DAVE

I think we'll chill here where the smell of weird old lady and cat piddle is at a bare minimum.

CHIP

It's only five days. What's the worst that could happen?

Their attention turns to the window as the bus passes.

CHIP/DAVE/MOM

Bus!

CHIP AND DAVE'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Dave explodes from the house. Chip is a distant second. Dave catches the bus, opens the doors and hops in.

INT. BUS - CONTINUOUS

Dave barters with LOU, the rotund bus driver.

What's it going to take for you to stop this bus, Low

Depends. You got pudding in that sack?

Dave begrudgingly hands over a pudding cup. The bus suddenly stops. Chip slams into the back of it.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

The boys pass posters promoting Dave for Homecoming King.

DAVE

I'm so stoked for homecoming, dude.

CHIP

You pick a date yet?

DAVE

Yeah, Mary, Anne.

Marian Gunt doesn't seem like your type.

DAVE

She's not. I'm taking Mary and Anne, the Valdez sisters. Who's your lucky lady?

CHIP

I'm going to pass on homecoming. I'm not the school dance type.

DAVE

You're gonna miss me taking my rightful place atop the throne as king. No need to kneel in my presence though.

CHIP

You do realize it's an honorary title, right? You're not an actual king.

DAVE

That's not how it was explained to me.

First bell RINGS.

CHIP

Whatever you say, your majesty.



INT. GYM DAY

COACH blows a WHISTLE, addresses Dave's class.

COACH

Morning, gentlemen. I hope you remembered to cub up, 'cause it's dodgeball day.

DAVE

Awesomesauce!

Coach BLOWS HIS WHISTLE. Dave charges. Every ball he throws hits it's mark. He whittles the opposition down to a single PLAYER. The player grops his ball and flees.

INT. AUDITORIUM -SCIENCE FAIR - DAY

MR. SULLIVAN, the moderator, takes the microphone.

MR. SULLIVAN

Next up is thip Caldwell.

CHIP

What's the worst thing about cell phones?

NERDY STUDENT 1

They don't float in the toilet.

CHIP

Ewww, no. They constantly need charging. At least they did until I invented this.

Chip triumphantly holds up the phone.



INT. KERRY AKLEY'S - EVENING

It's packed. Music, dancing, etc. The boys enter.

DAVE

Attention The Meroes have arrived.

Everyone CHEERS! Chip stakes his head.

KERRY

Cookie, bring these heroes the works, on the house!

INT. KERRY OAKLEY'S - LATER

Chip's stuffed. Dave uses a toothpick.

LUNA

Mind if I join you boys?

DAVE

Not at all. I'm Dave by the way.

As Luna sits, Chip leans over to Dave, WHISPERS.

CHIP

Why did you tell her your name? No personal info, remember?

DAVE

Chill, I'll spell it different.

LUNA

So, you boys are the talk of the town.

DAVE

My name is Dave with a Y.

LUNA

Umm...okay.

DAVE

(to Chip)

See? All good.

Dave sloppily tears into a pie. Chocolate covers his face. After a beat he notices Chip and Luna staring.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Want some pie?

Dave notices a beautiful girl riding a barrel held up by ropes. She wears a prairie dress with flowing red hair.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Time for Captain Romance to do his thang.

CHIP

You might wanna wipe the pie off your face before you do yo "thang".

Dave wipes a bit of chocolate away. Face still messy.

Dave struts through the CHEERING crowd. Suddenly, she's thrown, flies through the air and is caught by Dave.

DAVE

I'm no stranger to girls falling for me, but you take the cake, sweetheart.

Unimpressed, she hops up and walks away.

JANE

Speaking of cake, you may want to learn how napkins work.

Dave grabs a napkin, wipes his face then catches up.

DAVE

Name's Dave with a Y. I don't believe you've had the pleasure of meeting me.

JANE

We've met and it was far from a pleasure.

DAVE

Texas Jane? Wow! You look great and that barrel ride was amazing, for a girl.

JANE

Like to see you beat my 22 seconds.

DAVE

You're on.

He goes for a while before being thrown.

JANE

21 seconds. Not bad for a boy.

<- Stop

Jane smirks and walks away. Billy pulls Dave to his feet.

BILLY

You're a regular bronco buster!

DAVE

Is Texas Jane a way like that?