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SEAN

I don't know. Are you not going to wire me the cash?

PATRICK

Right now? No.

SEAN

Then fuck you! Fuck you! Fuck you!

Sean starts SMASHING the phone against the receiver over and over again as if it was Patrick's face.

SEAN

(continuing)

Fuck you! Fuck you! Fuck you! Fuck you!
Fuck you! Fuck you! Fuck you! Fuck you!
Fuck you!

Patrick, back in his office, smiles, and calmly disconnects the line, changes the CD back to the SOFT CLASSICAL, and BUZZES his secretary.

PATRICK

(to his secretary over the headset)

Jean. How about that Perrier?

CUT TO BLACK:

Stay on the BLACKNESS a moment longer than feels natural...

47 INT. LEIGH HOUSE - LAUREN'S ROOM - NIGHT

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From Lauren's open window we can HEAR THE PARTY out at the edge of Campus.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL: Lauren and Lara's room. Typical college girl decor. Lara is getting ready for the party by putting her make-up on. Lauren is laying on the bed, not getting ready for the party, and flipping through a large medical textbook of Venereal Diseases.

EXTREME CLOSE ON: The medical textbook. Gruesome close-up photographs of explicit sexual diseases. The explicit imagery of pink, purple, blue, and red blisters are almost beautiful in a minimalist sort of way.

LARA

Is your ultimate deterrent to a Friday night party working?

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LAUREN

To an extent. But they're just too beautiful -- in a minimalist sort of way. The ultimate deterrent would be Victor. The two of us could stay in. Maybe watch "Breakfast at Tiffany's". Drink some wine coolers...

LARA

Enough fantasizing. Victor is three thousand miles away. Use *the Book*.

Lauren flips through a few more pages of horrific genital rashes and boils. She holds up the book for Lara to see.

LAUREN

What does this remind you of? Degas? Seurat? Renoir?

LARA

(flat)
Scooby Doo.

Lara looks at herself in the mirror, studying her figure.

LARA

How do I look?

LAUREN

Well, since you asked, you're looking really skinny.

LARA

Skinny?

LAUREN

Skinny.

LARA

Bulimic skinny or anorexic skinny?

LAUREN

Is there a difference?

LARA

Bulimic skinny passes for healthy. Except your teeth rot -- but my teeth aren't rotting, so...

LAUREN

So you look bulimic skinny?

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LARA

Lauren -- I'm telling you, it's amazing how much weight you lose when you're off the pill.

LAUREN

Yeah. Until the fifty pounds you gain when you get knocked up.

LARA

Do the math. If a condom is 98% safe and he wears two, then you're 196% safe. That's a better percentage than the pill can offer.

LAUREN

I'm not sure it works that way. I mean *abstinence* is 100% safe, which is less of a percentage than--

LARA

Whatever. I don't know. I don't major in math.

Lauren nods. Lara gets her stuff ready to leave.

LARA

So are you going, or not?

LAUREN

I don't know. I have an early class tomorrow.

LARA

Lauren, listen to your friend and roommate: You need to get laid. You need to lose your virginity. If you don't lose it in college you're never gonna lose it.

(beat)

You can't spend your life waiting for Victor. And don't spend all night waiting up for me.

Lauren looks at her for a while as this sinks in and then finally nods. She then looks out the window at the party across campus at the Edge of the World...

CUT TO: