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CAST

Bandi (Ms. Bakeoff)

A typical teenage girl / a Home Ec teacher with burnt offerings

Alicia (Ms. Mapsahoy)

A teen with a sense of humor / a gum chewin' American history teacher

Rick (Mr. Chromdome Sweatsalot)

A kid with a manly chest who always finds himself in trouble / a junk-food junkie coach

Shellie (Ms. Wrecksall)

A clever, outspoken teen / a drivers' education teacher on the take

Nicole (Ms. Squeakeasy)

A goodie-good girl who has never been in trouble / orchestra leader with strings missing

Kyle (Grouchy Grundy)

A kid with the biggest collection of detention slips / algebra teacher with lots of red ink

Candy (Ms. Fourmaldeehide)

A girl who gives female drivers a bad name / a science teacher with skeletons in her closet

Dawn (Ms. Writeitright)

A serious leader who defends the teachers' cause / English teacher with "author-eye-tis"

Kendra (Ms. Scardycakes)

The sarcastic leader of the teenage pack / a sex education teacher with "kidaphobia"

Eddie

Chief building engineer dedicated to keeping teenage fingerprints (and graffiti) off the walls

Ron

Custodian with a cause — he believes in a clean sweep

Marlene

Janitor in an apron — believes in tidy teens

Paula

Handyman's helper — knows cleanliness is next to nothing in the life of a teenager

Mr. Bigcheese

Only a voice in a crowded room

Scene 1

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AT RISE: The stage is dark as several students enter the teachers' lounge.

BANDI: Somebody get the lights.

NICOLE: If we're going to snoop around in the teachers' lounge, we'd better do it in the dark.

CANDY: Nonsense, who is going to be here to turn us in — it's the middle of the night already. *(Finds a switch and the stage is aglow. There are tables, chairs, empty pop cans, a bulletin board with the slogan "Support Teacher Raises — We Like to Eat, Too," a pile of books on one table, a pop machine or refrigerator and vending machine.)*

ALICIA: Is this all there is to a teachers' lounge? I thought it would be more magnificent. What a rip-off!

KENDRA: Yeah, the way the teachers rush to get here, I supposed it was like *wow!* This is Pit City. It's not even good enough for Old Lady Wrecksall — and almost anything's good enough for Old Lady Wrecksall.

RICK: Naaah, you're wrong — it *is* good enough for Old Lady Wrecksall, just isn't good enough for my bulldog, Killer!

KYLE: *(Sniffs)* It kind of smells like Killer has been here — for a week, scratching and pawing to get out . . . barking and yelping . . . saying, "Let me out of this cesspool."

DAWN: Knock it off, guys. Let's take a quick look around and get out of here before we get in trouble. We're supposed to be getting our books out of our lockers, remember? Otherwise the janitor would not have let us in.

CANDY: Yeah, can you imagine him falling for that line?

SHELLIE: Whoever heard of a teenager getting books at two in the morning — after returning from a glee club trip?

RICK: Whoever heard of a teenager getting a book — period!

ALICIA: He's probably been eating too much cafeteria food. It turns your brains to mush, ya know.

1 **KYLE:** So, Rick, now we know — you don't have a brain tumor,
2 you just go back for seconds every day in the lunchroom!

3 **RICK:** At least I have a brain — even if it's soft. I don't have to
4 write my cheat notes on my chest — I couldn't anyway —
5 cause I have chest hairs — (*Exposes chest and beats it like*
6 *Tarzan*) unlike you, Kyle, whose chest is as hairless as Mr.
7 Chromedome Sweatsalot's head!

8 **DAWN:** Knock it off, stooges. We don't have time for child's play
9 now. Just think, this is where teachers do all that planning
10 so that we might be better educated. (*Looks up to heaven.*)

11 **KYLE:** Yeah, this is where they plan how many swats to give
12 me — my behind is probably the main topic of
13 conversation in this joint!

14 **KENDRA:** This is where they make out tests — *and* throw
15 away the rough drafts, the leftovers, the wrinkled copies.
16 (*All head for the trash cans.*)

17 **NICOLE:** What are you doing? (*All but NICOLE and DAWN*
18 *are pawing through the garbage looking for future tests.*) This
19 is the most disgusting thing I've ever encountered.

20 **DAWN:** If you found a test it would be cheating, cheating,
21 cheating to use it. I will not be a party to such lowlife
22 tactics.

23 **KYLE:** Can it, Dawn. If I can find a copy of next week's science
24 test, it could keep me from going to summer school.

25 **CANDY:** If I could make an A on a math test my father might
26 forget what I did to his car last week.

27 **RICK:** Candy, you totaled a Mercedes!

28 **NICOLE:** You ran into a hearse!

29 **KENDRA:** And it wasn't empty!

30 **BANDI:** You gave all the passengers whiplash!

31 **SHELLIE:** All but *one*.

32 **CANDY:** Yeah, I guess it'll take more than an A in math to
33 make Dad forget about that incident. (*Throws all her papers*
34 *back in the trash. The others continue to search.*)

35 **ALICIA:** Well, it *was* on every newscast.

1 **KYLE:** *(Pretends to hold a mike.)* “Candy Simmons pays her
2 last respects!”
3 **RICK:** *(Joining in)* “Local girl makes a big *hit* at neighborhood
4 funeral procession!” *(Dumps papers back in trash.)* I give
5 up. Those teachers never throw *anything* away.
6 **KENDRA:** We should have guessed that — we’ve seen their
7 wardrobes!
8 **SHELLIE:** From what I hear, they make out one test the year
9 they graduate from teachers’ college and just Xerox it
10 for the rest of their lives.
11 **BANDI:** If this Xerox machine could only talk.
12 **NICOLE:** You’d better be glad nothing in here can talk. We’d
13 all be in trouble and I for one have never been in trouble
14 in my life.
15 **RICK:** Well, excuse my detention slips, if we’re not in the
16 presence of Ms. Perfection!
17 **KYLE:** Let me touch your unslapped knuckles, let me
18 whisper in your unyelled-at ears, let me pat your
19 unswatted . . .
20 **DAWN:** Cool it Kyle. Nicole and I cannot help it if we prefer
21 to lead our lives without the aid of dunce caps, after-
22 school detentions and constant parent conferences.
23 **RICK:** OK, but you’re missing out on *sooo* much — your
24 parents will never be on a first-name basis with the
25 principal!
26 **KYLE:** My dad plays golf with Mr. Bigcheese and they cook
27 up new ways to punish me while they’re counting strokes.
28 **RICK:** He gives my old man a stroke every time he calls my
29 house!
30 **NICOLE:** You two need to grow up. Someday you’ll be old
31 enough to vote and you’ll still be putting frogs down girls’
32 blouses.
33 **KYLE:** Naah, we haven’t pulled that juvenile trick in a long
34 time.
35 **RICK:** Yeah, Ms. Fourmaldeehide started locking up the lab

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