

INT. DORM ROOM - LATER

Chayse, Natalie, AJ and Logan are all sitting on the floor, eating pizza, mid-conversation.

NATALIE

So, what's the difference between breaking and hip hop dancing?

LOGAN

They have a lot of the same fundamentals, but the style is a bit different.

AJ

It seriously looks so cool.

NATALIE

And what's a crew again?

LOGAN

A dance crew is kind of like... your team. Your girls.

NATALIE

Like us!

LOGAN

Yeah! Here let me show you.

Logan pulls up her phone and shows the girls a video of Underground Flow (her real crew!). They are SO good.

## Sc. 1 Start

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Underground Flow. They're my favorite. I WISH I could be a part of a crew like this one day.

AJ

Why don't you just try out?

LOGAN

It's not that simple. Breaking is hard -- especially for a girl. Most of the battles are made up of bboys, not a lot of bgirls.

CHAYSE

So... change it.

Logan laughs.

CHAYSE (CONT'D)

I'm serious. You are the best dancer I have ever seen. If anyone can do it, you can.

LOGAN

I guess I could enter a battle, see where that gets me.

GIRLS

YES! DO IT!

LOGAN

I don't know. Those bboys are scary! This one guy on campus, his breaking name is "BEvil!"

The girls laugh.

~~LOGAN (CONT'D)~~

~~I don't think he got that nickname because he's nice.~~

NATALIE

What's your breaking name?

LOGAN

Logistix.

The girls smile.

CHAYSE

That's a much nicer name.

LOGAN

There's one guy, his breaking name is Vlln. (Said like villain). Villain! They are so intimidating.

NATALIE

It's intimidating and scary every day in practice, getting up on a 4 inch beam and tumbling on it...

CHAYSE

But just because we're scared, doesn't mean we don't do it.

Logan isn't entirely convinced.

NATALIE

Not to mention we've all been  
tormented by boys our whole lives --  
called names because of how we  
look...

~~AJ~~

~~People think we aren't serious  
athletes, and gymnastics isn't a  
real sport.~~

LOGAN

I swear if I hear another guy say  
that girls don't belong in hip hop  
or breaking...

Logan makes a "I'll beat 'em up" gesture.

CHAYSE

You are amazing, Logan. We've all  
seen you. Just because your dream  
is scary, doesn't mean you  
shouldn't go after it with  
everything you got.

The girls nod in agreement.

LOGAN

Thanks, guys.

~~NATALIE~~

~~Hey, we should be your crew!~~

~~LOGAN~~

~~Okay, hot shots, show me your  
moves.~~

MONTAGE: The girls dance. Logan shows them some cool moves  
and they try to join in. They collapse in laughter on the  
floor.

~~LOGAN (CONT'D)~~

~~You're no Underground Flow, but not  
bad.~~

(beat, then)

Hey, have you guys ever heard of  
the original bboy -- Crazy Legs?

GIRLS

The original?

LOGAN

Yeah, check it out!

Logan shows the girls another video [we don't have to see it, we can just hear music].

CHAYSE

I think Crazy Legs would be my  
breaking name...

The girls laugh. Interrupting that thought, AJ's phone goes off. Natalie yanks it from her.

NATALIE

(reading)

TEXT FROM SAM: "Art studio  
tomorrow?" Smiley face.

CHAYSE

SAM?!!

LOGAN

Who's Sam?

AJ steals her phone back.

AJ

No one!

NATALIE

Doesn't sound like no one.

AJ

Just a guy I met at the art studio.

CHAYSE

Art studio?! Since when do you  
paint?

AJ

There are some things I just like  
to keep separate from gymnastics,  
that's all.

NATALIE

Like a boyfriend!

AJ starts to blush.

CHAYSE/NATALIE

AJ and Sam sitting in a tree...

AJ's face turns redder.

AJ

He's not my boyfriend, he's just a  
guy in the art studio.

CHAYSE

Ya, okay.

Chayse hits AJ with a pillow. AJ hits her back. It's on!  
Logan laughs, enjoying this new found group of friends.

## Sc. 1 End

~~INT. DORM COMMON ROOM (OR PIZZA PLACE) - SAME TIME~~

~~Sam sits with his friends (JOSH and DAN) in the common room,  
eating some pizza.~~

~~JOSH~~

~~So who's your new girlfriend, bro?~~

~~SAM~~

~~Not a girlfriend, just a friend.~~

~~DAN~~

~~She pretty?~~

~~SAM~~

~~(wistfully)~~

~~Yeah...~~

~~JOSH~~

~~Does she love comic books like us?~~

~~DAN~~

~~She's a girl, not a fantasy.~~

~~Sam laughs.~~

~~SAM~~

~~I don't know, actually...~~

~~JOSH~~

~~What does she like to do for fun?~~

~~SAM~~

~~I'm not sure...~~

~~DAN~~

~~Bro, do you know anything about  
this girl?~~

~~SAM~~

~~Her major is exercise science!~~

~~DAN~~

~~Anything else?~~

KJ KINDLER (CONT'D)

I brought a very special guest today. You know her as the first gymnast to get a perfect 10. One of the best Olympic gymnasts of all time. I know her as my good friend... Nadia Comenici!

The girls applaud for this legend and sit down.

NADIA COMENICI

Thank you, girls. Coach Kindler brought me here to give you a little inspiration leading up to the championships. And you know what? You all have what it takes to be champions. But the difference between being great and being perfect is not about your physical abilities -- it's about your attitude and most importantly, your heart. It's not about how many beam routines you do in a row -- though my friend here might disagree...

KJ jokingly does the "cut her off" gesture to the girls and smiles.

NADIA COMENICI (CONT'D)

It's about what's inside that matters. Hundreds of gymnasts score perfect 10s, but only a few actually feel it. Gymnastics is a part of your soul. You live it and breathe it every day. But you will only win when you realize that the key to winning is really in here (gestures to her heart).

The girls applaud. Nadia smiles and Coach Kindler thanks her.

**Sc.2 Start** On the other end of the floor, Natalie talks to Chayse.

NATALIE

I've heard that same speech a hundred times. I think if I felt gymnastics anymore in my heart, it would literally explode.

Chayse laughs.

NATALIE (CONT'D)

I don't have the skills to back it up.

(MORE)

NATALIE (CONT'D)

Miss Perfect 10 forgot to include that part. Feel it in your heart, but don't fall on your butt every day.

CHAYSE

Come on, Nat, you're being too hard on yourself.

NATALIE

You don't get it, Chayse. I trained with the VERY best at WOGA. Nastia, Carly Patterson... Do you know what it's like growing up in the shadow of perfection? Like, actual perfection? And every day, I fell short.

CHAYSE

But you're here. You're with us. You're part of this amazing team.

NATALIE

It's hard to be a part of a team when you never get to actually compete. The rest of you are out there living MY dream, and I have to watch and smile on the sidelines.

CHAYSE

Do you know how many girls DREAM of making it as far as you have?

NATALIE

A lot...

CHAYSE

I know it's hard to see when you want something so badly and it's right in front of you, but you are just as big a part of this team as everyone else.

Natalie gives Chayse a skeptical look.

CHAYSE (CONT'D)

I'm serious. You are OUR heart. You inspire us every day.

They hug.

NATALIE

Do I really inspire you?

CHAYSE

Anyone who falls as much as you do,  
and doesn't run crying out of the  
gym every day... is definitely an  
inspiration.

NATALIE

Aww.

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**Sc.2 End** Chayse gives Natalie a playful punch on the arm.

NATALIE (CONT'D)

Ow! Thanks, Chayse.

Chayse laughs and puts her arm around her friend and leads  
her out of practice.

~~INT. LOCKER ROOM - AFTER PRACTICE~~

~~The girls are all packing up their grips, putting on  
sweatshirts, etc.~~

~~CHAYSE~~

~~Listen up, Sooners. There's a Young  
Choreographer's showcase tonight at  
the University Theater. Thought it  
might be helpful for our routines.~~

~~AJ~~

~~I kind of have a thing tonight.~~

~~AJ isn't about to say what that "thing" is but more on that  
later...~~

~~CHAYSE~~

~~Come on, AJ! Nat? Brenna?~~

~~NATALIE~~

~~Let's do it.~~

~~BRENNA DOWELL~~

~~Sounds cool.~~

~~AJ~~

~~Fine. Peer pressure.~~

~~CHAYSE~~

~~Yay! See you all at the Theater at  
8.~~