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FADE IN:

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

STACY and CHRIS sit next to each other across from BOOM and LIZ at the cafeteria. They all have tray of food. ERIC sits next to them without a tray. The couples are making out.

ERIC (V.O.)

Now that Stacy and Chris, Liz and Boom had been dating for a week or so, I began to grow accustomed to their couples' corner and other habits of theirs. For example, I didn't have to pay for lunch anymore.

The couples, who are deep in lip-lock, aren't paying attention to their food. Hastily, Eric shoves a hand-full of Chris' french fries into his mouth, takes a sip of Stacy's juice, and takes Liz's chocolate chip cookie, shoving it into his mouth.

Both couples stop kissing and concentrate on their food. Liz notices her missing cookie.

LIZ

I thought I bought a cookie...

ERIC

(mouth full)

...No you didn't.

Eric takes a big gulp, and swallows the cookie, and then chokes briefly.

ERIC (V.O.)

If there was one disadvantage to the whole couples thing, it's that since they were in a happy relationship, they felt they were responsible for dealing advice to anyone who would listen...or in other words, me.

CHRIS

You know, Eric, you need to get yourself a girlfriend.

BOOM

Definently.

ERIC

Come on guys, please, save me the lecture.

STACY

What lecture? Listen, since Chris and I started dating, we both started smiling more...and we're nicer to other people...and we're just better people. No offense, but you could use someone to help make you a better person.

ERIC (V.O.)

Great, the girl I have a crush on thinks I need improvement.

ERIC

Yeah...that's great for my self-esteem.

LIZ

A girlfriend would help your self-esteem, too.

ERIC

Why are you all saying that I need a girlfriend? Come on, what if I were gay.

The cafeteria comes to a screeching halt as everyone stares at Eric after his remark.

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 01"

ERIC (V.O.)

It's times like this that I need a remote to control my life.

FANTASY SEQUENCE

Eric gets up and pulls a remote control out of his pocket.

ERIC

Excuse me.

He presses "Rewind" and watches the conversation rewind a little. He presses play.

LIZ
A girlfriend would help your
self-esteem, too.

ERIC
Stop telling me that (I need a
girlfriend...)-

Eric presses "MUTE" and he cannot be heard anymore. After Eric finishes his sentence, he un-mutes himself and puts the remote away.

ERIC
That's better.

END FANTASY SEQUENCE

ERIC (V.O.)
Yeah...life doesn't work that way.

ERIC
(to cafeteria)
I'm not gay.

Everyone stops staring at Eric and many are whispering to each other.

BOOM
Yeah...that's ass.

ERIC
Today's going to be a bad day.

STACY
Why are you saying that?

CHRIS
Trust me, by next period half the
school is going to think he's gay.

ERIC
Thanks, Chris.

Eric leaves.

INT. MS. EVANS' CLASSROOM - DAY

Eric takes his usual seat in the back of MS. EVANS' classroom. Shortly after, DOM enters the room and takes his usual seat next to Eric. Others enter and take seats in the classroom.

ERIC

Yo, Dom, if you've heard anything about me it's not true.

DOM

What's not true?

ERIC

You haven't heard anything about me?

DOM

...No...why? Should I have heard?

ERIC

No, no, it's all good.

ERIC (V.O.)

Maybe today's not going to be a bad day after all.

Ms. Evans enters the classroom and all the students take their seats.

MS. EVANS

Okay class, I want to get right into things today. We left off on page 56, Eric, could you read aloud for us?

Eric sighs and takes out his book, along with the rest of the class. He flips to the correct page.

ERIC

From where?

MS. EVANS

Third paragraph from the bottom.

ERIC

(reading)

"The water that remained trapped in my eyes simply enhanced the strong beams of the sun. I squinted and began to rub my eyes frantically in hopes of draining the water. Then, as I gazed at the shore, I saw Matt, shirt off, standing the edge of the dock."

Eric hesitates, and swallows nervously.

ERIC (V.O.)
Oh, shit.

ERIC (cont'd)
(reading)
"His wet chest shimmered in the sun and I couldn't help but stare."

A few students giggle. Eric hesitates again.

ERIC (cont'd)
(reading)
"I began to imagine Matt working out, as it was the only way he could have achieved a chest so chiseled."

A few more students giggle.

MS. EVANS
Class, quiet down please. Eric, you may continue.

ERIC
Mrs. Evans, can I stop reading now?

MS. EVANS
You can stop reading, you have the ability to, but you may not stop reading.

ERIC (V.O.)
Bitch.

Eric looks back down to the book with a doomed expression on his face.

ERIC
"Suddenly, a strange feeling overcame me from below."

Much of the class bursts out in laughter.

ERIC
Shut the fuck up!

The class quiets down as Ms. Evans stares angrily at Eric.

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 02"

INT. MS. EVANS' CLASSROOM - NEXT

The class has cleared out of the classroom except for Ms. Evans and Eric, both of whom are seated across from one another at Ms. Evans' desk.

ERIC

I'm very sorry about earlier, Ms. Evans. Its just that some people have been spreading this rumor that I'm gay (and it was...)--

MS. EVANS

--Listen Eric, high school's a tough time for kids, I understand that. But you have to realize that you need to be able to control the way you react.

ERIC

I know...it's just difficult sometimes.

MS. EVANS

And what you do outside of school should only matter to you.

ERIC

I'm not gay.

MS. EVANS

Okay, Eric.

ERIC

No, really, I'm more attracted to you than any man I know.

Ms. Evans looks shocked by Eric's statement.

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 03"

ERIC (V.O.)

Where's that remote when I need it?

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Eric, Boom, and Dom are walking through the hallway.

BOOM

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait...you said that you think Mrs. Evans is hot? To her face?

ERIC

(sarcastic)

Yeah, I told her that I wanted to bone her.

DR. WHITE, man in his 40s and high school principal, walks by as Eric says this.

DR. WHITE

Do you always talk that way Eric?

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 04"

Dr. White passes the boys.

ERIC

Oh, crap.

DOM

Nice man, right in front of the principal.

ERIC

Boom, didn't I say today was going to be one fucking bad day?

BOOM

You did say today was going to be a bad day.

ERIC

(frustrated)

Dammit!

The boys walk by Chris and Stacy who are entering a classroom.

STACY

Hey guys, what's up?

ERIC

Nothing, nothing's up!

Eric, Boom, and Dom exit.

STACY

Something's up.

CHRIS

We'll find out later, come on.

Stacy and Chris enter the classroom.

INT. MRS. GARCIA'S CLASSROOM - DAY

MRS. GARCIA, a large Spanish woman in her 50s, stands at the front of the classroom speaking in Spanish.

ERIC (V.O.)

Mrs. Garcia is the school's Spanish teacher. She looks like one of those Spanish soap opera stars, and when she got upset, her Spanish rants were unintentionally funny. Unfortunately, she's also a *very* religious Christian, which didn't mix very well with the sexually active hotbed of high school.

Near the back of the classroom, Stacy and Chris are whispering to one another and quickly kiss one another, which Mrs. Garcia notices.

Mrs. Garcia screams and begins to rant in Spanish. Some of the class holds down giggles. After some time, realizing Stacy and Chris do not understand her, she takes a deep breathe and stops yelling.

MRS. GARCIA

Chris. Stacy. Go down to Mr. White's office right now.

INT. DR. WHITE'S OFFICE - DAY

Chris and Stacy sit on the bench outside of Dr. White's office, not speaking. Dr. White exits and sees them waiting.

DR. WHITE

What are you two doing here?

CHRIS

We kissed during Spanish class.

DR. WHITE

Garcia?

Stacy and Chris nod. Mr. White checks his watch.

DR. WHITE
Get out of here.

Chris and Stacy leave.

EXT. SCHOOL COURTYARD - DAY

Boom, Liz, Dom, and Eric sit in the school courtyard, waiting. Stacy and Chris approach.

DOM
Fuckin' finally.

STACY
Sorry, Mrs. Garcia sent us to Dr.
White. Long story.

BOOM
Really? Tell it.

STACY
No, it's nothing.

CHRIS
We were kissing in class and she
freaked.

ERIC
Spanish soap opera lady freaked?

STACY
No.

CHRIS
Yeah.

Stacy turns to Chris upset.

STACY
Do you have to tell them
everything?

CHRIS
Does it matter?

STACY
Maybe it matters to me.

CHRIS
Let's not argue about this now.
Can we just leave, all ready?

STACY
We have to wait, I invited Amy.

Eric leans towards Boom.

ERIC
(whispers to Boom)
Who?

Boom shrugs.

STACY
She's on her way.

ERIC
Umm...do you know where she is?

STACY
Right there.

Stacy points towards a few girls who walk in the group's direction. Eric is unsure of who, specifically, is Amy.

ERIC (V.O.)
It's times like these that the
world would be a better place if I
made the rules.

FANTASY SEQUENCE

Everyone walks around with televisions, computers, or electric signs displaying their name. Eric sees that one of the girls' TV is displaying Amy. He leans over to Boom, who has a television in his arms displaying the name "Boom".

ERIC
(pointing at Amy)
That one.

BOOM
Ah, okay.

Eric reaches into his pocket and pulls out a remote.

ERIC
(to Boom)
Face me.

Eric clicks the remote and turns on "Boston Legal".

BOOM
Aw, not this legal ass.

ERIC
Shutup, Shatner makes me laugh.

END FANTASY SEQUENCE

ERIC (V.O.)
Of course, electric bills would
skyrocket.

The girls all walk past, revealing a very cute freshman
girl, AMY ADAMS.

AMY
Hey, Stacy!

STACY
Hey, Amy!

Amy and Stacy hug. Boom, Dom, and Eric stare at Amy. Liz
pops her head in between them.

LIZ
(to Boom, Dom, and
Eric)
Don't worry, if you two ask
nicely, I'm sure she'd blow you.

BOOM
That was mean...and strangely
attractive.

Boom kisses Liz, Eric looks at Boom awkwardly.

ERIC (V.O.)
Stop that, refocus.

Eric goes back to ogling Amy.

ERIC (V.O.)
Man, she is so pretty...I could
just look at her for hours.
She...-

Amy and Stacy notice Eric staring their way.

ERIC (V.O.)
-sees you staring. Stop that.

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 05"

Amy and Stacy approach the group of Boom, Dom, Liz, and
Eric.

STACY

Amy, this is Boom, Liz, and Eric.

AMY

Oh, Eric, I know I don't know you well but if you want, I have a bunch of gay friends I could introduce you to.

ERIC

Oh, thanks. That's nice of you. But I'm straight...straight as an arrow.

AMY

Oh...well, cool.

EXT. SUBURBAN STREETS - DAY

Boom, Dom, and Eric are walking home together.

DOM

You dig her.

ERIC

One, no I don't. Two, who the hell says "dig"?

DOM

One, yeah you do. Two, I say "dig", fuck off.

Boom and Eric laugh.

Pause.

BOOM

So do you?

ERIC

What? No! You should know better, I don't.

(pauses)

Maybe a bit.

DOM

(to Boom)

Told you he did.

BOOM

I knew it.

ERIC

Oh come on, don't lie, you like her a little too.

DOM

Well yeah, she was hot.

BOOM

Yeah she was, but I happen to have a girlfriend, unlike you two losers.

ERIC

Yeah, two losers that you're going to spend your weekend hanging out with.

BOOM

Shutup. Who's house?

ERIC

Mine.

BOOM

Okay, I'll see you guys tomorrow.

Boom turns towards his house.

ERIC

See you.

DOM

Bye.

Eric and Dom continue walking.

ERIC

Yo, so how do I convince people I'm not gay.

DOM

Simple: get a girlfriend.

ERIC (V.O.)

Everybody's telling me to get a damn girlfriend.

ERIC

Like it's that simple.

DOM

It's not that hard.

Pause.

ERIC
Name someone.

DOM
What?

ERIC
Name someone.

Pause.

DOM
Amy.

ERIC
(smiles)
Yeah...Amy...

DOM
That is, of course, if I don't
beat you to her.

ERIC
You're on.

INT. STACY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Stacy and Chris sit on opposite sides of the room.

STACY
What's point-slope form?

CHRIS
Uh...y minus y1 equals slope
parentheses x minus x1.

STACY
And slope-intercept?

CHRIS
 $y = mx + b$.

STACY
...Why didn't you come to Justin's
party when I asked you to?

Pause.

CHRIS
 $ax + by = c$?

STACY
That's not funny.

CHRIS
I thought it was.

STACY
Well, it's not. When I asked you
if you wanted to go to Justin's
party, you said you couldn't. Then
you show up with Eric and Boom.
Why'd you do that?

CHRIS
I don't know...I wasn't sure if I
wanted to go or not.

STACY
And what, you would rather be
there with the guys than be with
me?

Pause.

STACY
(surprised)
Would you?

INT. BOOM'S BEDROOM - DAY

Boom enters his bedroom and sets his backpack down on the floor. He lounges in his chair in front of the television and lets out a deep breath. His cell phone rings and Boom picks up.

BOOM
Hello?

INTERCUT:

INT. BOOM'S BEDROOM - DAY

INT. LIZ'S BEDROOM - DAY

Liz lies in bed with her cell phone to her ear.

LIZ
(cheery)
Hey.

Boom pulls the phone away from his ear and rolls his head back in frustration.

BOOM
Hey, what's up?

LIZ
Nothing really. I was just bored.
Thinking about you.

BOOM
Really?

LIZ
Yeah.

BOOM
Sounds like fun.

Liz chuckles.

LIZ
So what about you?

BOOM
Me?

LIZ
Yeah, what are you thinking about?

BOOM
Well...what I'm thinking...

Pause.

BOOM (cont'd)
Umm...I've got a lot of
homework...you know, Science is a
shit.

Liz, expecting a more romantic answer, is confused.

EXT. SUBURBAN STREETS - DAY

Eric and Dom continue down the street.

DOM
Dude?

ERIC
Yeah?

DOM
Were you serious?

ERIC
About what?

Dom, slightly embarrassed, pauses.

DOM
Amy.

ERIC
(chuckles)
What, as a girlfriend?

DOM
Yeah.

Eric pauses.

ERIC
I don't know...maybe.

DOM
She seemed nice.

ERIC
You guys didn't even talk.

DOM
Yeah we did.

ERIC
Did you even get introduced?

DOM
What? Yes!

FLASHBACK

EXT. SCHOOL COURTYARD - DAY

Amy and Stacy approach the group of Boom, Dom, Liz, and Eric.

STACY
Amy, this is Boom, Liz, and Eric.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. SUBURBAN STREETS - DAY

Dom and Eric are walking home.

DOM
...Okay, maybe not, but it doesn't
change the fact that she seemed
nice.

ERIC
So go for it.

DOM
You wouldn't mind?

ERIC
Why would I mind?

DOM
Sweet.

INT. STACY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Stacy is pacing while Chris stays seated at her desk.

STACY
I can't believe you.

CHRIS
Stacy, it's not that big of a
deal.

STACY
It is to me. We've been going out
for ten months now and you're
still not comfortable with me?

CHRIS
It's not that.

STACY
Then what is it?

Pause.

CHRIS
It's just...Eric, Boom, and I have
been doing everything together
since middle school...we just
decided to go together.

STACY
We're dating! You should be able
to decide that kind of thing with
me! You can't just ignore me for
Boom and Eric.

CHRIS
They're my friends. My good
friends. I'm not going to just
ditch them.

STACY
So are you going to ditch me?

CHRIS
No. Why are you saying that?

Stacy stops and buries her head in her hand.

STACY
Can you just get out, please?

CHRIS
What?

STACY
Leave me alone, please.

Chris pauses and stares at Stacy unsure of what to do. He finally picks up his backpack and exits Stacy's bedroom confused.

CHRIS (O.S.)
Now what?

STACY
Go away!

INTERCUT:

INT. BOOM'S BEDROOM - DAY

INT. LIZ'S BEDROOM - DAY

Liz and Boom are still on the phone.

LIZ
So I was wondering if you could
come over here Friday night. My
mom said it would be alright if we
hung out a little bit.

Boom hesitates, try to make an excuse.

BOOM

Uh...I think I got to do some homework Friday. Y'know, long weekend. I'd like to be able to have fun so I'm finishing the work early.

LIZ

Oh...well, we could just work together.

BOOM

As much as I want to, you know we wouldn't get much work done.

(chuckles)

Know what I mean?

LIZ

(chuckles)

Yeah, I get you...so how about Saturday?

BOOM

I already promised Eric I'd hang at his.

Liz is upset.

LIZ

I feel like we never see each other anymore!

BOOM

We just saw each other today in school but, sure, I guess on weekends and piss.

LIZ

(to herself, not on phone)

Piss?

(pauses)

So are we at least going to Jonesy's Sunday?

BOOM

Yeah, I think so. The guys and I were planning to.

LIZ

Yay! That's cool. So I'll see you then?

Boom is getting annoyed.

BOOM

You'll see me then but you'll see me tomorrow in school too.

LIZ

(laughs)

Yeah, that's right. Well, I'll see you later then.

BOOM

Yup.

LIZ

Love you.

BOOM

(abruptly)

You too, bye.

Boom hangs up. Liz is upset with Boom's brief goodbye.

LIZ

Asshole.

EXT. SUBURBAN STREETS - DAY

Eric and Dom continue down the street.

ERIC

I'm still kind of worried about this gay thing though.

DOM

Dude, will you chill? It's not that big of a deal.

ERIC

It isn't? I mean I want a girlfriend and I don't think this is going to make it any easier.

DOM

Is this about Amy? Because if you do have a thing for her, it's fine.

ERIC

No, no, it's not Amy. It's all girls, man.

DOM
Look dude, just don't worry about
it, and it'll all blow over
tomorrow.

ERIC (V.O.)
(sarcastically)
And like that, I knew everything
would be okay.

EXT. SCHOOL COURTYARD - DAY

Boom, Liz, Dom and Eric are walking across the school
courtyard with Liz clinging to Boom. TWO STUDENTS walk by
holding quizzes.

ERIC (V.O.)
At least it's a new day.

SUBTITLES READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 00"

STUDENT #1
I can't fucking believe it! Smith
gave me a C minus. So fucking gay.

STUDENT #2
Dude!

Student #2 nudges Student #1 to acknowledge he has just said
"gay" in front of Eric.

STUDENT #1
Oh, sorry, man.

BOOM
He's not gay, don't be sorry.

The two students walk away and Eric glares at Dom.

DOM
(hesitates)
I...got to go to class.

LIZ
Eric, don't worry about this shit.

ERIC
...Let's go.

Boom, Liz, and Eric continue to their class.

INT. SCHOOL BUILDING - DAY

Boom, Liz, and Eric enter the school. At the entrance of the school, a group of students are listening to a JOCK STUDENT tell a story.

JOCK STUDENT

So I just wanted to kick the guy's fucking ass. But the little fairy boy he is just tries to hop the fence and get away. The dumb fag gets his entire (shirt and jacket)--

The group of students notice Eric.

JOCK STUDENT

Oh, yo, sorry about that.

ERIC

I'm not gay, it's fine.

Eric, Liz, and Boom continue.

ERIC (V.O.)

Ever get that feeling like everyone is staring at you?

FANTASY SEQUENCE

As Boom, Liz, and Eric walk down the hallway, every student stares at Eric and they slowly close in on him. When Eric has just about no room he screams.

END FANTASY SEQUENCE

As Boom, Liz, and Eric arrive at their classroom, Eric screams. Some students stare at Eric.

BOOM

What the christ are you doing?

ERIC

Nothing.

LIZ

Come on, let's go in.

As the three try and enter the classroom, another high school student, FRANCISCO PEREZ, approaches Eric.

FRANCISCO

Eric?

ERIC

Oh, hey F-Co. What's up?

FRANCISCO

Not much. Yo, listen, um...some people were talking and...this is sort of awkward...

Francisco chuckles nervously, Eric stares at him blankly.

ERIC

What's sort of awkward.

FRANCISCO

Well...I was going through a tough time a couple months ago and I found this group thing over in Tenafly. I wanted to tell you that if you ever needed any help...they really helped me...when I came out of the closet.

Eric gets very upset after hearing this.

ERIC

(yelling)

Okay! That's it! I. Am. Not. Gay. How much clearer can I tell everybody?!? I said it once, I said it twice, I said it so many fucking times but no one will listen! I am not now or have I ever been or ever will be gay! In terms of human anatomy it doesn't even make sense! And until I see guys walking around pregnant, and girls making other girls pregnant, my opinion stands! And fine! If you like the thought of humping some guy instead of a nice, sexy woman, that's you, but it's not me! Goddammit!

SUBTITLES BEGIN AS "MISTAKES TODAY: 00" BUT RAPIDLY CHANGES

TO READ "MISTAKES TODAY: 8417"

Eric looks around and as he begins to calm down, notices that everyone near him is staring.

ERIC (V.O.)

When you open your mouth bad things happen.

Pause.

BOOM

Not that there's anything
wrong...with being gay.

The crowd begins to disperse as Boom and Liz start to pull
Eric towards the classroom.

ERIC

I really need a girlfriend...like
right now.

LIZ

I think you need a boyfriend.

The End