

a short comedy sketch

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Boys' Night Out

Scene 1

[High school hallway. Ted and Joe are walking towards each other. Joe gives Ted a dirty look.]

TED

What's your problem?

JOE

You are punk!

[Joe steps up to him.]

TED

Get outta my face!

JOE

Or what?

[He grabs him by the shirt. Ted pushes him away and continues walking.]

TIM

I'll see you tonight!

JOE

What you say!!!

TED

[He stops.]

You heard me.

[There's a silent standoff while they think about their next moves.]

JOE

Tonight then.

TED

I'll be there.

[Gina comes down the hall and in between them. She has known both of them for years and senses something is wrong.]

GINA

Hey Guys. What's up?

[Ted walks away without saying a word.]

GINA

What's going on?

JOE

Nothing much. Let's go, don't want to be late for Corsino's big test.

Scene 2

[Ted is busy at his locker and doesn't notice Jill coming towards him.]

JILL

Where were you!

TED

I can explain.

JILL

Do you have any idea how freakin' cold it is outside!?

TED

Jill, will you chill out.

[She gives him a look.]

I didn't mean it that way. Look my car wouldn't start so I had to take the city bus. Your cell must have been off.

JILL

I never turn my cell off.

[She takes it out of her pocket. It's off.] Well almost never. Sorry I flipped out on you.

TED

No problem.

JILL

What do you want to do tonight?

TED

I got to meet JJ for something.

JILL

What?

TED

Can't say.

JILL

Can I come with you?

TED

Sorry, "Boys' Night" only.

JILL

It's Friday night!

TED

I know. I'll make it up to you. How about we go out to dinner next Friday?

JILL

Seafood?

TED

Your choice.

JILL

I choose lobster.

TED

I was thinking more like fish and chips.

[They walk away to their next class discussing their dinner options.]

Scene 3

[Gina and Joe are sitting in the cafe having a heated argument.]

GINA

What is going on with you and Ted?

JOE

It's not me. It's Ted and you know it.

GINA

What did he do?

JOE

I don't want to talk about it.

GINA

Why not? It's bothering you isn't it? My shrink says you shouldn't hold your emotions in.

JOE

Your shrink, huh?

GINA

Yeah. What of it?

JOE

Nothing. Just leave it alone.

GINA

So, you're going to be pissed off.

JOE

Maybe.

GINA

You're acting like a three-year-old!

JOE

Will you keep it down?