

1 soup, you drink this juice and you get well right now,
2 (*She gathers her things to go.*) I will see you promptly at
3 five thirty tomorrow night. Be a man. (*She gives him a*
4 kiss on the forehead.) Suck it up!! (*She turns to leave.*) I
5 love you.
6 MICAH: (*Sniffing, coughing, whining*) I don't feeceel good.

One Seventeenth

Cast: Sarah, Brett

Setting: School hallway

1 SARAH: Why are we constantly fighting?
2 BRETT: It's like we are constantly at war.
3 SARAH: Well, sometimes I do feel like killing you.
4 BRETT: You're funny. You should consider stand-up
5 comedy.
6 SARAH: Comedy is only one of my many talents. Patience is
7 one as well.
8 BRETT: Is it?
9 SARAH: Yes. I need patience in order to tolerate you.
10 BRETT: Well, you're not exactly a walk in the park.
11 SARAH: Goodness, you're clever. "A walk in the park." Did
12 you make that up yourself? How do you live with such
13 cleverness?
14 BRETT: Shut up.
15 SARAH: Shut up! Shut up? I am cut deeply by your witty
16 remarks.
17 BRETT: Could you just shut up? I'm begging you.
18 SARAH: Men should beg, always.
19 BRETT: Enough, please.
20 SARAH: He said "please." How sweet.
21 BRETT: Sarah, I'm done now.
22 SARAH: Are you?
23 BRETT: Yes.
24 SARAH: I'm not.
25 BRETT: Well, I am.
26 SARAH: Not the first time.
27 BRETT: OK, Sarah.
28 SARAH: You always seem to want to end things, don't you?
29 BRETT: And you always don't seem to know when things

1 have ended.

2 **SARAH:** Sometimes it isn't clear.

3 **BRETT:** That might be because you aren't paying attention.

4 **SARAH:** Not paying attention? I?

5 **BRETT:** You. You weren't watching the signs.

6 **SARAH:** Watching the signs. Interesting. So, I missed

7 "signs"?

8 **BRETT:** I put up signs.

9 **SARAH:** Here's a thought. How about simply saying what

10 you mean?

11 **BRETT:** I didn't want to hurt you.

12 **SARAH:** Didn't want to hurt me? So, you think that avoiding

13 me, avoiding any kind of confrontation would be best?

14 **BRETT:** It seemed like a good idea at the time.

15 **SARAH:** Coward.

16 **BRETT:** Coward? Because I wanted to avoid your temper?

17 Your innate ability to flip out at the least provocation?

18 Your insane techniques for making a scene out of the

19 smallest moments?

20 **SARAH:** I most certainly do not!

21 **BRETT:** You do! All I wanted was to have a little freedom ...

22 **SARAH:** Translation – See other people ...

23 **BRETT:** Fine, see other people ...

24 **SARAH:** Without telling me ...

25 **BRETT:** OK, without telling you ...

26 **SARAH:** In some circles that would be called "cheating" ...

27 **BRETT:** I didn't want to hurt you ...

28 **SARAH:** Oh, how very considerate ...

29 **BRETT:** I had your best intentions at heart.

30 **SARAH:** And you call me funny.

31 **BRETT:** I knew you wouldn't understand.

32 **SARAH:** What I don't understand is why I gave you a year of

33 my life. I'm only seventeen. I have given you one

34 seventeenth of my life! I was a fool!

35 **BRETT:** Do me a favor. Just don't flip out again, OK?

1 **SARAH:** I won't. And you do me a favor. Stay away from me.

2 I don't want to see you around here.

3 **BRETT:** Here? You mean at school? We both go here.

4 **SARAH:** You stay on your end of the school, I will stay on

5 mine.

6 **BRETT:** But we have the same classes.

7 **SARAH:** I am over fighting with you. Over. Get it? Just watch

8 your step, buddy. *(She walks away.)*

9 **BRETT:** Crazy girl.

10 **SARAH:** And don't mutter under your breath ... loser.