

Decisions

Cast: Suzi, Michelle

Setting: A high school hallway

- 1 MICHELLE: Suzi, are you still going to class today?
 2 SUZI: Of course I'm going to class. It's a school day. That's
 3 what one usually does on a school day.
 4 MICHELLE: I'm leaving.
 5 SUZI: Where are you going?
 6 MICHELLE: Home.
 7 SUZI: What's wrong, don't you feel good?
 8 MICHELLE: I'm fine. I just don't feel like going to class.
 9 SUZI: Michelle, it's only September and you're cutting
 10 school already? What are you going to tell your mom
 11 when you get home?
 12 MICHELLE: She's not home.
 13 SUZI: Where is she?
 14 MICHELLE: Working. She got a job.
 15 SUZI: OK, so she's not home. What are you going to do
 16 when the school calls?
 17 MICHELLE: A machine calls, not a real person. I'll just say I
 18 am home sick. That way it will be excused.
 19 SUZI: Whatever. You better not get in the habit of this, you
 20 know.
 21 MICHELLE: I'm only a freshman. It's no big deal this early
 22 in high school.
 23 SUZI: Yeah, but once you get used to not going, it's really
 24 easy to stop coming to school altogether.
 25 MICHELLE: Like I care. No one is at home to keep track, the
 26 school won't ever find out because I will clear it myself.
 27 I'm home safe.
 28 SUZI: You're going to end up just like your brother.
 29 MICHELLE: What's wrong with Eric?

- 1 SUZI: Nothing that one extra year of high school won't fix.
 2 Look at him. Nineteen and still at continuation school.
 3 MICHELLE: That's him, not me. I'll be fine.
 4 SUZI: My mom told me that when we got to high school,
 5 things would be different.
 6 MICHELLE: What do you mean?
 7 SUZI: She said that friends I've had since kindergarten
 8 would change, and we'd all go different ways. I guess
 9 she was right.
 10 MICHELLE: You act like I'm turning into a derelict or
 11 something.
 12 SUZI: No, Michelle, you're just making choices I don't want
 13 to make. I want to get ahead, not be a waitress at Sizzler
 14 when I'm forty.
 15 MICHELLE: God, it's just one day of school.
 16 SUZI: One day today. What about next time?
 17 MICHELLE: Hey, it's my life. Leave me alone. You do your
 18 thing, I'll do mine.
 19 SUZI: You do your thing. I'm going to class.
 20 MICHELLE: You're just a kiss up.
 21 SUZI: *(As she exits)* Kiss this, Michelle. I'm going to class.