

TONYA

"One, hold three, pause five, up seven, eight. Tonya, keep up. Again, Ladies. Let's take it from the top." Coach Angie flipped her coal black hair into a pony tail with a hot pink scrunchie.

I must admit, her weave did look nice and she looked magnificent even when she wore sweats. She could really wear any style and look great. But boy, oh boy, how I used to think Coach Angie was so beautiful when I first met her. *Ughhh, she is getting on my nerves right now, calling me out at practice. She didn't call anybody else's name but mine.*

Ok, so, let me stop. Coach Angie is really cool. I'm just being lazy Tonya. It's a normal reaction to put the spotlight on someone else's shortcomings when yours are on

display. Don't be mad at me because I don't lie to myself. I am lazy and, truthfully, you really should be true to yourself as well. And, FYI, absolutely not, no! I still find no pleasure in thoroughly cleaning my room the way my mom wants me too, ugh!

Ever since I auditioned for Coach Angie's, quote unquote (doing the quotation gesture with my fingers), All-Star Cheerleading Team, she has worked me out like a fat girl eating cake, no offense intended!

I can't believe the summer has just begun and we are the graduates, or should I say, elementary school seniors. Like, Damien informed me about grade-level classifications (thinking: freshmen, sophomore, juniors & seniors). I know, I know, it is only for high school and college graduates. But it has a nice ring to it for an elementary school graduate, don't you think?

Anyway, MLK Elementary Senior Class didn't have to return to school after our promotion ceremony. I thought, *Oooh, some free time.* I got out earlier than the other students and Coach Angie wasted no time starting practice for her own All-Star Team.

Ok, so, this All-Star team is definitely twenty times harder than being on the MLK Lady Bull Dogs cheerleading team. It's like hello, good morning, good afternoon and good night - welcome to the real world of Cheerleading.

I have tumbling twice a week with Coach Tye, as well as practice twice a week with Coach Angie. Can you say, They both work me to the bone? But I must confess, I'm so much better at tumbling now! Coach Tye is dark, slim and has both ears pierced. He kind of reminds of the rapper Kanye West from a quick glance at him. Don't ask why; I