

THE DORM CHRONICLES
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FADE IN:

INT. WALTERS' HOUSE - DINING ROOM - DAY

SARAH (18) and JASON (16), clean-cut kids who have the "perfect student" appearance are seated at the table, eating breakfast.

RICK WALTERS (41), youthful with a real zest for life, enters from the hall.

RICK

Morning.

He takes a seat.

RICK

Are you two ready for our trip up to Blisten?

JASON

Almost. Mom's making sure we get plenty to eat first.

SARAH

I'm gonna put on ten pounds for my first day of college.

KELSEY WALTERS (41), a gorgeous down-to-earth woman with the body of an athlete, enters with two plates of food. She sets one in front of Rick. Kelsey kisses him before she takes a seat with the remaining plate.

KELSEY

Does everyone have enough to eat?

SARAH AND JASON

Yes.

Kelsey passes them a glance. Everyone eats.

KELSEY

I can't believe my baby's leaving for college.

SARAH

Mom--

KELSEY

Hey, I'm not going to fall apart here. My parents took it pretty hard when I left home. Things were very awkward.

SARAH

What did Grandma and Grandpa do?

KELSEY

You don't want to hear about that.

JASON

Sure we do, Mom.

RICK

We never really told them about how we met our freshman year.

Kelsey relaxes in her chair with a smile.

KELSEY

I knew it would hurt Mom and Dad if I didn't let them drive me my first day, but I asked your Uncle Bruce. He was a junior and had to drive there anyway. My parents actually took the news better than I expected--

FLASHBACK SEQUENCE - KELSEY'S AND RICK'S FRESHMAN YEAR

INT. HAMILTON HOUSE - DINING ROOM - DAY

Nice furniture, including an oak hutch and matching table.

SUPER: "25 years earlier."

COLLEEN HAMILTON, a naive mom, mid-40s with an unusual innocent appearance, eats breakfast.

DAVID HAMILTON (45), prime condition, possesses the look and mannerisms of an ex-star football player, is seated across from her.

BRUCE HAMILTON (21), a current star football player, handsome while rugged, occupies a chair between his parents.

O.S. FOOTSTEPS hustle down steps.

Kelsey rushes inside - Only this is eighteen-year-old Kelsey, a near mirror image of her forty-three-year-old body, with less mileage. She sits across from Bruce and shovels food into her mouth.

DAVID

What took you so long?

KELSEY

I have to look just right for my first day on campus.

DAVID

Your mother and I thought we'd drive you up to Blisten U. ourselves.

Kelsey freezes in the midst of a bite.

KELSEY

No!

Her family stares.

KELSEY

I mean... having my parents drive me to college would ruin my next four years there.

COLLEEN

I think you're exaggerating a bit, dear.

Kelsey turns to Bruce with a pleading look.

BRUCE

She's right, Mom. This isn't high school anymore. Reputations stick forever in college.

DAVID

All right, you can take her, but I want you looking after your sister. Keep the losers away.

KELSEY

Dad--

DAVID

No offense, honey. You just need someone watching over you.

KELSEY

No, I don't. I got a full basketball scholarship on my own. I think I can take care of myself at school.

DAVID

Of course you can, sweetheart.

He nods at Bruce.

Bruce returns the gesture.

Kelsey stiffens.

EXT. HAMILTON HOUSE - DAY

David and Bruce load suitcases into the trunk of a late model Camero.

Nearby, Kelsey and Colleen watch.

COLLEEN

Remember everything I told you. Those college boys will say or do anything to seduce a sweet, young girl into their bed.

KELSEY

So Bruce has seduced sweet, young girls into his bed?

Colleen hesitates. She hyperventilates. David worriedly places an arm around her.

Kelsey slips away unnoticed and joins Bruce.

BRUCE

What's wrong with Mom?

KELSEY

We had a little girl talk.

Bruce slides in behind the wheel of his car. Kelsey sits next to him.

The vehicle backs out, taking off down the street.

DAVID

What happened?

COLLEEN

I just realized Bruce is a boy.

David stares at her.

EXT. BLISTEN UNIVERSITY - DAY

The small, private campus is busy with new arrivals. Parents drop off some incoming students. Others unpack their own cars.

INT. DORMS - KELSEY'S ROOM - DAY

RACHAEL HARRIS (18), total prep, unpacks her bags in a room for two. The door hangs open.

Kelsey brings two pieces of luggage to the doorway.

KELSEY

Am I in the right room?

RACHAEL

If you're Kelsey.

Kelsey enters. She sets down her bags on the vacant bed.

Rachael extends her hand.

RACHAEL

Rachael Harris.

Kelsey shakes her hand.

KELSEY

I guess you already know who I am.

RACHAEL

Kelsey Hamilton, sister of handsome Linebacker Bruce Hamilton.

KELSEY

What don't you know about me?

RACHAEL

What sorority you plan to pledge.

KELSEY

I'm not sure I want to pledge one.