

FADE IN:

INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - EVENING

Chinese New Year: LANTERNS, RED ENVELOPES, and SMALL FIREWORKS to be set off later in the night decorate the house. People eat and talk... but something is off. Perhaps it's the Chinese food sitting in PF Chang's takeout boxes. Or perhaps it's the white parents and Chinese high schoolers.

This is an adoption support group. The parents (upperclass and trying their best) are on one side of the room --

MR. DOUGLAS

I'm not sure I trust 23andMe to  
keep my information private.

MRS. FRIEDKIN

But don't you think it's important  
for Kendall to know about her  
ancestry?

MR. DOUGLAS

What percentage Chinese is Erin?

MRS. FRIEDKIN

99.7 percent.

MR. DOUGLAS

And Brittney?

MRS. FRIEDKIN

99.9.

MR. DOUGLAS

So you spent \$100 to find out your  
Chinese kids are, in fact, Chinese.

-- while the adoptees are on the other side. They're often mistaken as sisters with LEAH DAVIS (18) being the oldest. She sits in the middle of the group with a laidback vibe to cover her inner anxiety.

KENDALL

I'm trying not to stress about  
college decisions.

LEAH

You're fine. You have a 4.0.

KEVIN

I only have a 3.8.

This is KEVIN (18), the only boy of the group.

LEAH  
You both are fine.

ERIN  
As long as you didn't say you were  
Asian.

KENDALL  
Of course not!

KEVIN  
Ummmm...

The girls stare intensely at Kevin.

KEVIN (CONT'D)  
I said I was Asian.

ALL  
Noooooooo!

KEVIN  
What?

BRITTNEY  
You don't tell them! College Board  
would never know.

ERIN  
Your name is Kevin Nicholas Moore!

KEVIN  
I'd feel bad!

KENDALL  
I mean, you're not really Asian.

LEAH  
Guys, stop teasing him.  
(beat)  
This decision making is why he only  
got a 3.8.

The girls laugh.

KEVIN  
Whatever. It's not like I'm  
applying to Harvard.

While the girls continue their conversation about potential colleges, Leah nudges Kevin.

LEAH  
(softly)  
You'll get in.

Leah looks over to her mom ANN DAVIS (50s). Although they're not blood related, you can tell where Leah got her sass from. Ann winks at Leah before rejoining the grown-up conversation.

ANN  
While the ancestry is important, I feel that we're forgetting about the useful medical information 23andMe could provide.

MRS. FRIEDKIN  
Exactly! Think of the preventable diseases!

MR. DOUGLAS  
Okay but listen here --

BILL  
(to Ann)  
What have you done?

BILL DAVIS (50s) smiles at his wife's antics. He's a beer and football type of dad.

ERIN  
Leah? Leah?

LEAH  
Yeah! Sorry, wasn't listening.

ERIN  
You signed up for the trip, right?

LEAH  
Oh... the trip. Yeah, I signed up.

KEVIN  
Really?

The teenagers see through her lies.

KENDALL  
Come on, Leah. It'll be fun! We can learn about our heritage or whatever.

ERIN  
There'll be really good Chinese food.

BRITTNEY

You're the only one who speaks  
Mandarin.

KEVIN

You can't leave me with these  
wolves.

BRITTNEY

Shut up.

KENDALL

The point is, it might be a little  
weird, but we'll all be together to  
support each other.

There are nods of agreement.

LEAH

I just... shit. I signed up to go  
alone.

ERIN

What the fuck?!?!

MRS. FRIEDKIN

Language, young lady!

BILL

What are y'all yelling about?

KENDALL

(the tattletale)

Leah says she's going on the  
heritage trip without us!

All eyes turn to Leah.

ANN

I thought we were all going as a  
group?

LEAH

I, um, I booked my own tour. A  
different one.

KENDALL

But what about us?

MR. DOUGLAS

It's okay. Leah just wants this to  
be a private trip with her and her  
family.

LEAH

Actually, I bought a ticket for  
just myself.

MR. DOUGLAS

Oh. Well. That's...

LEAH

I need to use the restroom.

Leah flees, leaving the party in an awkward silence.

MRS. FRIEDKIN

How about we cut the cake?

INT. BATHROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Leah stares at herself in the mirror.

LEAH

Shit.