

The Plan  
Episode 1

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EXT. PARK - DAY

JOHN (18) and BARRY (18) walk down a path in a busy park.

BARRY  
What about her? She's fit?

John shakes his head.

BARRY (CONT'D)  
Her?

JOHN  
Hmm na. Too tall.

BARRY  
Okay, now *she* is hot! I would tap  
her any day of the week.

JOHN  
She's with her dad!

BARRY  
(interrupting)  
Ummm, not her dad.

Pause.

JOHN  
Ewww man, what the fuck!

BARRY  
That's sick! Rank!

BARRY (CONT'D)  
Her over there by the tree?

JOHN  
I told you before, I like blondes!

BARRY  
So fussy. I made out with a chick  
that didn't have *any* hair one time!  
And she had three kids. So I don't  
know what you're complaining about.

JOHN  
You're sick. Let's just go home, I  
don't want to talk to -

Barry pushes John into a passing girl. The frame freezes on  
John's shocked face.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY - FLASHBACK

John and Barry sit opposite each other at the table.

JOHN

I get scared. I'm not gonna talk to some random girl!

BARRY

That's the fear of rejection. You gotta get over it.

JOHN

But -

BARRY

No buts. At school. In the mall. In the street. At maccas. Everywhere there are girls. So many girls. Who cares if one girl doesn't like you, when there are heaps others just around the corner!

John sighs.

BARRY (CONT'D)

You are going to get rejected. And it's gonna be funny!

EXT. PARK - DAY

John falls into the passing girl. She yells at him.

JOHN

Sorry, sorry, didn't mean to.

Barry laughs.

JOHN (CONT'D)

That's not cool!

BARRY

How do you feel?

JOHN

Shit.

BARRY

Good. Get over it. See that girl sitting by herself?

Barry points to a girl who sits on a bench.

JOHN

Yeah.

BARRY  
Go talk to her.

JOHN  
What do I say?

BARRY  
You can start off by saying  
anything you want mate.

JOHN  
I don't know. She looks like  
Manchester scum.

BARRY  
Who gives a shit. They are damn  
good in bed! Now go!

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY - FLASHBACK

BARRY  
The neg. Short for "negative  
compliment". A neg is supposed to  
undermine her self esteem, while at  
the same time giving her a  
compliment. It's a form of teasing.  
Example, "Are those nails real?  
They aren't? Well they look nice  
anyway." Got it?

JOHN  
Yeah I think so.

BARRY  
Give me an example then.

JOHN  
Ummm, "You're fat but still hot"?

Barry flicks a rubber band at John.

BARRY  
Wrong! Too much of an insult.

JOHN  
"You either eat way too much KFC or  
are 6 months pregnant?"

Barry flicks another rubber band at him. John flinches.

BARRY  
Wrong! What's this thing against  
fat chicks?

JOHN  
When I see a fat girl I just go  
"ewww". It shows that they don't  
have self control.

Barry picks up a large handful of rubber bands and throws it  
at John.

BARRY  
She could have been working out for  
weeks to look like that!

EXT. PARK - DAY

John walks towards the girl who sits on a bench reading a  
book. He stops and turns to Barry. Barry gives the thumbs up  
and motions for him to continue. John takes a deep breath and  
sits down next to the girl.

JOHN  
What you reading there?

JASMINE (17) turns to John.

JASMINE  
Just some poetry.

JOHN  
I love poetry!

JASMINE  
I hate it.

Awkward pause.

JOHN  
Why?

JASMINE  
Load of wankers using big words to  
describe small things. I'm just  
reading it for school.

JOHN  
Oh. Yeah, well it's not that good!  
We are doing Hamlet at school.

JASMINE  
Shakespeare. What a dickhead.

JOHN  
Ummm, yeah... Anyway wanna go out  
sometime? We can have a candlelight  
dinner. Hey hey?!

JASMINE  
I'm allergic to wax...

JOHN  
Or just turn on a torch or two!  
Whatever, I'm cool! You can wear a  
low cut dress... we can go to my  
house... watch The Notebook, you  
know what I'm sayin'?!

John winks at her.

JASMINE  
(dramatically)  
Oh my Romeo!

John slides closer to Jasmine

JOHN  
Yes my Juliet!

JASMINE  
"Get thee to a nunnery!"

JOHN  
Huh?

JASMINE  
Fuck off!

EXT. STREET - DAY

John and Barry walk down the street.

JOHN  
I didn't have time to neg! I  
opened. We talked about poetry. She  
laughed a little bit. Then said  
some random Hamlet line. She hated  
me. She looked like right scum  
anyway. Definitely from Manchester.

BARRY

Your problem is you didn't show any value mate. She doesn't know you are awesome by you babbling on about what we gotta do for English. When's they essay due by the way?

JOHN

Monday. I just copied and pasted from the net. Mrs Birch is a deadshit, she won't know.

BARRY

Good idea. Anyway you gotta tell her that you are awesome. In a subtle way. Through a story.

JOHN

I don't have any cool stories...

BARRY

Make them up. Fake it till you make it. She has to know that you have lots of friends and that girls like you. Show her how really cool you are.

JOHN

Right. Gotcha. Wanna catch a movie tomorrow?

BARRY

Na, got a date with Sarah.

Barry and John walk off down the street. The camera stays still, as they get further and further away.

JOHN

What, Slutty Sarah?

BARRY

Yep, Slutty Sarah.

JOHN

The one that banged Mr Jones?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that rooted Anthony?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that screwed Danny?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that fucked Phil?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that had sexual intercourse  
with David?

BARRY

What?! When!

JOHN

I'm kidding!

(underbreath)

Probably one of the only guys she  
hasn't been with.

FADE OUT.