

(TROY exits, fast!)

GABRIELLA

Mr. Fulton, this is going to be the best summer ever.

(GABRIELLA runs off, happy.)

FULTON

(crying, from the onion)
Or the longest.

SCENE 4: GOLF COURSE – NOON

(SHARPAY and RYAN pop up out of the rough, wearing camouflage to blend in the landscape. SHARPAY wears a pith helmet on which are glued a huge sunflower and tall grass fronds, and sunglasses that seem to sprout branches. On top of Ryan's helmet is a nest full of eggs; RYAN's face is streaked with green and brown paint. SHARPAY watches the offstage sweethearts through high-powered binoculars.)

Start

SHARPAY

Look at Troy and that Montez creature, picnicking right on the golf course!

(RYAN takes the binoculars from SHARPAY.)

RYAN

What are they having? I'm starving!

SHARPAY

Really, I have no idea what anyone sees in her.

RYAN

Let's see: since coming to East High, Gabriella Montez has won the Science Decathlon, starred in the winter musical, made friends with everyone on campus, and is dating the most popular boy in Albuquerque.

SHARPAY

I'm a five-time Star Dazzle Award-winner, have won three Most Innovative Hairdo badges from the official Junior Miss Trendsetters of America Association, and am massively fashion forward.

(SHARPAY moves camouflage greens out of her face.)

RYAN

(looking through binoculars)

Oh, look, now they're playing tag. Isn't that sweet?

SHARPAY

I've been at East High three years; she's been here five minutes. Isn't it obvious that Troy Bolton deserves to be with me?

RYAN

Someone should tell Troy that before he kisses her.

SHARPAY

(snaps open phone and dials)

Not if I have anything to say about it.

("sweetly," into the phone)

Oh hi, Fulton. Daddy wanted me to remind you to give the ninth fairway an extra soak – it looks like a sand trap. Can you turn the sprinklers on like right now? Yes, right now, as in like right now!

RYAN

Uh-oh, he's making his move—

SHARPAY

Thanks, sweetie!

(snaps phone shut)

5-4-3-2 and 1.

(We hear the water sprinklers come on, then TROY and GABRIELLA yelling with delight offstage as they are suddenly soaked.)

RYAN

And the game's been rained out!

SHARPAY

Mission accomplished.

(SHARPAY and RYAN retreat into the rough.)

stop!