

12 YEAR OLD NICKI is on the playground with her friends TASHA & DOUGHBOY, showing off her new boots

Nicki does "the running man" while pointing at her boots.

NICKI (CONT'D)

*Uh huh...that's right. I got these Kicks last night. Uh huh...that's—*  
(then, stops dead)  
*Uch. Look. That girl can't walk three blocks to school?*

ANGLE ON A WHITE LIMOUSINE pulling up.

TASHA

I wouldn't walk if I had a limo.

NICKI

*She doesn't have a limo. Her dad Drives a limo. Big difference.*  
(then)  
*Whatever. I'm not gonna let her Ruin my good mood. Because..*  
(launches into dance)  
*Uh huh, that's right. I got these Kicks last. Uh, huh, that's...*  
(then)  
*Aw, hell no! Look at her boots!*

WHIP BACK TO LIMO as SPLENDID RADIANCE WHITE, 13, emerges wearing a pair of FILA BOOTS.

NICKI (CONT'D)

*Aw, man. Why does that girl always Have to show me up. Shoot.*  
(then)  
*Well, maybe she won't notice.*

Splendid approaches with a big smile. Her teeth are all jacked up.

SPLENDID

Nice boots.

NICKI

*Do us a favor, don't smile. Halloween is over.*

SPLENDID

Well, at least no cows were killed  
Making your boots...on account of  
Them not being real leather and  
All.

NICKI

They're real.

SPLENDID

Real ugly.

NICKI

If anyone knows anything about real  
ugly, it's you.

SPLENDID

Enjoy your pay less life.

Splendid walks off, smiling.

TASHA/KIMMY

You gonna let her talk to you like  
That, Nic? That's just wrong.

NICKI

Step aside.

Nicki steps forward and calls out a rhyme on the fly.

NICKI (CONT'D)

My life's not pay less.  
My life's not way-less.  
My life's not a less than or worse  
Than or a mess.  
I'm a girl in this world destined  
For Great-ness.  
Unlike you, I don't need a shoe  
To make up for my grill  
That makes people ill.  
(then)  
Keep stepping, splendid.