on your loudspeaker. Then driving off. Nah, that was about it.

ZEEK

I was hoping you didn't notice. I wanted to make sure you were ok, and I went a little overboard. You won't understand until you're a parent but sometimes a parents love for their kids overrides common sense.

MAHAYLEE has a stern look on her face. She steps forward and gives ZEEK a big hug.

MAHAYLEE

Thank you dad.

ZEEK

(surprised)

You're not mad at me?

MAHAYLEE

I was furious with you at first. Right after you drove off the lunch lady sat and had lunch with me, which was a little embarrassing, but she was actually really nice. Then I had a kid ask me if my dad was the cop yelling my name. Then another kid and another kid. Apparently, cops are considered cool at this school and everyone started talking to me. I still don't know how I'll fit in there, but the day ended pretty good.

ZEEK

Having your old dad as a cop paid off for you?

MAHAYLEE

Don't get to excited, you still owe me for the loudspeaker shout out. I've had my eye on this Coach purse. That should about cover the embarrassment.

ZEEK

(smiling)

Whatever you want you got baby girl.

NIKKI steps in front of MAHAYLEE

NIKKI

Oh, don't forget about me Mr.

ZEEK

I got something for you too. I usually only reserve it for birthdays and Valentines, but I'll make an exception. (winks)

NIKKI

I'll take that and the Coach purse I've had my eye on as well.

MAHAYLEE

You two are so nasty.

EVAN

In case any one was wondering, I had a good day as well. Lucked out and got two dinner rolls during lunch, scored a phone number from this hottie, got a low B on a pop quiz.

GAVIN

(shaking head)

Nothing to report here.

CUT TO:

INT. DINNING ROOM GREEN HOME - NIGHT

The Green family are gathered around their dining room table for their end of week family dinner. Roger, Paul, Karen and Will have joined them.

Roger

This is a great tradition you have. I think all families should have dinner at the end of the week and talk about how they are doing.

EVAN

Mom is all into family bonding and sharing our feelings. We just do it to keep her happy.

GAVIN

Yeah, black people aren't into all this feeling sharing.

WILL

Still denying your white side
Gavin.

GAVIN

My granddad said I'm a young black
man.

MAHAYLEE

Mr. George don't argue with him.
It won't go anywhere.

KAREN

Yeah WILL, he's twelve.

GAVIN

(sarcastic)

Yeah WILL I'm twelve. Don't argue
with me.

NIKKI

Let's try enjoying our dinner with
no arguments. How was everyone's
week?

MAHAYLEE

Besides having an embarrassing
dad, who also happens to be kind
of cool my week went well. Made a
few friends this week. And the
kids there aren't so bad.

ZEEK

Did you just (beat) call me cool?

MAHAYLEE

Don't dwell on it. You got lucky.

Everyone at the table laughs as ZEEK gives
MAHAYLEE a silly face.

PAUL (to MAHAYLEE)

Being different makes you special.
I grew up in a small town in
Connecticut where I was the only
Hispanic and gay person, at least
outwardly gay. Years later the
Captain of the football team came
out. I always had my suspicion
about him. He liked slapping other

players on the butt a little too much and he'd hold it there.

WILL

It does make you special. KAREN and I were a worried about how Maxwell would come out looking. Mixed kids are either gorgeous or they look like a science experiment gone wrong.

KAREN looks at WILL and ignores his comment.

KAREN

Who made this? It's delicious.

NIKKI

Zeek made it, I'll say it before he does. He's the chef of the house.

ZEEK

Yes, I am the chef of the house. And I get no respect for my culinary skills, thank you KAREN.

MAHAYLEE

Dad can throw down in the kitchen. But mom and I are the bakers. For desert is upside down pineapple cake.

ZEEK

Which just so happens to be my favorite.

NIKKI

I'll be cutting your slice babe. It's called portion control, which you have none when it comes to sweets. When are you going to see KAREN for your checkup?

ZEEK

As soon as I have some free time, I'll go in.

EVAN

He's scared of Doctors.

ZEEK

Kid I'm not scared of anything. I've been shot at, stabbed, I even had a hit put on me. Right now my schedule is tight.

NIKKI

That's not all that's tight. He's worried about the "exam".

Everyone laughs at NIKKI'S comment.

KAREN

I promise to be gentle ZEEK. I have tiny fingers. (holds up hands, wiggles fingers)

Looking down at his plate of food while eating, WILL speaks up.

WILL

It's actually not that bad.

Again, everyone at the table laughs at WILL'S comment.

ZEEK

(disgusted face)
What! How about we all stop talking and enjoy this dinner, that I made, by myself, with my own clean hands. (shows hands)

Everyone at the dinner table laughs.

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE

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Logline: An African American Police Detective, his Caucasian wife, their three teenage kids and oddball assortment of friends deal with current societal issues in hysterical fashion while living in Denver.

Synopsis: The Green family is an interracial family living in Denver Colorado. The dad, Zeek, is an African American Police Detective, the mom, Nikki, is a Caucasian nurse. They have three kids, a daughter (Mahaylee) 15, a son (Evan) 14 and another son (Gavin) 12. They are surrounded by a cast of characters consisting of family and friends. Zeek's parents are upper middle class. Zeek attended law school but decided to become a cop instead, disappointing his overbearing mother who likes to give him a hard time about his career choice. Zeek's father is a former Military Colonel and the strong silent type who says a lot with few words and will go along with his wife to avoid drama, but offers his true opinion in private. Due to his military career he is also hard of hearing which leads to some funny misunderstandings.

Nikki was raised by a single mother with her sister in a lower middle-class area. Nikki's mother, Mary, is a chain smoker despite being on oxygen. She's not racist but has some prejudicial views that she's not afraid to express. Nikki's sister is extremely religious and likes to give advice to the free willing Green family on their sinner ways. Zeek's parents and Nikki's mother always have some tension when in the same room together.

Nikki and Zeek's next door neighbors are both lawyers who spend a lot of time at the house discussing their marital problems in comedic fashion. Paul is Hispanic and is a Prosecutor for District Attorney's Office and Roger is Caucasian and is a Defense Attorney for the Public Defender's Office. Their jobs often put them in comical conflict. Their other close friends are also a mixed couple. Karen is Asian, and a Doctor at Nikki's hospital and her husband, Will, is Caucasian, a former standup comedian, now a stay at home dad and one of Zeek's closest friends. He often spends time with Zeek, joking about being a stay at home dad with a newborn and missing the life of a road comic.

Then there is Zeek's partner on the Police Department, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is short, a little pudgy but has a personality that lights up a room when she comes in. She's as crass as the guys and one of Zeek's closest friends. She likes to tell Zeek about her sexual exploits despite Zeek's discomfort at having these conversations with her.

Nikki's good friend is Reeta. Reeta is a CNA and works with Nikki at the hospital. Reeta is lesbian and Puerto Rican. She's very upfront about her thoughts and has an overbearing personality but she is a loyal friend to Nikki.

The setting will take place mainly in the Green household where people are constantly coming in and out. Topics will range from racism in society, interracial relationships, gay marriage, and today's teen issues such as drug use, school safety and bullying. At the end of every episode the family and a select group of friends gather together at the Greens for dinner to talk about their day and laugh.

Characters:

Zeek Green (Dad)

Zeek is a 15-year veteran of the Denver Police Department. He is the comedic backbone of the family. He was born into an upper middle African American family in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate in law. He was studying to be a lawyer but fell in love with Police work.

Nikki Green (Mom)

Nikki is the family matriarch. She is the serious to Zeek's comedy. She is the realist and keeps everyone grounded providing the nurturing all members of the family needs including Zeek, who is more like one of the kids most of the time.

Mahaylee Green (Daughter)

Mahaylee is the eldest of the Green kids at 15 years old. She is sassy and stubborn. She is closest to Zeek because of their similar personalities and frequently exchanges in back forth barbs with her dad.

Evan Green (son)

As the middle kid, 14 years old, Evan seeks the attention of the family, often being over dramatic to get the attention he wants. He is sensitive and goofy but always like to look his best.

Gavin Green (son)

Gavin is the youngest at 12 years old. He is also the most mischievous. Although being mixed race, he associates himself as being black first. He is militant to the point of being humorous because he is also half white and he is colored blind.

Chris Green (Grandad)

Chris is Zeek's father. He is a retired Military Colonel and is the quiet, strong type. His years of military service has made him hard of hearing and he follows along with whatever his wife says to avoid dealing with her drama. When he does speak everyone listens because it usually funny and insightful.

Nedda Green (Grandmother)

Next to Nikki, she is the other matriarch of the family. She stands only 5'00 but She is strong willed and voices her dislike at anything she sees wrong. Her and Nikki are close and often plot out the direction for the family and its members. She constantly tries to get Zeek to leave law enforcement and become a lawyer.

Mary Steiner (Mother-In Law)

Mary is the chain smoking, gambling, bleach blond mother of Mary. raised Nikki and Nikki's sister Tammy alone as a single mother. She is not racist but does have some prejudicial beliefs that Zeek and his parents are constantly at conflict with her about, but she loves her grandkids. She is a chain smoking, gambling, bleach blonde

Tammy Steiner (Older Sister)

Tammy is Nikki's older sister and is extremely religious and likes to lecture the Green's regarding their free willing ways and sometimes blue sense of humor.

Elizabeth Terry (Zeek's partner)

Elizabeth is a Detective and Zeek's partner. Elizabeth is 5'2" tall, a little over weight and is more comfortable being one of the guys than a lady. Besides Nikki, she is Zeek's best friend and his confidant. Often giving him advice that is a little off while also talking to him about her exploits which always makes him uncomfortable.

Roger Stanley (Nikki's Friend)

Roger is white and a Public Defender for the City of Denver. He's married to Paul who is white. They are neighbors of the Green's. Roger is the more sensitive one out of him and Paul

Paul Stanley (Rogers Husband)

Paul is Hispanic and a Prosecutor with the City of Denver and the more manly one out of the relationship. He relates well with Zeek. Zeek often forgets Paul's sexual preference until he makes a comment to Zeek that reminds him.

Farage Armond (Zeek's friend)

Farage is Persian but was born and raised in Colorado. A college friend of Zeek's. He is an Airline Pilot who has to deal with the stigma from being middle eastern and a pilot. He is quick witted and sharp tongued.

Fatema Armond (Farage wife)

Fatema is quiet but speaks volume with a look.

Karen George (Nikki's friend)

Karen is a Doctor at Nikki's hospital. She is smart, funny and a little quirky.

Will George (Karen's husband)

Will is Karen's husband and is a stay at home dad which often leads to some funny conversations with Zeek. He is loving, a father who misses being a road comic but is happy to be at home with a newborn. He's adjusting to being a stay at home dad.

Reeta (Nikki's work friend)

Reeta is Puerto Rican and is a very proud lesbian and is one of Nikki's closest friends. She has an attitude and is not scared to tell people what she thinks of them.

Future Episodes:

Episode 2 Nikki has a breast cancer scare and the whole family is on pens and needles as they wait for the results.

Episode 3 Nikki's mom has to stay a few days while her apartment is getting worked and the family try to deal with her ignorance and smoking.

Episode 4 Nikki is having an issue with a Doctor who's dismissive of her because she is a woman and a nurse, which upsets Zeek.

Episode 5 Gavin is suspended from school because he got into a fight with a kid who called him the N word.

Episode 6 Haylee brings home her first boyfriend who is white and a little thuggish, to the dislike of Zeek.

Episode 7 Evan tries marijuana for the first time, which is found by Zeek.

Episode 8 Karen and Will ask Zeek and Nikki to babysit their baby for the night while they go out for dinner.

Episode 9 On a dare from Will, Zeek agrees to do an open mic and spends the day practicing his set on people at home and work.

Episode 10 Zeek and Nikki decide to renew their vows due to never having an actual wedding. The family and friends help prepare it.

Episode 11 Zeek is informed that there is possibly a hit on him by a local drug dealer so he and his family are forced to stay in the house under security while friends stop in the check on them.

Episode 12 Due to their interracial relationship, while out for dinner in a fancy restaurant, the service they received from their waiter is horrible.

Episode 13 Nikki thinks she might be pregnant again.

Episode 14 Nikki and Nedda convince Zeek to get a vasectomy

Episode 15 Mahaylee is diagnosed with Leukemia and all the friends and family have to come together

Episode 16 Zeek goes in for a colonoscopy and spends the day dealing with effects of the colonoscopy prep drink

Episode 17 Nikki catches one of the boys masturbating and makes Zeek have the “talk” with them

Episode 18 Gavin proclaims to the family that he is becoming a Muslim and announces that he would like to be called by his Muslim name Gavin X

Episode 19 Mahaylee leaves for school wearing what Zeek thinks is skimpy clothing which Nikki disagrees about.

Episode 20 Nikki convinces Zeek to some country gear and go to a country concert with her, Roger and Paul. Despite his preconceived notions about how he’ll be treated at a country concert, he has a great time.

Episode 21 Zeek and Nikki go to his 30-year high school reunion and leave the kids home alone for the first time. Friends and family pop in to check on them.

Episode 22 Haylee has her period while Nikki is at work and only she and Zeek are home.

Episode 23 Roger and Paul experience what they believe is discrimination during a traffic stop and speak with Zeek about it.

Episode 24 Nikki does a ride along with Zeek and her eyes are opened to what he deals with every day.

Episode 25 Nikki and Zeek go to Vegas for a Law Enforcement convention and Farage is their pilot.

Episode 26 A snowstorm shuts down the entire city and the Greens along with all of their friends are stuck at their house during a dinner party.