

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
Ummm...

The girls stare intensely at Kevin.

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

ALL
Noooooooooo!

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.