

Edgemont.

A.J.

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INT. SCHOOL -- STUDY HALL -- DAY

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The Study Hall has been set up as a costume/make-up/changeroom area for the film. ERIN flounces in, wearing her Vengeance Demon costume, followed by a harried-looking A.J.

ERIN
I was so nailing that scene. I was hitting the moment.
(beat, warily)
Don't you think?

She turns on A.J. -- who's just trying to get through the day. She starts making an adjustment to Erin's costume.

A.J.
(unconvincingly)
Uh, yeah. Sure. Absolutely.

ERIN
I mean, you were watching.

A.J.
And I thought you were ... you know ... nailing it.

ERIN
I only said I'd do this stupid film because Gil's my boyfriend and I wanted to show him some support. And what thanks do I get?

A.J.
Yeah. Jeez. Guys are like that.

ERIN
How would you know? It's not like you've ever gone out with anybody.

A.J.
I know, but I've watched other people going out with them. Look, maybe you could try and stand still, for a second?

ERIN
Besides, the script is totally lame. And how am I supposed to act my best in a costume like this?

A.J. stops working, stung.

A.J.
What's wrong with it?

ERIN
It's all wrong. It's too much.

A.J.
I worked for a week making this costume.

ERIN
Head to toe in black. I'm a demon, not a sock puppet. Erica is sexy and seductive.

Beat.

A.J.
Erin? Could I say something? You're really major pain in the butt. Did anyone ever tell you that?

ERIN
What?

A.J.
You're rude, you're completely self-centered, and you're the worst actress I've ever seen in my life. But other than that, you probably have some excellent qualities. So have a nice day.

A.J. stalks off.