

DARRYL - 16 Lead

1. Nah... I won't think no different of you, look Nyah maybe I'll go with you. Let me know when you go. (As he turns to leave the stage, he yells out) but I'm not joining no Christian joint, I'm just gonna see the place and meet your girl, I'm not goin to join nothin... understood.
2. (Irritated, moving) Oh so you haten on me hangin wit my dogs on the block? That's because you must not understand the heart of the block. The brothers on the block are like family to me. Outside of Nyah, I spend more time wit them, then anybody else. I got a love for my dogs on the block.

NYAH 16 Lead

1. Ha-Ha. Very funny. No, really... Get serious, do you believe there is a God? (Walk along stage center right) I mean, don't you ever wonder about, the trees. They're so big and deep rooted; every season they change their look and their color and... well, what about the sky (move back towards Darryl and stretch your left arm out to the stars) Haven't you ever wondered what's beyond the stars? (slow down) Who created the moon?
2. Oh, and the streets do something for us? Yeah right! Well, I'm sick and tired of the streets. That's all we do, hang out on the block, hangin with the same old people, doin the same old things... talkin' bout the same old problems we've got. I know there's got to be more in life than this, and I feel like I found it here at the center. What they do, it means something D, it really means something... and right now, I just need something more in my life! SO...YOU WAKE UP!

Brit- 18 Lead Youth Leader must be able to sing, and is Black)

1. Nor did I but think of it this way... we were each born with the sin of our fathers visiting us. That's where we get DNA...You see sin is in our nature, we have to learn how to behave. God loves all of His children, and you are one of His children but you will always be cursed with the sins of your generations past until you turn to God and ask forgiveness for your sins and the sins of your forefathers. Most of us don't grow up knowing this information right, we discovery it over time.... So yes Gwen, God does loves you. The question is... are you ready to learn about His love and be committed to His ways to break the curses off your life.
2. Maybe this isn't a good time to talk... just know I am not against your dogs on the block Darryl. I'll just pray that the day will come that you will understand the heart of the "Creator of Love" enough so that you will one day seek to approach your dogs on the block with a bone of life.

Brandy - 20 (Brit's best friend)

1. Hello everyone, wasn't Brit amazing? Well, we are both youth ambassadors at the youth evangelistic recreational facility around the corner. We would love to invite you to come and visit us... I'll be passing out flyers for anyone interested in checking us out, thank you.

Chris - 16 (Darryl's friend)

1. That's not that dude that sells the crack is it? He was round here yesterday. Dude he looks like he makes bank. I see dude on my way to school every morning... he be catching them early customers... I'd like to hook up wit' that dude man. That's what's up, real deal, the hook up.

Michael - 18 (friend of Darryl)

1. I told you, I'm ready to make changes in my life. I want to be a good father. I heard someone say once, you cannot keep doing the same things and expect to get different results. I want different results, so I'm choosing to do somethings different and yes, my cousin invited up to that Christian joint, and I think it's a really cool place... they have everything up there man... so I'm thinkin bout goin back.

2 Drug Runners (small speaking roles) no speaking audition, personal

DIRTY RED (RAPPER) Drug Dealer

1. (snatches the money and counts it then grabs the guy) Look man, I done told you bou't this before. I ain't havin it no more. Now you got 2 hours to come up with my 2 dollars or I'mma put 2 bullets between your 2 eyes. Now go get my money. I'mma pop that fool any way. Don't nobody mess with my money. (Dirty Red reaches into his back pocket then turns around. (The other 2 guys flinch back) Y'all chill out. (Pulls out some drugs and give them to G-DUB) Take this, you and Ray-Dog go post up on 24th Street. Hit up LB and Big Mo and tell em' to report to me by 4:00. Watch yoself... 5-0 been rollin thick thru here. (G-DUB leaves and Dirty Red turns towards the other 2) So what's the deal ...

Shaniqua 15-16(speaking role)

1. Here we go! Why you always looking at someone else's dude, man. You know Darryl and Nyah got History, they been together for a long time.
2. Girl, that sounds like the story of your life, oh I forgot, you just started your life.

KENISHA – 15-16 (speaking role)

1. I hope he don't mess around and get locked up. Did you see his face when that cop threatened to take him home? Dude was scared...
2. All I'm saying is why all these guys be messin around and gettin locked up. We ain't gonna have no dudes out here.

GWEN - 15-16 (Lesbian speaking role)

1. No, not exactly. I believe I was born this way.
2. : What are you saying? You telliin me you think I was born gay too? I don't believe you.
3. Well I didn't grow up knowing anything about God.

Mother Andrea 35-40 (co-lead)

1. It's James, it's Darryl, it's everything. My house has become a war ZONE. No one is on the same page. James is drinking way too much. Darryl is out of control hanging in the streets, so he doesn't lose it on his father. It's just crazy. I know my son is getting high, it's like I'm raising two complete strangers in my home and I really don't know what to do. Nothing I do seems to work. I can't please James, I can't protect Darryl, I just feel stuck. I'm sorry girl, I didn't plan to unload on you like this but I'm just tired, that's all.

Mother's girlfriend Lea 35-40, co-lead)

1. It's ok, you can unload on me any time. In fact, it's like old times, I unload on you, you unload on me, you know how we do. This time, it's you with the drama. Things are perfect but They have really gotten better for us.
2. What did we do? Well, honestly, I started going back to Church. I needed peace girl; I couldn't find peace. I became more prayerful, taking my eyes off what he was doing and more on what I believed God was doing to fix the situation.

Father James 40-50 (is a drunk)

1. (Angry) When you left out the house this morning to get your hair done, I gave you the money to get my beer, I see you got your hair done but I don't see my beer. Where is the BEER? I want MY BEER!
2. (Escalated emotions) UH-Huh, see that's the problem now, you so busy botherin with that brainless jerk you forgot all about me, I'm done talking to you bout' dat'. No more messing with that lost cause and neglecting me. What am I supposed to do now? I don't drink cool-aid, I WANT MY BEER! (repeat)

A Narrator - 31- 40 (grown up Darryl)

My Stepfather drank all the time and was the epitome of disappointment. I hated him... He had been around all of my life. It seemed like home was my permanent jail sentence. How did my mother end up in a relationship with him, as beautiful a person that she was? I guess there is some truth to good girls lovin bad boys. Well, needless to say, I had lost respect for him early in our relationship. He never cared about me and even though I knew my mom did care, the confusion between them and the rejection I felt from him, fed my soul with an anger that I couldn't quench.