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English 2 Monologue

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Mindset

Hey, man so what's up?

I'm fine, so who are you taking to the prom?

Mark, are you serious? You better hurry up. It's in like two weeks and you don't want to remember the most important day of your life as a day you spent alone.

Oh, come on there are plenty of girls that are willing to go with you. Plus you'll be in a tux which will make you look ten times better. How about Sarah? I know you two are pretty close.

So what if she's not interesting. This is prom. You're not going there to have a two-hour conversation with her.

What do you mean? Mark, you are over thinking this. Of course, you will enjoy the day with her. I mean look at her, she's pretty. Kinda.

Yo, don't worry, once she gets that dress on and all that make up and gets her hair done you won't even recognize her. She'll look like a model and you'll think to yourself, *thank you so much, Nick, I owe you for this one.*

(Mark laughs)

Hey laugh all you want but in the end, you know it's true.

Wow, how is that misogynistic? If not by physical attractiveness, then what are relationships based off of? The only reason guys go out with girls is because they like how she looks and the same goes for women.

Oh please. A good personality what you tell your girl just to make her feel better about herself. All girls have this image of this perfect boyfriend which cares for them and compliments them and is the most handsome man on the entire planet which is entirely unrealistic. Now, no guy cares about any of that stuff but some of the smarter guys were able to figure that this is what girls want and are able to use it to get what they want. You just have to be one of those smarter guys.

What? I have never met a guy who genuinely does those things just because just wants to.

Carl doesn't count. Him and Stassi are basically a married couple already.

Man, stop attacking me. I'm trying to help you out. I've been in more relationships than you thought I could give you some advice from what I've learned over the years.

Just because they didn't last very long doesn't mean they didn't count.

How does one week not count as a relationship? It was official so I think it counts.

No, I didn't care much about them but what that have to do with anything?

Jealous? Me, jealous? I could care less about Carl and Stassi. So what if they have been together for a year and a half. That doesn't mean anything. They'll just break up like everyone else.

Ok, Ok. If you'll stop bothering me about this I'll admit it. I'm a little jealous. It's just that I had never been in a relationship where I actually liked the person, not based off of how they looked. It's just how I assumed relationships worked.

Yeah, no one would have guessed it. Now you know.

No, it's not that they didn't want to get close with me emotionally, it's that I didn't want to open up to them. I just wasn't comfortable talking to any of them about personal things.

Well, I dated them because they were attractive. But I see what you're getting at. When I am dating someone I should be able to trust them and be able to talk to them and whenever I needed help, it should be someone I can go to. I guess it's sometimes more than physical appearance.

Yeah, that does sound nice to have someone to rely on. But I don't want to be in that position where I am vulnerable. Where if they wanted to, they could get the best of me. They could eat me up from the inside and that is worse than anything else.

Trust? How anyone put that much trust into someone?

Well that is one big risk... but you know... it may just be worth it. I've been blind my entire life and I couldn't even see what was right in front of me. Opportunities that I had simply thrown away, a game which was no longer amusing to me and worst of all a memory of mistakes I had made.

Thanks man, I never would have thought but this really had helped me. Forget everything I said about Sarah. You do you. Seems like now you're the one that knows more. I'll never forget this.

