## WICKED SCHOOL

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# FIgures of speech ( wicked school) Episode #1 -PILOT " JOCELYN'S JOURNEY"

EXT. SHREVEPORT-JOCELYN'S HOUSE- FRONT PORCH-DAY

The song, "R Beautiful", (BY WATTS 1965) plays over the scene/MONTAGE:

JOCELYN takes baggage from inside the house to the waiting car in front of the house.

Her three children carry toys, knick knacks, etc. bare feet.

The children take last looks at the house, and jump into the car.

Jocelyn's Ex runs after the car, screaming, with fists balled as they drives away from the house.

Song plays "We need to remember we r beautiful," while Jocelyn and the children drive away.

#### ACT ONE

EXT. JOCELYN'S CAR-LAS VEGAS BLVD-DAY

JOCELYN, EARLY 40'S, AF.-AM/NATIVE AM., DRESSED EARTHY, TIE DYE SHIRT.

**JOCELYN** 

Wow. I can't believe we made it! I am so excited to finally be here.

DAILYNN: Jocelyn's DAUGHTER, 13, MODEL LOOKING, AND TALL, sits bored in the front seat.

DAILYNN

Yeah, mom. It took us long enough to get here.

JOCELYN

Stop complaining. We got here in pretty good time.

MOSES: Jocelyn's SON, 8, GLASSES, NERDY BUT HIP, rolls down his window and is bursting with excitement.

MOSES

These buildings look cool, mom. I wonder what stories are inside of these buildings.

REY: Jocelyn's youngest son , 6, GOLDEN HAIR, NERVOUS

REY

MOM, I'M HUNGRY. AND I GOTTA PEE.

JOCELYN

We're looking for a place to eat and pee right now.

Jocelyn scans her notebook with an address, pulls up in front of a graffiti covered building, and walks up to the managers window at the front.

EXT. APT BUILDING-MANAGER'S WINDOW-DAY

A HOMELESS MAN, IN HIS LATE 50'S, DIRTY, BEARDED, SITS NEXT TO THE WINDOW ON A TOWEL.

HOMELESS MAN

Looking for a place to stay? Let me short cut it for you. Nine fifty a month for a one bedroom. Roaches are your roommates, and mice love to join you for a late night snack.

Jocelyn nods to the man, and hops back into the car.

REY Mom!

Jocelyn takes REY on the side the building to pee.

INT. RESTAURANT-EVENING

Jocelyn talks to her mother on the phone:

JOCELYN

Ma, it was an emergency-Jocelyn glares at her bank account status on her Iphone screen- it shows- Zero dollars.

WE hear an impatient tone over the phone.

JOCELYN (CONT'D)

We didn't have any other choice.

More muffled tones...

JOCELYN (CONT'D)

There is a shelter down the way. I have some interviews this week too. It wont take long.

Jocelyn signals for her children to leave the restaurant.

EXT. SHOT- HOMELESS SHELTER-BEDROOM-NIGHT

Jocelyn TUCKS IN EACH OF HER BABIES INTO BED.

Jocelyn sits up in bed, reading the local "want ads", looking sad and worried.

END OF ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

INT.-HOMELESS SHELTER-BEDROOM-DAY

Jocelyn tries on different dresses in front of the mirror. They All fit too tight, torn, or discolored.

DAILYNN

Mom, it's time to get some new gear.

**JOCELYN** 

Soon come.

EXT. -ESTABLISHING SHOT- OFFICE BUILDING-MORNING

Jocelyn takes deep breaths while skipping inside of building.

INT. OFFICE BUILDING-OFFICE ROOM- DAY

Jocelyn looks sheepishly as interviewer glares at her clothesthat look obviously not as stylish as the rest of the people in the office.

MS.HARDICK: MODELESQUE, 20-30'S, WEARING AN EXPENSIVE TAILORED SUIT, APPROACHES Jocelyn, SHAKES HER HAND, TALKING CRISP, AND FAST.

MS.HARDICK

How long have you been out of work?

MS. HARDICK stares Jocelyn up and down.

JOCELYN

I've been a stay at home mother for a few years, but I have worked as a school teacher before.

MS.HARDICK

Yes, well, this office is hip, and stylish, and I am pretty sure you need this job, but you would need to upgrade your fashion like yesterday.

JOCELYN

I really need this job. My children and I just got here, and -

MS.HARDICK

Let me cut it to you like this, this is Las Vegas, Not podunk Alabama...

JOCELYN

Actually, Louisiana.

MS.HARDICK

Whatever! This is the glamor and glitz town, sweetie, and you are not going to get too far with these clothes and hair like this.

JOCELYN

Isn't that discrimination?

MS.HARDICK

What I just told you was to help you out so you do you and keep it moving. But Thank you for coming by.

Jocelyn walks out of office, stifling tears from coming from her eyes. She cuts on the car, and Watts 1965 is playing on the radio "You need to remember we are beautiful...".

EXT. HOMELESS SHELTER-BEDROOM-NIGHT

Jocelyn sits up in bed staring out the window near her bed.

JOCELYN

Ancestors, if you had any power over my life right now...

Rey snores loudly.

JOCELYN (CONT'D)

Bara Su Wiyo... Oshun cover me.

Jocelyn lies down and tries to sleep.

END OF ACT TWO

#### ACT THREE

EXT. SCHOOL - MORNING

Jocelyn hops out of her car . Jocelyn runs down the sidewalk skips to the front door, pauses for a moment, and...

INT. SCHOOL-FOYER-DAY

MR.. ERNEST DUNCAN ,50, TALL , WEARING A WHITE COLLAR, TIE, AND SUIT PANTS, STARES AT JOCELYN AS IF HE IS ALREADY ENAMORED.

MR. Duncan approaches Jocelyn. They smile at each other simultaneously.

MR. DUNCAN

Well, it is good to meet you, MRs...?

**JOCELYN** 

MIZ Powell. I'm recently separated.

MR DUNCAN

Good thing? Bad thing?

**JOCELYN** 

Definitely not a bad thing.

Jocelyn shyly glances down at the ground.

JOCELYN (CONT'D)

How old is this school?

MR. DUNCAN

It has been around since the beginning of Las Vegas. There are a lot of stories in these walls.

JOCELYN

I hear there are ghosts and spirits and aliens all around this city...is it true?

Mr. Duncan stares into Jocelyn's eyes for a solid five seconds before he turns around and looks toward the bathrooms down the hall.

MR. DUNCAN

There's an old saying, 'believe half of what you see and none of what you hear'.

JOCELYN

Absolutely. When will you know about the position, Mr. Duncan?

Suddenly- they hear a loud CRASH!BANG! -down the hallway-

INT.-SCHOOL-HALLWAY- NEAR BATHROOMS-DAY

MR.Duncan runs down the hall, Jocelyn follows...

Bright lights flicker off and on, water pours out of the water fountain faucet...

Jocelyn and Mr. Duncan stare in amazement at the spectacle.

And in one minute...its over.

JOCELYN

Is it like this all the time?

MR DUNCAN

We know there is a earthquake line under the school, and the fault meets right under here.

Jocelyn and Mr. Duncan walk down the hall.

TNT.-SCHOOL-FRONT FOYER-DAY

MR. DUNCAN

MIZ Powell, the job is yours. If you can stand this earthquake stuff...

JOCELYN

Thank you.

Jocelyn and Mr. Duncan shake hands. The school hour bell rings, and Mr. Duncan waves to Jocelyn as she leaves the school...

EXT.-SCHOOL-OUTSIDE-DAY

Jocelyn crosses the street, and hops into her car quickly.

#### INT.-SCHOOL-HALLWAY-WINDOW - DAY

Mr. Duncan stands near the inside of the window so he can't be seen from Jocelyn outside. He stares curiously at her as she drives off.

### END OF ACT THREE

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INT. HOMELESS SHELTER-BEDROOM-NIGHT

JOCELYN is sharing a laugh with her children, as it is bedtime.

DAILYNN

You know I did some research on that school. They say it's haunted.

JOCELYN turns her back from her daughter, and smiles toward the camera.

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