



**Handout: Lightin' Up**

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(female lead role version)



Maria has been hangin' out at the Friday night football game with her friends. They have been having a lot of fun eating and talking about which football players are cute. After about an hour, their team has fallen way behind, and the game has become pretty boring to watch. Another friend, Michael from school, stops over to say hi to Maria and her friends. They start talking about how boring the game is and how they want to do something else. Michael mentions that there are some people hangin' out under the bleachers and that they should come join them. Everyone in Maria's group gets excited and thinks it's a great idea. Maria asks Michael who all is down there and finds out that Christina and Richard are there. Maria has heard that these two smoke weed. Maria doesn't think that smoking weed is something she wants to do, and she isn't sure about hanging out with them. She knows that her best friend, Tiffany, doesn't want to smoke weed either. Maria looks over at Tiffany and gives her a worried look, but Tiffany just shrugs. Everyone around Maria is excited to do something else, so she and her friends decide to follow Michael down



below the bleachers. As the group heads down, Maria starts to feel a little funny in her stomach. As they approach Christina and Richard, Maria sees they are not smoking, and she begins to relax a little bit. The group is now talking, and Maria forgets how she was feeling earlier. After a while, Christina pulls out a joint and lights it. Richard tells her to pass it around. Maria's stomach starts to feel funny again. Her heart starts to beat faster. As the joint gets passed around, everyone takes a hit, including Tiffany. Finally, Tiffany offers it to Maria. Maria's hands are getting all sweaty, she knows she doesn't want to smoke, but with all her friends around, she isn't sure what she should do. She thinks maybe she should take a hit. One can't hurt her, can it? she thinks to herself.