LINK
My big break!
(The happiness is shattered with a scream as PRUDY runs down the aisle...)

PRUDY
Give me back my daughter! I know you’ve got her. I saw it on TV.
(PENNY stops and faces PRUDY. SEAWEED stands protectively by.)
Penny. I hardly recognize you done up like that.

PENNY
I’m a pretty girl, Mama.

PRUDY
And you look so happy. I can’t say it’s what I want, but if this fine looking cat-like black boy is responsible for the light in your eyes, then how could I object?
(PRUDY & PENNY embrace. SEAWEED embraces PRUDY.)

CORNY
Live television – there’s nothing like it.

LINK
This may not be the right moment since we’re on national TV and all, but, Tracy, if I don’t kiss you now I just may bust a gut.

TRACY
Well we wouldn’t want you to hurt yourself, now would we?
(THEY kiss.)

WILBUR
That’s my girl!

VELMA
Before I get completely sick, would somebody tell me this - If she came in through the front door...what the hell is in that can?

WILBUR
My masterpiece. Seaweed, would you give me a hand?

SEAWEED
Comin’ right up, Mr. T!
(SEAWEED climbs the giant hairspray can ready to trigger it.)

WILBUR
This could be the largest novelty item ever erected. Fire!
(SEAWEED pushes the nozzle, and the hairspray can explodes in smoke and glitter to reveal EDNA dressed in finery.)
CHARACTERS

TRACY TURNBLAD
CORNY COLLINS
EDNA
PENNY PINGLETON
VELMA VON TUSSLE
AMBER VON TUSSLE
LINK LARKIN
SEAWEED J. STUBBS
LITTLE INEZ
MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE
WILBUR TURNBLAD
PRUDY PINGLETON
MR. PINKY
GYM TEACHER
HARRIMAN F. SPRITZER
MATRON
GILBERT
STOOIE
CINDY WATKINS
LORRAINE
DUANE
THAD

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

TAMMY
BRAD
FENDER
BRENDA
SKETCH
SHELLEY
IQ
LOU ANN

THE DYNAMITES

JUDINE
KAMILAH
SHAYNA

ENSEMBLE

STUDENTS
SPECIAL ED KIDS
HOOKERS
BEATNIK CHICK
GUARD
ETC.
PENNY

(PENNY runs into WILBUR as HE enters)

WILBUR
Whoa! Rush hour traffic! Hiya ladies. Since I got that new shipment of exploding bubble gum, business downstairs is booming! How are my two funny honeys?

EDNA
Oh, stop, Wilbur. You’re the funny one.

TRACY
Daddy, tomorrow I’m auditioning to dance on a TV show.

EDNA
You’re going to have to go further than that to get around me, young lady. No one’s auditioning for anything. And what did I tell you about that hair? All rattled up like a teenaged Jezebel.

TRACY
Mother, you are so fifties. Even our first lady, Jackie B. Kennedy, rats her hair.

EDNA
Yeah? Well, you ain’t no first lady, are ya? She’s a hair-hopper – that’s what she is. And it got her put in detention again.

(taking WILBUR aside)
Wilbur, talk to her. Girls like Tracy... People like us... You know what I’m saying. They don’t put people like us on television - Except to be laughed at.

WILBUR
Tracy, this TV thing... You really want it?

TRACY
It’s my dream, daddy.

WILBUR
Then you go for it! This is America, babe. You gotta think big to be big.

EDNA
Being big is not the problem, Wilbur.

WILBUR
When I was your age my parents begged me to run away with the circus, but I said, “No. That’s what you want. I have dreams of my own.” I dreamt of opening a chain of joke shops worldwide. So, okay, I’ve still only got one, but some day, if I can figure out how to keep the air from leaking out of my sofa sized Whoopie Cushion, I’m going to make a noise heard ‘round the world!

(EDNA screams with delight!)
TRACY

(reviving)
Where am I? Link?

LINK
You better? For a second there it looked like “Teen Angel” time.

TRACY

(Into LINK’S eyes)
Wherever I am, nobody change the channel.

LINK
You’ve got a funny way of putting things. I like that.

PENNY

(returning with SEAWEED)
The nurse is out sick, but look what Seaweed found.

SEAWEED

(removeing the stuff from HIS pocket)
Band-Aids and Q-Tips! And a rubber. No, I guess that’s mine.

PENNY
He’s so nurturing.

TRACY
Oh, Link, this is my friend Seaweed.
(The BOYS grunt toward each other.)

LINK
How you doin’?

SEAWEED
How you doin’?

PENNY

(to TRACY)
How are you doing?

TRACY
How do you think? I just got creamed in front of the entire school.

SEAWEED
Hey, Trace, I know what’ll make you feel better.

#13 - Run And Tell That
Oh, Wilbur! My time's come and gone. I'm like a half-filled book of green

EDNA

One day, Edna,

and everyone wears clothes,

WILBUR

and when's it gotten me? Twenty years later I'm still washing and mending

EDNA

You were good, Edna.

WILBUR

...slept dress patterns.

Edna, but I always dreamed that one day I would put out my own line of green-dress patterns. But I always dreamed that one day I would wander beyond the boundaries of the largest motorcycle shops. And when am I to have a dream too? You know, I do to make all my own clothes. Oh, sure, you're a visionary inventor saving the day. They're a keen ideal reshaping

EDNA

You'll be surprised.

WILBUR

Impressive. But how's that little thing gonna help our charity?

EDNA

What do you think? Isn't it a doozy?

WILBUR

You can't win. People calling you names. You know how many times I've

EDNA

Calm down, sweetheart.

WILBUR

Or, Wilbur, my stomachers in knots, my nerves are on edge.
MOTORMOUTH

Lord have pity, it's a crazy city.
(sound of a door slamming)
Who's at the backdoor?
(SEAWEED enters with PENNY.)

MOTORMOUTH

My baby. And...Penny, is it?

PENNY

Yes, ma'am.

LITTLE INEZ

Seaweed's got a girlfriend.

SEAWEED

Is it okay I brought her home? I had to get her away from her nasty ass mama.

MOTORMOUTH

Hush, now. Don't explain. I got an inklin' in a twinklin' first time I seen you two dancing together.

PENNY

And you don't mind?

MOTORMOUTH

I never mind love. It's a gift from above. But not everyone remembers that. So you two better brace yourselves for a whole lot of ugly comin' at you from a never ending parade of stupid.

PENNY

That's okay. My mother's gonna kill me anyway.
(There is a knock at the door)

LITTLE INEZ

No she won't. She'll kill him!

LINK

(entering with TRACY)
Hey, Miz Motormouth. We broke Tracy out of jail.

GILBERT

We know. It's been on all three channels!

TRACY

The jailbreak was easy compared to getting a cab to this side of town.
MOTORMOUTH
Well, we all gotta get busy. Only twenty-four hours 'til Miss Hairspray, and it's gonna be on national TV. We may never get another chance like this. And this time I'm gonna start by getting Corny and the guards at the studio to help us.

PENNY
Maybe your Dad could help, too. He sometimes has ideas.

SEAWEED
And I know a guy who...

TRACY
(interrupting SEAWEED)
No, I've got to turn myself in and go back to jail.

LITTLE INEZ
Say what?

LINK
Tracy, no.

TRACY
I can't put all of you in any more danger. We should've thought more before we broke out. My dad could lose the Har-de-Har Hut. And, Link, you could go to prison for what you did tonight...

LINK
(pleading innocence)
Just first base in the back of the cab. I swear.

TRACY
...And Ms. Motormouth, we've just been on three channels of news, I don't want you to get arrested for harboring a fugitive. And, Penny... your mother will kill you!

LITTLE INEZ
(impatiently correcting again)
No! She'll kill HIM!

LORRAINE
Listen, I've already been to jail one time for backing up the white girl. Don't mind sittin' this round out!

DUANE
I hear you. Besides, we already tried it and it didn't work.

TRACY
This time it won't be like Mother-Daughter Day again. Mrs. Von Tussle said there'll be armed guards at the Eventorium.