

# PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

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Int. Kitchen-day

A young boy(11) named Kyle is standing on a stool making something. He is making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. He's making two of them. Kyle smiles and gets off the stool. He runs to the door.

VOICE(O.S.)

KYLE!!!

KYLE

Yeah ma!

MOTHER(O.S.)

Make sure you put your coat on.  
It's cold this morning.

KYLE

Yes ma'am.

Kyle opens the closet door and grabs his coat off the hangar. He puts it on and opens the door revealing the snow falling on the ground. Kyle runs outside.

EXT. HOUSE

Kyle runs to the door and knocks on it. No one answers. He knocks again. The door opens revealing a DAD. He looks like he came from the shower. He has a sleeveless shirt on and a towel wrapped around his neck.

DAD

Whatsup son?

KYLE

Hi. Is Ashanti here?

DAD

Yes why?

Kyle shows Dad the two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

KYLE

I made these for her. For us both  
to share.

DAD

Are those peanut butter and jelly  
sandwiches?

KYLE

Yes sir it is.

DAD

Come on in my man.

Dad opens the door more and Kyle walks in.

INT. BEDROOM

On the bedroom door is a poster of Earth, Wind and Fire. The door opens. Kyle walks in with the two sandwiches.

KYLE

Hey, Ashanti.

Ashanti turns around from looking at her bay window and she looks to be the same age as Kyle. She has down syndrome.

ASHANTI

It's nice of you to come by.

Kyle walks to the bed and sits next to her. He gives Ashanti one sandwich. He opens his bag and takes the sandwich out.

ASHANTI

This is so sweet of you. But, I'm allergic to peanut butter.

KYLE

Oh great. Then eat it then.

ASHANTI

Don't bother Kyle.

KYLE

What happens if you eat peanut butter?

ASHANTI

I swell up in the throat.

KYLE

I have an allergy too.

ASHANTI

Really?

KYLE

Yeah. I have a peanut allergy.

ASHANTI

At school, you eat snicker bars with peanuts in it. What's the difference?

KYLE

It has chocolate around it.

ASHANTI

Does the chocolate make the peanuts not affect your throat?

KYLE

No.

ASHANTI

You probably think you are. Can you eat walnuts, or pistachios?

KYLE

You give me that and I will vomit all over the place like I'm possessed by the devil himself. I never asked you this question? What do you want to be when you grow up?

ASHANTI

A filmmaker and writer.

KYLE

So, you like making movies and writing? No wonder why you're doing great academically in creative writing you nerd.

ASHANTI (CHUCKLES)

I'm not a nerd. That's just my favorite class. What do you want to be when you grow up?

KYLE

Um.. Haven't thought about it. Maybe I'll be a basketball player.

ASHANTI

You a basketball player?

KYLE

Yes! What's the problem with that?

ASHANTI

You can't shoot correctly. Your form is trash.

KYLE

Ashanti your talking a lot of trash as well. How 'bout you try basketball some time?

ASHANTI

I'll pass.

KYLE

Eat the sandwich.

ASHANTI

Did you not here what I said? I'm allergic.

KYLE

Just try it.

ASHANTI

Do you know what allergic means?

KYLE  
No. Not exactly.

Kyle tears off his sandwich and eats it.

KYLE  
Mmm. It's good. Try it.

ASHANTI  
I'm freaking allergic dummy!

Kyle sets the sandwich on his lap and grabs her sandwich and tears it into a piece. He shoves it into Ashanti's mouth. She swallows it and stares at Kyle.

ASHANTI  
Why did you shove that into my mouth? You trying to make me choke?

KYLE  
Sorry. I got a little carried away that's all.

Ashanti grabs her throat and wheezes. Kyle stands up and looks at her.

KYLE  
Ashanti? You good?

ASHANTI  
I hate you so much.

Ashanti drops on the ground coughing. She still wheezes trying to regain breath. Kyle opens the door and rushes out.

INT. KITCHEN

Dad is in the kitchen drinking a smoothie. Kyle runs to him.

DAD  
Ya'll having fun up there?

KYLE  
Ashant's Dad, I gave your daughter a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and I forgot she was allergic and she's wheezing for God's sakes!!!

Dad sets it on the counter and runs up the stairs. Kyle stares at the smoothie and drinks some and runs up the stairs.

INT. BEDROOM

Dad flies in the room rushing to Ashanti who's grabbing her throat coughing. Kyle watches as Dad grabs her and puts her in his arms.

DAD

Ashanti, Daddy's got you. Kyle  
shoot give me some water.

Kyle opens his bookbag and gets out a water bottle and gives  
it to Dad. Dad opens it and pours it in Ashanti's mouth.

DAD

Kyle what have you done?

KYLE

I'm sorry.

DAD

She might die.

KYLE

Don't say that. I love her.

Dad stares at Kyle with a shocked face. He lets go of  
Ashanti. Her back of her head plops on the floor.

ASHANTI

Ow!

Dad gets up and walks to Kyle.

DAD

What did you just say?

KYLE

I like Ashanti.

DAD

You little devil. You like her?  
This whole time you kept running in  
my house with peanut buttter and  
jelly sandwiches! You knew she was  
allergic right?

KYLE

Ashanti's Dad, I'm sorry really.

Kyle walks to Ashanti and kisses her on the lips. Her Dad  
sits on the floor.

DAD

Don't suck the life out of her.

Ashanti springs back to life hitting Kyle in the head. Dad  
is excited runs to her and hugs her.

DAD

Oh Ashanti how I've missed you.

ASHANTI

Okay, Daddy that's enough now.

Dad laughs and leaves the room. Kyle gets up rubbing his head staring at Ashanti.

KYLE

Sorry for you know making you eat the sandwich.

ASHANTI

Your fine.

KYLE

I guess I loved you so much I wanted to impress you with what I made.

ASHANTI

Is it true you like me?

KYLE

Yeah a little.

Ashanti makes the face like, "You know you're lying. Tell me more."

KYLE

Fine a lot.

ASHANTI

I knew it. Come here you.

Ashanti leans in to Kyle and kisses him. Ashanti chuckles. Kyle stares at her.

KYLE

What?

Ashanti walks to the door and closes it and locks it.

KYLE

What are you doing?

Ashanti walks to him.

ASHANTI

Thank you for the sandwich.

THE END