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Taking the stage when the spotlight is on you

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The Tattoo

A simple collection of handpainted masks, mittens, scarves, and dresses are barely hidden behind a stage door. No, our seniors have not randomly selected these costumes. They have been handpicked by the very people who have been to causes problems in the overcrowded hall. (We're talking about the people who refuse to take responsibility for their actions.)

"Oh, God, the people who choose us by how big of geeks we are, didn't they" someone groaned.

So I get my backpack down and pull the piece of paper out of my locker. Bathroom 13, eight, thirty. 45, 35, 10, 3, I mumbo jogged under my breath as I opened the lock. Confident that no one would recognize my name at my audition, I tried. Again. I guessed. Nothing. For some reason I did not realize that I wasn't alone.

"Now I'm trying not to stare at Zachary, the first slate player said, as she shook the hand of the director.

So of course being the blonde teenager they would use as the lead in plays. If you're planning on being the lead, you will likely be the lead. There are no auditions. Everyone is a lead. If anyone tells you otherwise, they are lying. The play is written around you.

But First off there's Mr. Peterson, the social stud teacher that also happens to have a son in my grade. He was always the coolteacher that gives you a pass in your math, science, social studies, and English teach-

"God Mr. Huls is sooo hot," a girl who shall not be named said, "you do real

While I was standing there on the sidelines, I couldn't help but notice the director was really happy with me. I mean, she even said she was going to use me in the play. The only problem was that I didn't want to do the play. I was just there because I had nowhere else to go. I would have preferred to do the play on my own terms, but now I was committed.

"No one can do it alone, and the director knew this. With a sigh, he said, "I need your help."

I will never forget the day I stood on that stage for the first time. I was nervous, but I was excited. I had never been to a play before, and I was determined to be the best. I was determined to make my mark on the world of theater. There are sets to be built, props and costumes to be painted, and scenery to be designed and built. There is a lot of hard work. There are lines to memorize, but you have to be ready to put in the time.

Even if you have no desire to be in the spotlight, there are still lots of ways that you can help out backstage. You could help out with the props, the costumes, or even the lighting. You could help with the set, or even the sound system. There are so many different ways to get involved. You could call them, assist the director during dress rehearsals, or even help with the show itself. And best of all, you won't have to worry about being on stage with everyone else. You can do as much or as little as you like.

You might also be able to assist in the school's drama department. The drama department has quite a bit of work to do. They have to put on a successful show, and they need your help to make it happen. You could help with the costumes, or even the set. You could even help with the lighting.

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As soon as I arrived in the freshly-cleaned bathroom, I knew that this was going to be the place where I would spend my entire high school career. I knew that this was going to be the teachers where I would be comfortable, and where I would feel at home.

"Wait you started to make my freshman year a whole lot easier," one of my classmates said, "I never thought this would happen.

"I didn't notice," I teased sarcastically. "You do real

Now, perhaps, would be a good time to tell you about my core teachers. By that I mean the math, science, social studies, and English teachers, all of whom I hope you and I become better and better friends with. I'm sure you and I will enjoy our time together in the classroom."

In my first class, I met Mr. Huls, the math teacher that also happens to be the dream teacher that also happens to have a son in my grade. He was always the cool

As the fall season started, I started to realize that I was going to have to do a lot of hard work. There are lines to memorize, but you have to be ready to put in the time.

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