SCENE 1

1: BOOT CAMP BLUES (GROUP SONG)

RECORDING: You're off to Boot Camp, Hannah! Running up that phone bill and not to mention how you're always on TikTok!

HANNAH: What's wrong with that?

RECORDING: We think it's time for you to grow up a little, Aggie. Boot Camp will be just what you

need.

AGGIE: Really? I'm not sure if it is.

Boot camp blues - We are told to be good Boot camp blues - We're just misunderstood Boot camp blues - We are sent to behave Boot camp blues - Wish they'd all go away

RECORDING: This is the last time you'll run away, Oscar. You're all booked in for Boot Camp!

OSCAR: But I didn't run away this time. I told you I got stuck up a tree!

RECORDING: You may have been expelled from school, Fiona but you can't get expelled from Boot Camp.

FI: I'll try my best!

Boot camp blues - We are told to be good Boot camp blues - We're just misunderstood Boot camp blues - We are sent to behave Boot camp blues - Wish they'd all go away

RECORDING: We are so fed up with your laziness, Charlie. Boot Camp will get you into shape.

CHARLIE: But sleeps important for a growing kid!

RECORDING: Raymond, if you're going to keep the family tradition of being a Police Officer you're going to have to toughen up.

RAYMOND: But what if I don't want want to be a Policeman!

Boot camp blues - We are told to be good Boot camp blues - We're just misunderstood Boot camp blues - We are sent to behave Boot camp blues - Wish they'd all go away

RECORDING: Your attention seeking is getting you into trouble, Dougie. We have no choice but to send you to Boot Camp where you can learn to stop lying.

DOUGIE: Ow! Mom, I've really hurt my leg. There's no way I'll be able to do any exercise. I think I need to go to the hospital!

(All exit)

SCENE 2

2: INSTRUMENTAL - NEW INTAKE

(Enter Brut & Clementine)

BRUT: Now Miss Clementine, we have a new intake of inmates. I shall be taking no prisoners when it comes to straightening out these precocious little brats. Profiles ready?

CLEMENTINE: Yes Madame Brut. (Miss Clementine clumsily looks through papers).

BRUT: Well get on with it then.

CLEMENTINE: Erm let me see. Raymond Barrett. (Enter Raymond)

Son of a Police Officer. Father is requesting he learns to.... 'toughen up'?

BRUT: Bit of a cry baby then by the sounds of it.

CLEMENTINE: Charlie Adams. (Enter Charlie)

Parents say she is lazy and unmotivated.

BRUT: Aha! Extra pushups might be an option for this one!

CLEMENTINE: Oscar MacGregor. (Enter Oscar)

General runaway.

BRUT: Runaway huh? I will need to keep my eye on him.

CLEMENTINE: Fiona Stanford. *(Enter Fiona)* Regular exclusions from boarding school.

BRUT: I will teach the little toe rag how to respect authority.

CLEMENTINE: Aggie Ellis. (Enter Aggie)

Still sleeps with the light on.

BRUT: Oh there's always a little scaredy cat isn't there?

CLEMENTINE: Hannah Jackson. (Enter Hannah)

Obsessed with TikTok and taking selfies.

BRUT: Obsessed with herself more like. Let's see how she copes without her precious phone.

CLEMENTINE: Dougie O'Sullivan. (Enter Dougie)

Attention seeker who exaggerates the truth.

BRUT: What did my father always tell me Miss Clementine? Exaggerations are....

CLEMENTINE: 'Lies' Madame Brut.

BRUT: That is correct. 'Exaggerations are lies' and we do not like liars do we Miss Clementine?

CLEMENTINE: No Madame Brut.

BRUT: These unruly children will soon learn my motto: Duty, discipline and decorum.

3: DUTY, DISCIPLINE, DECORUM (MADAME BRUT & MISS CLEMENTINE DUET)

BRUT: I am trusted with the task of straightening out these little tikes

It's a difficult job but someone has to do it and I get a lot of money for it too

BOTH: Duty, Discipline, Decorum

BOTH: We mould them, shape them into models of society

We teach them, train them to be strong with humility

BRUT: It's a tiresome job but one that I can do

BRUT: Parents share their woes with me and I just sit and listen

I'm their angel sent from heaven as I give them back their freedom

I'm their holv saint

BOTH: Duty, Discipline, Decorum

BOTH: We mould them, shape them into models of society

We teach them, train them to be strong with humility

BRUT: It's a tiresome job but one that I can do

BOTH: We help them, lead them to be all that they can be

We guide them, shield them from a life of depravity

BRUT: Yes it's tough but my responsibility

Every inmate is a new mission to whip them up in shape All I need is parents permission I won't negotiate Three words duty, discipline, decorum

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BRUT: Yes it's tough but my responsibility

Every inmate is a new mission to whip them up in shape All I need is parents permission I won't negotiate Three words duty, discipline, decorum

BOTH: We mould them, shape them into models of society We teach them, train them to be strong with humility **BRUT:** It's a tiresome job but one that I can do With duty discipline decorum

With duty, discipline, decorum Duty, discipline, decorum

BRUT: Now I have some plans to make for these unruly children.

Miss Clementine, please see to it that these children receive their uniform.

CLEMENTINE: Of course, Madame Brut.

BRUT: Oh and don't forget to confiscate ALL of their belongings.

CLEMENTINE: Absolutely! You can count on me.

BRUT: Hmmm!

(Brut and Clementine exit)

SCENE 3

4: INSTRUMENTAL - LINE UP

(All children follow Miss Clementine on stage)

CLEMENTINE: Right then. Welcome to Brut's Boot Camp for Unruly Children, I'm Miss Clementine. Now let me see.... let's start by having you line up as I call your name.

Raymond Barrett, Charlie Adams, Oscar MacGregor, Fiona Stanford, Aggie Ellis, Hannah Jackson

And Dougie O'Sullivan

(All children stand in a long line)

Excellent!

RAYMOND: (Puts hand up) Excuse me Miss Clementine, could I please go to the toilet?

CLEMENTINE: Oh I'm afraid not. Toilet breaks are every three hours and you still have (checks watch)

1 hour and 40 minutes to go. (Takes phone off Hannah)

HANNAH: Hey! What are you doing? Give me my phone back!

CLEMENTINE: Sorry. Madame Brut requests that all personal items must be confiscated.

FI: This is an infringement of human rights!

(Clementine takes Teddy bear off Aggie)

AGGIE: But I can't sleep without Mister Bear. (Starts to cry).

DOUGIE: Hey, don't cry, it will be okay.

CLEMENTINE: Anything else to hand over? (Children shake their heads) Good!

Now, here are your uniforms. (*Points to the back*). Please go and get changed. Madame Brut will be waiting to see you when you're finished. Oh and make sure you are always standing in your line. (*All children exit*)

5: DUTY, DISCIPLINE, DECORUM REPRISE (MISS CLEMENTINE)

I am trusted with the task
Of doing what I'm told to do
It's a duty I've been given, a burden on my shoulders
But I'll do what I have to do
Duty, Discipline, Decorum

Everyday I try my best
To be a stronger person
Though it never seems enough, Madame Brut she makes me tough
And tells me what I should do
Duty, Discipline, Decorum
(Exit Miss Clementine)

SCENE 4

6: INSTRUMENTAL - NEW THREADS

(All children enter)

HANNAH: Oh my god you guys, these threads are so unflattering!

AGGIE: Pretty comfy though.

FI: Madame Brut is obviously a fan of communism.

(Children look blankly at Fi)

OSCAR: What does that even mean?

FI: You know, how we're all dressed the same. (Children look confused) Oh never mind!

DOUGIE: What's with the whole number thing?

RAYMOND: Maybe we're going to take part in a race or something?

CHARLIE: Oh I hope not, I'm terrible at running!

STELLA: You're right, this is a race....a race to survive. **ALEXIS**: You'll be lucky if you get out of this place alive.

PATSY: Please whatever you do don't get on Madame Brut's bad side.

7: BEWARE OF MADAME BRUT (GROUP SONG)

OSCAR: I'm not scared of her.

STELLA: You should be....all of you should be!

When you're lying in your bed And there's a shadow on the wall You better shut your eyes and pretend you are asleep Before you get dragged out on your feet

Don't even dare
To think that you can speak
She will make you suffer if you even start to stutter
Beware of Madame Brut

Madame Brut Evil on the loose Unkind in every way, disobey or go astray You'll find out the hard way

You'll be running out of time
To be standing in your line
Before you can think she'll be there within a wink
Beware of Madame Brut

Madame Brut
Evil on the loose
Unkind in every way
Disobey or go astray
You'll find out the hard way

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ALAN: Hey newbies! Welcome to hell!

OSCAR: Oh great, thanks.

ALAN: Don't worry you'll soon toughen up. When I first got here I was a right weakling but look at the muscles on me now. (Flexes muscles as others look unimpressed). All the girls will be after me when I get out of here! (Points to Hannah) Wait a minute don't I know you?

FI: Who me?

HANNAH: Don't be stupid he's talking about me of course. (Pushes Fi out of the way)

FI: Rude!

ALAN: You're that TikTok girl.

8: HANNAH J (HANNAH SOLO)

HANNAH: Yes that's me! The one and only Hannah J!

Everywhere I go people stop and say hello Ask me for my snap so that they can copycat My unique sense of style and my white and perfect smile We can all agree that there's no one quite like me

Hannah J Queen of slay I am very pleased to meet you I can tell that you're well jel But I wouldn't even blame you

Hannah J do as I say
And be as popular as I am
I'll be your friend if you're a ten
Any less I wouldn't bother

Like for like and follow back if you want to be my friend Tag me in a post and I will love you to the end Like for like and follow back if you want to be my friend Tag me in a post and I will love you to the end

9: INSTRUMENTAL - BRUT'S ENTRANCE

ALAN: Madame Brut is coming! Quick! Line up now!

(All children hurriedly line up as Madame Brut and Miss Clementine enter)

BRUT: In my establishment of Brut's Boot Camp you no longer have a name and will therefore be known as the number on your back. Do you understand?

ALL: Yes Madame Brut.

BRUT: I said do you understand? **ALL**: (Louder) Yes Madame Brut.

BRUT: You will learn to live by the three D's: 'Duty', 'Discipline' and 'Decorum'.

AGGIE: (Puts hand up) What's decorum?

BRUT: Silence when I am speaking! Children should know their place and learn to be silent when being spoken to. Do you understand?

ALL: Yes Madame Brut.

BRUT: Good. You will now partake in one hour of silence where you will contemplate your behaviour and the reasons for why your unfortunate parents have sent you here in the first place.

HANNAH: (Mutters) An hour?

BRUT: 401 do you have something to say?

HANNAH: Erm, no Madame.

BRUT: Your one hour of silence starts....

10: INSTRUMENTAL - BRUTS EXIT

(looks at stopwatch) Now! Oh and if I do hear any kind of chattering there will be a punishment. (Exit Brut)

(The children sit in silence looking fed up. Hannah starts pacing up and down huffing and puffing).

HANNAH: It's no good, I can't do it!

RAYMOND: Shhh! You'll get us into trouble!

HANNAH: (Whispering) An hour of not talking, it's impossible.

OSCAR: We're supposed to be...'contem' something, whatever she said.

FI: Contemplating.

OSCAR: That's the one.

DOUGIE: Like why are we even here? I mean are we that bad?

HANNAH: Exactly. I mean the phone bill I ran up was only around five hundred pounds.

CHARLIE: (Shocked) Five hundred pounds! My only sin is sleeping! That stupid alarm clock, I slept through it every time.

FI: Apparently I am too opinionated and always have an answer for everything. I'm sorry but if someone is in the wrong then I'm going to tell them.

AGGIE: My mum says I'm a dolly daydreamer. (Mimicking her Mum) 'Aggie you need to get your head out of the clouds'.

RAYMOND: This is my dad....(mimicking dad) 'Raymond you need to toughen up and stop being a cry baby'.

OSCAR: Mines the opposite. The last time I stayed out past my curfew was the final straw. It's not my fault I spotted the perfect Oak tree for climbing up....and then got stuck!

11: OSCAR'S SONG (OSCAR SOLO)

Bored in the house Yes in the house bored Mom on the phone and my dad abroad What could I do to take away my blues And give me something fun to do

I stepped outside to see what I could find Not a lot to do and I was losing my mind So I went on a walk just to go and explore Walked about an hour from my front door

Then I see this tree Standing right in front of me It looked fun to climb And I thought I'd make it mine

So I climbed to the top And sat there for a while I could see a decent view But got bored of that too

I soon found that I couldn't get down
I was stuck up that tree and my mom was shouting me
She couldn't hear me scream
And she couldn't hear me cry
I was stuck up there all night
Till the early morning light

SPOKEN

And when I got home I was in big trouble! Mom told me she'd had enough, to pack my stuff and get ready for Boot Camp! So here I am. Pretty unfair I'd say.

INSTRUMENTAL

It was just my luck
That I would get stuck
If it weren't for that tree I would've been
Home in time for tea

DOUGIE: I'm sure if our parents knew what it was really like here they wouldn't have sent us.

OSCAR: Why did your parents send you here, 217?

DOUGIE: It's Dougie, my name is Dougie.

OSCAR: Mines Oscar. Well, what was the reason?

DOUGIE: Erm, I'm not sure.

FI: What do you mean you're not sure? I'm Fiona by the way, Fi for short. **CHARLIE**: I'm Charlie. Let me guess....you er.... blew up the house?

12: DOUGIE'S SONG (DOUGIE SOLO)

DOUGIE: No, don't be stupid!

OSCAR: I know, you robbed a bank!

(All the kids laugh).

I'm the boy who know one listens to or ever gets attention Especially from my parents and others I could mention No one thinks about my feelings or asks me my opinion I just wanted to be heard

The truth is yes I did make up the odd fictitious story Some were rather frightening and others pretty gory Both my parents unimpressed when I finally confessed I had told a big fat lie

So they sent me off to boot camp and off they both did scurry
Left me here alone without a care and not a worry
Who'd have thought that these white lies would get me into trouble
When I just wanted to be heard

FI: So what you're saying is you made things up for attention?

DOUGIE: Well yes kind of....

RAYMOND: So you told some lies then.

DOUGIE: I never meant to lie. I just wanted my parents to listen to me that's all.

HANNAH: It's okay, Dougie, I feel the same.

AGGIE: Yeah me too, Dougie.

CHARLIE: My parents never listened to me either.

FI: I think we all feel like that if we're honest.

(Children sit down looking fed up)

OSCAR: Blimey! You're a cheerful lot aren't you?!

(All children turn to look at Oscar).

HANNAH: (To Oscar) What was your name again?

OSCAR: Oscar. What's it to you?

HANNAH: (Squaring up to him) Well Oscar, we're not exactly going to be jumping for joy right now are

we?

DOUGIE: (Stepping in between them) Hey! Come on you two.

13: MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER (GROUP SONG)

DOUGIE: If we're going to get through this then we're gonna have to stick together.

CHARLIE: Dougie's right guys.

CHARLIE: Lets all stick together and follow the three D's **AGGIE:** Duty, discipline decorum or we'll end up on our knees **OSCAR:** Duty, discipline, decorum these words they sound so dull

HANNAH: There must be some better words to make the heartstrings pull

FI: What about powerful, potential and play

AGGIE: Yes that is really me

HANNAH: Or strong, sassy and slay **CHARLIE:** Not just the number 343

DOUGIE: Brilliant, brave and bold **OSCAR:** Never doing what I'm told

CHARLIE: Fantastic, fabulous and flawless

AGGIE: Lets sing together in chorus

We are more than just a number We have so much more to give We are more than just our failures We have so much life to live

We are more than just a number We have so much more to give We are more than just our failures We have so much life to live

SPOKEN PART

RAYMOND: I'm going to follow my dreams and become a writer, be myself and not just the person my dad wants me to be.

AGGIE: I never knew how strong I was, if only my parents could see me now!

ALL: If only our parents could see us ALL right now!

OSCAR: 1, 2 1, 2, 3, 4!

We are more than just a number We have so much more to give We are more than just our failures We have so much life to live

We are more than just a number We have so much more to give We are more than just our failures We have so much life to live

SCENE 5

14: INSTRUMENTAL - BRUT'S OFFICE (TELEPHONE)

(Telephone rings)

BRUT: (On phone) Bruts Boot Camp for Unruly Children. PAUSE

(Miss Clementine is listening from the wings)

Oh, hello Mrs. O'Sullivan. PAUSE

Little Dougie? He's absolutely fine. PAUSE

You'd like to speak to him? Of course. I'll just go and get him for you.

(Brut comically stomps around calling Dougie's name).

Dougie, your parents are on the phone and would like to speak to you. PAUSE

You're too busy having fun?

(On phone) I'm so sorry Mrs O'Sullivan but he's unable to come to the phone right now. He's having far too much fun without you. Don't call back in a hurry! Bye for now. (Puts phone down).

Stupid woman!

(Miss Clementine taps Madame Brut on the shoulder startling her)

BRUT: Miss Clementine, you made me jump out of my skin!

CLEMENTINE: Why did you lie to 217's parents? **BRUT**: Lie? I don't know what you're talking about.

CLEMENTINE: Just then on the phone....they asked to speak to him and....

15: INSTRUMENTAL: DISCOVERY

BRUT: You were eavesdropping on my conversation?

CLEMENTINE: I'm sorry Madame Brut.

BRUT: After everything I do for you and you treat me like this.

CLEMENTINE: It won't happen again.

BRUT: If you can't be trusted then I will have to throw you back out onto the streets where I found you.

CLEMENTINE: No, please Madame Brut.

BRUT: It's a very scary world out there, Coral and you literally have no one. Where would you go? How

on earth would you survive?

CLEMENTINE: Please don't send me back out there. I promise I can be trusted.

BRUT: There's a good girl. Remember, without me...you have no one.

16: YOU NEED ME (BRUT SOLO)

BRUT: Without me you're a nobody and honestly a tragedy You need me Scared and timid, shy and weak, mumbling afraid to speak You need me

Though you would betray **CLEMENTINE**: I never would
I give you everything in kindness

You may run away

CLEMENTINE: I never would

But the secrets of the past they bind us

I gave you the key to live your life in all stability

You need me

A place of solace you can find most people say I'm far too kind

You need me

Though you would betray

CLEMENTINE: I never would
I give you everything in kindness

You may run away

CLEMENTINE: I never would

But the secrets of the past they bind us

Stick with me and you will see You'll live your life with clarity You need me

I will always be around and I will never let you down

You need me

SCENE 6

17: INSTRUMENTAL - THE DORM

DOUGIE: It's weird that our parents haven't tried to write to us or call us isn't it?

HANNAH: Not really, probably glad to see the back of us.

OSCAR: Ha! Yeah mine definitely would be. **FI**: What if our parents have tried to call?

DOUGIE: What and Madame Brut isn't telling us?

FI: Yes exactly. I wouldn't put it past her to do something like that.

RAYMOND: My Mummy promised she'd call every week.

AGGIE: So did mine.

DOUGIE: It just doesn't add up.

FI: True. She's definitely hiding something from us.

DOUGIE: But how do we find out?

FI: We could do with getting into that office of hers!

DOUGIE: That's not gonna happen. **HANNAH**: Look what I snook in....

OSCAR: No way! Chocolate! How did you get away with that? **HANNAH**: Hidden pocket in my back pack! Who wants one?

(All excitedly start shouting 'Me!' Aggie stays silent).

CHARLIE: Hey Aggie, do you want one?

AGGIE: Oh no thanks I'm lactose intolerant.

OSCAR: What does that even mean?

FI: It means that she can't eat dairy.

DOUGIE: You're allergic to chocolate?!

AGGIE: Yep! I'm allergic to loads of stuff, pet hair, peanuts, pollen, dust....

FI: I have an idea. Aggie, did your parents pack any anti-histamines for you?

AGGIE: Anti what? **FI**: Allergy tablets.

AGGIE: Well I was supposed to take one a day but Madame Brut said I wouldn't be needing them

FI: But you definitely brought them with you? (Starts pacing around as she thinks).

AGGIE: Oh yes, I take them everywhere with me.

HANNAH: Am I missing something here?

CHARLIE: Yeah I don't get why any of this matters, Fi. (Still thinking Fi ignores her). Fi?

FI: We need to get our hands on those allergy tablets.

OSCAR: Can you please explain why.

FI: Aggie, did they ever make you feel sleepy?

AGGIE: Oh yes, this one time I went to play at my friend Karen's house and she had this really big fluffy cat. (*Thinking*) I think his name was Simba actually. (*Fi looks frustrated*)

Anyway by the time I got home my eyes were completely stuck together.

HANNAH: Oh my god, you're kidding?

18: AGGIES SONG ACHOO!

AGGIE: Nope. I had to take six tablets a day and all I did was sleep. Let me tell you bout the time when I was five and nearly died A trip out to the zoo made me sneeze and go achoo The monkeys stood and laughed as my asthma made me gasp It's a miracle I'm standing here alive and did survive

ALL: When you've got allergies you stay away From choccies, furry pets and even horses hay The very first sign that you're not feeling fine is a sneeze. Achoo!

Four years down the line a year ago when I was nine My mom got me a puppy and I thought I would be fine He climbed up on my lap just to take a little nap And yet again it happened where I truly nearly died

ALL: When you've got allergies don't even play With ponies, puppies, kittens, rabbits stay away The very first sign that you're not feeling fine is a sneeze. Achoo!

FI: We need to get into Brut's office.

RAYMOND: But she always keeps it locked.

CHARLIE: Yeah and she never lets those keys out of her sight. **DOUGIE**: We could take the keys from her when she's asleep.

FI: Exactly! We're going to spike Brut's water with allergy tablets and send her into a deep sleep.

HANNAH: But how do we get the allergy tablets in the first place?

OSCAR: Yeah, they're locked in her office remember?

FI: Aggie don't feel blue there is a job that you can do This time your allergies are gonna make it up to you Next time we are in line pretend and lie that you're not fine Keep sneezing on repeat until Brut gives right into you

ALL: When you've got allergies you will annoy Every parent, teacher, best friend, girl or boy With all of your wheezing and coughing and sneezing And loud Achoo!

FI: Okay, Aggie you can stop sneezing now. Save it for line up tomorrow.

AGGIE: Achoo!

SCENE 7

19: INSTRUMENTAL - THE PLAN

(Enter all children, Madame Brut and Miss Clementine)

(Brut inspects the children during line up)

BRUT: Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

AGGIE: Achoo!

BRUT: You should look presentable at all times.

AGGIE: Achoo!

BRUT: And maintain a pristine image.

AGGIE: Achoo!

BRUT: Setting an example for all.

AGGIE: Achoo!

BRUT: 835! Come here at once.

(Aggie steps out of the line)

AGGIE: Yes Madame Brut? Achoo!

BRUT: Is there a problem?

AGGIE: No Madame Brut. Achoo!

BRUT: Then why do you keep interrupting me whilst I am speaking?

AGGIE: I'm sorry Madame Brut. Achoo! I can't help it.

(Sneezes in Brut's face) ACHOO!

(Brut wipes her own face with a tissue)

It's my hay fever. Achoo! Please could I have my allergy tablets? Achoo!

BRUT: Oh for goodness sake! Miss Clementine, take 835 with you and provide her with the allergy tablets from my office.

CLEMENTINE: Of course, Madame Brut. (Exit Miss Clementine & Aggie)

BRUT: Duties for today are as follows:

(Speaks quickly reading from a long list) clean the windows, sweep and mop the floor, dust the furnishings, wipe the window ledges, disinfect the toilets, empty the bins, polish the sides....

And I do not want to see a single spec of dust. Is that clear?

ALL: Yes Madame Brut.

(Exit Brut and Aggie comes running in with her allergy tablets)

AGGIE: Guys, I've got them.

(The children congratulate Aggie)

DOUGIE: Well done, Aggie! **AGGIE**: Achoo! Thank you.

(The children laugh)

20: FIND OUR WAY BACK HOME (GROUP SONG)

FI: Now to complete our plan.

CHARLIE: Madame Brut is going to have the best sleep of her life!

Dream team
We know who we are
We have a plan
And it's written in the stars

Boot camp kids That will never be us We won't stop till we make it to the top

Nothings gonna stop us Until we get some answers Looking for the clues To find our way back home

Brut will never beat us And we will find her secrets Looking for a way To find our way back home

Hush Madame Brut now don't you cry
We could always sing you a lullaby
Put your feet up and go to sleep
We're gonna find out the secrets that you keep

Nothings gonna stop us Until we get some answers Looking for the clues To find our way back home

Brut will never beat us And we will find her secrets Looking for a way To find our way back home

Find our way back home