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"MOVE-IN DAY"

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EXT. CRESTHAVEN UNIVERSITY - FRESHMAN PALM WALK - DAY

JAMAICA (18) cheerfully walks on the walkway going toward to the Pionner Pathways Program table where a couple people were standing at. As she approaches, she is greeted by the cohort's RA NUBINA (19), the program coordinator LESLIE (25), and the program's documentarian ANDREW (19).

LESLIE
Hi Welcome! You must be Jamaica right?

JAMAICA
Hi! Yes, it's very nice to meet you.

Leslie turns to greet Jamaica's parents.

LESLIE
Nice to meet you too and of course it's a please to meet you as well Mom and Dad.

They shake hands.

JAMAICA'S DAD
It's nice to meet you too!

JAMAICA'S MOM
Pleasure to meet you. Thank you for accepting Jamaica into this wonderful program!

CUT TO:

LESLIE TALKING HEAD

LESLIE
Hey y'all. I'm Leslie, the PPP coordinator! I started this program because I wanted to inspire first gen students and give them a safe space to go to in a foreign world. Today the students are moving in and we have a whole bunch of fun awaiting them!

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LESLIE (CONT'D)
I hope you enjoy settling in. This is a new program here at Cresthaven and so we're documenting footage to show everyone as our camera person, Andrew will be in charge.

Andrew waves and whispers "Hey".

LESLIE (CONT'D)
And then to get you settled into your new room, the RA of your floor, Nubina, will tell you where it is. Follow her and I'll see you later.

JAMAICA
Great! Thanks so much Leslie.

They both wave to each other with warm smiles. Jamaica and her dad follow Nubina inside to go to Jamaica's new room.

INT. CRESTHAVEN UNIVERSITY - ASHTON DORM - HALLWAY

The whole time Nubina is explaining to Jamaica and her parents about some of the knowledge of Cresthaven, their floor, and about the PPP program. As she does this, other PPP scholars pass by moving boxes inside their room.

NUBINA
And down the hall from here is my room so incase you have any emergencies or you want a shoulder to lean on, I'm there.

Jamaica's dad looks around suspiciously at the other students.

JAMAICA'S DAD
I have a question Nubina.

NUBINA
Yeah sure!

JAMAICA'S DAD
Is it usually this many boys?

JAMAICA
(mutters under her breath)
Oh lord, here we go.

CUT TO:

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JAMAICA TALKING HEAD

JAMAICA
Hi guys! It's ya girl, Jamaica! I'm a freshman currently majoring in Film here at Cresthaven and I'm one of the new members of PPP for this years cohort. I'm estastic to be part of this program and even more excited to document my own journey with this bad boy.

She shows the camera her vlogging camera (it could be her phone).

I've been vlogging for a while so this whole setup for me gives me deja vu. If you'd like to see more of me, be sure to follow my handle-

ANDREW
We just needed a 30 second introduction.

JAMAICA
Oh...okay.

CUT BACK:

NUBINA
So, here in the Ashton dorms, everything is co-ed so we have a mix of men, women, and non-binaries.

JAMAICA
So what does that mean?

JAMAICA (CONT'D)
So it means that I am rooming with a **GIRL** dad.

JAMAICA'S DAD
Oh.

Jamaica's mom shakes her head.

JAMAICA'S MOM
(whispers to Jamaica's dad)
Get it together Elmer.

NUBINA
No worries, I understand.

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They approach the door “303” (this can be changed). On the door is both Jamaica and another name ITZEL.

NUBINA (CONT’D)
This is your room. Your roommate hasn’t checked in yet but surely she’ll arrive soon. If you need anything, I’ll be downstairs and my number is on the flyer next to the elevator. Have fun!

JAMAICA’S MOM
Thank you so much Nubina darling!

Jamaica puts her code into the dorm and when she opens the door, she sees a big empty space. The blinds are prompted up to showcase the sunlight and both sides of the room seek to be decorated. Jamaica is amazed by what she sees.

JAMAICA
Holy shit.

JAMAICA’S MOM
Aye.

JAMAICA
Shoot.

Jamaica walks into the space and so does her parents as they settle the boxes down. Jamaica runs to her side that she chooses and pulls out her phone. She starts vlogging her personal diary.

JAMAICA (CONT’D)
Hey guys. It’s Jamaica. Guess where I’m at! Yeah, college. It took a lot to get here but we here baby! Yes sir and I’m here with the fam. Fam say wassup.

Jamaica’s dad waves. Jamaica’s mom is busy opening the boxes to start setting things up.

JAMAICA’S DAD
Hey vlog.

JAMAICA’S MOM
Can you two stop goofing around and help?

Jamaica ignores what her mom says and continues to vlog.

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JAMAICA
So my roomie isn't here unfortunately but hopefully she comes in time. I have so many ideas of what this space should look like. I think right here we should like put some fairy lights and here my movie posters to show I actually do like film even though I haven't seen the classics that probably would get me jumped by a bunch of Ryan Gosling look-a-likes.

Jamaica's mom starts to get irritated. She raises her voices.

JAMAICA'S MOM
(yelling)
JAMAICA LACY BROWIN-

Jamaica knows what that means. Trouble. She says her last few words to her phone before putting it away.

JAMAICA
Uh oh, gotta go bye!

Time passes by and Jamaica's side is decorated. She's putting some last finals touches everywhere and her dad taps her to speak to her. Jamaica's mom went to go take the boxes to the recycling bin.

JAMAICA (CONT'D)
Yeah?

JAMAICA'S DAD
Listen Mica, I know this college experience is exciting-

JAMAICA
And is!

JAMAICA'S DAD
But you have to keep some things in mind. You're going to have a roommate now. You're not gonna have all the space to yourself anymore. You're not at home, and you need to be considerate of your roommate.

JAMAICA
I know. I know. This will be the first time I'm ever alone.

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JAMAICA'S DAD
And it might be tough in the beginning, but we're one call away always remember that you hear?

Jamaica nods and the sweet moment is interrupted by Jamaica's mom.

JAMAICA'S MOM
Alright, we gotta go.

JAMAICA'S DAD
Where?

JAMAICA'S MOM
Work? Did you think we was on vacation?

JAMAICA'S DAD
Maybe.

JAMAICA'S MOM
C'mon lets go. Jamaica sweetie, you're just going to have to put the rest of the stuff up by yourself.

JAMAICA
But-

JAMAICA'S MOM
Ah ah. Today's your first day of independence fa real. You gone start payin' ya own bills now.

All of a sudden we hear shuffling and grunting. Jamaica's mom turns to look and we see ITZEL (18).

JAMAICA'S MOM (CONT'D)
Oh my goodness hun, do you need some help?

ITZEL
No. I'm fine.

JAMAICA'S MOM
You sure? Where's your parents?

ITZEL
I don't know. Anyways, thank you I got it.

JAMAICA'S MOM
What's your name?

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ITZEL
Uh...Itzel.

Jamaica's mom starts smiling. She turns to Jamaica. Jamaica looks pensive and sad.

JAMAICA'S MOM
See you needa start being like Itzel. No parents and yet she was able to carry this box up here.

Jamaica's mood immediately changes when Jamaica's mom hugs Jacky.

ITZEL TALKING HEAD

ITZEL
Hi. I'm Itzel.

There's awkward silence.

ANDREW
Nothing else you wanna say?

ITZEL
Um...I'm part of the PPP program. Yeah.

There's awkward silence. Again.

ANDREW
What about family?

ITZEL
Older sister of a small family from (wherever they're from).

ANDREW
Are they here with you today?

ITZEL
No.

ANDREW
Oh. Where are they?

ITZEL
One's at work and another's in a jar.

ANDREW
A jar?

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ITZEL
Yeah.

ANDREW
What does that mean?

ITZEL
That my dad is dead.

ANDREW
Oh....I'm sorry.

Itzel nods her head in silence.

ANDREW (CONT'D)
Okay...lets wrap this up.

CUT TO:

JAMAICA
Hi! You must be my new roomie. I'm Jamaica!

ITZEL
Nice to meet you.

JAMAICA'S DAD
Well sweetie, we're gonna go now. Love you.

Jamaica runs to them and gives her parents a big hug. They both kiss her forehead. Itzel ignores them and proceeds to put stuff up. Jamaica's parents leave and now it's just them. Itzel is still putting stuff up and Jamaica stands behind her making it awkward but her positive energy makes it vibrant.

The girls introduce themselves and talk to each other. It's a little bit awkward.

JAMAICA AND ITZEL TALKING HEAD - SIDE BY SIDE

They give each other first impression of each other. They say the same thing.

JAMAICA AND ITZEL
She's a little weird, but cool, but not exactly...well normal.

CUT TO:

JAMAICA
So like where are from? Because I'm from here.
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JAMAICA (CONT'D)
I live like a few minutes away but my parents are from out of the U.S.

Itzel picks up her boxes to throw them outside.

ITZEL
I'm from here. Parents not exactly.

JAMAICA
Where are your parents?

Before Itzel can arrive, she's saved by knocking on the door. When Jamaica opens it, it's Nubina.

NUBINA
Coming to remind you guys that retreat starts now. Leggo.

EXT. CRESTHAVEN UNIVERSITY - TONGVA CIRCLE - DAY

The cohort stands in a circle and Leslie explains that they'll be playing a series of games and doing team-building activites. These activites will build collaboration.

LESLIE
Alright yall gather round, gather round. Welcome to the PPP program! Woo!

Everyone gives her a blank glare

LESLIE (CONT'D)
Alright tough crowd. Today we will be doing some activities. They'll be different stations. For instance we have two truths a lie. WOO!

Blank stare.

LESLIE (CONT'D)
Collage making...

Blank stare.

LESLIE (CONT'D)
Then bingo...y'all like bingo right?

Blank stare again.

LESLIE (CONT'D)
We're doing fucking ice breakers.

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Everyone's faces change.

EVERYONE
(in unison)
NO!

CUT TO:

The first activity they do are ice breakers, and everyone is quite annoyed of this. Jamaica looks around to see everyone either on their phones or just sitting there with a glare. She takes it upon herself to go first in the circle that they're sitting in.

JAMAICA
Hi I'm Jamaica! I'm a freshman film major. And I'm from around the area.

We see a pretty boy in the group named JAMES (18) comment on Jamaica's introduction.

JAMES
What are your favorite movies?

He flashes her a smile. Jamaica gazes with affection. It makes her nervous

JAMAICA
Well um...um...hah...I Love watching um you know the Godfather, Good...Goodfellas...um...yeah....

JAMES
What about Do The Right Thing?

JAMAICA
Oh my goodness yes! That's my favorite movie. That's the joint with Steven Spielberg right?

JAMES
You mean Spike Lee...?

JAMAICA
That's what I said.

Jamaica flashes James a cute smile and he laughs.

JAMAICA TALKING HEAD

JAMAICA (CONT'D)
(whispers)
He's so cute. I think he likes me.

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