

SCENE 1:

EXT. OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL - DAY

LUPE FIASCO'S "I GOTCHA" PLAYS. IT'S MORNING. IT'S PARTLY CLOUDY, IT'S CLEAR THAT IT RAINED THE NIGHT BEFORE. JACOB WALKS INTO SCHOOL SPORTING A BLACK BUSINESS SUIT AND A BRIEFCASE. HE WALKS THROUGH THE DOORS WITH A SWAGGER IN HIS STEP. HE MEETS JULIE, MATT & CASEY IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE SCHOOL. IN THE BACKGROUND PRINCIPAL WELLINGTON IS MEETING WITH A MAN DRESSED LIKE SAM SPADE FROM THE *MALTESE FALCON*. NOT TOO FAR FROM THEM IS A STUDENT DRESSED IN A FULL BASKETBALL UNIFORM AND A GROUP OF KIDS WEARING SHERLOCK HOLMES HATS.

CASEY

What's with the suit and briefcase?

JACOB

Well as you know it's club day.

MATT

And it only comes once a year!

JACOB

Correct. I'm pitching a film club to the administrators. They only let in one student club a year so the competition should be top notch. Once I get my club made I'll have power and influence. Annie Amos will be mine. I can get you anything you desire once I have my pull with the board. Matt what's something you've always wanted here?

MATT

We've only been here like 3 days.

JACOB

If you don't want something, you don't
want something I get it.

MATT

No no no no wait. Nesquik in the
cafeteria.

JACOB

Done! Casey my man what about you?

CASEY

Inflatable bouncy castle in the
backyard of the school.

JACOB

Weird, but done. And you Julie what do
you desire?

HE MOTIONS TO JULIE WHO'S BITING HER NAILS AND STARING OFF
INTO SPACE

What's with her?

MATT

She's freaking out she's going to get
caught for the sprinkler thing.

JULIE

Sprinkler? What?

MATT GESTURES TO JULIE

JULIE

I just think they're on to me. I
should just turn myself in.

JACOB

(Without a second's hesitation)

Nooooooooo. Absolutely do not do that.

MATT

Just relax Julie... it's club day and
it only comes once a year!

JULIE

It's just... my bracelet. The gold one
with my initials on it-

JACOB

Yes we know you're rich.

JULIE

I think I dropped it in the janitor's
closet.

JACOB

You're just being paranoid... and
speaking of paranoid, I (beat) (beat)
(beat)

HIS FRIENDS WAIT FOR HIM TO FINISH HIS THOUGHT

cannot think of a pun, whatever, I
gotta go.

CASEY

He's always doing that.

INT. MAIN OFFICE - DAY

JACOB sits in the main office of the school next to DUQUAN FITZGERALD, a sophomore in a full basketball uniform and PARKER COVINGTON, a fellow freshman dressed like Sherlock Holmes. MRS. WATERS, a middle aged woman comes out of a closed door behind the secretary's desk.

MRS. WATERS

Duquan, the board will see you now.

HE GETS UP DRIBBLES A BASKETBALL THROUGH HIS LEGS DOES A SPIN MOVE AND HEADS IN TO THE ROOM WITH MRS. WATERS AS THEY CLOSE THE DOOR. JACOB PEERS IN TRYING TO SEE WHO'S INSIDE.

JACOB

That's odd.

PARKER

(In a english accent) What is?

JACOB

Wellington isn't in there.

PARKER

He's busy... I have deduced that he is busy cracking a case big enough for Ol' Sherlock to tackle.

JACOB

Oh you've deduced it.

PARKER

I have.

JACOB

And what case would that be Benedict?

PARKER

The case... of the Errant Sprinkler!

JACOB

(Swallows) He's probably just got other things to deal with.

PARKER

Improbable. He was meeting with a mysterious man this morning. Black suit, wide-brimmed fedora, I suspect a private investigator. Though he could've just hired me, me and my fellow detectives have been on the case since day one.

JACOB

Oh, have you now?

PARKER

We have. We've solved several cases actually, we'll be a shoe in for the selection board.

JACOB

Yeah you do realize that no one is going to want to join a Sherlock Holmes dick-riding club right?

PARKER

Well we already have 4 members.

JACOB

And that's all you're gonna get.

PARKER

The lady doth protest too much.

JACOB

Yo, who talks like that? Are you even from Britain?

PARKER

I'm from Hicksville.

JACOB

You're a moron.

PARKER

You're quite vilest! And what's your little club?

JACOB

It's a film club. Something that you know, people actually like and care about it.

PARKER

SCOFFS.

And what are you going" to partake in at this "film club"?

JACOB

First rule of Film Club... don't talk about film club.

PARKER

Where'd you come up with that garble?

JACOB

It's from Fight Club, a movie with style, something you severely lack.

PARKER

Hah! At least I can come up with my own sentences.

JACOB

Isn't your entire club based on quoting a book series?

PARKER

It's so much more than that my simple-minded friend. We'll be analyzing the great works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and solving mysteries.

JACOB

Solving mysteries? Fear not students of North Valley, Mystery Inc. is on the case.

PARKER

I can assure you, the cases we'll be working with will be much more complex than the ones you'll find on an average Saturday morning cartoon. There's nothing more exhilarating than a great Sherlockian mystery.

JACOB

Alright Downey Jr. I've had enough of this I need to focus on my meeting.

PARKER

Elementary my dear Watson.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Principal Wellington and The Man in the Fedora stand in the hallway where the fire alarm went off

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Right here.

HE POINTS UP TO THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM ON THE CEILING

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Was anything reported stolen from any
of the classrooms during the time of
the errant sprinkler?

HE TAKES OUT A NOTEPAD AND WRITES DOWN WELLINGTON'S RESPONSE

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

No. No teachers reported anything
missing.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Well we can't eliminate them as
suspects yet. Where is the system
controlled from?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

I can assure you no faculty member
here would do such a thing.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

And that's your first mistake. Never
rule out anybody.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

The system is controlled from the
Janitor's closet.

(MORE)

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

We tried to figure out who rigged it
to go off but couldn't trace it back.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Cameras?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Unfortunately not. Union deal, we had
to remove all cameras from the
Janitor's closet and the Teacher's
Lounge.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

The great and powerful Obama at it
again.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Sure. (Beat) We have no leads, I don't
know how we're gonna figure this out.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Well the first thing I want to do is
inspect the Janitor's closet, look for
clues. Worry not, when Detective
Samuel J. Boegarts is on the case, the
case gets solved.

INT. GYMNASIUM - DAY

Freshman students are gathered on the bleachers in the gymnasium at school. In this crowd are Julie, Matt & Casey.

CASEY

I'm definitely going to join the
fencing club.

MATT

Fencing isn't real you idiot.

CASEY

Yes it is!

MATT

If you got stabbed in the chest with a
sword it would penetrate your body.

CASEY

Not if you're wearing protective gear.

MATT

Julie back me up on this please.

JULIE

What?

MATT

Fencing's not real right?

JULIE

What?

MATT

(To Casey) Told you.

CASEY

That doesn't prove anything, it's
absolutely real-

THE LIGHTS GO DOWN. Y'ALL READY FOR THIS FROM SPACE JAM
BEGINS TO PLAY. STUDENTS LOOKM AROUND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
WHERE THE MUSIC IS COMING FROM.

MATT

The fuck?

CASEY

Is the music from Space Jam?

MR. HUMPHREY, A TEACHER, COMES OUT DANCING FROM BEHIND A
CURTAIN. HE'S IN HIS MID 30S, HE HAS GLASSES AND IS BALDING.
THE SCHOOLS CHEERLEADERS ARE ALSO DOING A CHOREOGRAPHED
DANCE. THE DANCE ENDS AND THE MUSIC DIES DOWN. THE LIGHTS
COME BACK ON. ONE LONE BOO CAN BE HEARD IN A CONFUSED SEA OF
SILENCE.

MR. HUMPHREY

How we all doing tonight?

SILENCE.

Give it up for the great NORTH VALLEY

CHEERLEADING SQUAD!

MUTED APPLAUSE AND A FEW WHISTLES. THE CHEERLEADERS AWKWARDLY
WALK OFF STAGE.

Well today's club day, and it only
comes once a year!

MATT IS THE LONE PERSON TO CLAP TO THAT

Thank you!

HE POINTS TO MATT

Club day is an exciting time. Today
you will hear from some of the great
student organizations we have at this
school. You will learn, you will find
your place, and dare I say it, maybe
even have a little fun.

(MORE)

MR. HUMPHREY (CONT'D)

So as I send you off on today's
adventure I remind you a very street-
wise man once said:
"Go shorty, it's your birthday. We're
going to party like it's your
birthday. We're going to sip Bacardi
like it's your birthday like it's your
birthday. And you know we don't give a
heck it's not your birthday." Go
forth!

- MONTAGE SET TO 50 CENT'S 2003 CLASSIC "IN DA CLUB."
- THE FIRST CLUB IS BUSINESS CLUB. THEY GO INTO A CLASSROOM WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE ON THE PROJECTOR. IT CONSISTS OF WHITE STUDENTS WITH SLICKED BACK HAIR AND SUITS WITH OVERALLS ON, TALKING ON OLD-TIMEY PHONES ABOUT SHORTING THE MARKET.
- NEXT THEY GO TO ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB, A CLUB IN A CLASSROOM COVERED WITH MAPS AND OBSCURE ART. ALL THE STUDENTS ARE DRESSED LIKE INDIANA JONES. ONE KID IS DRESSED LIKE SHORT ROUND.
- NEXT THEY GO TO BAKING CLUB, THEY GO TO THE HOME EC ROOM AND ALL THE STUDENTS ARE DRESSED IN A STEREOTYPICAL BAKING OUTFIT. WHITE JACKET AND WHITE HAT. A FIRE GOES OFF AT ONE OF THE OVENS.
- NEXT THEY GO TO THE AIDS SOCIETY. THE CHALKBOARD READS "THIS CLUB'S PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE THE FACT THAT AIDS IS A DISEASE THAT EXISTS." THE STUDENTS IN THIS CLUB ARE DRESSED AS FREDDIE MERCURY, EAZY-E, MAGIC JOHNSON & TOM HANKS IN PHILADELPHIA.

INT. MAIN OFFICE - DAY

Jacob and Parker are still fighting over their clubs

PARKER

JACOB

In 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created the greatest fictional character of all-time, a character who would stand the test of time.

Blah blah blah blah blah
blah blah blah blah blah
blah blah

Millions influenced by these great feats of literature

MRS. WATERS AND DUQUAN COME OUT OF THE OFFICE AND PARKER AND JACOB IMMEDIATELY STOP.

MRS. WATERS

The board will be in touch.

DUQUAN

Alright.

HE SPINS HIS BASKETBALL ON HIS FINGER AND HEADS OUT THE DOOR

MRS. WATERS

Jacob, the board will see you now.

JACOB STANDS UP AND FOLLOWS MRS. WATERS INTO THE ROOM

PARKER

Good luck... you're going to need it.

JACOB TURNS BACK TO PARKER

JACOB

Yeah well you're gonna need luck when
you (beat)

JACOB TRIES TO FINISH THE INSULT BUT CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING

Ughhhhh

PARKER WAVES AS JACOB WALKS THROUGH THE DOOR AND MRS. WATERS CLOSES IT. THREE INDISTINGUIHSABLE MIDDLE AGED WHITE MEN IN SUITS SIT IN CHAIRS AT THE BACK OF A SMALL ROOM. JACOB OPENS HIS BRIEFCASE AND TAKES OUT HIS LAPTOP. HE TAKES OUT AN EASEL AND SETS IT UP AND PUTS A BOARD ON IT THAT READS "FILM CLUB"

INDISTUINGISHABLE WHITE MAN
NUMBER 1

Mr. Waldman, we're looking forward to
your presentation.

JACOB

Well I've prepared a little speech for
you fine gentleman. I think after
hearing it you will understand what
this club is all about.

INDISTUINGISHABLE WHITE MAN
NUMBER 2

Let's hear it.

JACOB

I'm going to make you an offer you
can't refuse. Go ahead make my day.
This is the stuff that dreams are made
of. I'm mad as hell and I am not going
to take this anymore! What is this? A
center for ants? They call me Mr.
Tibbs! Today I consider myself the
luckiest man on the planet. If you
build it they will come. Be prepared
for the chance of a lifetime.

(MORE)

JACOB (CONT'D)

A million dollars isn't cool. You know what's cool? A billion dollars. You will know my name is the law, when I lay my vengeance upon thee! Do you know what happens to a toad when it's struck by lightning? The same thing that happens to everything else.

Whatever life holds in store for me I will never forget these words: with great power, comes great responsibility. Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death! Are you not entertained? *Do it.* Show me the money. Thank you.

HE BOWS FOR THE BOARD. THEY STAND UP AND APPLAUD.

INDISTINGUISHABLE WHITE MAN
NUMBER 3

That was brilliant. Truly brilliant.

JACOB

Elementary my dear Watson.

THEY CONTINUE TO APPLAUD

INT. JANITOR'S CLOSET-DAY

Principal Wellington and Det. Boegarts enter the Janitor's closet to look for clues. It's a tiny room with fading paint and a tiny little control system on the wall.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Beautiful room.

WELLINGTON SHRUGS. BOEGARTS APPROACHES THE CONTROL SYSTEM.

This controls the sprinklers I
suppose?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Yes. It can be set to go off in a
specific area at any time.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Bit advanced, no?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

What are you insinuating?

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

I'm not insinuating anything... what
are you thinking?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

I'm thinking that here at North Valley
we strive for the best.

BOEGARTS LOOKS AROUND THE ROOM.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

I can see. What's that?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

What's what?

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

That!

HE POINTS TO A SHINY OBJECT IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

I don't know.

BOEGARTS GRABS A PENCIL OUT OF A POCKET INSIDE OF HIS JACKET AND LEANS OVER TO PICK UP. HE HOLDS IT UP TO WELLINGTON. IT'S A GOLD BRACELET WITH THE LETTERS: JS.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Our first clue!

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Julie, Matt & Casey are sitting in a classroom as they watch a presentation on the AV Club. Sitting directly behind Julie is a male student wearing a deerstalker hat. The AV students are wearing glasses, khaki pants and shirts with collars and weird patterns.

AV CLUB LEADER

HOLDS UP A LONG CABLE

Now this is called an HDMI cable!

MATT

(To his friends) I think I may have miscalculated the excitement of club day.

CASEY NODS.

JACOB ENTERS THE ROOM AND SITS NEXT TO HIS FRIENDS.

JACOB

Sup bitches?

CASEY

How was your presentation?

JACOB

It was really good I think, I have to go back to the office around 1:45 today they're gonna announce the winner.

MATT

What was Wellington like in person?

JACOB

He wasn't there.

JULIE

What? Where was he?

JACOB

He was with a private investigator.

JULIE

Oh fuck.

THE KID IN THE DEERSTALKER QUIETLY LEANS IN

JACOB

It's fine. (Whispering) There's no way they know its you.

JULIE

My bracelet.

JACOB

You probably lost it in that giant house of yours.

CASEY

You're upsettingly rich.

JULIE

Shut up.

CASEY

I calls em like I sees em. And you my friend are a capitalist pig.

HE HIGH FIVES MATT

JULIE

You don't even know what capitalism means.

CASEY

Sure I do, it's like when you, uh, buy things. Like credit cards and shit.

JULIE

JULIE SHAKES HER HEAD AND TURNS TO JACOB

Did he seem like he had an inkling of suspicion?

AV CLUB LEADER

Hey, I'm gonna need you guys to keep quiet back there, got a presentation to do. Thank you.

JACOB

Can it Urkel. I promise you no one in this classroom is bothered alright.

ELLE SCHWARTZ LAUGHS.

AV CLUB LEADER

Uh... um, anyway back to the uh presentation. Microphones; how do you use em?

JACOB

I didn't see him but Parker Covington told me he saw him talking to a private investigator.

THE DEERSTALKER KID TAKES HIS HAT OFF.

JULIE

This is not good.

JACOB

It's fine just lay low, even if they find the bracelet they can't pin it on you it doesn't say your name.

JULIE

Yeah you're probably right.

JACOB

I am, now lets bounce these nerds are giving a migraine.

THEY LOUDLY GET UP AND LEAVE

(To the AV Club members) Pro tip: maybe join a club people actually care about, like I don't know a film club. Stay tuned.

CASEY THE LAST OF THE GROUP TURNS AROUND TO THE AV CLUB MEMBERS

CASEY

Sorry.

THE DEERSTALKER KID PUTS HIS HAT BACK ON AND PULLS OUT HIS PHONE. HE TEXTS A GROUP CHAT CALLED SACD GANG SAYING "I HAVE CRACKED THE CASE!"

INT. MAIN OFFICE - DAY

Mrs. Waters and the board stand in front of Duquan, Parker & Jacob. They're about to announce the winner.

MRS. WATERS

Parker, Duquan, Jacob you've all done
a tremendous job today. The board
wishes they could pick all 3 of you
but alas they can't. So the club that
they have decided to add for the 2012-
2013 school year is...

THE CAMERA PANS TO A STUDENT IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM ON A DRUM KIT. HE DOES A DRUM ROLL

Film club. Congratulations Jacob!

JACOB

Yes! Thank you so much. You've made a
fantastic decision.

HE BEGINS TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

DUQUAN

You're all racist.

HE WALKS OUT OF THE ROOM.

PARKER

You've bested me here I do admit, but
this victory may be very short indeed.

HE WALKS AWAY.

JACOB

Lets pop the corks!

INT. PRINCIPAL WELLINGTON'S OFFICE - DAY

A large office with blue walls and a mahogany desk. Wellington and Boegarts sit in the office. Wellington behind the desk and Boegarts in front of it. Boegarts is leaning back with his feet on Wellington's desk.

WELLINGTON GESTURES BOEGARTS TO MOVE HIS FEET, HE OBLIGES.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Quite the office, especially when considering the janitor's closet. Have you narrowed it down?

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Just about. There are 15 students in this school with the initials J.S.

CUT TO:

INT. WELLINGTON'S WAITING ROOM

Parker enters the waiting room. There are 4 waiting chairs and a desk with a secretary.

SECRETARY

How can I help you?

PARKER

I'd like to speak to Principal Wellington please.

SECRETARY

He's in a meeting right now but if you'd like to wait he should be just a few minutes.

PARKER

Brilliant. Thank you.

CUT BACK TO:

INT. WELLINGTON'S OFFICE

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Okay got it. 15 students and 4
faculty. We may just solve this thing.

BOEGART'S PHONE RINGS.

DETECTIVE BOEGARTS

Brilliant. Now I do have to take this
please excuse me.

WELLINGTON GESTURES TOWARDS THE DOOR.

BOEGARTS HEADS OUT THE DOOR INTO THE WAITING ROOM AND THEN
INTO THE HALLWAY.

PARKER

Now that's a man of style.

THE SECRETARY SMILES.

SECRETARY

I suppose you can go in now.

PARKER TIPS HIS HAT TO THE SECRETARY.

PARKER

Why thank you.

PARKER ENTERS THE OFFICE.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Mr... Covington is it? Please have a
seat.

PARKER

Thank you sir.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

I'm guessing this has to do with the new club? I'm sorry but that's out of my jurisdiction.

PARKER

No not at all actually. I'd like to talk to you about the fire alarm incident.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

Oh I can assure you that it won't happen again. You should feel very safe here.

PARKER

It's not my safety I'm concerned for, I trust your judgment fully. I have discovered the culprit.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

You have?

PARKER

Yes. You're looking for a freshman girl-

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

I'm sorry to cut you off but we can't just have students throwing around unsubstantiated claims of wrongdoing.

PARKER

I overheard her admittance of guilt.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

What's her name?

PARKER

Julie Summers.

PRINCIAPL WELLINGTON

(To himself) J.S.

CUT TO CREDITS.