

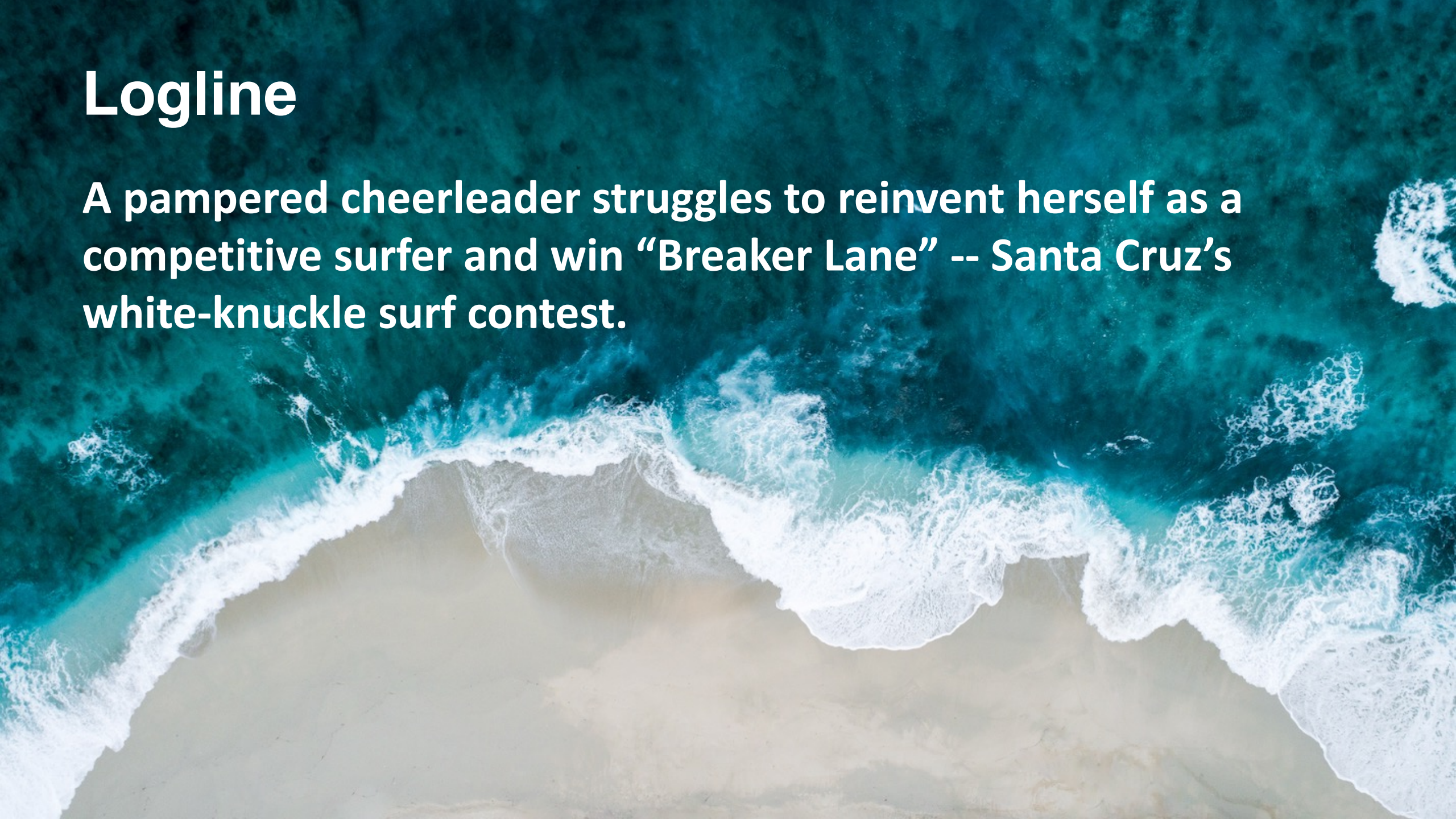
BREAKER LANE

A silhouette of a person carrying a surfboard on a beach at sunset. The person is walking from left to right, carrying a longboard under their arm. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and teal, with some clouds. The ocean is visible in the background, and the beach is in the foreground.

A Musical Feature Film

Logline

A pampered cheerleader struggles to reinvent herself as a competitive surfer and win “Breaker Lane” -- Santa Cruz’s white-knuckle surf contest.



Synopsis

The story follows Liv, a pampered cheerleader, who's wrapped up in a privileged life with her mom and stepdad. She's forced to return to her childhood beach shack, where she must stay with her estranged, surfer dad for the summer.

A former child champion surfer, Liv has since turned her back on surfing and her dad - who she resents, because she blames his surfing obsession for the breakdown of her parents' marriage.

When she arrives in Santa Cruz, Liv ditches her dad and heads off to a beach party where she reconnects with her childhood best friend, Tess... *and* her surf rival, Darlene, who has an old score to settle with Liv.

Darlene devises a plan to get Liv back on a surfboard. Darlene's plan works, and Liv's dormant competitive surf spirit is soon triggered... Liv determines she's going to beat Darlene in a surf competition and steal Darlene's charismatic training partner, Cole, who happens to be a lot like Liv's father.

Liv has only three weeks to prepare for the surf competition at BREAKER LANE, and somehow catch up with Darlene, who has four extra years of dedicated training under her belt. Liv is the massive underdog and the contest between the two is personal.

As Liv battles to get match fit with Cole's help, she discovers he has a real soul under his six pack... he challenges Liv not only to be a better surfer but to confront her resentment of her father, and in the process, Liv falls for Cole.

Liv strives to win the BREAKER LANE trophy *and* Cole's heart. Will she succeed? Or will she win something worth more than any medal... a reconnection with her dad and surfing, a sport that fills her soul.



Accolades

Finalist, Shore Scripts Feature Contest 2023

Finalist, ScreenCraft Family Screenplay Competition 2021

Quarterfinalist, PAGE International Screenwriting Awards Competition 2023

Winner, Lonely Seal International Film, Screenplay and Music Festival 2023

Finalist, Big Apple Film Festival Screenplay Competition Fall 2022



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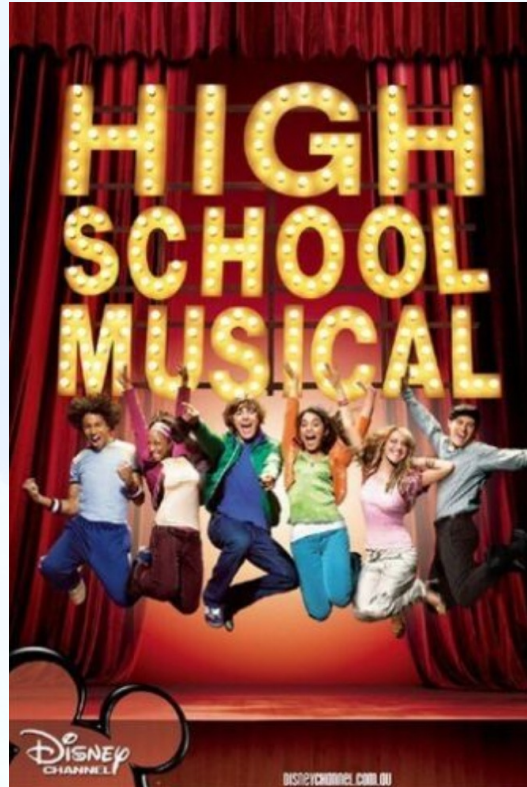
“Overall, this is an incredibly well-written script with a tremendous amount of potential in a visual medium. The plot structure showcases a clear mastery of story structure as the narrative hits all the necessary beats that make it an engaging story through and through. The dialogue is truly superb and the songs would easily resonate with a wide, universal audience. A fun read that deserves to be made into a film one day!”

(The Black List, 2022)

Comps

BREAKER LANE is a teen beach musical with the coming-of-age vibes of HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL and GREASE.

The DIRTY DANCING summer romance sizzles too, only instead of dancing, we have tandem and solo surfing.



HSM3 Budget : \$11M
HSM3 Gross (World): \$253M
Franchise Gross: \$4 Billion



Budget: \$6M
Gross (World): \$396M



Budget: \$6M
Gross (World): \$214M



BREAKER LANE is filled with (solo) surfing and...



Tandem surfing, which is described as two people riding the same board at one time.



Why BREAKER LANE?

In 2006, my six-year-old daughter watched HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL about 100 times, and my house was filled with constant singing and dancing. The joy that spilled from her was contagious, and she soon had my two-year-old son and myself singing and dancing alongside her.

We took the kids to the HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL live show, and my daughter couldn't help but sing and dance in the aisles. I had a smile on my face for weeks... it was incredible to think that a kids' musical could bring about so much happiness along with lessons learned.

It was then I knew I wanted to write a musical screenplay for kids and families. It's taken years of screenwriting classes and late-night writing, but I'm excited BREAKER LANE is ready to share. And no matter what happens from here, I can look back and know it's been an incredible journey writing this story and original songs.

The Locations

An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows deep turquoise ocean water with white foam from waves crashing. The bottom half shows a wide, light-colored sandy beach. The text 'The Locations' is centered in the upper half in a large, white, sans-serif font.

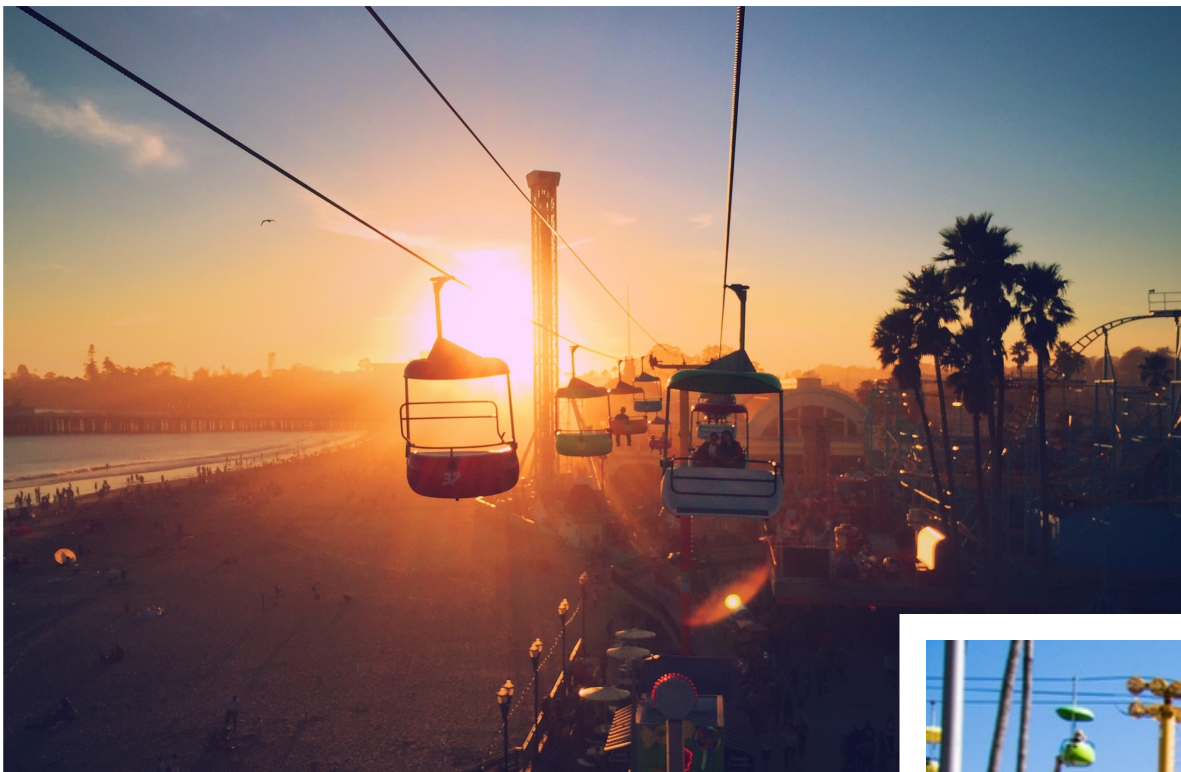
BREAKER LANE takes place in Santa Cruz, CA, though any beach town could work.



Ocean



Sand



Boardwalk



Beach Shack



Surf Shop



The Characters

**BREAKER LANE characters can be of any race/ethnicity.
The following slides show the characters' race/ethnicity as currently written.**



Liv, 16, lives a wealthy lifestyle in Rhode Island with her mom and stepdad. She's captain of her cheer team.

Liv is resentful of her father, whom she blames for her parents' divorce. She feels his surfing obsession broke up the marriage, and therefore, she also resents surfing, a sport she excelled at as a young child.

After four years away from her father, Liv is forced to spend an entire summer with him in her childhood beach shack in Santa Cruz, CA.

When Liv runs into her childhood surf rival, Liv's dormant competitive spirit is awakened. Liv decides to go head-to-head with her rival in Santa Cruz's top tier surf competition... BREAKER LANE.

While funneling her resentment into training, Liv falls back in love with surfing. She also falls for her charismatic surf trainer, who is much like her father, causing her to confront her feelings of resentment toward her dad as well.

During this long, hot summer in Santa Cruz, Liv finds her true self. She reconciles with her dad and embraces surfing, a sport that fills her soul.

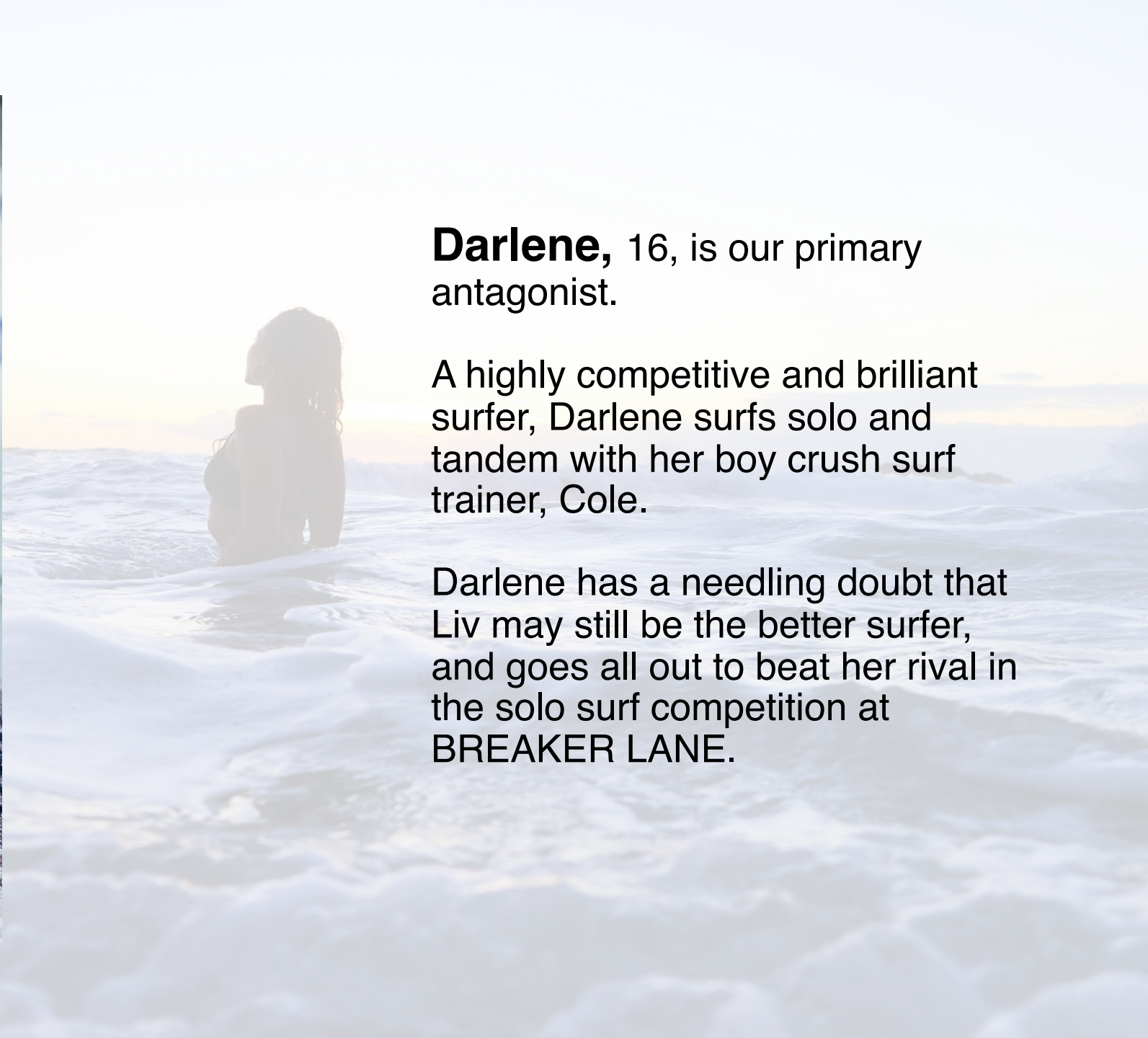




Darlene, 16, is our primary antagonist.

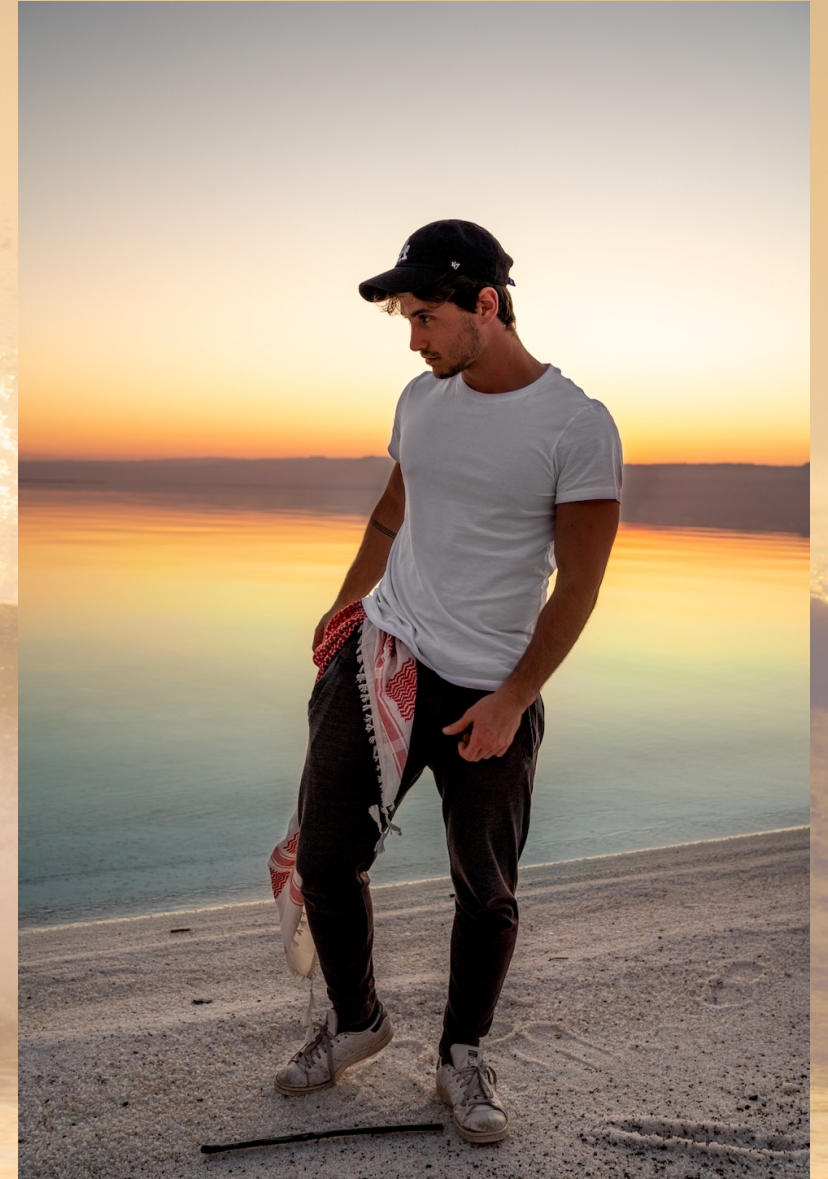
A highly competitive and brilliant surfer, Darlene surfs solo and tandem with her boy crush surf trainer, Cole.

Darlene has a needling doubt that Liv may still be the better surfer, and goes all out to beat her rival in the solo surf competition at BREAKER LANE.



Cole, 16, is an Australian surfer who solo and tandem surfs. He lives in Santa Cruz with his grandmother and dreams of becoming a professional surfer.

Cole tandem surfs with Darlene, but when Darlene injures herself, Cole relies on Liv to surf with him in the tandem competition in order to keep his pro surfer dreams alive.



Reef, 16, is Cole's best friend. He never takes anything too seriously, and solo surfs purely for fun and the feelings of freedom it brings.

Reef is always around to keep Cole focused on his professional surfing dreams, as opposed to the ladies.





Peter, 40s, is Liv's dad and a former pro surfer who still *loves* to surf. He owns a surf shop in Santa Cruz and is considered a surf legend by the locals and the rest of the world.

Peter is super chill, though he sometimes struggles with his daughter who can act as a proxy at times for his ex-wife and all her judgement.

Liv's childhood dog, a German Shepherd named Shaka, is always at Peter's side.

The Sofarellis

Mrs. Sofarelli, 40s, owns a local Italian restaurant on the Santa Cruz pier. She acts as a mother figure and mentor for Liv.

Tess, 16, is Liv's childhood bestie and Liv's biggest supporter. Tess works as a waitress at Sofarellis' restaurant.

Jo, 8, is Tess's younger sister and provides the comic relief. She's rarely seen without her Posse of four adorable eight-year-old girls.



Liv's Mom and Stepdad

Angie, 40s, is Liv's mom. Like her daughter, she resents Peter and struggles to see him for the fun-loving surfer he is. She's since remarried and is happily living a wealthy lifestyle.

Stan, 50s, Liv's stepdad, only wants what's best for Liv. He plays the mediator and referee between Angie and Liv. He may be a bit goofy at times, but you can't help but love this super cool stepdad.





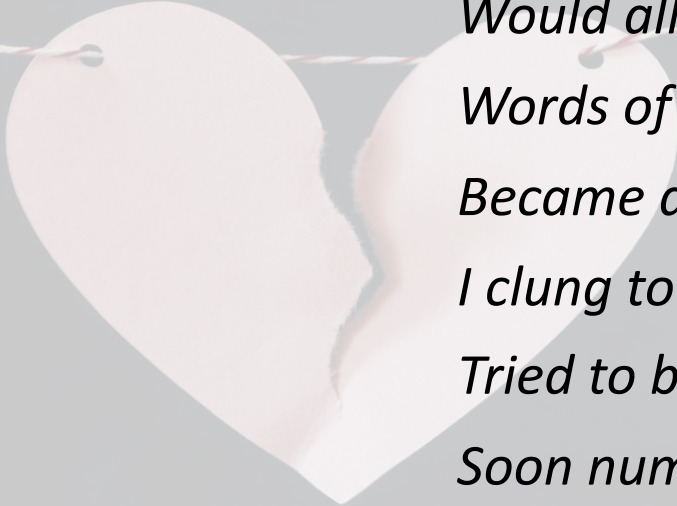
The Songs

Included here are sample lyrics for all songs and video links for songs 2, 3, 4, and 6.
For all other lyrics, refer to screenplay.

Song 1:
RUN AND HIDE

Sung by:
Liv
(flashback)

Genre:
Ballad

A white heart, split vertically down the middle, is suspended from a thin red and white striped string. The heart is positioned in the center of the page, behind the text.

*Too young to know better
Of what was to come
Days filled with laughter
Would all come undone
Words of thunder through walls
Became a nightly routine
I clung to my dolls
Tried to block your hushed screams
Soon numbness ran through
Every inch of my veins
Whatever I do
All emotions feel the same*

Song 2:

FEEL

Sung by:

Cole, Reef, and Band

Genre:

Soft Rock

Video Link:

[FEEL \(song/sizzle reel\)](#)

Feel the sun

On your bare skin

The coolness of the ocean

As you jump right on in

Stand alone

On a mountain high

Surrounded by the unknown

And the great big blue sky

Just calm your mind

And you will find

How good it is to...

Feel, feel, feel

Yeah fill your days

With whatever you find

Brings happiness to

Your soul and mind

Yeah rock your days

Get out and play

Have some fun

Love and dance under the sun

Yeah just be, be you

Feel free, feel you

Song 3:
THE BEAST IN ME

Sung by:
Liv and Darlene

Genre:
Pop Rock

Video Link:
[THE BEAST IN ME \(song/sizzle reel\)](#)

*You get under my skin
Again and again
Won't let go
Won't leave me alone
Your words cut deep
But they set me free
Awakening, awakening
The beast in me*

*It screams release me
Go on unleash me
Not gonna beat me
Because you make me want it
Make me want it
Make me want it more
Go on and make me want it
Make me want it
Make me want it more*

Song 4:

BELIEVE

Sung by:

Liv and Tess

Genre:

Inspirational Ballad

Video Link:

[BELIEVE \(song/sizzle reel\)](#)

I'll say hey, hey, hey

I'm gonna take every day, day, day

I'm gonna make my own way

Let my heart lead

The rest will follow

Create today

What I wish for tomorrow

I just gotta believe

Oh I just gotta believe in me

Song 5:
LET'S DO THIS

Sung by:
**Liv, Cole, Reef,
Darlene, Peter**

Genre:
Pop Ensemble

*Let's do this
Gonna take some hits
Let's do this
Won't call it quits
Surfin' each day is all I'm needin'
Getting' tubed oh feel the freedom
Just me and the sea, I can hear my breathin'
Lettin' go of control
I'm goin' agro
Whoa, whoa, whoa I'm lettin' go*

Song 6:
SUMMER CRUSH

Sung by:
Liv and Cole

Genre:
Pop

Video Link:
[SUMMER CRUSH \(song/sizzle reel\)](#)

Eight weeks at the beach

What a way

To spend summer break

*Suntans, surfboards, campfires,
oh eatin' smores*

You were there

I'll never forget

How we met

You were drippin' wet

*Ooh your blue eyes shimmered
against the sunset*

*Oh what a headrush, this
summer crush*

*Never thought I would fall so
hard, feel so much*

Can't fall asleep at night

You consume my mind

*Whoa oh oh oh this summer
crush*

Oh oh oh oh this summer crush

Song 7:
**YOU'RE NOT
WORTH MY PAIN**

Sung by:

Cole

Genre:

Soft Rock

*And though you drive my heart insane
You're not worth my pain
'Cause now I know, you're a riptide
I ebbbed with your lows
Flowed with your highs
But then you go
Makin' things harder
I'm pulled out to sea
I'm held underwater
But I'll find a way to breathe
'Cause you're not worth my pain
No, you're not worth my pain*

Song 8:
**TALK TO THE
HAND**

Sung by:
Jo, Posse, Liv, and
Beach Girls

Genre:
Pop

They say love can be blind

Well open, open your eyes

Take in my words

*And open your mind, mind,
mind, mind*

You expect me to like you

Because you're labeled cool

*So what if you make some girls
drool?*

You're nothing but a fool boy

Come on girls

Say it with me now

This is me

I feel free

I am beautiful and so happy

This is me

No worries, no fears

My mind's in perfect harmony

So don't try and change me

Be a man

Take me as I am or...

Talk to the hand



Song 9:
I RISE UP

Sung by:
Liv

Genre:
Pop

*I'm all in
I'm here to win
Look at you
You're on fire
But I'm the smoke
I rise higher
I rise up
I rise up*

A background image showing the silhouettes of a group of people dancing joyfully on a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow. The people are in various dynamic poses, with arms raised and legs in the air, suggesting a lively and carefree atmosphere.

Song 10

NOW

Sung by

Entire Cast

Genre

Pop Ensemble

The sky is our ceiling

The sand our floor

This is our house

This is our now

What's gone is gone

What's done is done

Time to move on

Let's soak up some sun!

In our house we surf like... ahhh

In our house we thirst like... yeah

In our house we play like... oooh

In my now, I slay life... woou

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