VANESSA SCENE #1

VANESSA
Dad, Pryor and I were talking -- we're gonna need new computers.

PRESTON
Good luck with that.

VANESSA
We need you to buy them.

PRESTON
Looks like your luck just ran out.

VANESSA
But Dad, with new computers, we can get better grades, go to top colleges and become strong black role models.

PRESTON
Martin Luther King didn't have a laptop -- he turned out alright.

VANESSA
Dad, it's not fair. You made us move to Beverly Hills. I have no friends, and the only safe way to meet people is on the internet.

PRESTON
Safe? Remind me to tivo "To Catch a Predator" for you.
VANESSA

(DRAMATIC) I will be in my room...
by myself, friendless and
computerless. Have a good day.
VANESSA SCENE #2

VANESSA (CONT’D)
Dad, we’ve decided to give the computers back. We shouldn’t have gone to Mom after you told us no. We’re sorry.

PRESTON
Alright. See, just ‘cause we live in Beverly Hills now doesn’t mean we’re gonna go on some crazy shopping sprees. We’re only gonna get what we need.

VANESSA
But Dad, you have a plasma TV... in your bathroom.

PRESTON
I need that. (BEAT) And look, since y’all came straight with me, I’m gonna let you keep the computers.

VANESSA
Really?! Dad, you’re the best!

PRESTON
Who’s the best?

VANESSA
You are!