

PANEL 1

WIDE SHOT of the Springton High School library. Amidst tall stacks of books and some old 1990s-era computers, 16-year-old **TABITHA MOORE** sits at a table scribbling in a spiral-bound notebook with a pencil. She's deep in concentration. She's wearing clothes that are loose-fitting and faded, and her long red hair is tucked behind her ears. The color palette is dark, but it will get darker in the following panels.

PANEL 2

ONE SHOT - Tabitha smiles down at her notebook as she speaks to herself. Writing makes her happy, and we should really get that sense from this panel. She's still holding the pencil.

TABITHA

I'm finally done with this draft!

Maybe I should submit this story to some
fantasy magazines...

PANEL 3

ONE SHOT - Chibi Tabitha looks suddenly nervous.

TABITHA

But what if they reject me?!

PANEL 4

ONE SHOT - Tabitha puts her notebook in her backpack.

TABITHA

I'll worry about that later. First, I need
to grab lunch before calculus...

PANEL 5

WIDE SHOT - Tabitha stops just outside of the cafeteria doors. She looks into the cafeteria with dread. The colors of this panel should be foreboding - we should get the sense that she does NOT want to walk into the room.

PANEL 6

CLOSE UP SHOT of the bottom half of Tabitha's face as she swallows nervously.

SFX

Gulp

TABITHA (V.O.)

It'll be okay. I'll hurry. And I won't look at anyone.

PANEL 7

WIDE SHOT - Tabitha walks through the cafeteria, and she's totally on her own. The other students who sit at the tables around her are a terrifying mass of people, all looking at her and laughing. Their faces should be in shadow. Her eyes are wide and trained on the floor. We don't need to know which students are speaking, so the speech bubbles can be placed in different spots in this panel.

STUDENT #1

Look! It's **Tabitha Moore!**

STUDENT #2

Ew, she creeps me out!

STUDENT #3

Why doesn't she ever talk? Does she think she's **better** than us?

PANEL 8

ONE SHOT - Tabitha flinches as someone says her name.

SFX

Wince

CARRIE (O.S.)

Hey! **Trailer Trash!**

PANEL 9

ONE SHOT - A girl named CARRIE RODRIGUEZ stands in Tabitha's path. Carrie is one of Tabitha's many bullies. She's Latinx with curly black hair, and she wears a matching plaid miniskirt and jacket (think Cher in Clueless). She's holding a carton of strawberry milk low at her side.

CARRIE

Didn't you wear that outfit yesterday?
Gross!

I know exactly what you need!