

MODEL STATUS

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ACT.1

INT. STONEWASH AGENCY – DAY

RONIN Black seventeen year old senior upcoming African American model Robin has just been told by her agent, he's found a new gig for her. Her mother Laura is more ecstatic than Robin from the news revealed.

LAURA

Thank you Mr.Eral we appreciated your time.

ROBIN

(Smiling)Discontent look.

EXT.PICO FAIRFAX –DAY

ROBIN and her mother are at the local VONS grocery store. Robin is in a separate aisle then her mother filling the basket with junk foods. Robin not able to find her favorite chips beings to look for a curtsey clerk. Robin spots one coming down her aisle and approaches him.

ROBIN

Excuse me SR. do you happen to have CHETTO PUFFS.

CURTESY CLERK

(Rudely says)Aisle three.

ROBIN

(Walking away)That was so rude!

ROBIN retrieves the chips then returns to her mother. Her mother in the vegetable and fruit section bagging items. Robin riding the basket as a scooter approaches her mother.

LAURA

Robin you know these foods are bad for your figure.

ROBIN

Mom, these foods are normal all my friends eat them.

LAURA

There's no such thing as a fat model now take them back!

ROBIN disappointed walks away with her junk foods. Her mother continues pushing the basket toward the check out counter. Robins sneaks to another counter and buys the chips behind her mother back.

EXT. VONS PARKING LOT-DAY

ROBIN and her mother are putting groceries in the car. Robin hiding the CHETTOS in her purse.

LAURA

Robin you know that I love u. I just want the best for you

ROBIN

I understand mom, but modeling was never my ambition. It was yours.

LAURA

Well I never had these opportunities, you know my mother couldn't afford it.

ROBIN

Well my you cant live you dream through me it not what I want.

LAURA

Your so ungrateful, how could your Rob!

ROBIN and Laura get in the car there is silence the whole way home.

INT. FAMIIES HOUSE-AFTERNOON

Arriving at the front door they are greeted by Robin's dad John.

JOHN

Hey girls how was the agency.

LAURA

Why don't you ask your daughter?

JOHN

Rob did u and you mom get in to an argument or something?

ROBIN trying to avoid the question walks past her dad, hand full of groceries.

ROBIN

No dad, every thing is fine.

JOHN walks outside and gets the rest groceries.

(Scene fades)

INT. ROBINS ROOM – EVENNG

ROBIN is talking to her best friend TRACY on the telephone. They are discussing hair color, in which they want to dye their hair.

ROBIN  
Isn't brown a cute color?

TRACY  
Yeah that is cute, but I want to go red.

ROBIN brings up the fact that she wants to cut her hair.

ROBIN  
Tracy, I was thinking of cutting my hair.

TRACY  
What, are you crazy?!!

ROBIN  
Maybe that way my mom won't make me become a model.

TRACY  
Cutting your hair will not prevent her from making you become a model. It is only going to upset her.

ROBIN  
Well I want to cut my hair so she will just have to live with it. After all, it is my hair.

TRACY  
You are taking this a little too far. I think you are going to regret this decision.

ROBIN  
Tracy, are you my mom are my friend. You should be my side and not hers.

TRACY  
I am your friend, but you are only seventeen, and you know that she will not approve of your decision.

ROBIN  
Well, then let her become the model. Because my goal is to become a famous hairstylist.

TRACY

I support you, but I hope that you won't regret doing this.

ROBIN

Well, are u still coming to get your hair braided tomorrow.

TRACY

Girl yes! You know I need these napes done .

ROBIN

(laughing)Everybody know that.

TRACY

(laughing)Shut up! Your mom said it was ok right.

ROBIN

Yes Tracy, just call me in the morning.

TRACY

Ok bye girl

They both laugh and hang up the phone.

INT. ROBINS HOUSE – MORNING

TRACY greets Robins parent who are well acquainted with her. Her and Robin then head straight to her room.

TRACY

Rob this bag is so cute. Where did you get?

ROBIN

Old Navy their having a huge sale.

TRACY looks in that bag and notices the CHETTOS Robin bought from VONS.

TRACY

Can I have some of your chips I have not eaten breakfast yet?

ROBIN

Shhhhh, they don't know

TRACY

Who don't know?

ROBIN

My mom has me on this strict diet for modeling.

TRACY

What, is she crazy?

ROBIN

Yeah, I think so. I should be able to eat whatever I want. I'm still a teenager I'm in shape.

TRACY

She's really serious about this isn't she?

ROBIN

To serious, I mean man I had to sneak and buy those chips.

TRACY

That would have me so frustrated. Rob I feel your pain.

ROBIN

That why I want cut off my hair. Yeah, cut it all of and put it in a box! Hey that rhythms.

TRACY

Rob your not cutting of your hair. Most girl would die to have such long hair!

ROBIN

Well if I she keeps pushing me about modeling I wont have to cut it, it'll fall out!

TRACY

Rob don't be silly.

ROBIN

I'm not trying to be silly I'm trying to be serious.

TRACY

Well, just try your best to make your mother happy, she really wants this for you.

ROBIN

I've been trying for two years, but I cant take it anymore.

TRACY reassuring Robin that every thing will be ok began to let her hair lose from her scarf. Robin preparing the hair product for the braiding process. Robin does Tracy go on the porch to do Tracy's hair.

(scene fades)

ACT.2

INT. SHARED HOUSE BATHROOM-MORNING

ROBIN and her mother Laura are both getting prepared for their day in the mirror. Robin express to her mother that dye wants to dye her hair brown.

LAURA

Rob this hair thing is getting a bit old don't you think.

ROBIN

What hair thing? Do you mean my braiding business.

LAURA

Whatever you like to call it, I just fell it time for a change.

ROBIN.

I want to become a hairstylist. You've known that for the longest.

LAURA

Well your father and I have talked about it and we think your get to old for that foolishness.

ROBIN

Dad has always supported me, its you that won't believe in me.

LAURA

I believe in you, I know that one day you'll be a successful model.

LAURA walks out of the bathroom. Robin resisting to cry finishes doing her hair.

INT. KITCHEN – MORNING

LAURA is making he husbands John's lunch. John walks in the kitchen after getting ready for work. He sees Robin as he passes the bathroom greets her then approaches the kitchen.

JOHN

Good morning honey.

LAURA

Hey sweetie, your lunch is on the counter.

JOHN  
Thank hon.

Robin walks the kitchen and begins to prepare her lunch. Remembering that she has CHEETOS in her purse, she goes and gets them. Nonchalant after her and her mother's argument she puts the chips in her lunch pale. Her mother walks in the kitchen and sees the CHETTOS.

LAURA  
Where did you get these chips from?

ROBIN  
When we were at VONS.

LAURA  
I specifically told you no, and you went behind my back

ROBIN  
This isn't that serious there just chips.

LAURA  
That s not the point I said no.

LAURA grabs the chips from Robin lunch pale. John walks in the kitchen from the bedroom.

JOHN  
Girls what's the all the commotion about.

LAURA  
Robin bought these chips at the store and I told he not to.

JOHN  
Well Rob is this true.

ROBIN  
Yes, but dad u know that mom has been over reacting about staying in shape. She even has you on a stick diet. It going to far you have to admit.

JOHN  
Don't even Rob, I have to agree with your mother. The point is she told you not to buy the chips.

LAURA

She knows how important it is to me that she stays in shape for the agency.

ACT.3

ROBIN

See she just said "important to her"! She's constantly thinking of what she wants I'm a senior it's about time I make my own decision.

ROBIN in rage storms into the bathroom and locks the door. Taking her pony tale holder off her hair she opens the sink drawer. Reaching for the scissors she grabs a chunk of her hair. (scene pause)

LAURA

John aren't you going to do something

JOHN

Honey you have been pushing her a bit hard.

LAURA

Well she needs encouragement to stay in shape. If I don't do it who will.

JOHN

Maybe she doesn't want to model. Have you thought about that?

LAURA

She loves modeling, I've never seen her act this way.

JOHN

Maybe she wants to do something different. You can live your dreams through her.

LAURA

Theses aren't my dreams there both of our dreams Rob used to love acting like a modeling.

JONH

Honey that was acting, she much older now things have changed.

LAURA

Well since you seem to known so much you should go talk to your daughter about her ambitions.

JOHN

I already know, this is your opportunity to make things right. Just listen and let her express herself.

WHILE Laura and John were discussing the issues, Robin had cut off majority of her hair. Laura approaches the bathroom and tries to open the door. Notices it is locked she begins to get frustrated.

LAURA

Rob open the door so we can talk.

ROBIN

What else is there to say, I get it you want me to be model and not a hair stylist.

LARUA

No Rob, if you can just open the door so we can talk

ROBIN is putting all the access hair that she has cut off in an old box she found under the sink. She looks at her self in the mirror and begins to cry. Tempted to open the door she walks toward it. John notching no reaction begins to get suspicious and walks toward the bathroom

JOHN

Rob come on and open the door your mother needs talk to you.

ROBIN

I can hear her through the door, besides she'll probably be even more disappointed after she looks at me.

JOHN & LAURA

What is that supposed to mean!

ROBIN

I cut it off .

JONH & LAURA

Cut what off!

ROBIN opens the door crying and reveals her new look. Her mother and father looking shocked. Robin hands her mother the box of access hair.

LAURA

Robin Black what have you done!

LAURA drops the box and walks out away.

JOHN

Sweet heart that's not the way you should have handle it.

ROBIN still crying comes to a slit promise.

ROBIN

Dad you may be right but, there I've been getting so frustrated from these disagreements.

LAURA over hear Robin talking to John and comes back to the threshold of the door.

LAURA

You've been frustrated, what about me.

ROBIN

I don't understand why this is so important to you.

JOHN

I'll leave you girls to talks.

ROBIN

Ok, I think that your never listen to my opinion. Don't you think I should be able to make some of my decisions?

LAURA

Well I just thought you would enjoy the opportunity to model.

ROBIN

I did enjoy it, until you became so obsessive about it. You taking me every weekend to different agencies, changing my diet its going a bit far.

LAURA

Well these are the steps that you have to be success full in the business.

ROBIN

Well passion is doing hair, it hurt me to hear you call it a thing.

LAURA looking at Robin with a since of compassion for what she has just said.

LAURA

Rob I'm sorry for overlooking your ambitions. I didn't know you felt so strongly about this.

ROBIN

It's ok, and I'm sorry that I went behind your back and bought the chips.

THEY both huge after suffering from such painful feeling.

(scene descends)