

- DANCE TEACHER PAT -

DANCE TEACHER PAT stands in front of an army of little girls and
LUKE - the one male dancer in the group.

DANCE TEACHER PAT

Alright girls

We've got a lot of work to do

Nationals is a month away

And we're a mess.

Maevv. Get that hair out of your face

MAEVE pushes her hair back. It falls back into her eyes.

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Where's your hair tie?

MAEVE

In the dressing room

DANCE TEACHER PAT

Run and get it

MAEVE runs out of the stage to get a hair tie.

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Now we all get to wait for Maevv.

They wait for Maevv.

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*MAEVE comes running back, her bangs awkwardly pinned back with
butterfly clips. DANCE TEACHER PAT clears his throat.*

DANCE TEACHER PAT

Alright. Where was I?

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MAEVE

...sorry

He holds up a thumb.

DANCE TEACHER PAT

This week? We're off to the Legacy National Talent

Competition in Philadelphia

He adds a finger.

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Next week? We take the bus to Akron, Ohio, for StarPower USA

And a third finger...

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Then it's Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey, for The Boogie Down

Grand Prix.

He starts with his thumb again and counts up.

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If we win in Philadelphia...

If we win in Akron, Ohio...

And if we win in Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey, at The Boogie

Down Grand Prix

(And I'm talking Overall 1st Place finishes or nothing)

We will pack our bags...

And we will get on a plane...

And we will fly all the way to TAMPA BAY,

FLORIDAAAAAAAAAAAA

ALL THE GIRLS

Yes!

Yes!

Yesss!

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DANCE TEACHER PAT
FOR NATIONALSSSSSSSSSSSS

ALL THE GIRLS
Yes!

Yes!

Yesss!

DANCE TEACHER PAT
IN FLORIDAAAAAAAAAAAAA

He silences them.

They hush.

DANCE TEACHER PAT
Now some of you are bumpin' at the top of the pre-teen
division, and next year I'm gonna have to bump you up
to teens. (Connie, Ashlee, Zuzu, I'm talking to you.) You're
gonna be at the bottom of the pile again and you're gonna
have to crawl your way back to the top...

ALL THE GIRLS

DANCE TEACHER PAT

But right now you're Big Dogs...

How're you gonna cap off your prepubescent years?

Will you be winners?

Like the Elite Pre-Teen Competition Squad of 1992?

*He rips a framed photograph of The Elite Pre-Teen Competition
Squad of 1992. They are in sequins and face-paint and grasping a
4-foot-tall trophy - vicious, victorious.*

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Or '95

He rips another photo on the wall.

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Or '97

And another.

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Or two thousand-thirteen. *Fourteen. Fifteen!*

Three years in a row

Boom, boom, boom

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Or will you never make it to The Wall...

ALL THE GIRLS

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DANCE TEACHER PAT

Who were the girls in 1996?

We don't know....

It's like they never even existed

ALL THE GIRLS

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DANCE TEACHER PAT

But the girls in 1997.....

You remember who they were, don't you???

ALL THE GIRLS whisper, mesmerized by the memory of...

ALL THE GIRLS (*Whispering*)

Sabinaaaaaaaaaa

DANCE TEACHER PAT

Yes, Sabina

ALL THE GIRLS

Sabinaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa