The Biggest Lover

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INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - AFTERNOON

A PHOTOGRAPHER tracks a friend group of BASKETBALL PLAYERS and CHEERLEADERS into the gym hyped up, about to run a game.

BASKETBALL PLAYER #1

I'm about to do y'all the worse way!

BP #1 snatches the ball from BP #2, dribbles it through his legs, back and forth, taunting BP #2.

BASKETBALL PLAYER #2

Boy please, gimme that ball.

BP #2 grabs for the ball, he misses.

BASKETBALL PLAYER #3

Ahaaa coach finna put you back on

PHOTOGRAPHER

Ayeeee hold up, hold up, take a flick real quick man, you know you're gonna wanna remember this.

(beat)

Get together, get together, future NBA players in da back, Lovers on three, Lovers on three. One-two-three--

EVERYONE

--LOVERRRS!

CLICK. Everyone in the shot is cheesing with their glossy melanated skin.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Thank you, thank you. Don't forget about me when you make it big.

The photographer places his camcorder on the stand, and breaks the third wall.

PHOTOGRAPHER (CONT'D)

(to Camera)

I know everything about this school, the year it was founded, where the dopest parties at, where not to go after midnight on a Wednesday. What I DON'T know is, who is the biggest lover?

SOMEONE lugs a bear-sized heart in the background.

PHOTOGRAPHER (CONT'D)

(to Camera)

Like it's some type of big secret they can't tell your camera boy--

SOMEONE

--I know someone!

PHOTOGRAPHER

Why are you carrying that giant heart?

CUT TO:

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - MOMENTS LATER

FANBOY, late 20s, face painted, wearing the team's hat, with a number one glove, talks to the camera.

FANBOY

You should've been said you were looking for me, I am the BIGGEST LOVER there eva was.

CUT TO:

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - MOMENTS LATER

A pair of giddy COLLEGE GIRLS smile at the camera.

JASMIN

My name is Jasmin, and I'm like the biggest lover--

YASMIN

No, my name is Yasmin and I'm the biggest lover--

JASMIN

No-- I am.

YASMIN

Would the biggest lover, sleep with a boy from Lover's rival school?

SFX: AUDIENCE GASPS

JASMIN

Girl... he's just temporary.

CLOSE ON: "TEMPORARY" SWEATER

CUT TO:

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - MOMENTS LATER

THOMAS, BP #2, deadpans the camera.

THOMAS

Yeah I'm Thomas, I play for L-U, and I'm the biggest lover.

COACH shouts at Thomas from other side of the court, his woman sits behind him in a book.

COACH

Aye stop all that lying over there.

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - MOMENTS LATER

A curvy bodacious, AMANI, chewing gum, takes her place in front of the camera, clutching her adorable yorkie in her hand, admirers' eyes in the background are glued to her.

IMANI

Ooh ooh, I'm Imani, Micah's mom and I was biggest lover at LU. I had a ball here about a century ago in 1992 when I was voted Lover Queen. I still look good don't I? Let me tell you.

INT. CAFETERIA STAGE - NIGHT - 1992 FLASHBACK

Shamika smiles in her homecoming dress, holding with her man arm.

IMANI (V.O.)

It was such a beautiful night, all the lights were on me. We were partying like it was 1995 even though it was only 92'. I looked GOOOOD. My momma made this dress with her hands, and I went with this guy I thought was gonna be my husband, but that didn't work out. I was the biggest lover that night tho.

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER - MOMENTS LATER

Coach faces to the camera, while Thomas run suicides behind him, the sound of sneakers squeaking faint, but steady.

COACH

Hi. I'm Coach, and if you're really lucky, you know me as dad.

(to Thomas)

Keep them laps going, boy.

(to Camera)

Back in my day, I was a fake lover, fake loving everybody on every block. But now I'm a man.

He turns back and his eyes are set on his family. The camera captures his son running back and forth, then his wife absorbed in her book.

She feels his presence and shoots him a wave, he blows a kiss back OG style.

COACH (CONT'D)

Let me give you some advice from a OG. (beat) One day a playa gotta give up his games for a trophy. Remember that.

The big bag get pulled into frame, Coach shoos him away.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA STAGE - NIGHT - 1992 - FLASHBACK

We cut back to the Shamika smiling in her homecoming dress, holding with her man arm. We tilt higher, noticing the man in the frame is a younger Coach annoyed out of his mind.

SHAMIKA

Hold me like this, you're doing it wrong. I didn't use next year's tuition to leave here without a picture of me looking F-O-I-N-E.

She yanks his hands to move them to her favorable position.

SHAMIKA (CONT'D)

Now smile!

Coach's young face doesn't move a muscle.

CLICK.

INT. COURTYARD - LATER - PRESENT DAY

Coach side eyes Shamika, while she side eyes him back.

INT. GYM/CAMCORDER

PHOTOGRAPHER stands front and center.

PHOTOGRAPHER

After all that, I still don't know who the biggest lover is.

OVERLAY: EVERYONE IN A 4X4 SPLIT SCREEN

EVERYONE
I'M THE BIGGEST LOVER!