

Bride Wars

"DEB"

"BRIDE WARS" - 3/20/08  
She smiles, then heads down the hallway, her high heels<sup>14.</sup>  
CONTINUED: wobbling from stress.

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INT. EMMA'S SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

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Late afternoon. Hallways are crowded with students heading out. Emma makes her way down the hall. She's obviously very well-liked by the students.

STUDENT #2

Great class today, Ms. Allan.

EMMA

(amused)

Thank you, Jeff. It's still a B-, though.

STUDENT #3

Oh, Ms. Allan, I think Ms. Delgado's looking for you.

EMMA

(panicked)

She is?

(covering)

I mean, oh fine. I'll find her.

She fights her way through the crowds of students, panicking -

EMMA (CONT'D)

Coming through! Behind you! Ouch!  
Sorry!

- until she sees an open classroom door. She ducks into:

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INT. EMPTY CLASSROOM - DAY

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Emma enters, slams the door behind her. She waits a beat. Nothing.

EMMA

Thank God.

She turns - and JUMPS. Behind her is fellow-teacher DEB DELGADO. Deb is forty and admits to 32. She has been married three times. You will not meet happier men than her three ex-husbands, who are sick with relief. She is unorganized, lazy, and blissfully unaware that she's not the student and faculty favorite.

DEB

There you are, Emma!

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EMMA

Oh my God! Deb! Wow!

DEB

(misinterpreting, showing  
off her dress)

I know. Isn't it gorgeous? I am  
so blessed to have this body. But  
you look cute too. And I bet the  
boys in your class can concentrate  
on their work better than mine can.

EMMA

Thanks. Oh gosh, is that the time?  
I've got to stop by the office -  
(vamping badly)

I, um, have things in my cubby I  
have to clean out. I hate a  
stuffed cubby.

DEB

No, no, you have to help me here.  
You know the debate team? Turns  
out, I can't go on the trip to the  
State finals. You know, the  
overnight thing and the listening  
to them on the bus with their  
little problems, yuck. They'll be  
crushed but you've just GOT to do  
it for me.

EMMA

I can't!! I'm already doing your  
late bus patrols and your yearbook  
club. AND Pep Squad. You're the  
debate team advisor!

DEB

(the opposite of  
depressed)

Titles! You think titles matter  
when you're depressed? You don't  
know. It sucks the life force out  
of you.

EMMA

Not just out of you, actually.

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CONTINUED: (2) DEB  
You're so lucky life hasn't had its way with you yet. All right, I'll tell you what, I'LL do the debate trip, if you pick up my Tuesday/Thursday study hall for the rest of the year. I think that's fair. But you owe me a favor.

And she leaves. Emma stands there, baffled.

EMMA  
Favor? But it's your job, so...  
What just happened?  
(to the empty classroom)  
Hey, did anyone see that?

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15 INT. BARELY THERE BEAUTY SALON - DAY

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Liv and Emma talk in the front area of this salon.

LIV  
You know why she does it! You're the best teacher at that school! She wants to overload you so you crack under the pressure! God, middle school's a jungle!

EMMA  
I don't know. She's kind of sad, really. She's been divorced like three times.

LIV  
She's way ahead of us. Where are our divorces? Oh, that's right, you have to be MARRIED first. I hate Daniel. Hey, you up for a spray tan? I have coupons.

Just then Liv's cell rings. She snaps it up.

LIV (CONT'D)  
(into phone)  
Kevin, tell them I'm dealing with a crisis.

She hangs up.

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