PERSONAL INCORRECTNESS: TO DISREGARD DECENCY

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TEASER

SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - HALLWAY - DAY

(DAVID)

WHILE WALKING THROUGH A CROWDED HALLWAY, DAVID DOES A SORT OF DANCE WALK WHILE PASSERBIES NOTICE IT, THEN DAVID JUMPS FOR JOY WHILE PASSERBIES NOTICES IT, THEN HE DANCES IN A SILENT FRENZY UNTIL HE NOTICES ALL THE PASSERBIES STARING AT HIM.

END TEASER

ACT 1

SCENE B

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - CAFETERIA - DAY

(NICK, ALEEMAH, CHRIS, DAVID, PRETTY GIRL)

NICK, ALEEMAH, AND CHRIS ARE SITTING IN THE CAFETERIA AS NICK TAKES OUT AND STARTS TO EAT A B.L.T. SANDWICH.

ALEEMAH
What's that?

NICK
A BLT. I got it from a deli on 64th street.

ALEEMAH
How can you eat that stuff?

NICK
Well it's not like I'm Muslim or Jewish.

ALEEMAH
But pigs are filthy animals.

NICK
Then what do you expect me to eat? The cafeteria food here tastes like crap.
NICK TAKES A BITE OF HIS BLT.

NICK (CONT'D)
Besides, pigs may be filthy animals, but they haven't done half of the nasty things the Kardashians did.

ALEEMAH
Then don't try to eat any Kardashians either.

DAVID APPROACHES THE TABLE.

DAVID
Hey guys. You know you shouldn't be eating that.

DAVID POINTS TO THE BLT AND SITS DOWN.

NICK
Now you're complaining too? I thought you were Catholic.

NICK TAKES ANOTHER BITE OF THE BLT.

DAVID
I am. I just said you shouldn't because eating bacon lowers your sperm count.

NICK
Oh.

NICK PUTS DOWN THE BLT.

DAVID
By the way, I have good news, guess what it is?

CHRIS
You're getting a dog?

DAVID
No.

ALEEMAH
You're getting a driver's license?

DAVID
No.

NICK
You cleared up your rash?
DAVID
N-, wait what?

NICK
A few days ago when we were changing in the gym locker room, I noticed you had a rash.

DAVID
I didn't have a rash.

NICK
Well it was something red down there.

DAVID SIGHS.

DAVID
Those were hemorrhoids that I already took care of and no, that's not the news!

ALEEMAH
Then what's the news?

DAVID
I got a date with Carla.

THE THREE OF THEM APPLAUD DAVID.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Thank you. Thank you.

NICK
That's great news, but are you gonna tell her about your hemorrhoids?

DAVID SCOWLS AND LEAVES WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.

NICK GETS UP.

NICK (CONT'D)
Well, I'm gonna leave too and head to the fight club here.

CHRIS
It's not a fight club; it's just a room where you play video games.

NICK
Nevertheless, I still train there competitively.

NICK LOOKS AT BLT, SHRUGS AND TAKES IT.
NICK (CONT'D)
And I play Super Smash Brothers.

NICK EATS THE REST OF HIS BLT AS HE EXITS.

ALEEMAH
You really need to get over Denise.

CHRIS
I'm trying.

ALEEMAH
You shouldn't have to try, she was horrible to you.

CHRIS
But I thought we were meant for each other.

ALEEMAH
Chris, she was a time bomb. Besides she cheated on you like every other week.

CHRIS
But she was always sorry about it.

ALEEMAH
She was only sorry about it when she was caught. You don't need someone like that.

A PRETTY GIRL PASSES CHRIS WITH A SMILE.

ALEEMAH NUDGES CHRIS.

ALEEMAH (CONT'D)
Well?

CHRIS
Well what?

ALEEMAH
Why don't you go up to her and ask her out?

CHRIS
Why would I do that?

ALEEMAH
Because she's pretty and she obviously finds you attractive.
CHRIS
I just got out of one
relationship; I'm not ready for
another. Besides, would you want
to be picked up by a random guy
you see in a cafeteria?

ALEEMAH
If I found them attractive I
would.

CHRIS
Well I still won't pick her up.

ALEEMAH
Then I will.

CHRIS
Wait, what are you-

ALEEMAH GETS UP TO GO TALK TO THE PRETTY GIRL.

ALEEMAH
Hey, I'm Aleemah. My friend Chris
and I saw you pass our table and
we couldn't help but notice you
were really cute.

THE PRETTY GIRL SMILES.

PRETTY GIRL
Thanks. I couldn't help but notice
you were really cute too.

ALEEMAH
Thanks, I was hoping you'd-, wait
me?

PRETTY GIRL
Yeah, I just wasn't sure if you
were interested or not.

ALEEMAH
Well I was hoping you'd be
interested in Chris.

PRETTY GIRL
I guess he can watch if you'd
like.

ALEEMAH
Ummm, never mind. Sorry to bother
you.
THE PRETTY GIRL STARES AT ALEEMAH LUSTFULLY AS ALEEMAH BACKS AWAY TO CHRIS'S TABLE.

ALEEMAH (CONT'D)
OHH-kay, I guess that one's my bad.

CHRIS
Great. Now can you please just let me wait to find someone else when I feel like it?

ALEEMAH
Nope. I still have a really hot friend I could set you up with. She loves black guys.

CHRIS
No thanks.

ALEEMAH
It's no problem. Besides I left my phone at her place anyway.

CHRIS
Aleemah, I don't want you to-

ALEEMAH
Well too bad, I'm doing it without your consent and you're either gonna like it or regret not doing it.

ALEEMAH GETS UP AND LEAVES.

FADE OUT:

SCENE C

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - GAME ROOM - DAY
(NICK, ANDREW)

NICK IS IN THE GAME ROOM SITTING IN FRONT OF A TV NEXT TO A CHUBBY ASIAN GUY NAMED ANDREW AS THEY'RE TOGGING THEIR CONTROLLERS.

NICK
Damn, damn, damn, DAMMIT!
ANDREW
Ha-ha! No gamer alive can survive my ultimate move.

NICK
Ultimate move? You just farted on me!

ANDREW
It wasn't just any fart. It was the product of two baked potatoes and a smoked ham.

NICK
Oh, speaking of ham, do you wanna hear a priest and a rabbi joke Andrew?

ANDREW
Sure.

NICK
Okay: a priest and a rabbi walk into a supermarket. The priest asks "how about ham?", the rabbi says "no", the priest asks "why?", and the rabbi says "because it's not on sale."

ANDREW LAUGHS.

ANDREW
Dude, that's a funny joke, but is it okay for you to tell that joke out loud?

NICK
I don't see why I shouldn't be able to tell it if it's funny. Besides for all I know I could've had a Jewish ancestor somewhere down the line.

ANDREW
So you're saying it's okay for you to tell an offensive joke because you may have an ancestor who would roll over in his grave if he heard one of his descendants tell it?

NICK
Yup.

ANDREW SHRUGS.
ANDREW
That's all I needed to hear.

FADE OUT:

SCENE D

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - CLASSROOM #1 - DAY
(DAVID, CHRIS)

DAVID IS IN CLASS WITH CHRIS.

DAVID
Oh Chris, you know how I asked Carla out?

CHRIS
Yeah, what about it?

DAVID
Well, Carla has a friend she wanted me to set someone up with. She's an attractive brunette named Kelly and I figured you might want to move on from Denise.

CHRIS
I'm sorry, I'm just not ready yet.

DAVID
Please Chris? Carla really wants me to bring another guy to see her friend. Besides, she just got off a bad breakup like you did.

CHRIS
Why do you guys keep trying to set me up with people? Just give me time to get over Denise.

DAVID
Look, when I set the date with Carla, she asked me to find someone that her friend could go out with too. That's why I need you to do this Chris.

CHRIS
Then you can just bring Nick along.
DAVID
You know I can't do that. For all I know he could mention the hemorrhoids I had a few days ago or ruin things by telling a bad joke.

CHRIS
Well I'm sorry David but I can't come with you.

FADE OUT:

SCENE E

FADE IN:

INT. - CINDY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY
(ALEEMAH, CINDY)

ALEEMAH IS AT CINDY'S PLACE.

ALEEMAH
Sorry about leaving my phone here.

CINDY
It's fine.

ALEEMAH
Hey Cindy, you're single right?

CINDY
Yeah, but I'm only into guys.

ALEEMAH
That's not what I meant, you see I have this friend who got off a bad breakup and I thought he might feel better if he went out with you.

CINDY
Is he black?

ALEEMAH
He's black.

CINDY
Is he black-black?

ALEEMAH
He's black-black and straight out of Harlem.
CINDY
Sure, I'll see him.

ALEEMAH
Thanks. Also, can I ask you another favor?

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE F

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - GAME ROOM - DAY - OVER AN HOUR LATER
(NICK, ANDREW, DAVID)

IN THE GAME ROOM, DAVID APPROACHES NICK AS HE'S PLAYING AGAINST ANDREW.

NICK
Feel my wrath you bastard!

ANDREW
You're not gonna destroy me! I can't be stopped!

NICK
Oh yeah?

ANDREW
Yeah!

ANDREW SUDDENLY WHIMPERS IN AGONY.

NICK
You were saying?

DAVID
Hey Nick.

NICK TURNS AROUND.

NICK
Oh hey David, did you see me destroy this guy?

ANDREW
You son of a bitch. I almost had you.
DAVID
Can I ask you something Nick?

NICK
Sure, feuer frei.

DAVID
Wait, "feuer frei?" What does that mean?

NICK
It's German for "fire at will."

DAVID
Since when do you know German?

NICK
I don't. I just listen to a lot of German death metal. You wouldn't believe how angry German people can sound in their music.

DAVID
I think I could ballpark it. Anyway Carla has a friend she wanted me to set up with someone. Do you wanna come with me to that Italian restaurant on Lexington Avenue for a double date in an hour?

NICK
Sure.

DAVID
But you can't get pizza.

NICK
But I like pizza.

DAVID
You always make a mess when you have pizza and you're gonna embarrass me if you do it in front of Carla.

NICK
It'll be fine. I'll just have the pizza with a knife and fork so I don't make a mess.

DAVID
Fine, you can get the pizza.

DAVID FACEPALMS HIMSELF.
DAVID (CONT'D)
I'm gonna regret this idea.

NICK
No you're not. I wouldn't try to do anything to make you look foolish.

DAVID
Your problem is you don't have to. You just need to say one wrong thing by mistake.

NICK
Oh come on, stop getting your thoughts from today's movies-

NICK AND DAVID
—which are horrible by the way.

NICK
Like annoying romantic comedies people call... "Rom-Coms" now.

NICK SHUDDERS FROM SAYING ROM-COMS.

DAVID
And like those half-assed attempts at horror movies that don't make any sense. Okay fine, just meet us there in an hour.

DAVID EXITS.

NICK
Okay, so we've got an hour.

NICK AND ANDREW ARE TOGGLING THEIR CONTROLLERS.

ANDREW
Damn you!

NICK
Die you fat bastard!

FADE OUT:

SCENE G

FADE IN:
INT. COLLEGE - CLASSROOM #2 - DAY

(CRISH, ALEEMAH, PROFESSOR)

CRISH AND ALEEMAH ARE IN CLASS AS THE PROFESSOR MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FRONT DESK.

PROFESSOR
Make sure you all turn it in on Monday.

EVERY STUDENT LEAVES EXCEPT FOR CRISH AND ALEEMAH

ALEEMAH
So I told Cindy about you.

CRISH
I thought I told you I wasn't interested.

ALEEMAH
But she's interested in you. Also I told her you're from Harlem.

CRISH
I'm not from Harlem I'm from Queens.

ALEEMAH
I said it because I thought it would make you seem more black.

CRISH
Why would I need to seem "more black?"

ALEEMAH
Well you wouldn't need to. I just thought it would impress her more.

CRISH SHAKES HIS HEAD.

CRISH
I already told you I wasn't interested.

ALEEMAH
Well at least see what she looks like before you make up your mind.

ALEEMAH TOGGLERS THROUGH HER PHONE.

CRISH TAKES OUT HIS PHONE AS IT VIBRATES AND TOGGLERS IT.
CHRIS
Did you just send me naked pictures of Cindy?

ALEEMAH
Yup.

CHRIS
How did you get naked pictures of Cindy?

ALEEMAH
I might have told her I wanted to use them to catfish guys online for fun.

CHRIS ISN'T PAYING ATTENTION BECAUSE HIS EYES ARE GLUED TO HIS PHONE.

CHRIS
Well I guess it wouldn't hurt for me to see her as soon as I possibly can.

PROFESSOR
Niiice.

CHRIS AND ALEEMAH TURN AROUND TO SEE THEIR PROFESSOR BEHIND THEM STARING AT CHRIS'S PHONE.

FADE OUT:

SCENE H:

FADE IN:

INT. - RESTAURANT - DAY
(DAVID, CARLA, KELLY)

DAVID, CARLA, AND KELLY ARE STANDING IN THE RESTAURANT WAITING FOR NICK.

CARLA
So, where's Nick?

DAVID
Oh, well he must be on his way here.

DAVID FURIOUSLY TYPES ON HIS PHONE TO CONTACT NICK.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Yeah, he should be here soon.
DAVID, CARLA, AND KELLY AND STANDING STILL IN AN AWKWARD SILENCE.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Sooo, have you guys seen any new movies lately?

CARLA AND KELLY
No.

DAVID
Don't you think that movies these days are just boring, hour-long wastes of time?

CARLA
I guess.

KELLY
I wouldn't really know.

DAVID SHRUGS AND NODS, THEN HE GOES RIGHT BACK TO FURIOUSLY TEXTING NICK.

FADE OUT:

SCENE I:

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - GAME ROOM - DAY
(NICK, ANDREW, ALEEMAH)

NICK AND ANDREW ARE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES WHILE ALEEMAH IS STANDING BEHIND THEM AS NICK SUDDENLY PAUSES THE GAME.

NICK
Crap!

ANDREW
What's going on? Why did you pause the game?

NICK
I forgot something important.

ANDREW
Really? What was it?

NICK
Oh wait, never mind. I just remembered the kill combo.
THEY CONTINUE PLAYING.

NICK (CONT'D)
And you're gone!

ANDREW
Damn you!

ALEEMAH
Hey Nick.

NICK TURNS AROUND.

NICK
Oh hey Aleemah. Did you see me destroy this guy?

ANDREW
You cheating son of a bitch! That doesn't count, you paused the game in the middle of it.

ALEEMAH
Anyway, David told me to find you since you weren't answering your phone.

NICK
Ohhh, right. I had my phone on vibrate next to me.

NICK PICKS UP HIS PHONE AND GOES THROUGH IT.

NICK (CONT'D)
Damn, he's pissed. There's just a whole row of curses he texted me.

ALEEMAH
Yeah he's afraid you might've ruined things with him and Carla.

NICK
It'll be fine. Being late is never a deal breaker.

ALEEMAH
Oh, guess what I just did?

NICK
What did you do?

ALEEMAH
I just set Chris up with one of my friends.
NICK
Good work Aleemah, now he can finally get over Denise. Wish him luck for me.

NICK BEGINS TO HEAD OUT AS HE'S STARING AT HIS SCREEN.

NICK (CONT'D)
Hey Aleemah?

ALEEMAH
Yeah?

NICK
What's a "quim?"

FADE OUT:

SCENE J

FADE IN:

INT. - RESTAURANT - DAY - SEVERAL MINUTS LATER

(DAVID, CARLA, KELLY, NICK)

DAVID, CARLA AND KELLY ARE SITTING AT THE SAME TABLE AS THEY ARE EATING PIZZA AWKWARDLY.

CARLA
So David-

DAVID
Don't worry Nick is gonna be here soon.

CARLA
Actually I was going to ask you how your day went.

DAVID
Oh, my bad. Well today I learned that I can't dance.

CARLA
Really?

DAVID
Yep. I tried to dance in the hallway today and it ended up being a poor spectacle.

CARLA CHUCKLES AS NICK WALKS IN.
NICK
Sorry I'm late. I wasted too much

time playing video games. That's

not a deal breaker is it?

KELLY SMILES.

KELLY
I guess not.

NICK
Okay, I'll be right back.

NICK APPROACHES THE COUNTER WHILE DAVID IS SITTING DOWN
CRINGING.

CARLA
Are you alright David?

DAVID
Yeah, I just have a minor
headache.

NICK COMES RIGHT BACK WITH A SLICE OF PIZZA.

NICK
Yeah I get those during the day
when I go without drinking coffee.

DAVID
Then why don't you take an aspirin
instead?

NICK
Aspirin doesn't keep me awake,
coffee does.

DAVID PUTS AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF PARMESAN CHEESE TO

HIS OWN SLICE.

NICK (CONT'D)
That's a lot of cheese.

DAVID
So? I like cheese.

NICK
Well the pizza is already made

with cheese. When you add that

much cheese to a pizza there's a

point where it ceases to be a

pizza and is just a triangular

hunk of cheese.
DAVID
Nick, when I'm having a pizza I can put on as much cheese as I damn well please.

NICK
That's kind of poetic.

NICK (IN NARRATION VOICE)
"When I'm having a pizza, I can put on as much cheese as I damn well please."

KELLY GIGGLES WHILE DAVID CRINGES.

CARLA
So how long have you guys known each other?

DAVID
We've been friends for 2 years now.

NICK STARTS EATING HIS PIZZA WITH A KNIFE AND FORK AS DAVID GLARES AT HIM.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Although for some reason it feels a lot longer.

KELLY
Why are you eating pizza with a knife and fork?

NICK
Well I find it neater to use a knife and fork rather than my hands.

KELLY
You know I think I should try doing that too.

KELLY STARTS TO EAT HER PIZZA WITH A KNIFE AND FORK.

KELLY (CONT'D)
You're right it's a lot neater. This way I don't end up getting any grease on myself.

NICK
Well maybe later if this goes well.

KELLY GIGGLES AGAIN.
NICK (CONT'D)
See that table over there?

NICK POINTS TO A TABLE WHERE A FAT GUY IS GORGING ON LOTS OF FOOD BUT IS DRINKING DIET COKE.

KELLY
Yeah.

NICK
I've never seen a thin person drinking diet coke.

KELLY LAUGHS HYSTERICALLY.

KELLY
Why does he even bother drinking a diet coke if he's just going to eat so much food?

NICK
I guess this way he might have a coronary but he can at least say he avoided diabetes.

DAVID CRINGES WHILE KELLY LAUGHS.

DAVID
Well, maybe he enjoys the prospect of depriving himself of refreshing beverages as he suffers an agonizing death. Ha-ha.

DAVID FEIGNS A CHUCKLE WHILE EVERYONE LOOKS AT HIM IN HORROR.

NICK
Dude, that was more grim than the darkest corners of your mother's womb.

KELLY AND CARLA LAUGH WHILE DAVID SHRUGS.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT 3

SCENE K

FADE IN:

INT. - COFFEE SHOP - DAY
(CHRIS, CINDY)

CHRIS APPROACHES CINDY'S TABLE AND SITS DOWN.

CHRIS
Hey Cindy.

CINDY
Are you Chris?

CHRIS
Yeah.

CINDY
I think Aleemah may have misunderstood.

CHRIS
Misunderstood what?

CINDY
You're not black-black.

CHRIS
Yes I am. I'm black-black straight out of Harlem.

CINDY
No you're not.

CHRIS
Okay, maybe I'm not from Harlem but I'm still black-black.

CINDY
No you aren't. You're only brown-black.

CHRIS
Does it matter?

CINDY
Actually it does. I'm sorry but I only date guys who are really dark-skinned.

CHRIS
But you're white.

CINDY EXITS LEAVING CHRIS WITH A LOOK OF SHOCK.

FADE OUT:

SCENE L
EXT. - CARLA'S FRONT YARD - NIGHT
              (DAVID, CARLA)

DAVID IS WALKING WITH CARLA TO HER HOUSE.

CARLA
Thanks for walking me home.

DAVID
It's fine, I'm really sorry about Nick.

CARLA
It's fine, Kelly really liked him.

DAVID
How?

CARLA
Well I think it had something to do with him not worrying about the date going wrong.

DAVID
Do you think I was too nervous?

CARLA WRAPS HER ARMS AROUND DAVID'S NECK.

CARLA
I think you're too nervous now.

CARLA PULLS HIM INTO A KISS.

CARLA (CONT'D)
Call me tomorrow David.

CARLA ENTERS HER HOUSE AND SHUTS THE DOOR AS DAVID IS STANDING THERE STRICKEN.

FADE OUT:

SCENE K

FADE IN:

INT. - KELLY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT
              (NICK, KELLY)

NICK AND KELLY ARE LYING IN BED WITH THEIR BODIES COVERED BY THE SHEETS.
NICK
Well that went well.

KELLY GIGGLES AND TURNS TO NICK'S SIDE TO PUT HER ARM ON HIS CHEST.

KELLY
Yes it did Nick. Yes it did. You should've seen the look on David's face before you came.

NICK
Yeah he worried too much.

KELLY
Well hopefully he's in the same place you are right now.

NICK
Well hopefully he's not; I don't want to have to share with him.

NICK AND KELLY KISS.

NICK (CONT'D)
Wanna hear another joke?

KELLY
Sure.

NICK
Okay, so a priest and a rabbi go into a supermarket...

FADE OUT:

SCENE L

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - CAFETERIA - DAY - A DAY LATER
(DAVID, CHRIS, ALEEMAH, NICK, PRETTY GIRL)

DAVID, CHRIS AND ALEEMAH ARE SITTING DOWN MULLING OVER THE EVENTS OF YESTERDAY.

ALEEMAH
So what happened with Carla? Give us all the dirty details.
DAVID
There aren't any dirty details, we just kissed a little.

ALEEMAH
Well it's still something. It's better than what happened on Chris's date.

DAVID
Wait, Chris went on a date? I thought he was still getting over Denise.

ALEEMAH
He was but I made him come around.

DAVID
Well what happened?

CHRIS
She turned me down because I wasn't black enough.

DAVID
Ummm, what?

ALEEMAH
Apparently his skin wasn't dark enough.

DAVID
She turned you down... because you weren't black enough.

CHRIS
Yes.

DAVID
That's ridiculous, if anything you're too black.

CHRIS AND ALEEMAH STARE AT HIM SUSPICIOUSLY UNTIL DAVID REALIZES WHAT HE JUST SAID.

DAVID (CONT'D)
I'm sorry that didn't come out right. But it's pretty racist for her to reject you for not being as black as her.

CHRIS
She's not black she's white.
DAVID
A white girl turned you down because you weren't black enough?

CHRIS
Yes.

DAVID
Talk about irony.

NICK APPROACHES THE TABLE AND SITS DOWN.

NICK
Hey guys.

DAVID
There's the man of the hour. Carla told me how much Kelly liked you.

NICK
Thanks. So Chris, yesterday Aleemah told me you had a date. How did it go.

CHRIS
She rejected me because I wasn't black enough.

NICK
You mean like an Uncle Tom?

CHRIS
No, because of my skin tone.

NICK
Are you kidding? If anything you're too black.

CHRIS, DAVID, AND ALEEMAH ARE STARING AT NICK WHO DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT HE SAID.

NICK (CONT'D)
What? What did I say?

ALEEMAH
So what happened with Kelly? Give us all the dirty details.

NICK
Well, on the date we were kidding around and laughing.

ALEEMAH
And then...
NICK
Then we got to her place.

ALEEMAH
And then...

NICK
Then the dirty details started.

ALEEMAH
Dirty details such as...

NICK
How we consummated.

DAVID, CHRIS AND ALEEMAH APPLAUD NICK.

NICK (CONT'D)
Afterwards we exchanged some pillow talk.

ALEEMAH
What kind of pillow talk?

NICK
Just a lot of kidding around until I told her my priest and a rabbi joke.

DAVID
Are you talking about the one where the rabbi doesn't want the ham because it's not on sale?

NICK
The same one that she threw me out for.

DAVID
Really? I mean it's not the best thing in the world but it's far from being the worst thing you've said even in the last two minutes.

NICK
Well it turns out she's Jewish.

DAVID
So that's why she loved your wisecracks so much.

NICK
Yup.

THE SAME PRETTY GIRL PASSES BY THEIR TABLE WITH A SMILE.
NICK (CONT'D)
Hey Chris, I think she likes you.

CHRIS
No she doesn't.

NICK
But she just-

ALEEMAH
Trust me Nick she doesn't.

END OF ACT THREE

TAG

SCENE M

FADE IN:

INT. - COLLEGE - CAFETERIA - DAY - A WEEK LATER
(NICK, DAVID, ALEEMAH, CHRIS)

CAPTIONS SAY "A WEEK LATER" AS NICK, DAVID, ALEEMAH AND
CHRIS ARE SITTING DOWN.

ALEEMAH
So how's Carla?

DAVID
We ended it.

NICK
Wait a second, I thought you had a huge crush on her.

DAVID
I did but we decided to stop seeing each other.

ALEEMAH
Do you realize what just happened David?

DAVID
Aside from us breaking up? No.

ALEEMAH
This just made all the time you spent last week worrying about
your first date with Carla pointless.
DAVID
So? It's not like it's one of those pointless, drawn-out romantic comedies where they base everything off of those boring "will-they, won't-they" couples.

ALEEMAH
You mean rom-coms?

NICK YELPS AS IF HEARING THE WORD GAVE HIM PAIN.

NICK
Carla saw your hemorrhoid cream didn't she?

DAVID
Yup.

END TAG