

FRUIT HIGH: ELECTION DAY

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INT. FRUIT HIGH NEWSROOM - DAY

"Ripe News" flashes on the screen in the Fruit High graphic. Something like a globe or something spins in the corner.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

And now for *Ripe News*

STARFRUIT is sitting in a chair to the right of the screen in a nice shirt. He is flashy and confident - what you get raising a child on YouTube influencers. He is in a newsroom with pictures of fruit silhouettes cycling behind him.

STARFRUIT

We interrupt your scheduled class
with news fresh off the vine.

Fade into clips of President KUMQUAT waving to the class. Holding the key to the school with GRANNY SMITH, shooting a fire hose on one knee with a BLUEBERRY and then giving a thumbs up to the camera. Then, a video of him crying behind a couch as his parents argue in the background.

STARFRUIT (V.O.)

School President Kumquat is moving
due to his parents divorce
effective this coming MONDAY. In
place, Fruit High will be holding a
snap election this upcoming week.
Candidates must submit 50
signatures to Granny Smith in the
next day, and I am going to need a
comfy chair to watch it all go
down. Best of luck to you all.

SLAM TO:

A caricature-like freeze-frame of APPLE with Kiwi running behind him (clipboard in hand) through the halls of Fruit High is shown.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - DAY

Apple is walking with Kiwi down the hallway with other fruits walking and accessing their lockers around him.

APPLE

I'm not gonna do it! Why should I?

KIWI

Why should you- psh- why *shouldn't*
you run is the real question!

Kiwi sticks out his hand and tries to count. He gets nowhere.

KIWI (CONT'D)

You get, let's see, uh, free lunch,
probably, so...

APPLE

If you want free lunch why don't
you just run?

Kiwi holds up a brown paper bag. It has a scribbled cartoon
of Kiwi on it.

KIWI

Because my dad makes me lunch every
day. And that was just one example!

Kiwi puts down the bag. They arrive at Apple's locker and he
begins unlocking it.

APPLE

Okay, so why me? Ever since drama
class I feel like I don't really
see myself as a "public speaker".

SLAM TO:

INT. DRAMA CLASSROOM - DAY

Apple is onstage in drama class with PROFESSOR BLACKCURRANT
in a black turtleneck and a wool ascot hat. The other
students are sitting criss-cross on the floor. Apple is
wearing a toga and an Ivy ring on his head.

PROFESSOR BLACKCURRANT

(looking up with a fist)
Bring us home Apple!!!

Professor Blackcurrant freezes with his fist in the air and
eyes closed. Apple is silent. PB opens one eye and looks at
Apple.

APPLE

(poor Australian accent)
Crikey! Gimme that buggar!!

Apple cracks an embarrassed smile. Professor puts down his hand and head in embarrassment.

SLAM TO:

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - DAY

Apple is taking books out of his locker.

APPLE

He said we could improvise!

KIWI

I just think a certain *small red fruit* might want to be the *First Lady*

APPLE

First lady to do what?

KIWI

sigh Just.. just let me handle this and maybe, just maybe Cherry will talk to you. Capiche?

APPLE

Yeah, I guess...

Kiwi starts walking away.

KIWI

Gonna be a looong election.

SLAM TO:

The same cartoon frame of APPLE with Kiwi is shown. A giant "1" is slammed on the right side.

FADE TO BLACK.

A caricature-like freeze frame of a Blueberry behind a podium in front of a large group of other various Blueberries. He is standing under a drooping election banner.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. FRUIT HIGH ALTERNATE GYM - DAY

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY waves goodbye to the crowd as he walks down the steps of the constructed stage where all of the Blueberries in Fruit High have congregated - you can hear the crowd noise.

He's handed a bottle of water by an aide which he opens up and begins drinking as he keeps walking. A group of BLUEBERRY GIRLS try and get close to him. He finishes the water and throws it to them and they run after it. Blueberry reporters and paparazzi try and get close to him but he keeps walking as his outfit hold them back. He is escorted to a golf cart where he gets in and is driven away. JANITOR DRIED APRICOT enters right after with a hoe in his hand.

JANITOR DRIED APRICOT
 What the? Don't you all have some
 place to be! And- hey! That's my
 golfcart!

JDA starts walking away.

JANITOR DRIED APRICOT (CONT'D)
 Bah... who cares anymore...

JDA pushes a garbage can away as he exits.

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

The golf cart driven by BLUEBERRY DRIVER featuring Salvador Blueberry and BLUEBERRY AIDE #1 is traveling down the hallway towards the utility room. BA#1 is friendly, but official, and not necessarily in that order.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 So where is our next tour spot?

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1
 "Next"? Those were all the
 Blueberries in the school, and then
 some just to add to the crowd size!

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 Where did you find extra-?

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1
 You'll get the answer to that after
 you're elected, Sal.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 Am I even going to win? What's the
 landscape? Am I ahead in the polls?
 Behind? Are there even polls? I
 want to hear it all.

The golf cart stops by the "Utility Room". Salvador and Blueberry Aide get out of the cart and enter as they talk. The door shuts.

The door open's slightly and Blueberry Aide's hand slaps a paper reading "Campaign Headquarters" on top of the utility title card.

INT. FRUIT HIGH UTILITY ROOM - CONTINUOUS

They sit at a folding table in the center of the room. A single lightbulb is hanging by a string. They are surrounded by cleaning supplies, and big cutouts of Sal Blueberry.

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1

So far you are the only candidate to have submitted the required 50 signatures, but that should change soon.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY

Good, good.

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1

Only problem is... all but one of the signatures came from Blueberries.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY

Who was the outlier?

A big silhouette appears in the doorway of the room. Salvador and Blueberry Aide both look up, dramatically... It's just Janitor Dried Apricot again.

JANITOR DRIED APRICOT

Gah! Blueberries around every corner! Just like the war...

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY

We're just-

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1

(very kind and gentle)

What room are you looking for, sir?

JANITOR DRIED APRICOT

The? The Utility Room!

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1

Oh gosh, I know I get them confused all the time, too! If you check the door this is actually our campaign headquarters so,

JANITOR DRIED APRICOT

But I-

Blueberry Aide #1 looks and nods at BLUEBERRY BODYGUARD who comes out of a shadow from the corner of the room and promptly shuts the door.

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1
 Hope you find it!
 (to Salivdor)
 The anonymous voter chooses to remain... what's the word?

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 Anonymous?

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1
 Right. But they did give one piece of advice... Your platform is very Blue-centric.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 Because we finally need some respect around this school! I'm fighting for them!

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1
 And you will, sir. But only if you win with the broader vote.

Blueberry Aide #1 passes a piece of upside down paper to Salvidor.

BLUEBERRY AIDE #1 (CONT'D)
 Here are a few talking points they suggested could help with the *more general* student body.

Salvidor Blueberry picks up the paper and reads it. He looks up solemnly, slightly ashamed? but nods, assured.

SALVIDOR BLUEBERRY
 I- ... Okay.

SLAM TO:

The same frame of a Blueberry at the podium. A giant "2" is slammed on the right side.

FADE TO BLACK.

A caricature-like frame of Cherry in the center with a bunch of outreached hands of mics, valentines, yearbooks.

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. LATE NIGHT SOUNDSTAGE - NIGHT

JIMMY PLANTAIN, host of the popular Late Night Program "Through the Grapevine with Jimmy Plantain!" has Cherry on the couch in a cute outfit.

JIMMY PLANTAIN
So tell us Madame President, what
is it like to be *the most popular*
figure in the history of all time?

CHERRY
Well I-

HARVARD RHUBARB, the Fruit equivalent of Justin Bieber in 2010, peeks his head in.

HARVARD RHUBARB
And will you marry me *right now*?

The crowd freaks out. Cherry is speechless, hands to her mouth. Cheers of her name turn to echoes as another world start to come in.

STRAWBERRY (O.S.)
Cherry... cherry... CHERRY!!

INT. FRUIT HIGH CLASSROOM - DAY

Cherry is snapped out of a daydream she was having while staring out of a window in a social studies classroom. STRAWBERRY is standing next to her.

STRAWBERRY
Thinking about the giant spiders
again?

CHERRY
I-... no?

STRAWBERRY
It's nothing to be embarrassed
about! C'mon, let's get to science
class.

CHERRY
(cobwebby & confused)
O-Okay?

Cherry puts her books in her bag and they begin to walk out.

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - DAY

Strawberry and Cherry are walking down the hallway together towards science class. Students gawk as they look at Cherry.

STRAWBERRY

So what made you decide to run?

CHERRY

Run? For what? I-

LEMON comes down the hallway wearing a white shirt with Cherry on it in the style of Obama's "Change" campaign but it says "SWEET" or something on it, idk. He has a handful of buttons.

LEMON

There she is!

(to Cherry)

I heard what you were going to do for us popular kids. A full lounge, and unlimited pudding? A little excessive but I like your style.

CHERRY

I-

LEMON

Op op op, say no more. And don't worry, Lime is getting you those signatures ASAP.

LIME is going person to person down the hallway at warp speed getting people to sign up Cherry. He goes up to Cherry and is speaking extremely quickly.

LIME

Hey! do you want to sign- Oh, Cherry, it's you! Haha. Do you wanna sign? I'm kidding, I'm kidding! Anyway boss, I gotta get back to it

(to Cherry, sidemouth)

And I know this hard work will get me a bean bag chair in the lounge, ah?

Lime and Lemon both go down the hall badgering students to sign the sheet. One student waves them off and but Lemon pushes them to Lime and he signs. Cherry pulls Strawberry aside into an open classroom.

INT. FRUIT HIGH SCINECE CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Cherry shuts the door and looks at Strawberry.

CHERRY

Can you *please* just tell me what
the huck is going on?

STRAWBERRY

You-? Um, wow okay. Where to
start...

Cherry searches Strawberry for answers, completely lost.

STRAWBERRY (CONT'D)

Well... there's a snap election
going on because Kumquat is moving
to another school because his
parents are getting divorced.

SLAM TO:

INT. KUMKUATS HOUSE - DAY

Kumquat in his room, listneing to music with headphones on
his bed. A lamp is thrown and smashes in his room. He looks
up and cries.

SLAM TO:

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

STRAWBERRY

Someone must have started a rumor
that you were going to run because
now the whole school thinks you're
going to win. So-

CHERRY

They- they think I can win?

Strawberry moves a backpack strap and shows herself wearing a
Cherry button. She blushes.

STRAWBERRY

Yup. Just think, one school with a
Cherry on top.

I've been using that line to pitch the show since 2016...

CHERRY

So, you think I should?

STRAWBERRY

Cherry, it's basically just a popularity contest. And you're popular, so you'll win.

CHERRY

Popularity contest, huh? Okay.

CU of Cherry as she puts on her game face, ready to exit the classroom. Strawberry opens the door. Cherry puts on her biggest, fakest smile and gives multiple "hi"'s and "hello"'s to everyone as she exits the room.

SLAM TO:

Same caricature-like frame of Cherry in the center with a bunch of outreached hands of mics, valentines, yearbooks. A giant "3" is slammed onto the frame.

FADE TO BLACK.

A caricature-like frame of Tomato on a soapbox in the hallway. Orange is handing out flyers next to her and various fruits walk, past, hands in pockets, one waving him away.

INT. FRUIT HIGH LIBRARY - MORNING

Earlier in the day - TOMATO is in the stacks of the Fruit High Library. She is in the section titled "GovernMint" or something idk... she sticks his finger out searching for a book, finds it and takes it out of the stack (maybe puts it on a wagon of books a la Matilda?). A light flickers above that she looks at as she walks to MRS. PRUNE, the librarian. She used to be a dime of a Grape at FH in the 50's, but now looks older than time.

TOMATO

I'd like to take this out please.

MRS. PRUNE

Let's see...

She picks up the book and tries to scan it into a dinosaur of a computer.

MRS. PRUNE (CONT'D)

It says here you...

(squints)

Died? So you can't take this out.

Mrs. Prune pulls the book back. Tomato is extremely confused.

TOMATO

But I'm... alive? And right here.
So... I'm not dead... which
means... I can get the book..

She reaches for the book. Her hand is slapped away.

MRS. PRUNE

I can try and re-scan it but-

She tries to rescan it. The computer makes some whirring noises, smokes, and then immediately combusts.

TOMATO

How long has the system been like that?

MRS. PRUNE

Oh, this dinosaur hasn't been updated since... well, certainly before women could vote and to a certain degree that made life a lot simpler...

As Mrs. Prune drones on, Tomato takes her books and wheels them out to a table in the hallway.

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Tomato sits at a desk in the hall, reading all of these books on legislature. ORANGE comes down the hall, he's covered in water.

ORANGE

Tomato, with their head in a book -
I can still smell the Veggie all over you.

Tomato looks up.

TOMATO

What's with fruits and reading?
Also, why are you covered in water?

ORANGE

Water fountains busted... well its been busted. Frankly it's refreshing at this point.

TOMATO

And the library is in awful shape, too. We've gotta do something about this. What are you doing right now?

ORANGE

I'm wet.

TOMATO

What?

Orange checks wrist with nothing on it. He looks up.

ORANGE

Oh, uh. And I'm free.

TOMATO

Perfect.

INT. FRUIT HIGH HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Tomato is on a soap box with a director's megaphone cone. She's preaching as Fruit's mosey through the hallway. Orange is next her trying to hand out flyers and echoing what Tomato says. Most onlookers try and look forward.

TOMATO

Help fix our school! Bring change
to Fruit High!

RASPBERRY walks by, motions to their empty pockets.

RASPBERRY

I don't have any change!

TOMATO

Not that type of change!

Orange is counting coins from a Blueberry. He looks up at Tomato, pauses, and looks back at the Blueberry.

ORANGE

(so Tomato can't hear)
Thank you for your donation.

Orange looks at Tomato as he pockets the change. HEINRICH DATE walks by in a nice coat.

TOMATO

You! Help us to restore Fruit
High's-

Heinrich waves him away. Tomato looks at Orange as she gets down from her soapbox, disappointed.

TOMATO (CONT'D)

It's no use, everyone's just fine
with how things are. It was stu-

The sound of the Fruit High PA turning on is heard. It's the same announcement from the start of the episode.

STARFRUIT (V.O.)

School President Kumquat is moving due to his parents divorce effective this coming MONDAY. In place Fruit High will be holding a snap election this upcoming week. Candidates must submit.....

Tomato looks up at the PA. She smiles.

SLAM TO:

Same caricature-like frame of Tomato on a soapbox in the hallway. A giant "4" is slammed onto the frame.

FADE TO BLACK.

A caricature-like frame of Cantaloupe in football equipment, bashing into a line of fake mannequins that look like the other candidates.

INT. FRUIT HIGH LOCKER ROOM - DAY

CANTALOUPE, HONEYDEW, WATERMELON, MR. GRAPEFRUIT, GRAPEFRUIT JR., some other fruits, are in the locker room before practice. They're all extremely dumb (except Honeydew, who will devlope into the louveable oaf later on)

HONEYDEW

So what are you guys thinking about the upcoming elections?

WATERMELON

Election shmelection, who cares?

HONEYDEW

Who cares? It's your opportunity to make a change you want in the school. It's a vital pillar of our school's democracy.

CANTALOUPE

Oh yeah? Who's running?

HONEYDEW

Anyone can run right now. But, personally I think Cherry is going to win it all

(to himself)

I wish it were Tomato, though...

GRAPEFRUIT JR.

Why do you say that about Cherry?

HONEYDEW

Unfortunately in schools like ours elections are run like popularity contests...

WATERMELON

So why don't you run then, Brinestein?

HONEYDEW

Ah, I'm juggling sports and school, I couldn't possibly take on another extracurricular. No less the responsibility of President...

CANTALOUPE

Well, I'm just juggling sports and... that's it! Maybe I'll run!

The other melons start to cheer him on.

WATERMELON

Yeah! YEAH!

GRAPEFRUIT JR.

I'd vote for you!

SLAM TO:

Same frame of Cantaloupe in football equipment, bashing into a line of fake mannequins that look like the other candidates. A giant "5" is slammed on the right side.

INT. FRUIT HIGH LOCKER ROOM - CONTINUOUS

It's the same exact scene in the locker room.

HONEYDEW

Cantaloupe, who is the principle of the school?

The room goes quiet. Cantaloupe looks up at Honeydew.

Same frame of Cantaloupe in football equipment, with the giant "5" on the right side. A giant "X" is slammed on top of the "5"

FADE TO BLACK.