Scenario

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INT: SUPERMARKET/BACK ROOM

A stockboy, MIKE, sweeps up a mess on the floor. Another stockboy, DAVID, enters carrying a small bag.

As David walks over to a pop machine he notices a GIRL sitting by herself in the breakroom.

David sticks some change in the machine and looks over at Mike.

Mike GESTURES towards the breakroom. "Go for it"

David just rolls his eyes, hits a button and grabs a can of pop.

INT: BREAKROOM

David walks into the breakroom. The girl has a can of pop and a small bag of chips in front of her.

DAVID

Hey, Carrie.

CARRIE

Hey.

David sits down in a bench on the other side of the breakroom. He pulls a sandwich out of the bag and stares at it....deep in thought.

CARRIE (O.C.)

Hey, David?

David looks over and Carrie is walking over to him. She sits down next to him.

CARRIE

I was wondering....um, if maybe you would like to go out sometime? You know, to a movie or something.

David is shocked.

DAVID

Uh...sure.

We hear a crumpling sound and David looks over...

Carrie is sitting in the same place she was when we first saw her, crumpling up the small bag of chips. She tosses her can of pop into the trash, gets up, throws the bag of chips away then walks out of the breakroom.

David turns his attention back to the sandwich and takes a bite.

Mike walks in and sits down across from David.

MIKE

Well?

DAVID

Well what?

MIKE

Did you talk to her?

DAVID

No.

MIKE

Why not?

DAVID

I don't think she's interested.

MIKE

How are you really gonna know until you talk to her?

DAVID

You can just tell.

Mike shakes his head.

MIKE

You want me to talk to her for you?

DAVID

I don't think that would be a good idea.

MIKE

Why?

INT: BREAKROOM

Carrie sits where she was before. Mike walks in and sits down next to her.

MIKE

Carrie...you like David, don't you?

CARRIE

Huh?

MIKE

I mean you think he's a nice guy, right?

CARRIE

Uh...yeah. Sure.

MIKE

Then would you go out on a date with him? Like to a movie, out to eat or maybe--

CARRIE

Why are you asking me this?

MIKE

...?

CARRIE

Why hasn't David talked to me about this?

MIKE

I was just--

CARRIE

Look, David is a nice guy and all but don't you think if I was interested in him there would be some obvious signs? Besides, I probably want a guy who's man enough to talk to me and not have some schmuck be his message boy.

Mike is stunned.

DAVID (O.C.)

I just don't think it would be a good idea.

We cut back to David and Mike. David takes another bite.

MIKE

What's the worst that could happen? What's wrong with one friend helping another?

DAVID

I wanna play it safe. Okay? What's wrong with being a little cautious?

MIKE

Cautious? Maybe you're being TOO safe.

David shrugs.

MIKE

Well then, if you don't want me to talk to her than I guess you're gonna have to do it eventually.

DAVID

Maybe.

MIKE

You might as well do it and get it over with so you'll stop stewing about it. You should've done it when you had the chance.

INT: BREAKROOM

Carrie sits where she was before.

DAVID (O.C.)

Hey, Carrie?

Carrie looks over and sees David walking over to her. He sits down next to her.

DAVID

I was wondering..., if maybe you would like to go out sometime? You know, to a movie or something.

CARRIE

Um...

We go through a series of cuts with different answers.

CARRIE

I'm sorry but no.

CARRIE

I'm kinda seeing someone right now.

CARRIE

You're not my type.

CARRIE

Actually I'm seeing two guys right now and I don't think I'd have time for a third. CARRIE

I just wanna be friends.

CARRIE

(she's trying not to laugh)

CARRIE

You're joking, right?

CARRIE

Nothing against you, I just don't think it would be a good idea.

Cut back to David and Mike. David finishes his sandwich.

DAVID

I don't think the time is right. I'll know when it's the right moment to talk to her.

MTKE

You know nothing.

DAVID

I'm serious. You have to be careful with this sort of thing. I know that I'm not gonna ask her out right now and I know that when I do I probably shouldn't have you do it for me.

MIKE

You seem to know a lot.

DAVID

Just like I knew you were gonna come in here and ask me if I talked to her.

MIKE (SARCASTIC)

I know, I'm so predictable.

DAVID (SMILING)

Well, at least you know.

MIKE

You know what I think?

DAVID

What?

MTKE

I think you think too much.

David sighs and nods.

DAVID

I know.

We hear a crumpling sound. David and Mike look over....

Carrie is sitting where she was the first time we saw her. Except now she is rolling up the bag of chips.

She tosses her can of pop into the trash, sticks what's left of the chips in her purse, gets up then walks out of the breakroom.

David turns his attention back to the sandwich and takes a bite.

Mike walks in and sits down across from David.

MIKE

Well?

FADE OUT: