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MICHAEL  
What kind of pageant is this?

GEORGE-MICHAEL  
A beauty pageant. Well, it's an inner-beauty pageant.

MICHAEL  
Ah! There it is! Yes. What is it, a Christian thing?

GEORGE-MICHAEL  
Well... half. But it's at the State Fair. Which this year is a Church and State Fair.

MICHAEL  
It is?

RON (V.O.)  
It seems the state had run out of money and were going to cancel the fair.

INSERT: NEWSPAPER CLIPPING. Headline: "No Fair!"  
Subheadline: "Blue State in the Red."

RON (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
But the fair was resurrected by this man: The Reverend Robert Patterson...

INT. TALK SHOW LOOKING SET - DAY (FLASHBACK)

A TV evangelist [REDACTED] is on his set.

RON (V.O.)  
...who agreed to cover the fair's costs if it included a church presence.

REV. ROB PATTERSON  
That's the kind of integration we can all get behind!

INT. MODEL HOME - CONTINUOUS WITH BEFORE (D-1)

Lindsay enters (dressed) over the following.

GEORGE-MICHAEL  
So it's both inner and outer beauty.

Rev. Rob  
Patterson

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MICHAEL

Oh, no, I'm sorry, I kind of promised  
Steve Holt. You know, he's older,  
and... It's more of a manly --

GEORGE-MICHAEL

You don't think I'm manly?

MICHAEL

No, it's just... (THEN) Darn that  
Annabelle, she ruins everything!

Michael tousles his hair and crosses off.

RON (V.O.)

And the next day, the Church and  
State Fair was in full swing.

EXT. CHURCH AND STATE FAIR - DAY (D-2)

1) The Church and State Fair logo on a banner at the front  
entrance. "Welcome People of God and Taxpayers." 2) The  
Popemobile and an Army Hummer on display. 3) A spirited tug-  
of-war with FIREMEN on one side and RABBIS on the other.

RON (V.O.)

And Lindsay watched with pride as  
Hope Loblaw did an original number  
that Lindsay herself had written.

INT. PAGEANT TENT - DAY (D-2)

Gov is at the judging table with a POPE IMPERSONATOR, a  
POLICEMAN, and a ~~GREEK~~ ORTHODOX PRIEST. On stage, Hope sings  
as Lindsay looks on and mouths the words along with Hope.

HOPE

(SINGING) My heart's all church,  
but my body wants to go all state on  
you. The Lord has a place, but my  
body wants to go all state on you!

The song ends. The audience APPLAUDS. The Reverend Rob  
Patterson speaks into his mic.

REV. ROB PATTERSON

Ooh, that was Hope Loblaw, making a  
very convincing case for the co-  
mingling of Church and State. And  
now another act, this one with an  
emphasis on church. Please welcome  
Annabelle Veale, performing "We Three  
Kings" with a camel tow.

TEEN BOY #2  
Where is this magical place?

RON (V.O.)  
And outside the tent, Buster noticed  
he had competition. And they meant  
business.

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Buster sees a tent marked "Be A Man -- Join the Army. Snap-  
zoom into a smaller sign that says "Free Hats."

BUSTER  
I never got a hat.

INT. PAGEANT TENT - ON STAGE (D-2)

RON (V.O.)  
And later at the pageant, Maebly was  
astonished to find out she'd made  
the final round.

Hope, Ann, and Maebly as Surely are on stage with the Reverend.

REV. ROB PATTERSON  
And we're down to three. Will it be  
the beautiful Hope Loblaw...

Lindsay is there with Bob, leading a smattering of applause.

REV. ROB PATTERSON (CONT'D)  
The stalwart Annabelle Veale...

Tobias gets up to applaud, but his left hand gives.

REV. ROB PATTERSON (CONT'D)  
Or the justifiably bitter Surely  
Woolfbeck?

The place goes crazy -- Lindsay looks worried.

RON (V.O.)  
And Maebly saw how important it was  
for her mother to at least once have  
this victory, and she decided to  
give it to her.

MAEBLY  
I'm sorry, this is wrong. I haven't  
thought of anyone but myself in this.  
And that's the opposite of inner  
beauty. One of these girls deserves  
to win.

Maebly gets out of her chair. The audience GASPS.

LINDSAY  
(REALIZING) Maebly?

TOBIAS  
That's where I knew her from!

POLICEMAN  
It's a miracle!

REV. ROB PATTERSON  
I think the Lord has chosen a winner.

Bob tosses away the unopened envelope.

MAEBLY  
Oh, for God's sake.

REV. ROB PATTERSON  
Let us pray!

George-Michael reacts.

EXT. TRIATHLON COURSE - LATER (D-2)

RON (V.O.)  
And Michael, feeling now a little  
woozy, arrived at the triathlon.

Michael and Steve approach a sign that reads "Father-Son  
Triathlon." Fathers and sons of all ages being manacled at  
the ankle. The course features tricycles and a wading pool.

MICHAEL  
What the hell is this?

STEVE HOLT  
Don't let it psyche you out. The  
Contin-Oxy kick in yet?

Their ankles are chained together during the following.

MICHAEL  
You knew this is what the race was?

STEVE HOLT  
Kind of. They change it every year  
so you can't build it on your lawn.

MICHAEL  
Why did you have me train so hard?

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