THE NOTEABLES

SPRING 2019 SCRIPT

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1. Anything Goes

Ade: Presidential speech, blah blah blah
Enter Editor (Vivian), Author (Lily)
Vivian: Hey, Lily. I'm gonna need a script by the end of the week. This character you've got here, (MC) or something? It's complete trash. Times have changed: You're in the big leagues now.
Lily: Of course sir! Yes, sir! Right away, sir!
Exit Editor (Vivian)
Lily: God, where do I start? Well, buddy, we've had a pretty good run, but now it's time for us to part ways. [crumples up paper and throws it away]
MC (Hae-In): [pops out of nowhere] You're not getting rid of me that easily!
Lily: What? You're my character, whatcha gonna do about it?

2. You're Nothing Without Me (Lily as Author, Hae-In as MC)

Exit Lily
Hae-in: *dusts self off* Well, it's not like I need you either.Hae-in: Oh. Oh, hey, Quinn! I almost didn't see you in the crowd.
Enter Childhood Friend (Rachel)
Rachel: Oh, Mandy!
Hae-in: Monty.
Rachel: Yeah! It looks like you made it into the real world too. *peers into audience* Kinda sucks to be honest.
Hae-in: Are you kidding? This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to write our own story. Between my brains and your...ehhh…presence, we can overcome any obstacle. Our story starts right here. *stare into middle distance*
Rachel: ...So when?
Hae-in: Any moment now. Maybe in a general *heads off stage* this way direction.
Exit all

3. When Will My Life Begin

Enter Hae-In
Love Interest (Laura): *gasp, runs from offstage* Monty, it's you!
Hae-in: Laura! You're here too! This is wonderful! Now that's we're together, we can accomplish so much in this new world! Create our own corner of the sky!
Laura: I don't care about any of that! I'm just glad I'm here with you.
Hae-in: Didn't you hear me? A new life, like we always wanted. *glances suspiciously at LI* Or rather, like I've always wanted. You've never wanted anything. You're just another two-dimensional character, aren't you? A side role, a dumb machine programmed to repeat the same sweet nothings over and over!
Laura: But I love you!
Hae-in: Get away from me! Please. I… I need to think.

Exit MC
LI: *heartbroken* But… I love you… at least… I think I did… I… ...did...

4. **First Burn**

Enter Haein, Dianne; begin picking up paper
Dianne: Oof, looks like someone's having a pretty bad time of it.
Haein: Well, this place is pretty nice, "Hah-vahd" I think the locals call it. But they say that the really successful people are the ones who drop out, like Zuckerberg or Gates. Hey, Quinn, you thinking what I'm thinking?
Dianne: Hm? Well, I'm thinking I ought to finish this pset, it's due tomorrow and-
Haein: I meant about the future.
Dianne: Umm, there's this 2 for 1 deal happening over at the thrift store next Thu-
Haein: Oh. My. Gawd. Get up-
Dianne: I am up.
Haein: -and come with me. You've got a lot to learn about the real world.

5. **There is Life Outside Harvard Campus (Hae-In as MC, Lara as CF)**

Haein: Come on, man. You're not going to get anywhere with an Arts concentration.
Lara: *petulantly* So judgy...
MC: You really don't have any ambition, do you? This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hit it big. *negative response* Your loss then. I expected a lot more from you.
Lara: Look, maybe I'll join you after I get my degree.
MC: Yeah, sure. And Mather is a nice house.
[CF to Stage Left, MC to stage right]
MC: You really don't get it, do you? All I want is for the world
Lara: is for you
MC+CF: to be proud of me
Exit MC
Lara: ...aand now I'm by myself. Fun.
Exit CF

6. **Proud of Your Boy**

Enter CF (Claire), TL (Tyler)
Claire: Come on, <True Love>, we made it to graduation! Be happy!
Tyler: *abruptly stops, turns* <CF>, look at us. You, still working to pay off your debts. Me, leaving tomorrow to study in New York. We barely see each other as it is. Can we really keep going like this?
Claire: Stop, don't say that! We were meant to be together. So what if we're poor? A friend told me I was given an opportunity to write my own story. I'm bloody well going to do that now.
Exit TL, CF

7. **Rewrite the Stars**

Enter Haein, Shafi
Haein: ...And with this latest acquisition, we now have a 30% share in our rival's assets. I can see the headlines now: "Market overturned by young financial prodigy". Accompanied by the lovely <LA>...
Shafi: Oh, stop it, you. How about this: "Upcoming entrepreneur finally settles down following series of upper-class scandals"? *sighs* Promise me you won't go chasing another wealthy heiress now.
Haein: Of course not! Marrying for money, what a...silly...concept
[(Future) Wife knocks, startles MC and LA]
Shafi: Who's that?

8. **I've Decided to Marry You (Shafi as LA, Jen as FW, Hae-In as MC)**

Enter CF, TL
Tyler (to CF): Isn't this exciting? After a whole year of engagement, we're finally getting married!
Akash: Yeah! *sudden realization* Wait a minute. I'm getting married.
Tyler: Mmhm
Akash: *mild freaking out* I'm getting married. Today. To you. When did I get so old?
Enter MC (Hae-in) and FW (Jen)
Hae-in: Well, wedding preparations are almost ready. Might I say you are looking lovely tonight.
Jen: You always know what to say, don't you?
Hae-in: I promise, this is just the start of our glorious future together. Let's start it off with a zinger, shall we?

9. **Seasons of Love**

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10. **Little Shop of Horrors**

Enter MC, C1 (Harry), extras (Jena, Will)
Harry: I'm telling you, those narrative street performances get weirder every year.
MC: Pay no mind; it's not important to the plot. *faces cronies* Anyway, look. Ladies and gents, we've had a good run. But the fact is, we've outgrown this small town. Tomorrow I'll be resigning my office and leaving for the city. Are you with me?
Exit other cronies
Harry: Where you headed?
MC: Don't know
Harry: Will it be dangerous?
MC: Death at every turn
Harry: Glory?
MC: Our names will be on everybody's tongues
Harry: Well. *turn towards MC* Never give up?

MC: *laughs, clasps hands* Never surrender. Let's go.
Exit MC, C1

11. Drive

Enter CF (Serena), TL (Tyler)
Tyler: *screams* <CF>! You're here!
Serena: Of course I am. It only took six months' savings to cover the air fare. *whistles appreciatively* Dang! New York is a lot bigger than I expected.
Tyler: By the way, I finally got a job.
Serena: Oh thank goodness.
Tyler: I'm an administrative assistant for one of the new entrepreneurs, <MC>. Wasn't s/he a friend of yours back in college?
Serena: *visible discomfort* I guess you could say that. I haven't seen him/her since s/he dropped out of college though. That guy was the type who would do anything it took to survive. *to TL* You will be careful, won't you?
Tyler: Aw, don't get gloomy now. Come on, I'll show you around!
Exit CF, TL

12. Roberto (My Manhattan)

Enter Newsies (Jena, Elisha, Jesse)
Jena: *walk across stage* Extra! Extra! Read all about it! <MC>, Wall Street's latest darling!
Elisha: <MC> is the kingpin of New York!
Jesse: Welcome to <MC>, our nation's newest leader!
Enter C1
Harry: *big mood* Well, I don't need to read the paper now that you've blabbed the headlines, do I?
Jesse: Huh, I didn't think of that. *Runs off*
Enter FW
Harry: Hey, you! You're the boss's missus, aren't you? Must be pretty nice to be running the country with <MC>.
Jen: *snarky* Oh? I wouldn't know. I hardly see him/her anymore.
Harry: Oh, you too, huh? Well, you should have seen it coming. I should have seen it coming. *pause* S/He's gonna be stopping anytime soon, is s/he?
Jen: S/He's never going to stop, not so long as there's something to gain in the world.
Exit C1, FW

13. Non-Stop

Enter MC, C1, FW, guards (Raissa, Jena)
MC: Did you really think you were going to get away with leaking my story to the public? You pathetic filler characters? I've given up everything to be where I am today.

Harry: Wait, it wasn't us! I was that new person, uhh, <TL>! S/He was trying to undermine your work, and we were trying to protect you!
MC: *mock contemplation* Okay then. I believe you.
Harry: Really?
MC: Sure. You've always been loyal in my times of need, so I have no reason for doubt. *pause* Nevertheless, it is foolish to leave ties to the past. You're both a liability to my peace of mind. *stabs them* Your "protection" is no longer required. Take them away.
Guards drag C1 and FW offstage
MC: <TL>, was it? I suppose my men will have to pay him/her a visit.
Exit MC
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14. Meet the Plastics

Enter MC, CF
Dianne: <MD>!
MC: <MC>
Dianne: Yeah! <MC>, Look what you've done to <TL>. Look what you've done to everyone around you. Why are you doing this?
MC: You chose your way of life, and I chose mine. You're in no position to judge.
Dianne: But it is even your life anymore? You have to stop now.
MC: *hides knife* Or what? Are you going to turn on me too? *lunges* Like my other friends, my wife, OUR author? You idiot, You're Nothing Without Me!
Dianne: *struggling* You're the one who has abandoned everybody for your own gain!
CF accidentally stabs MC with own knife
MC: *choking* Well, look at you. Won't your legacy be so Proud of Their Boy?

Enter spirits of LI (Laura), LA (Shafi), FW (Jen), C1 (Harry); surround MC
MC: *panic* Who are you? *silence, then maniacal laughter* I get it now. I never was the hero(ine), was I? In the end, the real victor...It was you…
MC dragged off by spirits
Enter TL (Tyler) wounded
Dianne: <TL>, are you okay?
Tyler: I...think so. I can't remember anything, but I feel like I lost something important.
Dianne: But that's not true. Now that we're together, we have everything! We can start from the beginning if you'd like.
Exit CF, TL

15. Beautiful

Invitation for alumni to join

16. Corner of the Sky

Enter Editor (Vivian), Author, CF(Jesse)
Vivian: Well, <Author>, you've done it again. Nice job.
Lily: Thanks, chief! I grew up writing these characters, and they mean a lot to me.
Enter all recurring characters
MC: And I'm glad to be here with you. Oh, <CF>, I almost didn't see you in the crowd!
Jesse: Hey, <MC>. I was just heading to the museum with <TL>. How's the business going?
MC: *laughs* You know, slow as always. Hey! Mind if me and <LI> come with?
Jesse: Sure, we're friends, right?
MC: always
FW (Jen), C1 (Harry), LA (Shafi): Hey, wait up!

17. **Someone in the Crowd**

Plot Proposal:

- Am bitious main character (You're Nothing Without Me) and wishy-washy friend (When Will My Life Begin) cast out into world
- MC chooses to pursue career, rejecting love (First Burn) and creating betrayed love interest
    - Friend chooses the opposite direction
- Both want their legacy to be proud of them (Proud of Your Boy)
- MC tries to convince friend to join his enterprise, friend refuses (Life Outside Harvard)
- Friend finds love in the midst of adverse environment (Rewrite the Stars), MC gets involved in political marriages for self-advancement (Decided to Marry You)
- [Intermission]
- A cautionary tale (Little Shop)
- Both characters, now estranged, travel to New York under different circumstances (Drive, My Manhattan)
    - MC for "world domination"
    - Friend to follow his love
- MC rapidly advances his goals, losing their soul in the process (Non-Stop)
- MC revealed to become villain (Meet the Plastics)
- Friend confronts MC (include dialogue callback to Nothing Without Me, Proud of Your Boy)
- MC defeated, confronted by spirits of lost friends and loves
- Friend, possibly MC, reach resolution (beautiful)

Possible Recurring Cast:

- Lily as Author
- Hae-In as MC (Little Shop -> Drive should be doable, Rewrite -> Marry -> Seasons should be doable with dress shirt over black)
- Shafi as LA
- Jen as FW
- Open positions:
    - LI Laura
    - TL Tyler
    - C1 Harry
    - Newsies 1, 2, 3
    - Crony extras
    - Guards

Names used in songs:

Stone, Monty, Phoebe D'ysquith, Sebastian, Alexander Hamilton, Angelica, Regina George, Gretchen Wieners, Karen Smith