

TWO PLAYER

DRAFT 2

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INT. ASHLEY GREENE'S 1989 BEDROOM -- TOO LATE TO BE UP

A KID'S BEDROOM.

Decked out in HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS.

Rung with CHILDHOOD PARAPHERNALIA:

POSTERS. MODELS. LEGO CONSTRUCTIONS. ACTION FIGURES.
VIDEO GAMES. CASSETTE TAPES. COMIC BOOKS.

The bedroom that '80s TV built.

At its center, a PILLOW FORT.

Made of COMIC BOOK PRINTED BEDDING.

Held together with VARIOUS KIDS' FURNITURE.

It GLOWS in the dark room.

Inside--

INT. PILLOW FORT -- CONTINUOUS -- ASHLEY GREENE IS AWAKE

Playing a HANDHELD GAME SYSTEM.

FLASHLIGHT in mouth. HUGE HEADPHONES.

Ashley really should be asleep.

A NOISE!

Ashley cups the flashlight.

A tense moment in the darkness.

It is mom? Has Ashley been found out?

Nope. All clear.

Flashlight up.

GAME ON.

ANOTHER NOISE.

Flashlight down.

INT. ASHLEY GREENE'S 1989 BEDROOM -- WHAT WAS THAT?

Ashley's head pokes out of the fort.

Headphones off.

What's going on?

Another noise. Softer than before.

A CHIRPING RUMBLE.

It's coming from THE CLOSET.

Ashley CLICKS the flashlight OFF.

Pauses. Scrambles out of the fort.

Takes position next to the bed.

ASHLEY

(to the closet)

Um, hello?

Nothing.

ASHLEY
 (to the closet)
 I got a billion candle-power
 flashlight and I ain't afraid to
 use it.

That sound again. Louder.
 A GRUMBLING, CHIRPING REPORT.

Ashley CLICKS the flashlight ON.
 Aims it at the closet.
 Catches MOVEMENT.

The CLOSET DOOR is OPENING.
 It STOPS SUDDENLY.

In the darkness, A PAIR OF EYES REFLECT.
 On the door-- what is that?
 Some kind of INHUMAN HAND?

Ashley YELPS.
 The THING IN THE CLOSET YELPS.

Ashley TOSSES the flashlight.
 Falls backward into a PILE OF STUFF.
 The closet door SLAMS SHUT.

Ashley regains composure.
 Scans the room to see--

- A CATCHER'S MASK
- A BMX CHESTPAD
- PILLOWS & ROPE
- A NINTENDO POWER GLOVE
- A PLASTIC SWORD OF GRAYSKULL
- KID'S ASTRONAUT BOOTS
- A FANNY PACK

Ashley ARMORS UP!
 Strikes a pose.

ASHLEY
 Groovy.

INT. ASHLEY GREENE'S 1989 BEDROOM -- ASHLEY APPROACHES
 the closet.
 Armed and armored.

Knocks on the closet door with the sword.

ASHLEY
 Hey! Um, so. Dead or alive, you are
 coming with me.

The closet door OPENS SLIGHTLY.
 A pair of INHUMAN HANDS grips the door's edge.

Ashley steps back.
Leans forward.

ASHLEY

Hello?

A CHIRPING WHINE from the closet.
It's soft. Scared.

Ashley puts down the sword.
Unzips the fanny pack.

Reaches in. Pulls out some candies.
Drops them in front of the closet door.
Steps back.

A hand reaches out. Grabs the candies.
Sounds. Munching.
The hand ~~THROWS THE CANDIES FROM THE CLOSET.~~

Ashley lifts the catcher's mask.
Shocked.

ASHLEY

Huh? Ok. Um--

INT. ASHLEY GREENE'S 1989 BEDROOM -- ASHLEY LEAVES STUFF
in front of the closet.

- LEGO PIECES
- ACTION FIGURES
- CASSETTE TAPES

The hands pull each into the closet.
REJECTS each one.
Flings them all, broken, from the closet.

Ashley is exasperated.
Pulls off the catcher's mask.

ASHLEY

Ok, well. I tried.

Ashley slumps down by the bed.
Grabs the PORTABLE GAME SYSTEM.
Begins to play.

A LOUD EXCITED CHIRPING from the closet.

Ashley looks at the closet.
Looks at the portable game system.

ASHLEY

What, this? You want this? No way.

The chirping becomes a soft COOING.

ASHLEY

Uh-uh. You screwed up my Cyndi
Lauper mix tape.

The cooing becomes a GROWL.
SMOKE POURS FROM THE CLOSET.
PINK and PURPLE LIGHT fills the room.

ASHLEY

Ok, ok. Alright, already!

Ashley rolls a TV CART toward the closet.
Grabs two GAME CONTROLLERS.
Turns on a VIDEO GAME SYSTEM.

Passes one controller to the hands in the closet.

THEY PLAY TOGETHER.

INT. ASHLEY GREENE'S 1989 BEDROOM -- MORNING

Ashley wakes up in a puddle of drool.
One controller in hand.
The other in the closet.

A VOICE from somewhere else in the house--

MOM

(OS)

Ash, honey, come get some
breakfast!

ASHLEY

Ok, mom! Be right down!

Ashley gets up. Throws open the closet door.
A pile of clothes. A hamper. A controller.
No creature.

Ashley turns to the VIDEO GAME.

It's got a list of HIGH SCORES.
Split evenly between ASH and DHK.