

## **Title: Bringeth it On**

### ***Intro Scene:***

The scene opens with an unknown person walking in the night time and dumping a bag into a dumpster, simultaneously we hear a police phone line receiving a tip to go and look in the dumpster.

### ***Episode Guide:***

The Scooby gang are studying at Joan's house, it's a Saturday night, so they're using study as an excuse to hang out. Luke invites them all out to a game and everyone pikes, Adam expresses that he'd like to go but since Joan isn't he won't.

Luke tells Joan that she has to take the recycling and garbage out, so she walks out the back to do so, as she does an old homeless man jumps out saying "be not afraid Joan" it's God.

God: Be not afraid, Joan. Sorry. It's me.

Joan: "Be not afraid"?! What's with that?

God: Sometimes I like to sound old-timey. Listen, I want you to try out for the cheerleaders.

Joan: You mean at school?

God: I'm not asking you to join the Laker girls. Of course, you know, cheerleaders at high school.

Joan: Do you--do you realize that you're asking me to commit social suicide? Not only will I suck, which-- Which I will, but everybody will decide that I'm a pathetic fluff-head.

God: Tryouts are Monday.

Joan: I'm supposed to get this together by Monday?! Should I provide my own pompoms? I don't even know what the school mascot is!

Back in the kitchen Will is cooking with Luke, it's a normal day in the house with everyone running around making lots of noise. Everyone tries getting out of sitting and eating food, but Helen tells everyone to sit and eat Will's meal. Will gets beeped.

Will arrives at the dumpster site, they've found an abandoned baby, this is going to be a tough case.

Luke and his friend Friedman are throwing the new aerobe, a couple of throws into the game the disc is lodged into a tree. Friedman sees a girl

and goes to chase after her while Luke continues to try and get the aerobe back.

Monday comes and Joan goes to school, she bumps into a group of cheerleaders giggling away while Grace goes spastic at her locker kicking and screaming at it. In Chemistry class the gossip is starting about the baby that was found in the dumpster, some of the girls asking Joan about the baby. Luke is asked if he'd like to partner with Glynis, she's obviously interested in him and he's not too sure about how to take the advances, he asks if he could think about it and she says yes. Friedman has a go at Luke for not taking on the offer.

At the police station Will and Lt. Williams are taking on the case, looking into possible cures, Will can't understand what's going on with people and Lt. Williams tells him that "Most mothers who abandon their newborns are young girls, so they either don't know about the safe haven law, or, more likely, they're in deep denial about their situation. They're unable to acknowledge the pregnancy to themselves or anyone else. It's not just a coping mechanism. It's clinical denial." Will figures out that the clues are leading them to a school student, most likely at Arcadia High. Will looks a bit stunned.

Joan enlists for cheerleading, she says that she saw "bring it on" and the girls all go girly on her and explain the way that cheerleaders are chosen, as they do Grace walks past and stares at Joan not sure what to think. Joan is given an application form and she walks off.

Helen's at school taking on phone calls, she's asked about the baby and she explains to the co worker that the baby was found close to the school, so they assume it's a girl from Arcadia High. Price hands Helen a form and asks for a number of copies to be printed.

Cheerleading tryouts are going on, the cheerleaders thank everyone for coming out, even though the bad news of the dumpster baby might have deterred a number of them. Joan looks so uncomfortable during the tryouts falling over and exclaiming "oh crap."

Helen walks in on an interview with the school principle and Price, Will wants confidential information and Price suggests that he's put together a list of people who he thinks can be profiled, Helen walks in and tells Will and Price that she disagrees with the idea of profiling young women in this way. Helen suggests that the only reason that Joan's not on this list is because Will was here and she works there, Will doesn't look too happy

with her. Helen and Price have a full on argument and Will asks them to be quiet, that the mother might be in health issues, Will asks for a few students to come to the station to see if they can id the voice on the phone call.

During cheerleading practice Joan's still having issues...

Back at the school some of the staff are listening to the voice on the phone, Helen can't pick the voice, neither can the other staff.

Cheerleading's still going on and the girls are asked to put together their own cheer, Joan stands up and raps a cheer and doesn't actually cheer, but was amusing enough for Brianna to put her through to the tryouts, Brianna tells her that she was hilarious.

After tryouts Grace asks Joan if she has multiple personality disorder and has a go at her for selling out, Adam takes a little while to catch on that Joan's trying out for cheerleading, they're interrupted by a substitute teacher... and yes, it's God, she tells Joan not to miss chemistry class.

At the police station Will is arguing with the DA over his (the DA) plans to accuse the mother of attempted murder. Will argues and tells her that she made a call and that the DA calls her a baby killer.

At chemistry Grace and Joan have an argument about chemistry and cheerleading while Friedman and Luke argue over how Luke dismissed Glynis' offer and has a go at Grace, Luke snaps back with "Grace Polk is a lot smarter than people think." Friedman then says "I knew it. Hot for a lesbo. That's the final indicator." And accuses Luke of being gay and moves seats.

Joan is approached by God (still as the teacher) in the school hall...

God: Joan! Hello!

Joan: Could you keep it on the down low? It's kind of crowded in here.

God: I asked you to try out for cheerleaders, not turn on your friends.

Joan: "A," what friends? And "b," isn't there some baby in a dumpster you could be saving instead of making me practice herkies?

God: I work in mysterious ways. So do you.

Price: (walking into the conversation) Excuse me. May I see your visitor pass?

God: Happily, if I had one.

Price: Then I'm going to need to escort you off the premises.

God: I'm sorry, I didn't get your name.

Price: Vice principal Gavin Price. I didnt get your name.

God: I'm substituting for ms. Fowler's music class today, as well as Mr. White's general science and ms. Schmidt in the library, which, by the way, exceeds union maximums, a violation I was willing to overlook until you took that tone with me.

Price: Uh... then I hope you'll excuse me.

God: As union representative of the local 340, I don't think I can do that... Gavin.

Price: (to Joan) Don't you have a class to go to?

Back at home Helen's cleaning up and Will's reading... they're avoiding each other. Will and Helen have a discussion about the meeting that Helen walked in on in the morning, Helen's sure she's right and shares some wisdom with Will suggesting that the parents and adults are blind to what's going on around them and that for a second she was worried that it was Joan, Will comforts her and says "we know what's going on with our daughter" and then they start hearing some noises from her room... Helen walks in and sees Joan learning some cheer leader moves, she's a tad stunned and walks off.

The next morning Will and Helen are having a conversation with the family about the baby, Will's trying to find out if any of the kids know anything yet and all the kids ask more questions than answers. The conversation turns to sex, Kevin says something and Joan walks out of the conversation.

At school Briana and some of the cheerleaders are putting together a list of the top ten baby dumpers, one of the girls suggests that it was Grace and Joan looks a little concerned as Grace walks by with Adam. Luke's at his locker and Grace walks up to him and tells him that she thinks that Joan needs an intervention. Luke stands up for her a little and Grace looks at him like he's stupid.

Joan joins the two head cheerleaders Brianna and Ceecee for smoothies during a school break, as they do they walk past a guy in a hot dog costume handing out brochures, he has a go at Joan for not being at school, it's God...

Joan: (To God) Why are you hounding me? I'm doing the whole cheer thing. Isn't that what you wanted?

God: That's cute how you think I want you to skip world history. Here. Help me hand these out.

Joan: Look, Brianna and Ceecee don't just ask everybody to do these pre-tryout smoothies.

God: What is it with you people? I give you very simple instructions and, boom, you're right back to false gods.

Joan: What are you talking about? I'm making friends.

God: You have friends.

Joan: Ok, different friends, ok?

God: You mean you're trying to be popular.

Joan: Same difference.

God: Not exactly. Don't miss any more world history. You're just in time for the crusades.

Joan: Oh, ok, ok, like it's really good for me to hear about people butchering each other for 100 years just because they believed in you! God: That's not about faith. That's politics. It's sort of like the difference between friendship and popularity.

At the school Helen answers Joan's phone, it's Brianna and Helen recognizes her voice and looks upset. The scene changes to the police station where Helen's calling Will.

Back at the school Price walks in and grabs Brianna and takes her away with him in full view of everyone with Helen, Helen looks at Joan with a worried look and follows Price and Brianna out.

At home Kevin and Luke have a weird conversation about sexuality, he's really worried about Friedman's comment about his sexuality. The conversation is full of metaphors until he asks Kevin if he's gay if he likes a lesbian. Kevin gives some brotherly advice, telling him that liking a girl is liking a girl. Luke walks out knowing that he's definitely "a moose." Joan's in the lounge room working and Will asks her why she didn't tell him about Brianna when he asked, she bites back saying that she doesn't know, he asks her how everyone in her life couldn't know what was going on. Joan yells back "but I do see. I see all the same stuff you do every day at school - the drugs and the sex and people breaking the law and ruining their lives, only I'm not having sex, I'm not doing drugs, and I don't lie to my dad!" she walks off crying. Will enters the bedroom worried about alienating Joan for good, they're worried about how she'll survive, Helen tells him that she has a good father.

At school Luke and Joan are walking to school, they pass Brianna in the car, Joan walks to her and has a chat with her, Brianna's moving school, she's upset. Joan asks her if she's ok, Brianna says that she's the only one that's asked and cries, Joan tells her that it'll all be ok and Brianna's father drives off. Ceecee comes up and acts all self righteous and tells Joan that tryouts are still going, she doesn't seem phased at all.

At the police station Will asks the DA why he dropped the case, the DA gives Will the same argument that he originally used, Will wanted a lesser charge so she can be given the support that she needs.

At the cheerleading tryouts Luke and Grace are watching, Grace is hoping that Joan won't show up. Luke asks why she cares and Grace says that in her better moments Joan didn't want to make her puke. Joan does however turn up and do a cheer.

Joan:  
go, eagles! Go, eagles go, go go, eagles  
We live to cheer,  
we're so sincere  
unless you get in trouble,  
then we're outta here  
'cause it's such a royal pain  
when a friend gets arrested  
how could I have known?  
How could I have guessed it?  
It's not like she's my sister  
whoops! Is that my beeper?  
And even if she was,  
am I my sister's keeper?  
Sorry, got to go,  
tryouts are today  
tell her we'll think of her  
every time we say  
go, eagles! Go, eagles go, go go, eagles  
my name is Joan  
this cheer is my own  
so kiss my feathers,  
'cause this bird has flown  
thank you.

Ceecee walks out distressed.

Adam finds Joan in the school, he hands her a gift for good luck, she tells him that he missed it and he's all upset, the gift's a cheerleader. Joan tells him that it's ok and that she won't be a cheerleader, he tells her that he wouldn't hate her for being a cheerleader, she touches him and he melts, and he walks off.

Luke asks Grace to be his partner for the science fair, she doesn't say no and he's happy with that.

Back at home Will and Helen are discussing the case and why the DA dropped the case on Brianna. Will apologises to Joan and she says that it was ok and that it was good that he let Brianna off. Helen tells Will that Brianna's boyfriend is the son of the councilman Max Doherty, Will asks why she never said that, she says that noone ever asked about the father, and the family eats dinner.

***God Appears As:***

A Homeless Man

A substitute teacher

A man in a hotdog costume