**Scene**

Khadija, called Stormy, by her parents, who are doctors is attending Freshman Orientation Day on an HBCU Campus.

***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) She had not gone to High School with the other freshmen students and thus, she and her parents were apprehensive about how she would be received.***

**Scene**

As she and her parents walked down the hallway towards a large auditorium, the sorority girls stared at her, then whispered as she walked by. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) Her heart sank as she sat down, and her mouth turned downward in disappointment.***

**Scene**

***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) When she returned home,******she ran upstairs to a desk in her bedroom, and wept her heart out!*** Only two people had been kind to her that day. A male student, named Cash had offered her an ink pen when she could not find one in her backpack and a female student, named Saint who had showed her and her mother to a restroom.

**Scene**

The next day she visited a local [***ophthalmologist***](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=0ced97706a2430ad&sxsrf=ADLYWIIllhDNl-EPz0F-kkNdTdRIgWG9QA:1729697038136&q=ophthalmologist&spell=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwidt5vM56SJAxUDfjABHb_QDrMQkeECKAB6BAgKEAE) who provided her with color contact lenses that she took home with her that day. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) But sadly, they felt like she had lent in her eyes.***

**Scene**

And the following day she made an appointment with a local hairdresser and when the hairdresser asked what she wanted, she asked for her hair to be dyed blond**. *(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) Dying her dark hair blond took hours and the chemical she used was pungent. And, it caused a burning sensation around her ears.***

**Scene**

Yet, intent on changing the sorority girls' opinions about her the following day she went shopping at a local outdoor mall to buy some new clothes. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) However, the pants bought were so tight in the waist and the hips they might as well have been a girdle, and the pointed-toe shoes she bought pinched her toes so much they brought tears to her eyes when she walked in them.***

**Scene**

Arriving home, after her shopping spree, she ran upstairs to her bedroom, hung up her new dresses, and put her new shoes on her closet shelves, tossing out almost all her old things as she did so. When she finished, her old things lay in a pile, on the floor. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) Wondering what she should do with the old things she reached for the freshman phone roster she’d received at Freshman Orientation, called her new classmate Saint, and asked for advice.***

**Scene**

Uncertain, Saint asked to call her back the next day with some suggestions.

**Scene**

A hour later, she received a call from her new classmate, Cash asking her if she wanted to go to a local jazz club that evening. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) She had never heard Jazz music before, nor been to a nightclub, but she knew listening to and appreciating Jazz was VERY American.***

So that evening she put on the tight-fitting pants and the pointed-toe shoes she had just bought that day and drove to the local Jazz club. She arrived at the club just as Cash did and when got out of her car and gave her keys to the car attendant, he batted his eyes in disbelief. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) "Wow. What a difference a day makes!" he thought.***

**Scene**

Saint in the meantime, tried to decide what to do with Stormy’s old things and after a little googling arrived at some options.  ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone)***Of which, donating her clothes to the downtown homeless women's shelter seemed the best.

**Scene**

Stormy began attending classes, applied to become a sorority member, and was being considered when at the end of the month, she received her credit card bill. She batted her eyes in disbelief. She had charged well over a thousand dollars. ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) Alarmed by her carelessness, she grabbed a pair of scissors from her bedroom desk, cut the credit card into pieces, and tossed the pieces in the trash.***

**Scene**

The following Friday, Stormy put on the only burka remaining in her closet and went with her parents to the local mosque. Inside the mosque, she knelt putting her arms out in front of her, and with remorse, she asked Allah ***(Said With Heightened Emotional Tone) "Will Cash want to be seen with me if I wear my burka?" The answer lay ahead of her.***

**Stop**