

SIDES 7

ELLE PAULETTE SERENA MARGOT PILAR (PAULETTE bends over and picks up the package and then straightens up. The GREEK CHORUS enters in awe.)

MARGOT. Oh my god!

PILAR. Did you see that?

SERENA. She's got the most perfect Bend and Snap I've ever seen!

MARGOT, SERENA, PILAR. She's a natural!

PAULETTE. (Freaked out.) I see dead people.

ELLE. No! It's just my Greek Chorus! I'm so psyched you can see them now, too!

PAULETTE. But I haven't had any vodka.

SERENA. When your Bend and Snap has that much snap, it's been known to alter all laws of physics and logic.

PAULETTE. What are you talking about....Bend and Snap...?

ELLE. (Demonstrating.) The Bend...and Snap! (The girls ad-lib reaction of approval to her Bend and Snap.) It's a move invented by U.C.L.A. cheerleaders to break the will of the opposing team. (ELLE looks around, very discreetly.) But it also has real world applications: the Bend and Snap is 99.99% effective on straight men.

PAULETTE. Yeah, I've got a great track record with those.

SERENA. I see the problem here...and it's not physical: it's spiritual. Paulette just needs a little...spirit.

MARGOT. And Serena knows about spirit: she's a U.C.L.A. Cheer Team Leader.

MARGOT, PILAR, SERENA. Go Bruins! Bruin Power! (etc.)

PAULETTE. Cheerleaders scare me!

SERENA. Paul-Ette. Do you know why cheerleaders get the guy and keep the guy?

PAULETTE. Because you jump around in short skirts?

SERENA. Yes. And because we demand and command attention.

PILAR. For real. You must become the cheerleader you fear. SERENA. You've got the pom-poms. It's time to shake 'em.