

FIRST DATE, FIRST BASE

(5-10 Minute Comedy Sketch)

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Logline

Henry brings Cathy home on their first date only to find Henry's mother is there to spoil his romantic evening.

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The stage is dark.

HENRY

Here, let me get the lights.

The lights come on. There is a loveseat center stage. Henry and Cathy enter stage right.

HENRY

There we go.

CATHY

Oh, my, your house is beautiful.

HENRY

All the more to seduce you with, my dear.

Henry nuzzles her neck.

CATHY (giggling)

You are such a kidder. You know, this is only our first date and, to tell you the truth, I've never been to a man's house alone after only one date.

HENRY

Your secret is safe with me. Can I get you something to drink?

CATHY

No thanks. Those two glasses of wine I had with dinner still have me kind of giddy.

HENRY

Okay, well then, have a seat.

He points to the loveseat. They both sit.

CATHY

This is nice. Your home is really nice. It's so, how can I say it...?

HENRY

Nice?

They both laugh.

HENRY

And you being here makes it so perfect.

He takes her face in his hands. He's about to move in for a kiss when...

MOM (O.S.)

HENRY!!!

Henry gets a shocked look on his face.

CATHY

Who's that?

MOM (O.S.)

HENRY!!!

CATHY

Who's Henry? You told me your name is Enrique.

HENRY

Um, it, uh, is um, Enrique is French for Henry.

CATHY

I believe Enrique is Spanish for Harry.

HENRY

Okay, okay, my name is Henry. And that voice you hear is from my mother.

CATHY

Your mother? Your mother lives here?

HENRY

Yes, I um, let her move in with me after she, uh, burned down her nursing home. Just a little grease fire, but enough to evacuate the place.

CATHY

Oh, that is so wonderful that you brought in your sweet momma when she needed you.

HENRY

Yes, uh, you sit here and I'll see what she wants.

Henry gets up as Mom enters stage left. He intercepts her before she sees Cathy.

HENRY

Mom, (nervous laughter) what are you doing here? You told me you were going to spend the night at Aunt Helen's.

MOM

Ah, the woman drives me crazy. She's lactose intolerant and she insists on eating cheese. It's like spending the night with the brass section of Alexander's Ragtime Band. I had to leave.

Henry tries to block Mom's view from Cathy. She pushes him to the side and sees Cathy.

MOM

So, Henry, who's your little friend?

CATHY

Hi, I'm Cathy. I'm, uh, Enrique's date,

MOM

Who the hell is Enrique?

Cathy points to Henry.

MOM

Did he pull that old Enrique bit on you? (to Henry) Did you try to pull that old Enrique bit on her? (laughs) I can't tell you how many women he's pulled that on. He's simply Henry Greenbaum from Plainsfield, New Jersey.