

**ELYSE KILLS MARGO (OR DIES TRYING)**

teaser + two pages of act one

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**TEASER**

TITLE CARD: "MARGO PUNCHES A CHILD"

EXT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

ELYSE SONG (6) hops off the swings and lines up for the slide. There's a KID (6) in front, who turns to her.

KID

Are you a boy or a girl?

ELYSE

Why do you need to know.

KID

Girls can't-

THUD! The kid falls to the ground.

The girl who threw the punch: MARGO SMITH (6), who extends her hand to Elyse.

MARGO

I'm Margo.

Elyse shakes it, flustered.

ELYSE

Elyse. I like your hair.

MARGO

Thanks. You have a pretty smile.

CUT TO:

EXT. GRASSY HILL - DAY

Elyse and Margo make each other daisy chains. Elyse catches a firefly in a mason jar and shows it to Margo.

INT. MARGO'S HOUSE - DAY

They're 14. Margo finishes knitting a horrifically ugly sweater. She passes it to Elyse, who puts it on proudly.

I/E. LIQUOR STORE - NIGHT

They're 17. A CREEPY CLERK (40s) stares Margo down while Elyse robs the back. They sprint out together, giggling.

INT. ELYSE'S UCL DORM - NIGHT

They're first years (Americans: freshmen). Margo bawls her eyes out on Elyse's shoulder, a picture on her phone.

ELYSE

He looks like a sewer rat!

INT. ELYSE & MARGO'S SHOREDITCH FLAT - DAY

Cardboard boxes, a broken radiator. Margo scrubs the floors. Elyse paints the walls, dizzied from toxic fumes.

A knock at the door. Margo gets it.

Enter NOAH BRITCHES (22, cunty) and ELLE BROWN (23, bald), carrying in more boxes and furniture.

MARGO

My bassist and drummer.

ELYSE

WOaWww. hii i'm Elyse

EXT. MULTI-ETHNIC TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE OF QUEER LESBIAN GAY & PANSEXUAL ANTIFASCIST RADICAL FEMINISTS RALLY - DAY

They're 24. Elyse teaches Margo how to throw a molotov cocktail at the police without hurting herself.

INT. GRUNGED OUT GRAFFITI BASEMENT RAVE - NIGHT

Elyse brings Margo black roses after her punk show.

INT. ELYSE & MARGO'S SHOREDITCH FLAT - DAY

They're on the couch watching TV. Margo turns to Elyse.

MARGO

You feel like home.

Elyse lights up, stupid sweet and darling chuffed.

ELYSE

Of course I do.

**END OF TEASER.**

**ACT 1 PART 1**

TITLE CARD: "ELYSE KILLS ROACH"

INT. ELYSE &amp; MARGO'S SHOREDITCH FLAT - NIGHT

Elyse is 35 and reading a newspaper. She puts it down.  
And SHRIEKS!

ELYSE  
THERE'S A BLOODY ROACH ON THE  
FLOOR

The cockroach jumps about.

Margo (35) appears, rubbing sleep out of her eyes.

Elyse points to the roach, but it's moving too quickly.

MARGO  
I have studio in the morning.

ELYSE  
You have to see the urgency of the  
situation. They carry disease!

MARGO  
You deal with it.

ELYSE  
NO!

MARGO  
I've done way too much for you.

ELYSE  
Bollocks. First you miss my bakery  
opening, then you let prissy Katie  
from Dalston talk her shit to my  
face, and now... this is just like  
the Camden incident.

MARGO  
That was YEARS ago! We talked it  
out, you should be over it by now!

ELYSE  
I was until tonight.

MARGO  
It's a pity you love the negative.

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ELYSE

That's not fair. You've changed.

Elyse rolls the newspaper into a tight stick.

MARGO

This is not about the bug.

ELYSE

No. I barely recognize you these days. So fake, cowardly, no conviction or loyalty. You only care about yourself and to hell with it if anyone else gets hurt.

MARGO

You're the same. I wish you could see how pathetic you look right now.

SMACK! Elyse kills the roach in one hit. She's fuming.

MARGO (CONT'D)

It really sucks to be around you.

ELYSE

Stop talking. Good night.

MARGO

Seriously?

Elyse goes straight to her bedroom. Margo lets her.

MARGO (CONT'D)

Sleep tight.

INT. ELYSE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Elyse gently wakes, feeling like shit. She rolls over-  
To find the DEAD ROACH CORPSE right by her pillow.

ELYSE

Oh FUCK no. MARGO!

INT. MARGO'S BEDROOM - DAY

Gone.