

The Bixby Twins

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INT. DEN - DAY

NARRATOR

Picture in your mind... Charming identical Twin brothers TYLER and HAYDEN BIXBY. Known on social media as "The Bixby Twins!" At 18 they are just shaking off their dreamy boy-band looks and developing into young handsome men.

SOUND: Camera being set up on tripod.

NARRATOR

Tyler Bixby, sets up the video camera, framing his bother Hayden on the left, and leaving space to plant himself next to his brother, on the right. Side by side, it is truly remarkable how close they resemble each other. Tyler, wears a dark BLUE-T with a silk screen of 2001 a space odyssey. And Hayden wears a grey tank top that shows off his muscles, with the hashtag #BixbyTwins across the front.

TYLER

(deep sandy voice)
Ready to go?

HAYDEN

(voice a bit higher
and energetic)
Let's roll!

TYLER

And 3, 2, 1

HAYDEN

What's up everyone? It's the Bixby Twins coming at you from beautiful San Fernando Valley, California. I'm Hayden... the most popular Bixby Twin.

TYLER

I'm Tyler, the actual most popular twin.

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HAYDEN

Yeah, Tyler. Who gets more fan messages?

TYLER

I do. Don't I?

HAYDEN

Not even close. And my Instagram is also way bigger.

TYLER

That's because you post all day long.

HAYDEN

No, Tyler, it's because everything you post is stupid.

TYLER

When I put something up I want it to mean something.

HAYDEN

Like the Insta-pic of dad on the pot.

TYLER

I'm planning on replacing it with one of dad smoking pot.

HAYDEN

(back to audience)
Today's video is a brand new episode of "The Bixby Cup." Ty and I are going to hit the pool hall for a little 8 ball.

TYLER

The Bixby cup is our limited series to find out, once and for all, which one of us is truly the better athlete.

HAYDEN

That would be me.

TYLER

Has not been proven.

HAYDEN

You sucked when we played football last week, Tyler.

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TYLER

We play different positions,
Hayden!

HAYDEN

Yeah, I'm a really good
quarterback. And you suck as a
receiver.

TYLER

Only when you're the one throwing
the ball.

HAYDEN

Let's go to the footage.

SOUND: Park Football Field. Hayden and Tyler playing
with LUKE and other FRIENDS. Running plays - IMPROV
lines of the twins and their friends playing ball and
busting on each other. In between all the goofing around,
it is clear that they are both really good athletes.

HAYDEN

What the hell was that, Tyler? I
threw that right to you!

TYLER

Right to my feet you mean.

HAYDEN

You can't call yourself a receiver
if you don't actually catch the
ball.

TYLER

You're throwing me junk all day
just to make me look bad to our
fans!

HAYDEN

The next one is coming at your
head.

TYLER

Thank god it's not as big a target
as yours Hayden.

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

NARRATOR

Picture in your mind the dorm room
of ALICIA FORD, a drop dead
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NARRATOR (CONT'D)

gorgeous 21 year old. She is a smart student attending New York City University, majoring in chemistry. She has advanced chemistry textbooks on her desk and complex equations written on a whiteboard on the wall.

SOUNDS: New York city is heard through the dorm room window.

SOUND and MUSIC: Background of the Bixby twins video.

NARRATOR

Alicia is watching a Bixby Twins YouTube video of the brothers continuing to argue over who is the better athlete. She is impressed by the view count displayed on the YouTube video player. It shows a staggering 2.3 million views. And many millions more on their past videos. She scrolls a play-list of videos with titles like:

ALICIA

"Meeting Girls showdown" 1.9 Million, "Ketchup drinking challenge" 1.2 Million, "Holding Breath contest" 1.4 Million
(sarcastic)
At least these boys have their priorities straight.

SOUND: Sophie, Alicia's 21 year old roommate enters the dorm and looks over Sophie's shoulder.

SOPHIE

Mmmm... Yummy.

ALICIA

Which one?

SOPHIE

Either. Too bad they're babies.

ALICIA

They happen to be 18 and legal, Sophie.

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SOPHIE

(laughs)
Which one do you like better,
'Lici?

ALICIA

Their's something about Tyler that
really gets to me.

SOPHIE

(laughs)
Okay, I'll take the other one.

SOUND: From Twins Video

HAYDEN

Whoever loses today's handball
match has to wash the other's
sweaty underwear.

TYLER

By hand. No washing machine. No
gloves.

SOUND: Back to dorm room

SOPHIE

(sarcastic)
Charming.

ALICIA

You know what we should do,
Sophie?

SOPHIE

Yeah. Stop watching the clone boys
and get ready to go out.

PAUSE

ALICIA

How crazy would it be if we
spontaneously head to California
and meet these guys in person?

SOPHIE

Bat shit crazy.
(sarcastic)
Let's fly across the country to
stalk some YouTuber kids, since
New York City ran out of hot guys
to date.

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ALICIA

The Bixby Twins are very popular.

SOPHIE

I'm sure all the tweenie-boppers love them. Come on 'Lisi, close the computer and let's go out.

ALICIA

You go, Sophie. I think I'm going to hang in for the night. I have a lot of school work.

SOPHIE

A dream-house threesome with the matching Ken dolls, huh? Okay. Don't wait up for me.

ALICIA

Slut.

SOPHIE

You know it. Later roomie.

SOUND: Sophie leaves.

PAUSE

SOUND: Subscription notification.

ALICIA

Yes. Finally! The new video has dropped.

SOUND: Typing then click of the mouse.

ALICIA

(sigh-swoon)

Looks like some people just got back from playing basketball.

SOUND: Basketball passing between hands.

HAYDEN

(tongue in cheek)

When we were kids, our parents told us they took our sick dog Snoopy to a nice farm where he could live in the fresh air with other dogs.

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TYLER

We were 9 year old's,
and completely believed them.

HAYDEN

In this video we intend to find
that farm so we can be reunited
with ol' Snoopy.

TYLER

Or prove our parents were lying to
us and really just put the dog
down.

HAYDEN

Mom and dad would never lie to us
about something like that, Ty.

TYLER

You're right, Hay. Let's fire up
the ol' GPS and get Snoopy back.

BACK TO DORM

SOUND: Alicia starts typing notes on her computer.

SOUND: CHEER SFX signalling another Bixby Twins Video.
Again the brothers are passing the basketball back and
forth, dribbling occasionally.

HAYDEN

That was an insane move under the
basket.

TYLER

Couldn't have done it without your
quick pass.

HAYDEN

You still had to pull off a
reverse lay-up with two guys
covering you.

SOUND: Dorm room door is clumsily unlocked and Sophie
stumbles in.

ALICIA

Fun night?

SOPHIE

Not really. As you may have
noticed I came home. Seriously,
(MORE)

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SOPHIE (CONT'D)

Lici', you're still watching these guys videos?!

ALICIA

I admit I'm a little obsessed. I've gotten so familiar with both of them, they barely even look like twins to me anymore.

SOPHIE

Yeah. They look the same to me.

ALICIA

Hayden seems to fit into the social media influencer thing much more easily. Tyler looks like he is struggling to play the part.

SOPHIE

(mock teasing))
You like Tyler.

ALICIA

Hayden would have been my type back in high school. Definitely prom king material.

SOPHIE

I slept with the Prom king at my prom... prom queen was soooo pissed.

ALICIA

Tyler is much... deeper.

SOPHIE

You did not just say that.

ALICIA

They're very competitive with each other. Sports, girls, spitting distance... but when they talk about playing basketball it's different. More respectful to each other. They seem to play all the time, but never show any video from the court. Basketball is sacred.

BIXBY TWINS VIDEO

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HAYDEN

Tyler, you know that I can burp so much louder than you!

TYLER

That has not been proven.

The brothers compete to see who can have the loudest belch.

HAYDEN

Aww man, that one was sick.

SOPHIE

You really got to get a life, Lici'.

SOUND: Alicia goes to work, typing on her tablet.

SOPHIE

What are you doing now?

ALICIA

(unintentional
detective voice)

I've been charting the dates and times of their video release schedule from when they seem to have just come back from playing basketball. I think I've isolated the time and mapped out a general location where they play.

(pause)

Somewhere between here... and here.

SOUND: Taps the screen with force.

SOPHIE

You are out of your fucking mind!

SOUND: Busy Airport - DAY

CHECK-IN CLERK

Will you be checking in any bags?

ALICIA

No. Just this carry on.

SOUND: Alicia's AIRPLANE takes off from New York's JFK airport.

SOUND: A passenger AIRPLANE LANDING.

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CAPTAIN
Welcome to Los Angeles
international airport.

Sounds off airport, BAGGAGE CLAIM.

RENTAL CAR DISPATCHER
We also have a Mercedes-Benz
convertible I can give you for the
same rate, if you're interested.

ALICIA
(answering question)
Hell yeah, I'm interested. When in
LA. Am I right!?

RENTAL CAR DISPATCHER
Oh you are right!

SOUND: CONVERTIBLE on 405 FREEWAY.

MUSIC: LA hip hop song

GPS VOICE
Take 405 North to Ventura
Boulevard.

SOUND: Ticking of turn signal.

SOUND: Pulling into a parking lot in a park.

ALICIA
Oops. Almost forgot the backpack.

SOUND: Car trunk opens. Backpack is removed. Trunk
closes.

SOUND: Alicia's footsteps. Sneakers on concrete. Kids
playing in Park.

SOUND: Crowded park basketball courts. Bounces. Passes.
Grunts. Rim clanging etc.

ALICIA
(to herself)
Brothers, where art thou?

SOUND: Driving in suburban neighborhood.

SOUND: Pulls into another park. Closes the door walks.
You can hear the frustration in her steps and breathing.

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ALICIA

Closed. God damm it!

SOUND: Fierce shaking of the chain link fence.

SOUND: Close Door. Drives off. Fists smashing the front wheel.

ALICIA

(throwing fit)

Fuck! Shit! Shit! FUCK! Who the fuck does this!? What kind of grown-up flies cross country to stalk a couple of YouTubers barely old enough to shave!?!

(deep breaths, calms herself with peptalk)

Easy "'Lici". Give your self some credit, woman. You're courageous and curious.

(beat)

And Tyler is really cute.

Sound: Car slows turning signal clicks.

ALICIA

Woodbridge Park. Please be the one.

SOUND: Alicia closes the door and gets out of the car.

EXT. WOODBRIDGE PARK BASKETBALL COURTS - DAY

SOUND: Outdoor courts. Fast basket ball being played. Bounces. Passes. Sneaker Squeaks. Backboards being hit. Rims clanging. Swish. Grunts. Shouts.

HAYDEN

Cross.

(bounce)

Take the shot.

LUKE

Watch your man. Get on him!

TYLER

Pass. Pass!

NARRATOR

Hayden and Tyler are playing 2 ON 2 basketball. They are on opposite (MORE)

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NARRATOR (CONT'D)
sides and covering each other.
They are really good and
predictably evenly matched.
Another player sits on a bench
waiting for the next game.

LUKE
Nice shot!

SOUND: Their game can be heard from a good distance.

NARRATOR
Across the courts Alicia sees her
targets and tries to control her
excitement. She heads over to the
fencing that contains several rows
of courts. She watches the twins
from a safe distance.

SOUND: Court

HAYDEN
Foul!

TYLER
What foul?!

NARRATOR
Alicia is psyching her self up
She combs her hair with her
fingers. Straightens her clothes
and adjusts her top.

ALICIA
(whispers to herself)
It's show time.

SOUND: Alicia runs around the perimeter of the fence for
several seconds. She opens the chain linked door. And
sits on the bench next to him.

LUKE
Game point!

ALICIA
Is it okay, if I sit here?

LUKE
If you don't mind sweaty guys.

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SOUND: The ball get's passed back and forth as the two teams are playing hard and focused.

TYLER

You're not scoring on me this time, bro.

HAYDEN

Head fake! Shoot!

SOUND: SWISH

LUKE

Ooohhh Hayden! Way to finish!

HAYDEN

Were you even trying, Tyler!?

TYLER

Yeah. Nice move, bro.

SOUND: Congratulating: Each of the four player slap each of the four players hands.

TYLER

You're up, Luke. I'll hit the bench.

SOUND: Luke gets up and walks onto the court

SOUND: The guys take shots in-between games.

Hayden sees Alicia. He calls out to her.

HAYDEN

(charming)

Hey, you on the bench. You got game? We can use another player to go 3 ON 3.

ALICIA

(laughs)

No I don't play. I just thought I'd watch if that's okay?

TYLER

As long as you don't take any shots for Instagram.

ALICIA

(playing dumb)

Why would I want to do that?

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HAYDEN

All right you guys ready?

TYLER

I'll sit out. I'll be on the bench making friends.

HAYDEN

(knowing)

I bet you will.

LUKE

All right, who's taking out?

The game play starts again.

SOUND: Tyler chugs from a WATER BOTTLE and catching his breath.

TYLER

Hey. How are you.

ALICIA

Very well, thanks. You guys are really good.

TYLER

Thanks. We play enough.

ALICIA

Are you brothers?

TYLER

(loosens up)

Twins.

ALICIA

But not identical?

TYLER

No. We're identical. People can't usually tell us apart at first.

(beat)

I'm Tyler.

ALICIA

Hi Tyler, I'm Alicia. Twins huh...

TYLER

Both of us are.

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ALICIA

(laughs)

Is there ever a day people don't ask you guys all the usual twin questions?

TYLER

(laughs)

Nope.

ALICIA

Like, who's older?

TYLER

Him.

ALICIA

Who's taller?

TYLER

Depends on the day.

ALICIA

Who's smarter?

TYLER

(knowingly cocky)

Not even close.

ALICIA

Do you ever switch places to fool a girl?

TYLER

(laughs)

Not yet. But I did take Hayden's state exam once.

ALICIA

"Can you read each other's minds?" I imagine you get that one a lot.

TYLER

Same questions all the time. And no, we can't read each other minds, but we spend so much time together we can usually predict what the other will say and do.

ALICIA

I have some girlfriends who are twins. They have completely gone their own ways.

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TYLER

Yeah. At some point we need to tell our mom to let us start dressing differently.

Alicia laughs. Charmed.

ALICIA

Really? Did she do that to you?

TYLER

Naa. She was cool. It's us. We really love each other, like Siamese twins attached at the hip.

ALICIA

Still?

TYLER

Got to get the surgery and become our own men. Own man. Own Mans.

ALICIA

Mitosis.

TYLER

Umm... my toes is?

ALICIA

When replicated chromosomes are separated into two new nuclei.

TYLER

We should call ourselves the mitosis twins.

SOUND: On court Hayden goes up for a shot, mad scramble, grunts, and he is bumped on the way down. He lands on his ankle and grunts in pain.

TYLER

Ouch!

ALICIA

Do you feel each others pain too?

LUKE

I barely touched you, Hayden.

HAYDEN

Total foul.

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LUKE
Just walk it off.

BENCH

TYLER
(to Alicia)
Hayden's not hurt. He's faking. He
wants the bench.

ALICIA
Huh?

TYLER
The only thing he loves more than
basketball.

ALICIA
You mean girls.

TYLER
Not girls.
(beat)
Women.

HAYDEN
It's okay. I didn't twist it, just
strained it. Tyler, you're in.

TYLER
(getting up)
Now you can have the same exact
conversation with Hayden.

ALICIA
I'll try and mix it up.

SOUND: Hayden groans playing up the pain as he hobbles
off toward the bench and slaps hands with Tyler. The
brothers cross and talk discreetly to each other.

HAYDEN
Thanks for warming the bench up
for me.

TYLER
You're an asshole.

HAYDEN
That's how god made us.

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TYLER

(on court)

Okay, what's the score?

LUKE

6 to 4. You guys are up.

SOUND: BACK TO BENCH

Hayden sits down next to Alicia on the bench.

ALICIA

You okay?

HAYDEN

(breathing hard)

Yeah, just tweaked it a bit.

SOUND: Hayden drinks water and mops his face with his towel.

HAYDEN

My brother coming on to you?

ALICIA

You guys are brothers? I don't see the resemblance.

HAYDEN

(smiles knowingly)

Sure you don't. So what's your story?

ALICIA

What do you mean?

HAYDEN

A mysterious beauty shows up out of nowhere. The only reason I wiped out on the court is I was distracted by you.

ALICIA

You're a smooth talker, huh?

HAYDEN

What's your name?

ALICIA

Alicia.

HAYDEN

Do you watch YouTube Alicia.

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Alicia freezes...

ALICIA

Ummm... No. I'm more of a netflix girl.

SOUND: Hayden's laughs disarms her. She knows he can see through her.

ALICIA

(she's caught, so she kids)

No seriously. I don't even have an e-mail on those interwebs.

HAYDEN

It's cool. Your a bit older than most of our followers.

ALICIA

I'm only 21.

HAYDEN

I'm 18 last week.

ALICIA

How old is your brother?

HAYDEN

See, we are curious about each other.

ALICIA

Well actually... I am curious... about Tyler.

HAYDEN

Why? I mean what is the thing that makes one twin more interesting than the other?

ALICIA

I don't know. He seems more evolved?

HAYDEN

(laughs)
You mean moody?

ALICIA

So what does that make you?

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HAYDEN

The other one.

She laugh's, clearly charmed.

HAYDEN

Do you think Tyler likes you?

ALICIA

How would I know?

HAYDEN

When you were talking to him
before. Did he ask you about you?

ALICIA

Umm... no.

HAYDEN

That's one of our big differences.
Ty likes to talk about himself.
I'm more interested in learning
about you.

ALICIA

Oh yeah. What do you want to know?

HAYDEN

Tell me.

(beat)

What is your thing?

ALICIA

What do you mean?

HAYDEN

What are you passionate about?

ALICIA

I'm a chemistry major in my Senior
year of college. I'm going to be a
mad scientist.

HAYDEN

Whoaaahh. Smart girl.

SOUND: Court

TYLER

I'm wide open!

SOUND: Ball is blocked.

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LUKE

Nice block.

SOUND: The Ball bounces over toward the bench.

TYLER

I got it.

Alicia picks up the ball.

ALICIA

Is this yours?

TYLER

Has my brother been hitting on you?

ALICIA

Is everything a competition between you guys?

They pause for a moment...

HAYDEN

Yeah.

TYLER

And...

HAYDEN

You're the one she came for bro.

TYLER

Wait. I thought you didn't know who we...

(realizes)

Ohhhh...

HAYDEN

Tyler's the one who got dropped on his head when we were born.

ALICIA

Well, Hayden's right. You're the one I came to find.

HAYDEN

But that was before Alicia met both of us in person, bro.

TYLER

Ohhh... just to make sure. You know I'm Tyler right?

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ALICIA

(laughs)

Yes.

HAYDEN

(mock sigh)

You should never meet your
heroes... Or social media crushes.

TYLER

You came out to meet me. The least
I could do is take you out
tonight.

HAYDEN

Orrrrr, you can go out with the
cooler brother and not have to
hear about which of the Godfather
movies is the best.

TYLER

Come on. Of course it's Godfather
2.

(beat)

Or you can have dinner with Hayden
and he'll tell you how much weight
he can press.

ALICIA

Wow. I'm a really lucky girl. I
get to be an event for the Bixby
Cup.

HAYDEN

...well yeah.

ALICIA

Hmmm. Let's see. Tyler Bixby or
Hayden Bixby.

(pause)

Can you guys look over to the far
end of the fence and wave.

HAYDEN

Hello fence. How are you?

TYLER

Who are we waving to?

ALICIA

The world.

(pause)

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ALICIA (CONT'D)

Look close. Do you see those two cameras over there?

TYLER

Yeah.

HAYDEN

Oh my god. She didn't.

(to Alicia)

You didn't.

ALICIA

While you guys were playing I planted those two cameras there. The one on the left is a wide shot so I can capture all the action on the court. And then the other camera...

TYLER

...is your close-up. I can see the long lens.

ALICIA

Exactly. It's focused on the bench.

HAYDEN

Good call, Ty.

ALICIA

And this... clipped under my shirt collar...

(talks right into it
muffled loud)

Is my wireless microphone.

TYLER

Lavalier mich.

ALICIA

Yup.

HAYDEN

Nailed another one, Ty.

TYLER

You set us up, Alicia!

ALICIA

I know, uh... Sorry.

Awkward pause.

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HAYDEN

Well.. You still have to decide.
Tyler or me?

ALICIA

You are going to need to go to my
video channel to find out.

TYLER

(angry)
That is so not... so not cool!

HAYDEN

(laughing)
No. That is so... awesome!

SOUND: Basketball court audio FADES, and DISSOLVES into
OPENING MUSIC for Alicia's Youtube show.

ALICIA

Heyyy everybody, it's Lici,
welcome to my new YouTube channel,
"The People Lab". Today I am going
to show you what happened when I
went undercover to infiltrate the
world of the amazing Bixby Twins.
I'm going to show you their pickup
moves in action, and then I reveal
which one of these spectacular
young men was able to get the date
with the girl.

NARRATOR

As Alicia's view count rises so
does her popularity. She has
discovered that being stuck in a
research lab is not as interesting
and fun as field research.

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CLOSING CREDITS

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POST CREDIT - BONUS SCENE

MUSIC: The Bixby Twins video, opening theme.

HAYDEN

Hey guy's. Today we are announcing
the end of The Bixby Twins!

TYLER

As muti-media artists, we have
both decided to explore our
individual interests.

HAYDEN

My individual interest consists of
creating YouTube videos, pulling
pranks, taking challenges,
reacting to other videos, and
generally goofing off. I will also
continue posting shots of my life
on Instagram and probably be
checking out Tic-Tok really soon.

TYLER

And while my brother Hayden does
absolutely nothing different for
his content, I am going to use my
social media currency to launch my
film career and write and direct
some unique web series.

HAYDEN

In other words Tyler is going to
be unemployed.

TYLER

In order to separate, and so that
we can easily be told apart,
Hayden's going to shave my head,
right here, right now on this very
video.

SOUND: The electric hair clipper turns on and buzzes, and
burrows into the hair.

TYLER

And let the mitosis begin.

HAYDEN

The what?

The razor continues to buzz away...

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TYLER

I know we didn't discuss it, but you're okay if I keep The Bixby Twins YouTube channel, right? You already have a huge instagram following.

HAYDEN

What? I've already checked into changing the channel name to Hayden Bixby. The fans are fans of the kind of videos I'm going to be continuing to do.

TYLER

Why should you get to inherit our 11 million subscribers?

HAYDEN

Don't worry. I'm going to promote all of your web series films as soon as they're ready.

TYLER

Let's figure this out later.

HAYDEN

I guess we'll come up with some kind of challenge for it.

SOUND: The BUZZING stops.

HAYDEN

There!

SOUND: Tyler slaps the loose hairs away.

TYLER

How's it look?

HAYDEN

Looks good. Wait! Are we looking in the mirror or... Which twin did we just shave?

TYLER

I don't know. How can I tell.

(beat)

This is a podcast!

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