

House of Rules Monologue- Rhea

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INT. LIVING ROOM- NIGHT

Rhea is laying on the floor. Dawn lays down, head-to-head, anti-parallel. They both are looking up at the ceiling.

RHEA

My mom got me that new Jane Fonda Low Impact video couple weeks, right? It's cool, I guess, never been into the whole fitness video craze. But I know she's trying to tell me I need to lose weight... she just won't say it!

(pause)

but... I don't see or feel a change! I thought about trying the cabbage soup diet, even though I hate cabbage.

DAWN

A diet? Working out? Rhea, you're fit. And aren't the Jane Fonda videos for old women at risk of falling anyways?

Rhea looks at Dawn.

RHEA

No dickwad. Anyone can do them. June's been doing her workouts for years.

DAWN

Oh yeah. I can see that. June does have a great ass. They didn't call her Big Booty Junie for nothing in high school.

RHEA

EW FREAK!

DAWN

I kid, I kid!

(pause)

Why do you even want to lose weight? You look fine.

RHEA

I don't know, it's really my mom that wants me to slim down. She saw this episode on Oprah about how young women are increasingly getting overweight.

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RHEA (CONT'D)

Now she always has a goddamn comment about how I look when I visit.

(pause)

Doesn't help I was on the dance team in high school. Look!

(grabs her thighs)

Now I'm stuck with massive thighs. But she's right, I could eat healthier, slim down. Maybe in a couple months I'll look like Whitney, or Naomi Campbell.

DAWN

Houston?! Okay Rhea, I said you were fit not bodacious.

Dawn looks at her in a teasing way.

RHEA

Oh, eat shit Dawn!

They both laugh.

DAWN

Dude, seriously though, every guy in high school thought you were deadly. You were crown homecoming queen for Pete's sake.

(pause)

You're 24 now... don't let your mom still control your self-esteem. She's been controlling your whole life! What you wear, what you eat, what classes you take, now you moved out and she's still controlling your life. I know she's your mom, but you never stick up to her! Remember when she made you try out for dance when you wanted to do basketball? Or when she took you to get that Claire Standish ass haircut the day before prom?!

RHEA

Dude, that haircut was total shit! I remember Patrick Baker dumped me as soon as our feet touched the school's auditorium. Ha! What a dweeb.

(pause)

But it's hard Dawn. I love her. I know she means well.

(MORE)

RHEA (CONT'D)

She just gets all these crazy ideas in her head from those daytime talk shows that tell her she has to fix me or else I'll become a basehead skeezer.

DAWN

Basehead Skeezer? HA! Said the most responsible person ever.

RHEA

Big whoop.

Dawn turns to look at Rhea.

DAWN

You know, we're alike more than you realize.

RHEA

How so?

DAWN

Well, you... we keep the gang in order. We're grounded. Just think... Between June's spontaneity and Sawyer's-

RHEA

Immaturity.

DAWN

Ahh, I was looking for a... nicer word... but yes.

(pause)

Renee keeps to herself, and Kaden? Well, he's like us but more pessimistic. But you keep everyone anchored. You keep things fair.

RHEA

Well duh, I'm a Virgo.

DAWN

Ugh, please don't remind me!

RHEA

Uh! Says the Aquarius.

They both laugh.

DAWN

But seriously, stop with the whole workout thing and the diet mess.

(MORE)

DAWN (CONT'D)

(pause)

Plus, who's gonna watch Golden
Girls and get Mr. Dan's with me on
Saturday nights?

RHEA

You just come over to rip your bong
and have me drive you to get food
afterwards.

DAWN

Speaking of ripping the bong, you
wanna hit?

FADE OUT.