

1 climb on top. What I am saying is that you're a man,
2 and she's a woman. Take it from there.
3 SAM: I'm a man and she's a woman. I never thought of it
4 that way. That makes it a little clearer, doesn't it?
5 RICK: All you have to remember is that you're the man.
6 You're the one in charge. Assert yourself. Let her know
7 that you're in command of affairs at hand.
8 SAM: Affairs at hand? You didn't say anything about an
9 affair being at hand. Oh, gosh, I think I'm going to be
10 sick.
11 RICK: Sam, Samster, pal. Just remember, she's probably as
12 nervous as you, maybe more so. After all, she's the one
13 who wanted to meet you. This was her idea.
14 SAM: It was?
15 RICK: Yeah. She's really interested. *(Taking him by the*
16 *shoulders)* Now, stand proud. Be a man. Pull yourself
17 together, and let's go out and divide and conquer.
18 SAM: Divide and conquer. Real men. I'm in charge. I am the
19 man.
20 RICK: Good! Now you've got it. Onward to face the enemy.
21 SAM: Onward! *(He stops.)* Just a minute.
22 RICK: What now?
23 SAM: I've got to throw up. Wait here.

The Fight

Cast: Josh, Rick, Matt

Setting: Outside, perhaps in an empty parking lot

1 JOSH: *(Pacing nervously, he looks around, clearly waiting for*
2 *someone to come.)* Where is he? Darn it. *(Finally, he sees*
3 *someone approaching.)* Awesome! Rick! Over here!
4 RICK: You're an idiot.
5 JOSH: Yeah, I know. Thanks for coming.
6 RICK: One of these days I'm not going to be able to make it
7 to save your butt, then what are you going to do?
8 JOSH: It'll never happen. You're my best friend. It's your
9 obligation. You know I'd do the same for you.
10 RICK: Yeah, that'll happen. I can fight my own battles.
11 JOSH: But, if you ever need backup, I'm there. You can
12 count on it.
13 RICK: Yeah, great. So, where is this guy?
14 JOSH: He said he'd be here tonight at eleven o'clock. It's ten
15 after. Maybe he's not coming.
16 RICK: Shauna's waiting for me to come over to take her to
17 Tom's party. You've got five more minutes for this guy
18 to show up, then we're out of here.
19 JOSH: No problem. I came. My pride is intact.
20 RICK: How do you get yourself into these messes?
21 JOSH: I didn't know the girl had a boyfriend.
22 RICK: You will hit on anything that doesn't move, won't
23 you?
24 JOSH: I like women. *(He hears something.)* Look over there.
25 Yeah, that's him.
26 RICK: OK, lets make this fast. *(He looks.)*
27 MATT: *(Walking right over to JOSH)* Punk.
28 JOSH: Loser.
29 RICK: Matt?

1 MATT: *(Turning and seeing RICK)* Rick?
 2 RICK: *(Surprised to see it's MATT)* Hey, buddy!
 3 MATT: Hey! Howya doing?
 4 RICK: Great. Great. Saw you at the last game. Excellent
 5 pass.
 6 MATT: Thanks. Yeah, the team did great this year. How's
 7 wrestling so far?
 8 RICK: Doing good.
 9 MATT: I saw that write up in the paper about you.
 10 Impressive. Undefeated this year, huh?
 11 RICK: Yeah, yeah. Kinda cool. You got Mrs. Margraff for
 12 Chem?
 13 MATT: First period. Tough!
 14 RICK: She's no easier fifth period.
 15 MATT: You going to Tom's party tonight?
 16 RICK: Yeah, after this.
 17 JOSH: Hello!
 18 MATT: Oh ... you're here with him?
 19 RICK: So, you're the guy that wants to fight Josh?
 20 MATT: Yeah. Little punk hit on my girl.
 21 RICK: Yeah, he does that a lot. He doesn't mean anything by
 22 it.
 23 MATT: How do you know him?
 24 RICK: Our families have been friends forever. He's like my
 25 little brother.
 26 MATT: That's a shame. I'm gonna have to pound him.
 27 RICK: Hmmm. Well, I'm afraid I can't let you do that.
 28 MATT: What? He hit on Paige. You know we've been going
 29 out since May. She's my girl.
 30 JOSH: What? Did you put your mark on her?
 31 RICK: Shutting up about now would be good, Josh.
 32 JOSH: Sorry ...
 33 RICK: Josh, did you not know that she had a boyfriend?
 34 JOSH: I told you, I didn't. She didn't act like she did.
 35 MATT: What did she do?

1 JOSH: She flirted with me. She smiled.
 2 MATT: So you kiss her?
 3 JOSH: No! *(RICK gives him a look.)* OK, maybe. But she
 4 didn't kiss back, so I backed off. That was it.
 5 MATT: Time to throw down.
 6 RICK: Matt, I don't think so.
 7 MATT: This isn't your business, Rick.
 8 RICK: I'm making it my business. You and I are friends
 9 from school, but Josh is like family. You're going to
 10 have to go through me to get to him. That's just the way
 11 it is.
 12 MATT: I'm not here to fight you.
 13 RICK: I don't want to fight, either. Shauna is waiting for me
 14 to take her to Tom's party. Josh is an idiot, but he's
 15 harmless.
 16 JOSH: That's true ... wait a minute ...
 17 RICK: He hit on your girl, she didn't respond, he backed off,
 18 end of story. Now, if you want to make more of this, we
 19 can. But, I repeat: You will have to go through me to get
 20 to him, and I think we both know how that will end up.
 21 MATT: *(He evaluates the situation.)* Whatever, dude. You
 22 know I respect you, so it ends. *(To JOSH)* For now. But
 23 you better stay away from Paige.
 24 JOSH: No problem.
 25 MATT: And maybe you better investigate a situation before
 26 you start putting your lips on a girl you don't know.
 27 RICK: I've been telling him that since he hit puberty.
 28 JOSH: I can't help myself.
 29 MATT: Well, you better learn. Because next time, maybe the
 30 guy won't respect your backup guy.
 31 RICK: *(Holding out his hand)* Thanks, Matt.
 32 MATT: *(Shaking his hand)* Not a problem. *(To JOSH)* See you
 33 around, punk. *(Exits.)*
 34 RICK: *(Smacking JOSH on the head)* Idiot.
 35 JOSH: I know. So, we going to Tom's party?

- 1 **RICK:** Can you keep yourself focused on just girls you
- 2 know?
- 3 **JOSH:** I'll do my best.
- 4 **RICK:** Loser. Let's go.
- 5 **JOSH:** Hey, Rick. Thanks.
- 6 **RICK:** Yeah, yeah. *(They exit.)*

Heather

Cast: Alex, Dylan

Setting: The school hallway

- 1 **ALEX:** Dylan ... Hey, Dylan, wait up.
- 2 **DYLAN:** I've got to get to class.
- 3 **ALEX:** Yeah, I know. I'm in the same class as you.
- 4 **DYLAN:** Uh ... I have to stop by my locker. I might be late to
- 5 class.
- 6 **ALEX:** OK. If we're both a little late, maybe Mr. Garcia will
- 7 spread the anger and not focus it on just one of us.
- 8 **DYLAN:** Oh ... yeah. Well, to be honest, I might not even go
- 9 to class, so why don't you just head on over without me.
- 10 **ALEX:** What?
- 11 **DYLAN:** I mean I will probably go, but I might not, so don't
- 12 wait on me.
- 13 **ALEX:** What is your problem lately, buddy?
- 14 **DYLAN:** I don't know what you mean.
- 15 **ALEX:** Well, I call you up to go bowling and you're busy. I
- 16 call you up to go clubbing and you say you're grounded.
- 17 I call you to just hang out and you say you have
- 18 homework. What's the deal?
- 19 **DYLAN:** Nothing, Alex. I'm just busy lately.
- 20 **ALEX:** Too busy for your friends?
- 21 **DYLAN:** No.
- 22 **ALEX:** Oh. Just too busy for me?
- 23 **DYLAN:** Uh ... well ...
- 24 **ALEX:** What's the problem?
- 25 **DYLAN:** Nothing.
- 26 **ALEX:** Don't do your usual passive/aggressive thing with
- 27 me. We've known each other too long. Just say what's
- 28 on your mind.
- 29 **DYLAN:** It's nothing, honest.