

ACTION 5 NEWS: TEENS!
(By Chris Rogers)

Pulsing, high-energy news MUSIC plays over an "ACTION 5 NEWS" GRAPHIC. The word "TEENS!", written in a neon spray paint font, slams down.

INT. NEWS ROOM

BRETT HOFFMAN and LISA WELKER, both 17, sit behind the news desk.

LISA
Good evening. This is *Action Five News...* *TEENS!* The San Fernando Valley's most trusted voice. I'm Lisa Welker.

BRETT
And I'm Brett Hoffman. First, some breaking news --

A PHOTO of a LIQUOR STORE CASHIER appears on the screen behind the desk.

BRETT (CONT'D)
Randy Randalson. Forty-two year old night cashier at Circus Liquor? He don't card! My boy North Hollywood Harry -- he picked up a few sixers last Friday! Baby face and all! Dude didn't even ask for ID!
(pumps hands above head)
Squad got LIT!

LISA
Hmmmh. Interesting, Brett. Was this the same "last Friday" where you canceled our plans to see *The Emoji Movie*?

BRETT
No! I mean... maybe?

LISA
This just in --

A goofy looking PHOTO of Brett appears on the screen.

LISA (CONT'D)
Brett Hoffman's a no good, triflin' buster! DEADASS.

BRETT
Babe, not here--

LISA
You're really gonna "not here"
me?!?

BRETT
I need this for my
extracurriculars. For college...

LISA
What's that? Mister Nine-Fifty on
the SAT thinks he's going to
college now?

BRETT
You know I got a re-take in June.
Can we talk about this...
(smiles)
At Cheesecake Factory? My treat,
and my pleasure.

LISA
(warming up)
Really?

BRETT
I get paid next Thursday, so after
that.

LISA
(rolls eyes)
Let's check in with Melancholia
D'Elormie with the weather.

MELANCHOLIA D'ELORMIE (16 and gothy) stands in front of a
weather map. She holds an open copy of *Infinite Jest*.

MELANCHOLIA
(glances at the map,
sighs)
Does it even matter? Our world
just exists for a minute and we're
here for only a second.
(sighs)
Back to you, Brett.

BRETT
Thanks Melancholia! I'll be sure
to pack a sweater for the beach
this weekend!

LISA

And like I don't know what you're up to on Instagram, Brett -- smashing like on every female from Thousand Oaks to Rancho Cucamonga.

BRETT

They're just *friends!*

LISA

In other news -- Brett's walking home tonight, cuz he doesn't have a car.

BRETT

You're my ride!

LISA

Not anymore! Maybe you should hit up Miss_BoombASStic_69 from Instagram. Since you're -- you know -- *friends.*

BRETT

Oh yeah? Well, in *OTHER* news -- you're a terrible driver and I don't feel safe riding with you.

LISA

In other news -- you can't even read a menu without moving your lips.

BRETT

In other news, you were weird in fourth grade! You wore a cape! Every day! I remember! BOOYA!

LISA

In other news -- you smell like roast beef.

BRETT

In other news -- I liked your old haircut better.

LISA

In other news -- U.G.L.Y. You ain't got no alibi. YOU UGLY!

BRETT

In other news -- Gah! Thinking... Thinking... Wait... I got it!

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BRETT (CONT'D)

In other news -- Lisa here's scared of grain. For real. Frightened by wheat and oats and the like.

LISA

Let's go to Dusty with sports.

Dusty sits at the SPORTS DESK. One of his shirt sleeves is rolled up and a SKETCHY LOOKING DUDE gives him a stick 'n' poke TATTOO.

DUSTY

Do I look like a fuckin' jock?!?!
No! I'm an artist! I dunno man,
in friggin' professional *sportsball*
some meathead sunk a touch-goal or
some shit! Back to you!

At the news desk, Brett is deep in thought...

BRETT

Did we... I feel like we just...
broke up... and it hurts...

LISA

I think we did, Brett.

BRETT

Wow... Just wow... Relationships
that don't last forever teach us
lessons that will...

LISA

We did have some good times though,
right?

BRETT

It's been a *GREAT* month and a half.

LISA

We just grew apart...

BRETT

We're a couple stallions. Can't be
tied down. Not by each other...
Not by anything. Can we still be
friends?

LISA

Of course, Brett. Definitely.

BRETT

Cool. Cool. I'd really like that.
Can we still, um, you know... do
it? As friends?

LISA

And finally tonight--

Another goofy picture of Brett on the screen.

LISA (CONT'D)

Brett, you're an asshole.

BRETT

Well, that's it for *Action Five*
News... *TEENS!* Join us tomorrow
when Lisa bores -- I mean
fascinates -- us with yet another
riveting tale of how she's "really
gotten into aromatherapy."

Lights fade out on the news desk and that song from *The*
Breakfast Club starts playing. It continues over the *Action*
Five News Title Graphic.

FADE TO BLACK.