

## PROM PANDEMONIUM



Melissa Matthews – the girl they all thought would be prom queen – has been attacked by a tiny drone covered in spikes. Her beautiful dress has been ripped to shreds & covered in purple ink.

Who would do such a thing? Was it one of the other girls (or their boyfriends or parents) who wanted the crown? Or was it someone else?

**Harvey Belvidere** – I'm Melissa's dashing handsome boyfriend. That's what she calls me. We've been sweethearts for over a year now. We met in a politics class. I can't believe anyone could be so mean as to do this to her. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a tuxedo (or suit) & a pale violet boutonniere. Wear a black wig if you don't have black hair.

**Amanda Proshnikov** – It's true that I'm the next girl most likely to be the prom queen. Melissa & I had been friends till recently when we had a major falling out over a pair of stilettos, we both wanted to buy & wear to the prom. In the end, I let her wear them, but I told her our friendship was over. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a beautiful prom dress with a matching wrist corsage and beautiful stilettos. Or make something that looks like a prom dress out of crepe paper & wear it over top of normal clothes.

**Jiles Rockford** – I'm Amanda's loyal boyfriend. We both love to do Latin dancing & my family is taking her with us on a luxury cruise this summer. Even though I would do anything to make her happy, I would never do something like this. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a tuxedo (or suit) & a boutonniere that matches Amanda's corsage color.

**Hilary Proshnikov** – I am Amanda's mother & it's true that I have entered Amanda in every possible beauty competition since she was a baby. And I have never let her eat a single ice cream or other dessert because I want her to have good teeth. But it's just because I want her to make the most of her life & because she is so beautiful, isn't she? My husband & I are here tonight because I am a teacher at the school & I have to supervise the event. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a very flowery formal dress. Make yourself look older.

**Baresh Proshnikov** – I'm Amanda's father. I'm a lawyer. I mainly do corporation law. I just hope Melissa's parents don't press charges against whoever did this. It's just a teenage prank, after all. In my day, we just threw eggs at people we didn't like. Now it's a bit higher tech. *Dress suggestion:* Wear a tuxedo (or suit). Make yourself look older.

**Billi-Jean Johnston** – I'm not on the list of likely prom-queens. I'm here with my girlfriends because I'm too much of a nerd & too brainy for any guy to be interested in me. But just because I probably could create a drone, doesn't mean I did. Someone could have probably just bought one online. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a pale violet prom dress with a matching wrist corsage. Or make something that looks like a prom dress out of crepe paper and wear it over top of normal clothes. Make sure it has lots of petticoats so it sticks out a lot (e.g., like a Quinceañera dress).

**Peoni Penrose** – I'm one of the more radical girls & I'm not a dumb superficial beauty queen type. That's why my dress is more Goth – more punk than most. Melissa & I didn't hang out together so I don't know why I'm considered a suspect. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a black Goth / punk looking prom dress & matching wrist corsage. Or make something that looks like a prom dress out of crepe paper & wear it over top of normal clothes.

**Kade Kenyon** – I'm Peoni's boyfriend. Tuxedos aren't my normal style. They hide my great tats. Melissa & I were only in one class together – Spanish. *Dress suggestions:* Wear a tuxedo (or suit) & a boutonniere that matches Peoni's corsage color. Add some fake tattoos.

# Décor and Food (optional)

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## Décor suggestions

These are suggestions you might like to follow to make your place look like a Prom Hall with a "Life's A Ball" theme:

- lots of balls everywhere
- an arch of gold and silver balloons for the couples to walk through
- folding chairs and folding tables and lots of balloons
- ballroom music and/or modern music
- party favors to hand out at the end.

## Menu suggestions

You could cook a modern fancy American meal or whatever you want from the modern era. Or you could have finger food or serve-yourself food available. Or have waiters serve fancy hors d'oeuvre.

### First Course:

- Strawberry salad – strawberries, baby spinach, black pepper cheese, spiced pecans, and balsamic molasses vinaigrette.

### Second Course:

- Peppered Salmon with Roasted Root Vegetables or
- Eggplant Parmigiana

### Desserts:

- Almond Macaroon Parfaits.

Search for recipes on the Internet (e.g., search for “modern American recipes” on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) or search for specific recipes).

**Name Tags (optional)**

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**Harvey  
Belvidere**

**Amanda  
Proshnikov**

**Jiles  
Rockford**

**Hilary  
Proshnikov**

**Baresh  
Proshnikov**

**Billi-Jean  
Johnston**

**Peoni  
Penrose**

**Kade  
Kenyon**

## Notes (optional)

<b>Facts which could be important</b>			
<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Motive</b>	<b>Why they could have done it</b>	<b>Why they couldn't have done it</b>
<b>Harvey Belvidere</b>			
<b>Amanda Proshnikov</b>			
<b>Jiles Rockford</b>			
<b>Hilary Proshnikov</b>			
<b>Baresh Proshnikov</b>			
<b>Billi-Jean Johnston</b>			
<b>Peoni Penrose</b>			
<b>Kade Kenyon</b>			

During these acts, you must reveal the following points:

## Act One

- 1 People weren't voting for Melissa just because she was pretty. She did a lot of good work on the social committee raising money for the school excursion to the Mall of America in Minneapolis, so that poor kids could come too.
- 2 *(after someone says Melissa wants to be a lawyer like Michelle Obama)* Yes. And she's determined to go to Harvard just like Michelle did. She seems to be ignoring the fact that Michelle didn't do her undergraduate at Harvard. She did it at Princeton, but I suppose that's still an Ivy League college.
- 3 *(after someone asks Baresh if Melissa was planning to use his contacts to get her into Harvard)* Yeah. I wondered why she had your work phone number on her cell phone.
- 4 *(after someone says Melissa probably hadn't gotten around to removing Baresh's number)* Melissa's phone log showed she'd spoken to Baresh only last week.
- 5 *(after someone says they heard you having an argument with Melissa)* I wanted her to apply to the same schools I was applying for. I just want us to be together. Is that too much to ask?
- 6 *(after someone accuses you and Jiles of being chauvinistic)* I don't have a good enough SAT score for those sorts of schools.

## Act Two

- 1 Because of Melissa's father's financial problems, she had to work as a waiter at weekends in order to save the money for her prom dress. Melissa's Dad told me that Baresh was doing some pro bono work to help him with his financial problems. Yet he never ever does free work for anyone. He wouldn't even do work for his own brother when he was going bankrupt.
- 2 *(after Billi-Jean says about the eye shadow)* Yeah. Melissa called me ten times this morning about this and that and how unhappy and angry she was about everything. I had a headache by the end of it, so I texted her to say I was running out of battery even though I wasn't and then I switched off my phone.
- 3 I saw you at the tuxedo rental shop Kade. You said that what Melissa was doing to you was similar to the whole Zuckerberg Winklevoss twins Facebook fiasco. You said she'd do anything for money, but that you were going to make her regret it.
- 4 Melissa told me she'd come up with a great idea that would make a lot of money. She refused to share any details. I thought that was really bad given that we've been dating for over a year.
- 5 *(after Baresh says about taking help back)* Sorry about that. It wasn't my idea. I don't know why she got so obsessed about it. We'd had enough photos taken in my opinion. My face was aching from the fake smiles.

## Act Three

- 1 Jiles' parents run a number of companies, one of which competes with Melissa's father's sports store. They've done some clever things like having an in-store gym and that's why they've done so well and Melissa's Dad's store is going bust.
- 2 They had just announced Melissa's name as the prom queen and she was heading to the stage when the drone came at her. I was busy clapping when it happened. Some people were taking photos. Melissa screamed during the attack – a pretty natural reaction I suppose. And then she told me to get the thing away from her. But I didn't want to go near it – it had tiny blades and was cutting her skirts to pieces. Then she rang me from the bathroom and told me to go back to her house and to get some clothes for her to change into. I told her I would as soon as the police let me leave.
- 3 Kade sent Melissa a text during the prom. It was in Spanish and said “A mal nudo, mal cuno.” This translates to: “A bad knot, bad veal”. The English equivalent is, “You must meet roughness with roughness”. Or in other words, if someone treats you bad, you should treat him or her equally bad.