

#11

Midfield. Brainy, morbid, budding elitist, thoughtful. Seventeen. #11 has a true interest in the world outside her suburban bubble and grapples with questions of morality. She is studious in her interests.

(Some of the team are discussing a former leader of the Khmer Rouge during the Cambodian genocide.)

- #11. ok but
imagine if you did something horrible today
but you didn't think it was horrible
- #2. but it was horrible
is the thing
it was /
- #11. let me finish
it was horrible
it was an an atrocity
right?
- #13. yeah it was
- #11. but you didn't think it was an atrocity
you thought you were like saving your country
like destroying the enemy to save your own people
- #2. but the enemy WAS your own people
- #25. yeah
- #11. right
I know that
but like
what if
after you did that
you just like lived your life
like went to college and got a job and got married and had kids and
grandkids and
- #13. woah
- #11. and then
when you were 90 and like on the verge of death with like uh
emphysema That's when an INTERPOL guy knocks on your door
and is like
we found you
we know what you did
and guess what?
you're going to prison
For Life

#25

Defense. Captain. Classic (ex.) coach's daughter. Seventeen. A leader. Not straight. Determined to keep the team in line, and expects a certain excellence and decorum on the field. Tentatively shares her budding relationship.

(After an embarrassing loss last week, and pushback from starting striker #7, #25 has been working the team hard. She knows a college recruiter is watching this game.)

#25. OK LADIES

So

Big Game Today

Great practice for the college showcase tournament/ next weekend

#7. we're not going to stretch?

#25. no time

#7. um hello that is like so fucking dangerous

#25. we don't have time ok

WE DON'T HAVE TIME

#7 and #14 exchange a look

#25. ok you know what?

everyone stretch

right now

yeah

they do

#25. yeah

ok

great

So

Let's talk about last week

we lost last week

Right

Yeah

We Did

to a team that was worse than we were

#7. (is this like her motivational speech?)

Why?

Cause we weren't listening to each other

#14. (oy)

(to #7 and #14) I'm sorry Am I Interrupting??

#7. nope

#25. Good

Now

This week
We're playing a good team

#13 BLUE STORMMMMMM

#25 But we've beat them before

#11 like 5 years ago

#13 or as I like to call it
Phase Training Bra

#25 Ok
So
We know they're good
and sure
they are
they're really good
they went to Nationals last year right?
but are we scared?

#7 and #14 roll their eyes

#25. I said
Are We Scared??

#2. *(super loud)* NO!!

#25. That's right
We're not scared
We're Ready to Play

#2 WE'RE READY!!

#25 Cause this isn't about Last Year's Nationals
This isn't about Next Year's Nationals
This is about Right Here
Right Now
in City Sports Dome
So
. . . expect lots of shots on goal
which means mark your man
watch for breakaways
we're gonna play 2-2- 1
I want 8 and me on D
14 and 11 in midfield

to #14 and #8

#25 but I want you guys to hang back and play safe

#14 gotcha

#25 and 46 as striker

#7. ...what?

#25.

(ignoring)

7 and 13 we'll sub you in fast

It's going to be a running game

so we'll be switching it/up constantly

#7. the fuck are you talking about

#25. they're really going to run us out there
and everybody watch/ for Jordana

#7. we're playing the best team in the league
in the fucking district
and you bench me?

#25. hey this is all coming from Coach

#7. give it a fucking break

#25. language

#7. she can't even kick a fucking ball straight!

#25.

HEY

we're a team

you wanna play?

You play With Us

All of Us

kay?

#13
SIDE 2

Midfield. Stoner, older pot dealer brother, into her wackiness. Sixteen. Has Asthma. A bit of a sardonic sense of humor, but maybe because she lives in the present and doesn't really think ahead..

#13. how is Dr. Feinstein doing these days?

#11. she's uh, she's great

#13. still got that smoking haircut?
and that sexy sexy bod?

#11. screw you

#13. you have got a Hot Mom
those are the cards you were dealt
and you know what
you gotta make a certain kind of peace with that

#11. she is not a HOT MOM

#13. that's not what Kevin says
as he jerks off to her website pic

#14. Kevin sees a shrink?

#13. uh Kevin?
hello?
Kevin?
the community college drop-out who sells pot from our basement?
he's like why shrinks were invented

#11. She's
My
Mom

#13. and He's My Brother!
that makes us like
oh man
if my brother's banging your mom
that makes me your

#11. you are such an asshole

#13. that's Auntie Asshole to you dearie

#13
SIDE 1

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(The girls talk about the new girl #46, who has just walked off the field to change into her uniform)

#13 she takes the bus?

#11 she told me she takes like three buses to get here

#8 wow

#13 doesn't she live in like the hills?

#8 really?

#13 yeah I heard she lives in the hills in this like yogurt thing with her mom

#2 she lives in a yogurt?

#46 walks back on. she forgot her backpack

#46 ...backpack

#46 grabs it and walks off

#13 I can't imagine being homeschooled

#8 yeah. so weird

#13 she doesn't even have a school season. you know

#8 and it's like so weird she just joined our team
I mean we've been playing together forever

#2 remember the Blossoms

#13 (to #25) oh man when your dad was our coach

#11 Coach Frank

#13 good ol' Screamy Screamy Coach Frank

#25 (*embarrassed*) yeah yeah

#11 can always tell when Frank's around

#13 first one in the lawn chair
first one out of the lawn chair
punching a ref in the face

#25 that was two years ago

#8 but like. she's only now playing indoor?
like— really?

25 I mean. she's pretty good
for having never played before

#13 wait
whaaaaat

#8 she's never played before??
Like ever?

#25 that's what it said on her registration form

#13 like on a team
or like indoor?
or like at all?

#8 wow she's like a prodigy

#13 yeah dude

#25 I asked her if she wanted to play travel team
and she was like. "what's travel team"

#13 NO

#25 and she called it football

#13 like as a joke?

#25 yeah she called soccer "football"
and positions "spots"

#13 as a joke
right?

#25 I don't think so

#13 truth to power?
she's pretty stinky

#46
SIDE 1

Bench. New girl. Awkward, different, just wants to fit in. Sixteen. Struggles wildly to find her social footing and the effort is laborious. A highly talented soccer athlete.

(here, it's important to know that #46 tried to enter an earlier Cambodia conversation, but no one listened to her)

#7 ...you've never played soccer before. Right?

#46 what do you mean

#13 did you play O.D.P.?

#46 O.D.P.?

#11 Olympic Development program

#46 *(laughing a little)* no
the Olympics?
definitely not
this is actually my first team
with like jerseys

#13 *(suspicious)* really dude?

#46 yes

#11 but that's
your so

#2 good

#46 oh I mean but I've played before
I've played a lot

#2 where?

#46 uh well
all over the world actually

#13 WHAAAAAAT??

#46 yeah
my mom travels a lot for her job so

we move uh
pretty much constantly
and everyone plays football
um soccer
like everywhere
like Jakarta Krakow La Paz uh Kampala
even if you don't speak the language
so it's uh
it's a good way to uh
make
(self-conscious) friends

#11 ...wait what does your mom do?

#13 does she like work for the CIA

#8 omigosh is your mom a spy??

#46 haha
no
no
she's um
she's a travel writer

#11 that's something you can actually be?

#46 I guess so
not a lot of people do it

#11 so like where have you gone

#46 we just got back from Morocco
before that Cambodia

#13 you've been to Cambodia??

#46 yeah
I um I think I told you that

#7 wait if you've been to all these places. then like why the fuck are you living here?

#46 oh
my grandma lives here
she's really sick
she has emphysema

#8 ...oh my gosh

#46
SIDE 2

Bench. New girl. Awkward, different, just wants to fit in. Sixteen. Struggles wildly to find her social footing and the effort is laborious. A highly talented soccer athlete.

(#46 works out her frustrations through impressive physical feats/ dexterity. I soccer ball is not required for audition, but some physical expression is requested)

*#46 intercepts their pass
she juggles their ball
she is amazing*

I LIVE IN A YOGURT
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT
YOGURT FOR BREAKFAST
YOGURT FOR LUNCH
I LIVE IN A YOGURT
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT
YOGURT FOR DINNER
YOGURT FOR BRUNCH
I LIVE IN A YOGURT
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT
YOGURT FOR SNACK
YOGURT FOR SNACKY SNACKY
I LIVE IN A YOGURT
MY FEELINGS DON'T GET HURT
YOGURT FOR DESSERT
YOGURT FOR

*she drop the ball
everyone is watching*

#2 SIDE 1

Defense. Innocent, unlucky, kind, skinny. Sixteen. Has lived a sheltered life with her strictly religious family. Has a secret eating disorder. Sweet but naive.

(#2 is knitting and selling scarves with Amnesty International to sell to raise money for kids in the detention centers on the border)

#14. you think she lifts?

#11. she has to. To get that kind of muscle def

#2. I should lift more

#13. um what? Why?

#2. nobody sees me on the field and like "uh-oh"

#13. you could get a facial tattoo. Like a full-on facial tattoo

#14. yeah but you're so skinny

#2. no i'm not

#8. omigosh you so totally are

#2. no i'm not I'm really not you guys

#25. if you want to bulk up maybe you should try lifting

#7. and like eating more protein

#2. I eat plenty of protein
I like basically live on peanut butter and cheese!
(deeply frustrated) ECH

#8. hey it's okay. I don't have any upper body strength either

#2. I just can't stop thinking about it

#8. really?

#2. all those Mexican kids in cages!

#8. ohhh.
hahahah
omigosh
I thought you were

#11. they're not just/ Mexican

#7
SIDE 1

Striker. Too cool for school. Sarcastic, "fuck," thick eyeliner. Almost 17. Precocious. Loves to push the limits, and other people. She may think she's invincible, but an injury forces her to go from cool to cold. (The team has just achieved an unlikely win, thanks to #46 taking the position of striker. #7 couldn't play after an injury from a skiing trip with her boyfriend and #14)

- #11** the look on Jordana Frye's face when the ref blew the whistle
- #2** it felt good
- #7** hell yeah it felt good
- #25** it's just indoor. doesn't count / for
- #7** whatever
it's not ECNL play
but still
it fucking rocked
- #14** (*points to #7*) hey did you see that bicycle kick?
- #13** so rad. so super rad
- #7** (*diffident*) I guess
- #14** who knew she'd be such a great striker? right?
- #8** omigosh I know. she scored like five goals!! who does that??
- #7** ok but their goalie was a total joke
- #14** I hate to say it. but she's like. totally giving you a run for your money
- #7** ha thanks
- #14** I mean have you ever scored with a bicycle kick?
- #7** I mean I can do them
- #14** no you can't
- #7** um yes I fucking can
- #14** how come I've never seen it
- #7** I do it at home
when I practice at home

#14 I bet it's on like your stupid fucking trampoline

#7 uh
no

#14 you're a fucking liar. it's on the trampoline

#7 um chill the fuck out

#14 ANYONE can do it on the fucking trampoline

#7 I can DO a fucking bicycle kick

#14 then PROVE IT you CUNT

a shocked pause from all

#7 (to #14) what the fuck is wrong with you

#14 nothing

#7 uh ok

#14 I just don't have time for liars anymore. you know?

#25 HEY. I don't know what's going on but/

#7 /oh fuck you
you're not our coach
and you're a shitty / captain

#25 /and you're not playing this game. so I suggest you get off the field

#14 yeah. get off the fucking / field

#7 /you're such a prude

#14 am not

#7 that's not what Brendan said

#14 shut up

#7 it was just a fucking b/lowjob

#14 (*panicked*) shut up
SHUT UP

#7
SIDE 2

Striker. Too cool for school. Sarcastic, "fuck," thick eyeliner. Almost 17. Precocious. Loves to push the limits, and other people. She may think she's invincible, but an injury forces her to go from cool to cold.

(the team has been discussing immigrant children at the Mexican border)

#7 ARE YOU GUYS FUCKING BRAIN DEAD?

they have Nowhere to go
no like Legal Status
I mean they're just going to be like Deported
back to their Families who Sent them here
so they could like Have a Better Life
and like not live in a fucking War Zone with like fucking Drug Lords
but now if they like IF they even make it across the fucking Border
they're stuck
in like basically Prisons in like Arizona
and being used as like as like FUCKING POLITICAL PROPS!

#13 whoa man

#7 so they have much bigger fucking problems than
than fucking
than fucking ESL BEDTIME STORIES

#14 I didn't know you cared about this stuff

#7 my dad's firm
does like a lot of immigration stuff
pro bono stuff
he's so pissed

#14

Midfield. #7's insecure sidekick. Just switched to contacts. Armenian. Sixteen. Tries to be cool like her BFF #7, but she isn't quite ready to let go of adolescence. Loyal until betrayed.

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#8
SIDE 1

Defense. Childlike and determined to stay that way. Sixteen. Really wants to go to Disneyworld.

#8 can I just say
I just don't get what the big deal is about like self-knowledge

#11 . . . what?

#8 like
what's the big deal
there are so many other things to know about
why waste time knowing about yourself

#7 where's this coming from?

#8 oh
I went over to Chris's house
and he was like
all moody and talking about self-knowledge

#13 total downer

#14 he's cute

#2 like in a scary way

#8 yeah
I don't know
he like made fun of my calf muscles
and tried to stick his hand down my shirt

#7 cool

#8 um not really

pause

#7 let's do the spiderweb?

#8 ooh I love the spider web

#8
SIDE 2

Defense. Childlike and determined to stay that way. Sixteen. Really wants to go to Disneyworld.

#8 I miss Coach Patrik

#2 yeah

#14 I know

#8 I love coach Patrick

#14 we should like text him that orange slice pic as like a "get-well" thing

#7 for him or his mom?

#8 It's so amazing he moved home

#14 what's wrong with her again?

#11 I think she has terminal breast cancer? Yeah like stage 4 right?

#8 I hope he's back by March
I do not want Coach Creep for travel team

#13 you realize that means you want his mom to croak

#8 what?

#13 cause that's the only way he's moving back. Is if his mom you know

#2 that's an awful thing to say

#13 I mean, would you rather have Coach patrick's mom die from breast cancer
OR
have Neil for travel team?

#8 ...um

#13 are you hesitating

#8 no I mean

#7 wow

#8 no
guys!

#14 WOW

#13 she's just a sweet old lady with one titty!

#8 guys come on I just hate Coach Neil

#7 hate him enough to kill Coach Patrick's mom?

#8 *(getting upset)*
oh my gosh you guys

#11 yeah but you don't NOT want to kill his mother

#13 girls wants mommy to die of the big C

#8 *(on the verge of tears)*
I DO NOT!!
Take it back!!

#13 what?

#8 your're not allowed to say that!!
take it back

#13 oh
shit
your mom
I forgot
I'm sorry
..shit

#8 ...it's fine

#2 are you okay?

#8 I'm great

#00

Goalie. Intense performance anxiety, perfectionist, high achiever. Seventeen. Vomits from anxiety before every game. Constantly visualizing. Has a strong sense of justice. Barely speaks

(Players show up to a game after one of their team members was killed in an accident.)

#46 you're uh. you're talking

#00 huh?
oh
yeah
ha
I guess I am

#11 you feel okay

#00 I don't really know
I haven't thought about it

#8 do you feel like you have to . . . ?

#00 no
no
I guess I uh
interesting
I think I don't feel as stressed?

#2 about what

#00 about like
like people scoring on me
missing the ball
seeing it pass through my fingers or like penalty kicks
or like corner kicks
or a shoot-out even
or just like losing
losing the game
it's not
I visualize a lot
I'm pretty much always visualizing
during warm-ups
at night when I can't sleep
when I noodle around on the sax but
it doesn't seem so . . . scary
right now
I guess

or maybe I think we're gonna forfeit
so it just hasn't hit me yet

. . . .
um so how are you guys?

SOCCKER MOM

Soccer Mom's daughter #14 was killed last week in a car accident. This is the first and last time we see an adult in the play.

~~#2~~

~~oh~~

guys?

they all look off and fall silent

*SOCCKER MOM walks on the field
she is really the nicest mom but manic with grief*

SOCCKER MOM

hi!

hi gals!

a small collective hi

wow
you look so
wow!
my god!
it's you guys!
it's our gals!
you're not getting any younger
you know?
you all look so
and it's just
it is so good to see you
just
just
just
like so good

*a pause
she lets out a sharp laugh*

I said
ha
listen to me
ha
"like"
ha
"like" "like" "like"
in our house we have a quarter jar
Alex I know you've seen it
a quarter for every "like"
and for "um" every "um"

and the oh the what do you
the going up? at the end? of the sentence?
what is that
and the (*imitates*) baby talk the little
but
they hate it
the girls
they just hate it
and I've tried to explain
if you're saying something is "like" something
then it isn't the same
it's just "like" it
and if you say that
and you hem and you haw and you um and you make everything?
a question?
then no matter how you know awesome
how brilliant your thought is
no one will ever take you seriously
because you sound like an idiot
and once I said
I was mad
I was really
she didn't do the dishes or was texting at dinner or uh
(*trying to remember*) I don't uh
I don't

funny

she is lost in thought then sudden and snapping

"MEGAN you say "LIKE" because you don't know ANYTHING about ANYTHING"
I said
"ANYTHING about ANY"
I was worked up
I was really
and
Megan said to me
she says
"like you do??"
"like YOU DO??"

and I

do I?
do I know anything about?