

# *Spoonful of Chaos*

## **Synopsis:**

This full-length comedy follows Vicky, Gwen, and Brooklyn through their endeavors at a small ice cream shop in a tiny town in Tennessee while trying to find their purpose in life. Will the chaos of everyday life set them back from finding themselves? Or will it jump-start their journey into finding who they want to be?

## Character List

**VICKY:** (Female presenting) A starving artist, just trying to make money to pay rent. Should give off badass lesbian vibes. Works at ‘Scream’, but wants to be the owner.

**GWEN:** (Female presenting) A shy college sophomore transfer that doesn’t know their major. Has a “shy until you get to know them” type of energy. A new worker at ‘Scream’. Becomes Charles’ love interest.

**BROOKLYN:** (Female presenting) A culinary grad student trying to get through college so she can plan her wedding. The mom friend. Works at ‘Scream’.

**RHETT:** (Male presenting) A worker at ‘Scream’. Is the epitome of ‘a stoner’, and is notorious for doing his job incorrectly.

**MR. MYLES:** (Male presenting) The current owner of ‘Scream’. Is a complete pushover. Loves his wife, and has been trying to start a family for a while.

**CHARLES:** (Male presenting) A charming bartender who is lactose intolerant. He has lived in the town his whole life. He enjoys scenery and is not a fan of change. Becomes Gwen’s love interest.

**TEN PERCENT LADY:** (Female presenting) Is a terrifying old lady that almost always gets what she wants. She is the richest person in town and knows everything about everyone. She does not care what others think, and she honestly believes that everyone is beneath her.

**ROB:** (Male presenting) A man-child. Was probably really spoiled as a child, and has an issue with the word “No”. Masculinity is very fragile. He has anger issues.

**RICHARD:** (Male presenting) Your classic entitled white, sexist, man. He is impatient, and his ego is not sturdy. He has an abundance of audacity.

**KATHY:** (Female presenting) A bubbly customer. She has lots of energy, and simply loves life.

**DANNY:** (Any gender) A fun, upbeat customer. Has a chill vibe about them, and enjoy brownies.

**HARLEY:** (Any gender) A nice but emotional customer. They had a dog named Milly that they loved very much.

## **Scene 1:**

*[Lights slowly rise up on a small ice cream shop. VICKY is slouching behind the counter on her phone until she is startled by a slightly out-of-tune entry chime. GWEN timidly walks in looking as lost as a freshman on the first day of school. VICKY greets GWEN in a well-rehearsed and unenthusiastic tone]*

**VICKY:** Hi, welcome to Scream, where you scream for ice cream. How can I help you?

**GWEN:** Oh, um. Hi. I'm here for training?

**VICKY:** Right, you must be the new girl.

**GWEN:** *[Awkwardly]* That's me.

**VICKY:** Cool, what made you choose this shit hole for a job?

**GWEN:** *[A little startled by the language]* I-I needed a job? This place was the first to accept my application.

**VICKY:** Ah. Well, we're happy to have you.

*[BROOKLYN enters through the kitchen door, stressfully carrying an armful of dishes]*

I'll go get Mr. Myles. He'll give you your paperwork and all. Then Brook will get you started on getting to know your way behind the counter.

**BROOKLYN:** *[Wasn't listening]* What am I doing?

**VICKY:** New girl needs training. After Mr. Half-Wit gives her the paperwork and uniform lowdown, you're gonna show her the ropes behind the counter.

*[BROOKLYN snickers while putting dishes away behind the counter]*

**BROOKLYN:** Okay.

**GWEN:** *[Genuinely]* Who's Mr. Half-Wit?

**BROOKLYN:** She's talking about Mr. Myles.

**GWEN:** Oh...

**VICKY:** He's an absolute pushover.

**BROOKLYN:** You'll see once you meet him.

**VICKY:** *[As if talking about a child]* Speaking of the little guy. Is he still hiding in his office?

**BROOKLYN:** Yep.

**VICKY:** His wife yelling at him through the phone?

**BROOKLYN:** You betcha.

**VICKY:** I'll give him a minute then.

**GWEN:** ... Um, I don't want to pry, but how is Mr. Myles as a boss?

**BROOKLYN:** Things could be worse.

**VICKY:** He's a coward.

*[Beat]*

**GWEN:** I take it y'all don't like him very much.

**BROOKLYN:** It's not that we don't like him, he just has an issue with being in an authoritative position. Vicky has practically been running the business for the past 2 years.

**VICKY:** *[To GWEN]* I don't like him.

**BROOKLYN:** On the bright side, you don't ever have to worry about him yelling at you.

**GWEN:** That's good!...So, how have y'all liked working here?

**VICKY:** It's the easiest job I've ever had. Do with that what you will.

**BROOKLYN:** I second that, especially for what we get paid.

*[GWEN stays very still, obviously wanting to know how much SHE is going to get paid.  
VICKY takes notice]*

**VICKY:** You'll start off around nine dollars an hour, and I will bet you my entire next paycheck that Myles will give you a raise by the end of the day.

**GWEN:** Really?

**BROOKLYN:** Really, really. I got my first raise after I filled out my paperwork. He said it was because I had nice handwriting.

**GWEN:** Well, that's nice.

**VICKY:** It's too nice. The man's a wimp.

**BROOKLYN:** You'll also get used to the fact that Vicky has no filter pretty quickly.

**VICKY:** *[To GWEN]* If I ever offend you, just let me know.

**GWEN:** O-okay.

**VICKY:** *[checking the time]* Alrighty, I'm gonna go assess the damage. I hope he's not crying like last time.

*[VICKY exits. Leaving GWEN and BROOKLYN alone]*

**BROOKLYN:** I'm Brooklyn by the way. You can call me Brook.

**GWEN:** Oh, I'm Gwen. You can call me... Gwen.

**BROOKLYN:** *[Chuckling]* Alrighty, Gwen. What made you choose Scream out of everything else?

**GWEN:** Well, y'all were the first to accept my application.

**BROOKLYN:** That's because we are severely understaffed.

*[Beat]*

**GWEN:** ... And because Mr. Half-Wit can't say no?

**BROOKLYN:** *[Impressed]* You've already caught on. You're gonna do great here.

*[Commotion from MR. MYLES can be heard from the back, it's not quite words but distinct emotions can be heard. After a few moments of sniffles, MR. MYLES enters from the kitchen door wiping his eyes]*

**MR. MYLES:** Ah, I heard we have a new member of the team?

**GWEN:** Yes sir.

**MR. MYLES:** Wonderful! I assume you've met Victoria and Brooklyn?

**GWEN:** Yes sir.

**MR. MYLES:** That's Great! I need to go grab your paperwork from the back and have you fill that out. Is that alright?

**GWEN:** ...Yes sir.

**MR. MYLES:** Alrighty!

*[MR. MYLES begins to exit, but stops himself suddenly]*

**MR. MYLES:** Oh! I didn't catch the name.

**GWEN:** Right. It's Gwen.

**MR. MYLES:** Gwen, short for Guinevere or Gwendolyn?

**GWEN:** Nope, just Gwen, sir.

**MR. MYLES:** *[amazed]* Wow, that's odd...That mind boggles me.

*[mumbling on his way out]* Just Gwen. Wow.

*[MR. MYLES retreats back to the comfort of his tiny office, leaving VICKY, GWEN, and BROOKLYN alone]*

**GWEN:** Y'all were spot on.

**VICKY:** With what?

**GWEN:** *[with slight pity]* He's a complete pushover.

**VICKY:** Thank you!

*[Turning to speak to BROOKLYN]*

Brook, she's gonna do great here.

**BROOKLYN:** That's what I said!

*[Lights fade slowly while the shop music plays as if the sun has started to set. VICKY, BROOKLYN, and GWEN all exit through the shop door, as if their shifts had ended]*

**End Scene**