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Mindless, Drooling, Teenage Zombie Bullies

By Brian Guehring

This script was inspired by an improvisation about homophobia and bullying by Nik Whitcomb, Colleen Kilcoyne, Amanda Harris, Sami Mines, Anne Johnson, Dan Burgdorf and the teen company of Pride Players 12 at the Omaha Theater Company.

CHARACTERS

COLLEENa shy high-school student
who faces homophobia at her school
DANColleen's best friend with a very dry
sense of humor and a brilliant mind for chemistry
LEILANIColleen's confident teen activist girlfriend
(who attends Central High School)
NIK..... a homophobic athletic boy at East High
SAMINik's girlfriend
AMANDASami's friend
MS. JOHNSONColleen's chemistry teacher
ZOMBIE TEENSEast High students affected by
the botched chemistry experiment
GSA TEENS.....members of Central High GSA
who host the Pride Party

SETTING AND TIME: East High School chemistry class;
Colleen's home; Central High's Pride Party. Now.

(NIK starts texting on his phone. COLLEEN's phone buzzes. She picks it up.)

COLLEEN. Great, now he's texting me insults, too.

(NIK starts laughing and AMANDA joins in.)

MS. JOHNSON. No cell phones in class, Colleen. Bring me your phone.

(COLLEEN walks to front of class.)

NIK *(as if he is sneezing)*. Aahhhh... Dyke.

(NIK and CLASS laugh as COLLEEN hands over phone.)

COLLEEN. Did you hear that, Ms. Johnson?

NIK. I just sneezed.

MS. JOHNSON. Colleen, focus on your schoolwork in school, not your personal life.

COLLEEN (*returns to her table*). Even the teachers won't help me.

DAN. Teens say that stuff all the time, the teachers have become numb to it. There is nothing anyone can do. Just don't bring attention to yourself and hope it goes away.

(NIK approaches DAN and COLLEEN's table. DAN and COLLEEN are on one side of the table and the rest of the CLASS is on the other side.)

NIK. Why don't you just transfer to another school, freak?

(NIK spits at COLLEEN. DAN and COLLEEN hold up folders to protect themselves, and the spit lands in DAN's experiment. SOUND of explosion. The entire CLASS except for DAN and COLLEEN have been sprayed by the chemical explosion and react.)

MS. JOHNSON (*wiping off chemicals from her face*). What just happened?

DAN (*trying to clean up*). Nik just spit into my experiment.

SAMI. Which exploded all over us!

MS. JOHNSON. What were you doing?

DAN. I was trying something new...

MS. JOHNSON. Dan, I will deal with you later! Quickly—everyone out of the room!

(CLASS leaves room, coughing and looking ill.)

COLLEEN. What just happened?

DAN. A fascinatingly unexpected chemistry reaction. I did not think that human saliva could cause my experiment to explode like that.

COLLEEN. What were you working on, Dan?

DAN. A little chemical formula to stimulate the prefrontal cortex.

COLLEEN. What?

DAN. The part of your brain responsible for empathy, judgment and impulse control. I was planning to test it on rats first. This will be much more interesting.

COLLEEN. Thank goodness it didn't spray on us.

DAN. I wonder if it will take long to notice any changes in the subjects.

(Ominous SOUND of moaning.)