

32. The Dance

Topic: Two platonic friends discuss dates for a school dance.

Cast:

BOB: regular guy, a little clueless, not really getting the vibes Mary is sending

MARY: secretly likes Bob, trying to figure out how to let him know

- 1 *(Scene opens with both Center Stage.)*
- 2 BOB: Hey, Mary, you're not going to the dance Friday night,
- 3 are you?
- 4 MARY: *(Sarcastically)* I'm fine, Bob, how are you?
- 5 BOB: I mean it, man. I'm trying to find out who's going
- 6 Friday.
- 7 MARIA: Why?
- 8 BOB: Because I heard Donny Fondo is going with Susan
- 9 Miller and I need to know if it's true before I ask you.
- 10 MARY: What are you talking about?
- 11 BOB: I was going to ask Susan, but I heard she's already
- 12 going with Donny. If she is, I can't go by myself, so I was
- 13 going to ask you.
- 14 MARY: *(Offended and slightly sarcastic)* You were going to ask
- 15 me to go to the dance with you, but only after you were
- 16 sure the person you really wanted to go with was already
- 17 taken?
- 18 BOB: Right. Exactly.
- 19 MARY: *(Angry)* You're an idiot, Bob. I wouldn't go with you
- 20 if you were the last guy on earth.
- 21 BOB: What? Why?
- 22 MARY: *(Just to be mean)* And I heard that Susan Miller is
- 23 madly in love with Donny Fondo and wouldn't go out
- 24 with you in a million years.
- 25 BOB: Where did you hear that?

- 1 MARY: Honestly, Bob, you used to be a nice guy. What
- 2 happened?
- 3 BOB: I was never a nice guy, but that's not the point. Is it
- 4 true about Susan and Donny?
- 5 MARY: *(Exasperated)* Oh, I don't know! I just made that up
- 6 to make you mad.
- 7 BOB: *(Really clueless)* Why would you want to make me
- 8 mad? Are you having a bad day or something?
- 9 MARY: No, Bob, I'm not having a bad day. It's just that,
- 10 well, I *just* found out that this guy I really like likes
- 11 someone else.
- 12 BOB: No way.
- 13 MARY: Yeah, and he is going to ask me to the dance Friday
- 14 night as a backup because the girl he really likes is
- 15 going with someone else.
- 16 BOB: That's a really mean thing to do. You shouldn't go
- 17 with him.
- 18 MARY: *(She agrees, but he's utterly clueless.)* You're absolutely
- 19 right. Goodbye, Bob. *(She begins to exit.)*
- 20 BOB: *(He chases after her.)* Hey, Mary! What about Friday
- 21 night? Do you want to go to the dance?