

The Plan
Episode 1

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JOHN

I get scared. I'm not gonna talk to some random girl!

BARRY

That's the fear of rejection. You gotta get over it.

JOHN

But -

BARRY

No buts. At school. In the mall. In the street. At maccas. Everywhere there are girls. So many girls. Who cares if one girl doesn't like you, when there are heaps others just around the corner!

John sighs.

BARRY (CONT'D)

You are going to get rejected. And it's gonna be funny!

EXT. PARK - DAY

John falls into the passing girl. She yells at him.

JOHN

Sorry, sorry, didn't mean to.

Barry laughs.

JOHN (CONT'D)

That's not cool!

BARRY

How do you feel?

JOHN

Shit.

BARRY

Good. Get over it. See that girl sitting by herself?

Barry points to a girl who sits on a bench.

JOHN

Yeah.

BARRY
Go talk to her.

JOHN
What do I say?

BARRY
You can start off by saying
anything you want mate.

JOHN
I don't know. She looks like
Manchester scum.

BARRY
Who gives a shit. They are damn
good in bed! Now go!

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY - FLASHBACK

BARRY
The neg. Short for "negative
compliment". A neg is supposed to
undermine her self esteem, while at
the same time giving her a
compliment. It's a form of teasing.
Example, "Are those nails real?
They aren't? Well they look nice
anyway." Got it?

JOHN
Yeah I think so.

BARRY
Give me an example then.

JOHN
Ummm, "You're fat but still hot"?

Barry flicks a rubber band at John.

BARRY
Wrong! Too much of an insult.

JOHN
"You either eat way too much KFC or
are 6 months pregnant?"

Barry flicks another rubber band at him. John flinches.

BARRY

Wrong! What's this thing against fat chicks?

JOHN

When I see a fat girl I just go "ewww". It shows that they don't have self control.

Barry picks up a large handful of rubber bands and throws it at John.

BARRY

She could have been working out for weeks to look like that!

EXT. PARK - DAY

John walks towards the girl who sits on a bench reading a book. He stops and turns to Barry. Barry gives the thumbs up and motions for him to continue. John takes a deep breath and sits down next to the girl.

JOHN

What you reading there?

JASMINE (17) turns to John.

JASMINE

Just some poetry.

JOHN

I love poetry!

JASMINE

I hate it.

Awkward pause.

JOHN

Why?

JASMINE

Load of wankers using big words to describe small things. I'm just reading it for school.

JOHN

Oh. Yeah, well it's not that good! We are doing Hamlet at school.

JASMINE
Shakespeare. What a dickhead.

JOHN
Ummm, yeah... Anyway wanna go out
sometime? We can have a candlelight
dinner. Hey hey?!

JASMINE
I'm allergic to wax...

JOHN
Or just turn on a torch or two!
Whatever, I'm cool! You can wear a
low cut dress... we can go to my
house... watch The Notebook, you
know what I'm sayin'?!

John winks at her.

JASMINE
(dramatically)
Oh my Romeo!

John slides closer to Jasmine

JOHN
Yes my Juliet!

JASMINE
"Get thee to a nunnery!"

JOHN
Huh?

JASMINE
Fuck off!

EXT. STREET - DAY

John and Barry walk down the street.

JOHN
I didn't have time to neg! I
opened. We talked about poetry. She
laughed a little bit. Then said
some random Hamlet line. She hated
me. She looked like right scum
anyway. Definitely from Manchester.

BARRY

Your problem is you didn't show any value mate. She doesn't know you are awesome by you babbling on about what we gotta do for English. When's they essay due by the way?

JOHN

Monday. I just copied and pasted from the net. Mrs Birch is a deadshit, she won't know.

BARRY

Good idea. Anyway you gotta tell her that you are awesome. In a subtle way. Through a story.

JOHN

I don't have any cool stories...

BARRY

Make them up. Fake it till you make it. She has to know that you have lots of friends and that girls like you. Show her how really cool you are.

JOHN

Right. Gotcha. Wanna catch a movie tomorrow?

BARRY

Na, got a date with Sarah.

Barry and John walk off down the street. The camera stays still, as they get further and further away.

JOHN

What, Slutty Sarah?

BARRY

Yep, Slutty Sarah.

JOHN

The one that banged Mr Jones?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that rooted Anthony?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that screwed Danny?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that fucked Phil?

BARRY

Yep.

JOHN

The one that had sexual intercourse
with David?

BARRY

What?! When!

JOHN

I'm kidding!

(underbreath)

Probably one of the only guys she
hasn't been with.

FADE OUT.