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CAST

SEAN LUGO	Michael King
TEENIE	Ali MacLean *
MATT MURPHY (MURPH)	Brent Morin
PETER SCANLAN	Greg Winter
ABBY FRANKLIN	Ashley Denise Robinson +
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JOYCE FRANKLIN	Judy Louise Johnson +
CAR WASH	Clayton Frey
3 SISTERS DOCENT	Lauren Campedelli * +
METALLICA	Clayton Frey
SLAYER	Lauren Campedelli * +
BUTTON MEADOW	Lauren Campedelli * +
WORTHINGTON	Clayton Frey
ZEE MART	Clayton Frey
STAGE DIRECTIONS	Elin Hampton *

SETTING

A party point in the woods at Chesterfield Gorge in MA, Holyoke, MA
and Amherst, MA

2004 – 2005

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- + Proud member of Actors Equity Association
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THE POINT GLOSSARY:

The Point = A gathering place in the woods of Chesterfield Gorge

The Tofu Curtain = an imaginary border that separates rich bucolic college towns like North Hampson and abject poverty in Holyoke.

Wicked = Very, really, totally

Pissah = Awesome, great

Kraft - Bob Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots

The B's = The Boston Bruins - NHL hockey team

The Yoke = Holyoke, MA

3 strikes = A repeat offender or 'habitual offender' in Massachusetts who is convicted of a third-offense violent felony must serve the full maximum prison sentence for that crime *without* the potential for parole.

Slam pig = An unattractive female you only have sex with extremely drunk or high.

Lynn = A city on the North Shore. Near Gloucester where George Clooney steered the ship in The Perfect Storm.

The Packie = New England term for liquor store

Zoo Mass = Derogatory term for UMass Amherst - a campus which was the inspiration for Animal House

Meat Clown = A guy who only thinks with his dick.

Rocks = Crack cocaine

Dopey Opes = Opioids

Juice = Meth

The 5 College Challenge = Have sex with at least one girl from: UMass Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Smith, & Amherst

Shiesty = Sketchy, odd

Staties = Massachusetts state police

A Nickel = A five year prison sentence

Ratchet = A 'ghetto bitch'.

Nor'easter = A huge snowstorm

Big Papi = David Ortiz - Legendary Designated Hitter for the Boston Red Sox. The unofficial 'Mayor of Boston'.

Skid = A dirty, drunk, broke, loser

Chucky Stewart = Charles Stewart, a man who blamed the fatal shooting of his pregnant wife on a 'black man' which resulted in a race motivated manhunt by Boston Police. Eventually evidence showed Charles killed her and he killed himself by jumping off the Tobin Bridge.

Jordan's Furniture = A local furniture store with one of the most annoying commercial campaigns ever.

McLean Reservoir = A nearby reservoir where things often disappeared.

Chowdah Head = A stupid person, a blockhead.

Bobby Orr = A legendary Boston hockey player

Heartbreak Hill = A section of Comm (Commonwealth) Ave, which is mostly uphill for the Boston marathon runners.

The 413 = The area code for the Western Massachusetts area.

Bunny Boiler = See Alex Forrest, Fatal Attraction

New Bedford Crime Syndicate = One of the most vicious crime operations on the East Coast

Paper City = A nickname for Holyoke, which used to have many paper factories, before they all shut down.

Collar Poppers = Preppies.

The Station Fire = A tragic fire at The Station nightclub in Rhode Island during a Whitesnake show that claimed 100 lives.

Cleat chasers = Girls who only sleep with football and lacrosse stars.

Coalition of the Willing = What the 2003 Bush administration referred to as the countries that supported the Iraq war. AKA, those who are willing to service you.

Shock and Awe = Bush's air strike strategy against Iraq in order to take them by surprise and gain dominance, which resulted in 6,626 civilian deaths.

Lechmere Sales Shopping Center = A New England department store chain in the 70s and 80s like JCPenney or Sears.

Jamoke = Idiot, jerk

Beauregard - rich, white, conservative, preppy, and well-dressed. Typically East Coast.

Dropkick Murphys = A punk band from Boston with bagpipes and a distinct Irish pub sound. See The Departed, every Sox game.

MCI Concord = The Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Concord

Cumberland Farms = Colloquially known as Cumby's, is a regional chain of convenience stores based in Westborough, Massachusetts, operating primarily in New England.

Hoodsie cup = A symbol of childhood in New England, a paper cup of ice cream with chocolate on one side and vanilla on the other.

The 99 = A chain of classic New England style pubs with Denny's like food. 99 had a special promotion that when the Red Sox win, kids eat free the next day.

Brick = freezing cold.

Knox Street = An area in Springfield that belongs to a rival gang. Often the sight of drug busts, murders, explosions, and executions.

In the hat = someone who is targeted for death, and straws are drawn to see who will carry out the act.

And dawn rises over Mahblehead = The point in a conversation at which a particularly dense person finally comprehends something.

Foxwoods = A casino in Connecticut. The second largest casino in the United States.

Za Slut = Pizza Hut

Candlepins for Cash = A Boston sports show which allowed contestants to earn a jackpot by rolling a strike. The host, Bob Gamere, was later sent to prison for child pornography.

The Pike = The Massachusetts Turnpike. A very congested highway.

Playwright's Biography

Ali MacLean is an award-winning playwright, actor, TV writer, and mental health advocate. She won First Place at John Gassner, Julie Harris, SheNYCArts, and finaled at O'Neill, Women's Playwriting UK, Moxie, Pegasus, Kitchen Dog, New American Voices, Orchard Project, Garry Marshall, and Parity. She's a Coverfly-Endorsed Writer (scripts in the top 2%), Women In Film Mentee, fellow for Writers For Writers, Stowe Story Lab, Respectability Lab and 1in4 Coalition.

A member of EST/LA, Sundance Kitchen, Citadel of Playwrights, Dramatists Guild, and ambassador for MTV's Mental Health Action Day, she's published by Applause Books and Smith & Kraus. Currently she's developing a musical with Hold Steady singer Craig Finn, and Tony-award-winning producer Adam Cohen.

