

## EVAN AND PATRICE 1

EVAN: Appleton, Indiana. No, seriously. My parents split up, my life falls apart, and now I'm in a town where UFO's go to refuel!

PATRICE: Let me get this straight: your Mom decides to move to Appleton because her cousin Pam lives here?

EVAN: At least there's someone around here I can talk to. My next door neighbor, Patrice.

PATRICE: Wow. Sounds like the divorce got ugly.

EVAN: Ugly? My dad totally ruined our lives, and my mom's a mess. She went around the apartment cutting his head out of all the photos.

PATRICE: No!

EVAN: With her teeth!

PATRICE: No!

EVAN: She tells me we're leaving New York, but then she says, "It's your decision," which we all know is Jewish for "You're coming with me!" So she drags me away from my home and all my friends and now I have to have my Bar Mitzvah in Appleton, Indiana.

PATRICE : If it's so awful, just don't have it.

EVAN : Yeah, right. Try telling that to my Mom. For Jews, your Bar Mitzvah is the one day everything in your life is supposed to be happy and perfect.

PATRICE: See, Catholics don't have that day. It would go against everything we believe in.

EVAN: Besides, how hot your party is totally sets up how popular you'll be. So I need this one to be the best! The best DJ in the best ballroom at the best hotel...

PATRICE...which is The Best Western.

EVAN: Come on. There's got to be someplace in this town.

PATRICE :Sorry, but your choices are like my life here: limited.

## EVAN AND PATRICE 2

EVAN Patrice. Wait.

PATRICE I'm not talking to you.

EVAN Look, we're all going to the movies Friday night. Why don't you come? You can't stay mad at me forever.

PATRICE Just because Archie asked me to forgive you doesn't mean I will. Honestly, why would I go anywhere with you ever?

EVAN Because I messed up big time, and I want to make it up by asking you out.

PATRICE (Taken off guard) Asking me out?

EVAN Out.

PATRICE As in—"out" out?

EVAN That would work.

PATRICE I'll think about it. Don't get your hopes up. I doubt it. Probably not.

EVAN Oh yeah, she's coming. And sure, to the inexperienced eye, it may look like I just set Brett and Archie up to be on dates with the same girl, on the same night, in the same place. But what I really did was... (HE knows) Crap.

## ARCHIE & EVAN 1

ARCHIE Oh, hi! You're the new kid, right?

EVAN (looking around) Oh yeah, hi. I'm Evan.

ARCHIE I'm Archie. I pass by your house every morning when you're waiting for the bus. See, I'm on the special needs bus. „Cause of my crutches.

EVAN Bummer...

ARCHIE It's okay, at least nobody makes fun of me on the special needs bus. That'd be ironic.

EVAN So, it's been really great meeting you, Archie...

ARCHIE Are you looking for Patrice?

EVAN You know Patrice?

ARCHIE Sure, she's like my best friend. Also my only friend.

EVAN Do you know where she is?

ARCHIE Why? You wanna do something else to publicly humiliate her and ruin her life?

EVAN Oh. You know about that, huh?

ARCHIE Yeah, it's already on Youtube. But I think I can help.

EVAN Really? That would be amazing. I'd totally owe you.

ARCHIE And then, you can do something for me? A deal, of sorts.

EVAN (tentative) Wait a second. What kind of deal?

ARCHIE A small deal. A no-big-deal deal. I need a date!

EVAN Uh. Okay. And is there anyone specific you want a date with?

ARCHIE Kendra.

EVAN Kendra? Are you on crack?

ARCHIE She wants me.

EVAN Come on. There's no way I can get Kendra to go out with you.

ARCHIE Fine then. I'll just sit next to her at your Bar Mitzvah, I'll rub my leg against hers, hope I feel it, and before long I'll be attending to her special needs.

EVAN Okay, first of all, YUCK. And second of all, I don't remember inviting you to my Bar Mitzvah.

ARCHIE Do I really need an invitation? You think your mother would throw Tiny Tim out on to the street? And so close to Christmas?

## ARCHIE & EVAN 2

EVAN This is all your fault. I told you everything not to do, and you did it!

ARCHIE My fault? It's not like this worked out for me— THAT was my first kiss!

EVAN Every single thing in my life is a disaster.

ARCHIE You've been in Appleton for a month. Trust me, it'll get worse.

EVAN No. No! I'm gonna fix this with Patrice and fix this with Brett and you're gonna help me. I just need a plan.

ARCHIE Face it, Evan, this can't be fixed!

EVAN If I don't do anything, I'm dead! They're gonna treat me like I've got some disease! (HE realizes what he said) I'm sorry, Archie. I didn't mean it like that.

ARCHIE Right now, I think I'm doing a whole lot better than you are.

EVAN Archie, wait...! Great. There goes the last person on earth that's talking to me.

## BRETT & EVAN

BRETT Unreal!

KENDRA Brett!

BRETT (pushing KENDRA aside roughly) Step away from her, man.

EVAN We weren't doing anything!

KENDRA Brett, it's not what you think.

BRETT Is that my girlfriend?

EVAN Yes.

BRETT Were you touching her?

EVAN Yes.

BRETT It's what I think.

BRETT is now directly in EVAN's face, but EVAN stands tall.

EVAN Brett, this is crazy! Why would I try something with Kendra after I was the one who got you two back together?

BRETT (refusing to acknowledge the question) You're not gonna talk your way outta this, we all saw what you did. Go on back to your loser friends, they're the only ones coming to your little lame birthday party anyway.

EVAN Wait. You were never gonna come, were you? (a realization)

BRETT Duh! Like I'm gonna be stuck with that bunch of freaks.

EVAN You'd be lucky to be stuck with those freaks! You don't deserve to hang out with my friends.

BRETT The geek and the cripple? Yeah, lucky me.

EVAN You're such a jerk

BRETT Did you just call me a jerk?

EVAN I can't believe it took me so long to figure it out. You know what? (Finally enraged, HE shoves BRETT on each "want".) I don't WANT you to come to my party! I don't WANT you to be my friend! I don't WANT you to ever talk to me again! (A pause) You suck, Brett.