

A Robin's Nest

Scene 1 –

INT - DOLLHOUSE - DAY

Robin's childhood is being shown with the dolls from her childhood.

Doll Robin is a baby, lying in her crib and her mom is sitting in a rocking chair drinking.

Doll Robin is a toddler, and is drawing while her mom is in her room smoking.

Doll Robin is a child, and is making a sandwich while her mom is watching TV.

Scene 2 -

INT/EXT - LAYLA'S HOUSE PARTY - NIGHT

Layla is throwing a party at her house where high school students are drinking and smoking pot. The scene follows a bunch of teens entering the house with music blaring where everyone is jumping up and down in the strobe lights to the music. Most are drinking, and some are doing other assorted drugs. Two teens are passed out on a couch. The camera briefly follows a teenage couple until they disappear behind a door. The camera walks around the party for a while, until it suddenly cuts to the exterior of Layla's house, (which is quiet except for soft crickets) where a small group of 5-7 teens are smoking weed, with Derik's back facing the camera so you can't see who it is. One of the teens is slumped over on the ground, blacked out.

Scene 3 – INT – LAYLA’S HOUSE PARTY _ NIGHT

A cut to back inside the house (with the very loud music again) finds Robin, Layla, Sara, and Emma sitting on couches together. Everyone except for Robin is drinking. Layla has a blunt that she passes to Emma, who takes a hit, who passes it to Robin, who refuses to take it.

ROBIN

(Drowned out by the music) No thanks!

EMMA

(Drowned out by the music) What?

ROBIN

(Drowned out by the music) No thanks. I don’t want it!

Emma passes the blunt on to Sara, which leads to a blunt handing off transition into the next scene.

Scene 4 –INT - LAYLA’S ROOM - NIGHT

Sara passes the blunt back to Layla, who puts it on the nightstand. Except for Robin, they are a little drunk.

EMMA

Man you’re lucky you get to throw parties like this.

LAYLA

It’s easy when your parents are always out of town.

SARA

My parents would kill me if I had that many people over.

ROBIN

You had the whole school over! That was crazy!

LAYLA

Its one last party before we go back to jail.

SARA

Don’t remind me! The summer went by way too fast!

EMMA
Way too fast!

ROBIN
I'm kind of excited to go back!

SARA
Of course *you* are.

LAYLA
Hey! You would too if you were CAPTAIN OF THE SOCCER TEAM!

Layla jumps up and gives Robin a big hug.

ROBIN
(Laughs) Of course I'm excited!

Emma gets a text

EMMA
Ugg! I hate to cut this short, but my mom is here already! Bye girls!

Emma gets up and gives Robin and Layla a hug. And leaves the room. Sara also gives hugs.

LAYLA
You going too?

SARA
Yeah, she's my ride.

LAYLA
Alright then. Bye!

ROBIN
See you at school!

SARA
Bye!

The door closes.

ROBIN
I should probably get going too. It's getting pretty late.

LAYLA
Alright! I'll see you at school then.
ROBIN
Bye!

Robin leaves the room and closes the door. Layla rolls onto her back on the bed and takes another hit of the blunt before turning off the lights.

Scene 5 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Robin comes through the door, puts the keys on the hook, and notices that her drugged out mom is passed out on the couch in front of the tv. Robin's mom is surrounded by alcohol and drugs on the couch (and a big envelope). Robin takes a bottle out of her mother's hand and goes over to the kitchen sink, and dumps the bottle down the drain before going to her bedroom. Robin takes a sleep shirt and buttons it over her tank top. She gets into bed and turns off her lamp.

Scene 6 INT + EXT - ROBIN'S HOUSE + SCHOOL - DAY (Montage)

Robin is woken up by her alarm and gets up goes to the bathroom and comes out wearing a new outfit. She grabs her backpack and her keys and heads out the door. The camera focuses for a moment on the mother who is in the same position she was in the night before. Robin's car drives away to school.

Scene 7 - SCHOOL

She is at school, takes the soccer equipment out of her bag and goes through the doors. Robin goes into a classroom and sits down and is handed a paper. She starts writing. She is doing schoolwork shown through different days (change of clothes). Robin gets a test back with an A on it.

Scene 8 – Multiple locations school hall locker room field

Robin gets up and meets up with Layla in the hall to go to the locker room. Emma and Sara are there. They are getting their cleats on and head out of the locker room. The soccer team practices. Doing a bunch of exercises such as running, stretches, and other practices. The camera pans up to the sky at the sound of a whistle.

Scene 9 EXT - SOCCER FIELD – NIGHT (might want to change this to after the practice doing this during a real game may be problematic)

The camera pans down from the sky to a field set for a game. Fans are in the stands, there are cheerleaders and the soccer team is in their uniforms. The home team is doing really well, and the camera follows the action of the game. Robin makes three goals, before the halftime whistle sounds. The team is going to the side of the field high fiving each other and being very excited. Robin walks over to the coach when she is called.

COACH
Hey Robin!

ROBIN
Yes coach?

COACH
I just heard the good news! Congratulations!

ROBIN
What good news?

COACH
You are a semifinalist for the SFLB national athletic scholarship program! You should've received something in the mail about it.

ROBIN
Oh my god! This is amazing!

COACH
So I should tell you, a scout from the program is here to watch the game. So it is important to make an impression. You're doing great so far so just keep it up!

The whistle sounds for the end of half time.

ROBIN
Thanks Coach!

Scene 10 - (Again need to figure out considering we will not get cooperation from the real coach) The referee places the ball in the middle of the field, and both teams get into positions. The camera is focused on Robin and then focus into the stands in the background on a man who is clearly dressed differently (who is the scout.) and then focuses back onto Robin. The whistle sounds and Robin passes the ball to a teammate. The teammate gets the ball stolen from her and the other team scores a goal. Layla then kicks the ball to Emma who makes a goal. Someone on the other team kicks the ball and keeps passing it between two players when Robin goes in there and intercepts the ball. She starts running with the ball towards the goal. The other team keeps trying to get the ball, and her teammates are yelling at her to pass the ball, but she doesn't. She is almost to the penalty box when a player from the opposite team rams into Robin knocking her to the ground. She is on the ground in pain. When people with a stretcher comes and takes her off the field. The camera focus on the scout getting up and leaving.

DOCTOR (VO)

I'm afraid that you won't be able to play soccer for the next four weeks. You have a torn meniscus, and it can get worse if you excessively use that leg. Your body needs time to heal. I will give you a prescription for Vicodin. Your prescription will be for six days, by then you shouldn't be in much pain. Your leg can get back to normal in no time.

Scene 11 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE

Robin wakes up and goes to get out of bed. She grabs her crutches and walks into the living room. She sees her mom there blankly staring at the tv. She goes over to the kitchen and tries to make breakfast, but is having trouble. She puts her breakfast in a bag and tries to grab her backpack but it makes her unbalanced, and she nearly falls. She goes out the door and catches the bus.

Scene 12 SCHOOL – MORNING

Robin is walking through the hallways and gets to the bottom of the steps. She turns around and goes into the elevator.

Scene 13 SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM

She goes into the locker room and sits on the bench while the other girls are getting in uniform. She leaves the rest of the team and goes up to the coach.

COACH

Robin! How are you feeling?

ROBIN

Well, I can't really walk. The doctor said it would be four weeks until I can play again.

COACH

I'm afraid that if you can't play, you can't be out in the field. But I know that you'll push through it, so you can stay on the team.

ROBIN

Thanks coach.

COACH

You know, there's still a way you can keep that scholarship. The scout said that he would be returning when you are able to play again. How's that sound?

ROBIN

Sounds good.

COACH

You deserve this scholarship more than anybody. But you're going to have to work harder to keep your spot.

ROBIN

I understand.

COACH

Now go home, get some rest.

Robin gets on another bus home (on crutches). (don't need this really)

Scene 14 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - EVENING/ MORNING (montage)

Robin is back in bed and she is laying down staring at the ceiling. She rolls over and takes the medication out of her nightstand. She takes two pills (zoomed in on her mouth

taking them.) A series (in the same camera zoom but different times) of her taking her pills. She turns off her lamp off to go to bed.

Robin wakes up and goes to take her pills, but they are all gone. She has to lift up her leg to get out of bed.

Scene 15 INT - SCHOOL - DAY

Robin is in pain so she is struggling to get through the school day. She is wincing in pain as she walks to class, and is still walking down the hallway when the bell rings. She's in class and her crutches drop onto the floor, but she's having a hard time getting them because of the pain she's in. Robin hobbles out of the school and onto the bus.

Scene 16 NT - LAYLA'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Robin is at Layla's house hanging out on her bed on their phones. Robin goes to sit on the bed, and has to manually lift her own leg up.

LAYLA

Ya know, the team really misses you. We're not as good as we were with you playing.

ROBIN

According to the doctor, I should be able to play in about two weeks, but my fricking knee isn't healing quickly.

LAYLA

And it still hurts?

ROBIN

It still hurts to have any pressure on it. I haven't walked on it in like two weeks.

LAYLA

Damn.

ROBIN

And I ran out of my prescription, so I can't even help the pain. Let alone my healing.

LAYLA

Can't you go back and refill your prescription?

ROBIN

Because of my knee, I can't drive. And you know that my mom is in no shape to drive me.

LAYLA

Ya know, I might be able to help you out.

ROBIN

How on earth can you help me with that. I would need an adult to sign for a refill.

LAYLA

No, not with the pills! I have something that can help you with your pain.

LAYLA takes out her stash of marijuana.

LAYLA

This stuff will take away your pain.

ROBIN

LAYLA! I'm not using that! If I wanted to use drugs I would just go home and use my moms! I can not believe that even after everything I told you about my mom you still are wanted me to use...

LAYLA

No! It's not the same stuff your mom uses! You're in pain, which makes your use medical.

ROBIN

Medical. Right. (sarcastically)

LAYLA

Listen, marijuana is used medically by so many people! And it's even prescribed by doctors! It's not bad for you! Trust me! I would never lie to you! I mean, you trust me don't you?

ROBIN

I mean, yeah. We've been friends for so long! Of course I trust you.

LAYLA

Then trust me when I'm telling you that it could help you! I don't want to see you in pain. Just try it! And see if you feel better.

Layla hands Robin a blunt. Robin is hesitant but takes a small puff.

LAYLA

Dude. You've got to take in more.

Robin takes a bigger amount in. Robin starts coughing.

ROBIN

I don't feel anything.

LAYLA

Give it a minute

They wait in silence.

ROBIN

Wait!

LAYLA

See!

ROBIN

I can still feel it, but it's not as bad! It's better than those pills the doctor gave me!

LAYLA

Damn right it is!

ROBIN

How do I get more? Do you have more?

LAYLA

No, but I'm going to see my dealer tomorrow, and I can see if you can come with me. His name's Derik. I'll let him know you're coming with me. (sends text Derik) I'm telling you.

This stuff will help you heal much faster.

ROBIN

Hey, thanks. It means alot.

LAYLA

Don't mention it! Hey, I'll see you in school tomorrow?

ROBIN

Yeah, see ya!

Robin leaves Layla's room.

Scene 17 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - EVENING/ MORNING

Robin comes home, goes in her room and goes to bed.

She wakes up the next day and she is hurting all over again. She lifts her leg off of the bed, and gets her phone. She texts Layla saying that she is ready to go. Robin hobbles out of bed, takes her crutches and meets Layla outside her house.

Scene 18 EXT - PARKING LOT - DAY

Layla drives to a parking lot with Robin. They pull over to the side and put the car in park, Derik and his friend (an extra) get into the car, Layla is in the front seat with Derik, and Robin is in the back seat with Derik's friend.

DERIK

That was soon, we just met last week.

LAYLA

It's not for me, It's for Robin. (Introduces) Robin, Derik, Derik, Robin.

DERIK

Hey.

ROBIN

(Nervously) Hi!

LAYLA

How much you got for me?

DERIK

I got two grams.

LAYLA

How much?

DERIK
Thirty.

Layla reaches into her bag and gives Derik \$30. Derik hands Layla a ziploc bag with 2 grams of weed. Layla hands the bag to Robin.

LAYLA
She needs it more than I do.

ROBIN
And what if I run out?

DERIK
Then you can text me to meet me here, and I'll have stuff for you.

Derik and his friend get out of the car.

DERIK
See you around.

DERIK slams the door.

Scene 19 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE – EVENING multiple locations!!!!

Robin is in her room, and she tries the marijuana that Derik gave her. She almost instantly shows signs of relaxation. She plops herself down on the bed looking to the ceiling, and a montage of her doing drugs starts. She's doing drugs in her bedroom, in that parking lot, in Derik's car, behind a building, and many other places. (TBD) and as time goes on, she loses the crutches. She is now back in her room, smoking pot again, but she falls asleep in the chair where she was doing the drugs.

Scene 20 EXT - SCHOOL - DAY

(Start with her outside already) Robin walks into school and the late bell rings, she looks down the hall to where her class is, but instead she walks outside and sleeps in the shade of a tree. Time passes. Emma walks by and wakes Robin up.

EMMA
Hey, what are you doing here?

ROBIN
Umm... Sleeping?

EMMA
You're skipping class?!

ROBIN
Yeah. What's it to you?

EMMA
We have a test tomorrow! Aren't you usually studying, or at least IN CLASS?

ROBIN
I was tired

EMMA
The hell's wrong with you? What happened to being excited for senior year?

ROBIN
Well, senior year sucks.

EMMA
But what about soccer? You're not using your crutches anymore, so you can play soon right?

ROBIN
Nah. Not yet.

EMMA
Nah? What do you mean 'nah'? You've worked so hard for this you're whole high school and middle school career.

ROBIN
I won't be able to play for awhile, I'm still taking my medication. It's not healed yet.

EMMA
You seem fine.

ROBIN
Well I'm not. (turns over to go back to sleep.)

EMMA
Hey, the busses are already here. It's time to go.

ROBIN
Whatever.

Emma and Robin go to the busses.

Scene 21 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Robin is watching youtube videos in her bed when Layla's call interrupts. Robin answers the phone.

ROBIN
Sup Layla?

LAYLA
Hey! What's going on?

ROBIN
Not much, just laying in bed. Why?

LAYLA
Well, I haven't seen you in a while.

ROBIN
I've been busy.

LAYLA
Laying in bed is busy?

ROBIN
Hey, you do you right?

LAYLA
What?

ROBIN
You do you.

LAYLA

That actually makes no sense.

ROBIN
It makes sense.

Robin takes a hit of a blunt. And coughs a little.

LAYLA
Are you smoking?

ROBIN
Yeah.

LAYLA
And you're good with it?

ROBIN
Yeah, everything's all good.

LAYLA
So, I talked to the coach. He said that you are taking too much time off. Especially since it looks like we'll be going to sectionals.

ROBIN
I can't go back yet. I'm just chillin' now.

LAYLA
You're... CHILLING?! Don't you want that scholarship?

ROBIN
Of course! You know I'll be back for sectionals.

LAYLA
You're lucky that you're Coach's favorite. Anyone else, and he'd have already kicked us to the curb.

ROBIN
It'll be good. I'll make sectionals. I promise.

LAYLA
Alright then, you'd better be right. Cause if you miss it, that's it for you.

ROBIN
Yeah whatever, bye!

ROBIN hangs up and goes back to watching videos.

Scene 22 INT - SCHOOL - DAY

The bell rings. (Part of transition.)

Robin is sitting down and taking a test. She is acting very lazy when answering. The class passes all of the tests foreword. Everyone continues to do other work, but Robin puts her head down and takes a nap. Another bell rings.

TEACHER (VO)

Please stay in your seats while I pass out your tests.

A paper is put on her desk with a failing grade. Robin wakes up sees the paper, gets up, crumples the paper into a ball and throws it away angrily. She stomps out of the classroom.

Robin receives a text from Derik asking if he can come over and bring a few of his buddies and smoke together. Robin agrees and invites them over.

Scene 23 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - DAY

The doorbell goes off. Robin answers it and welcomes in Derik and four of his "buddies." They all go into her room and sit on the floor.

DERIK

Hey, you got some of your stuff left?

ROBIN

Yeah! Here!

She reaches into a drawer and pulls out a massive bag of weed. They pass it around and smoke.

DERIK

Hey, I have some stronger stuff. Do you want to try it?

ROBIN

Yeah man.

Derik gives Robin a blunt. She smokes it and is high out of her mind. After smoking and chatting for a while, Robin passes out. Cut to black, you can still hear the audio.

D'S BUDDY 1

Is she out?

DERIK

Worked like a charm.

D'S BUDDY 2

Yo, you saw the stuff her mom has right?

DERIK

Let's get that too.

A lot of movement and rustling can be heard. Drawers and cabinets are being opened around the house. Then the sound of the front door slams.

Scene 24 INT - ROBIN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

A scream is heard, which wakes Robin up. She jolts up to the sound of her mom screaming.

MOTHER (yelling)

Where is it?! I had my stuff right here! Damn it! My god damn stuff is missing! (Loud footsteps are heard coming toward the bedroom door. Followed by loud knocking) You took my stuff! I'll get you for that you piece of s**t! (etc)

Robin in a panic grabs her phone and sneaks out of the window. And her phone starts ringing.

ROBIN

What? This is not a good time right now!

LAYLA

Robin! It's me Layla.

ROBIN

Still not a good time.

LAYLA
What day is it?

ROBIN
What kind of question is that? It's Wednesday! I don't have time for...

LAYLA
Robin! It's Friday.

ROBIN
Cool, so what?

LAYLA
It's half time. Robin! And you promised you would be here.

ROBIN
The game! That's today?!

LAYLA
I can't believe you!

Layla hangs up. And Robin frantically calls Derik. But he's not picking up.

ROBIN
Come on, come on! Pick up! Damn it!

Robin starts running to the school.

Scene 25 EXT - FIELD - NIGHT

The Coach is standing off to the side when Robin runs over.

ROBIN
I'm here! I made it! I can play! Put me in!

COACH
Not a chance.

ROBIN
What?

COACH

You blew your chance. You were going to come back weeks ago. And yet there was no sign of you. You don't even care anymore, I'm sorry but you're off the team for good.

Robin looks lost and starts to tear up, so she runs away. She runs past the scholarship scout who is sitting on the bleachers.

Scene 26 INT - ROBIN'S HOME - NIGHT

Robin slowly walks back home. She gets to her house and tries to sneak inside. But, the light was on and the now more intoxicated mom is waiting.

MOTHER
Running away?

ROBIN
Mom?

MOTHER
You stole my stuff.

ROBIN
I didn't steal anything!

MOTHER
You worthless b**ch! Don't you lie to me!

ROBIN
I didn't!

MOTHER
You have it don't you! It's in your pockets!

Mother reaches for Robin's pockets but Robin pulls away.

MOTHER
Give it here you little s**t!

Mother takes another swipe at Robin.

ROBIN

Stop it! I don't have anything! Why do you care anyway? You never care about anything but yourself!

MOTHER

You don't speak to your mother like that! Now give my stuff back!

Mother reaches for Robin's pockets again. But, Robin pushes/slaps her Mother's hands away from her.

MOTHER

You don't touch me girl!

Mother pushes Robin into a table, a vase shatters and the glass cuts up Robin's arms.

ROBIN

Get away from me!

ROBIN jumps up and runs out of the house.

Scene 27 EXT - PARK - NIGHT

Robin runs to the park and starts crying. She goes to a place where she previously smoked and grabbed a blunt from her pocket. She stares at it angrily, and is ready to throw it out in the trash. She is about to when she pauses. She collapses on the ground and starts to smoke the blunt. She is smoking with tears running down her face. A flashlight beam finds her in the dark. The Soccer team is celebrating in the park talking loudly and joking. Layla and Sara go over to Robin and help her to her feet.

SARA

What happened?

Robin couldn't reply and just kept sobbing.

LAYLA

Okay, that's it. We're getting you help. Come on, my car is in the upper parking lot.

SARA

Robin! Can you walk?

Robin nods and tries to walk, but she is too wobbly. Both Layla and Sara are helping Robin walk to the car. They have her lay down in the back and they drape a blanket over her. Layla gets in the driver's seat and Sara gets in the passenger's seat.

SARA
Where are we going?

LAYLA
At this point, she just needs to get away from here. (Beat) I should've seen this sooner.

SARA
But what do we do?

LAYLA
We're getting her help.

The car drives off into the distance.

Blackout