

WHATEVER IT TAKES

Kids in the Spotlight

INT. DARK ROOM - DAY

A mysterious finger watches a REEL, past pictures and videos of a girl named HEAVEN...

INT. KAYLA'S LIVING - DAY

HEAVEN, 20, fashionable, with KAYLA, 20, and DESTINY, 20s, dance in the living room. There's recording equipment, and a ring light.

The three of them **almost** move in unison. Kayla knocks over the tripod.

HEAVEN  
(annoyed)  
Really, Kayla?

KAYLA  
Why are you yelling at me? Destiny  
knocked it over.

Destiny looks over, sadly.

HEAVEN  
Whatever. We're gonna do this all  
night if we have to.

INT. KAYLA'S LIVING ROOM - HOURS LATER

The women sit on the couch, reviewing and editing out bad takes on TikTok. Destiny drinks some water, Kayla lays on the couch.

Heaven posts the video.

HEAVEN  
(dumbstruck)  
It's already got 3000 views!

DESTINY  
(exhausted)  
It better have. We done this a  
million times.

HEAVEN  
Well we could do it one more  
time...

Kayla's **snores** cut her off.

The camera moves over to show Kayla passed out on the couch.

INT. HEAVEN'S BEDROOM / KAYLA'S LIVING ROOM - INTERCUT

Heaven wakes up in her bed to the sound of dings on her phone. She grabs it and opens it up. While scrolling she gets a call, **ring**.

HEAVEN

Hello?

Destiny and Kayla are sit on the couch.

DESTINY

Did you see who reposted our video?

HEAVEN

No who?

DESTINY

King D girl!

Heaven bolts up from bed.

HEAVEN

(surprised)

King D!? King D?

DESTINY

(sarcastically)

No the other King D.

Heaven looks through her phone. She sees something that King D invited her to a party.

We see the invite -- only Heaven is invited. The silence lengthens. Heaven screams!

DESTINY (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Uh, are you still there?

HEAVEN

Yo, King D invited me to a party!

Kayla jumps up from the couch.

KAYLA

All of us?

Screen shows the invitation only invites Heaven.

HEAVEN

Kayla, you can drive right?

Kayla looks down at the phone, darkly.

EXT. WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

A warehouse where beautiful people in trendy clothes wait in a long line to get in the door. Bouncers stand ominously gatekeeping the party. The guests are already stumbling.

Heaven, Kayla, and Destiny join the line. They are dressed in party clothes, heels, and full makeup.

Heaven shines in her most stunning dress.

HEAVEN

We're not standing that line.

She pulls out her phone and calls. Two drunks stumble past.

DRUNK MAN 1

(yelling)

It's lit!

Destiny and Kayla laugh at him, Heaven is still on her phone. Drunk Man 2 walks up to Kayla.

DRUNK MAN 2

Are you from Tennessee? Cause  
you're the only ten I see!

Destiny and Kayla make disgusted faces.

Suddenly, King D appears from behind the line also on the phone. Heaven waves at him, they close their phones and they hug. He spins her around.

KING D

Wuz good? You look better in  
person...

HEAVEN

Thank you!

King D looks over at Destiny, Kayla, and the drunk guys, escorting Heaven inside.

KING D

Those yo friends?

HEAVEN

Uh, no.

Heaven looks back. Kayla and Destiny look sad, ignored by their friend and King D.

INT. WAREHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The warehouse is full of dancing influencers, a DJ booth stands in the back, VIP sections line the room on raised pedestals, a full bar by the entry, and in the center of the room are couches and tables. Strobe lights match the beats of the music while bottle girls carry bottles on silver trays with silver buckets full of ice.

King D escorts her through the party. As they walk through the crowd two men PARTY GOER 1 & 2 stop them.

PARTY GOER 1

Hey, can I get a picture bro?

King D ignores them.

KING D

*SECURITY?*

Two big security guys grab the men and push them outside.

As King D and Heaven walk by, other influencers notice as he takes her to the VIP booth with several other famous influencers. As King D and Heaven walk up to the VIP section King D begins to introduce Heaven to LIL RICH (King D's brother), PRINCESS JAZZ (pretty privileged), BABY RILLA (rapper), influencers in trendy, fancy, street wear.

KING D (CONT'D)

Hey y'all, this Heaven. Heaven, this my bro Lil Rich, his chick Princess Jazz, and the homegirl, Baby Rilla.

Then with a wave, everyone stands up and makes room for King D and Heaven. As they sit, bottle girls come with shots. Heaven shows unease with her facial expressions. King D passes around shots. When it comes to Heaven, she refuses.

HEAVEN

I'm good.

LIL RICH

How you come to a party and not take shots?

BABY RILLA

Ion think she's ready to hang with us y'all.

HEAVEN

Oh nah, I just though it was dark, I only drink light.

King D hands Heaven the shot. Jazmin pulls out her phone.

JAZMIN  
For the 'gram!

Everyone takes their shot excitedly, but Heaven is slower to take her shot. She tries to hide her disgusted face.

MONTAGE UP: "Shots" by LMFAO

Throughout, we see a HIDDEN SYMBOL that is unfamiliar.

- Influencers bring Heaven drinks, she takes pictures.
- She plays beer pong, "chug chug chug."
- Heaven dances more frenetically, does shots. Jazmin stays around her and encourages her to drink.
- Baby Rilla gives Heaven a bottle to drink from, tipping it to make Heaven drink more.
- King D watches her, talking to his friends while staring intensely at her. King D motions Heaven to come over.

INT. WAREHOUSE, VIP SECTION - CONTINUOUS

Heaven approaches Lil Richie and sits on the couch with them.

King D watches from afar. Lil Richie looks her up and down and rubs his hands together.

LIL RICHIE  
I've noticed you've been getting the views. But I'm gonna show you how to take it up a notch.

HEAVEN  
Let me know something.

He pointedly looks at Jazmin and Rilla.

LIL RICHIE  
Prime example. I put them on game. Are you willing to do what it takes?

Heaven puts her hand on Richie's thigh and leans in.

HEAVEN  
(whispers in ear)  
I'm willing to do whatever it takes.

Jazmin, Rilla appear at the couch. The bottle girls dispense goblets to the whole party.

Heaven takes a goblet. Her attention brought to the stage where King D stands with his goblet. He raises his goblet.

KING D

A toast, to us, to success.

We see the symbol flash. Everyone takes a drink.

The music dies down. Heaven is disgusted by whatever she's drinking, and it hits her hard, the room spins, she's disoriented.

She looks around and sees that people are looking at her.

Camera slowly spins around her. Heaven blacks out.

INT. WAREHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

It's dark with red lighting, no music, people in red robes line up on either side of a path that leads up to an altar with the HIDDEN SYMBOL emblazed.

Heaven wakes up, groggy, like she's been roofied.

Two robed men are dragging her to an altar, where four robed figures stand behind it -- one with a large Baphomet mask, the others have smaller, creepy masks. Heaven struggles.

HEAVEN

(quietly)

Let me go!

She's stopped in front of the altar, and held down on.

One of the robed figures steps closer and pulls down his cowl, revealing King D.

Then, the three behind him do the same and reveal themselves to be Rilla, Richie, and Jazmin. They're all smiling.

There's two hooded figures. The hoods are pulled off, revealing Kayla and Destiny, awake and gagged.

KING D

What ever it takes?

We PULL OUT to a REEL, the logo of the HIDDEN SYMBOL capping off the video. A PHONE clicks out of the reel.

CUT TO BLACK.