

"Dating"

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INT. DAN'S BATHROOM--DAY

MONTAGE:

Dan stares into the mirror. He has just gotten out of the shower.

Dan brushes his teeth.

Dan Flosses.

Dan uses mouthwash.

Dan goes through a few different outfits.

Dan styles his hair.

Dan applies cologne.

Dan smiles, looks confident, and leaves.

END MONTAGE

EXT. GEORGE'S HOUSE--DAY

Dan, looking quite dapper, checks his reflection in a car mirror parked on the street before approaching the door and ringing the doorbell.

The door opens revealing GEORGE, 13, with braces. He looks at Dan and yells back into the house.

GEORGE

Lisa, some weird-looking dude's  
here!

George sniffs.

GEORGE

And he smells funny!

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INT. GEORGES' HOUSE--DAY

Lisa hugs Dan and smiles. George stands to the side, unamused.

LISA

Dan! Thanks so much for helping me  
out today!

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DAN

It's no problem, I'm happy to.

George looks at Dan without interest.

GEORGE

I'm bored. This bores me.

George walks off.

LISA

He's... A bit hard to keep entertained.

DAN

I'm sure you and I can figure something out.

Lisa smiles.

LISA

That makes one of us.

EXT. SUES HOUSE--DAY

Rufus, in suit, tie and fedora, checks himself out in a car mirror before approaching the front door. He carries strange looking, sort of ugly, flowers.

He knocks loudly on the door a few times.

Sue opens the door. She's wearing a T-shirt and shorts. She looks at Rufus and his outfit, and non-chalantly takes the flowers he holds out to her.

SUE

Huh. Hope I'm not under-dressed.

She walks past Rufus towards his car. Rufus stares after her.

RUFUS

There's no such thing, dear Susan.

He trails behind her to the car.

INT. RUFUS'S CAR--DAY

Rufus drives.

RUFUS  
I have a wonderful afternoon  
planned. First stop, lunch at  
Nadeau Le Blanc, then-

SUE  
What was that?

RUFUS  
*"Nadeau Le Blanc"*

SUE  
Nah. Sounds french. Lets get  
Pizza or something.

RUFUS  
Ah, if that suits your fancy I know  
a quaint little organic place-

SUE  
I think Pizza Hut has stuffed  
crusts.

RUFUS  
Ah, Susan, you keep me so real.

Rufus drives on with a serene look on his face.

EXT. STREET--DAY

Rufus's car drives down the street.

SUE (V.O.)  
Get over yourself.

RUFUS (V.O.)  
Yes, dear. Of course.

INT. GEORGE'S KITCHEN--DAY

George sits at the table with a plate of chicken nuggets in  
front of him. he takes a bite as Dan and Lisa look on  
expectantly.

GEORGE  
This tastes...

He chews it a bit more.

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GEORGE  
Horrible. Try again.

George spits out his chewed Nugget, depositing the nasty moist remains onto his plate.

Dan frowns, but Lisa takes Georges plate, and rolls her eyes at Dan, as if to say "Oh my God." Dan smiles as Lisa takes the plate to the sink.

GEORGE  
Hey Romeo-

Dan, who was staring at Lisa by the sink, turns his attention to George.

GEORGE  
Still bored.

Dan looks around.

DAN  
Um, want to see a magic trick?

Dan holds up his finger.

GEORGE  
Is this that separating finger thing? That's dumb. I've seen it. I know how it works. My cousin Jeff-

Dan squirts George in the face with his finger. George, his face dripping, drops his jaw in amazement.

GEORGE  
That. Was. Awesome.

EXT. PICNICY AREA--DAY

Sue and Rufus walk to a spot and sit down, Rufus carries a Pizza Hut bag with him.

RUFUS  
Ah. Nothing quite rings as true in my heart as a romantic pizza picnic.

Sue sits.

SUE  
You got Cheese bread, right  
Shakespeare?

Rufus sits with Sue, setting the bag next to him, and pulling out cheese Bread.

RUFUS  
1. Yes, and 2., I'm flattered.

They each put a few pieces of cheese bread on each of their paper plates.

RUFUS  
So, Susan, tell me about yourself.

SUE  
Ask me a question.

RUFUS  
Yes, good idea... Hmm... what's  
your star sign?

SUE  
Cancer.

RUFUS  
Ah, a moon child. I'm a gemini.

SUE  
Ah. A talker.

RUFUS  
You know astrology?

SUE  
No, I'm just observant.

RUFUS  
Touche.

Rufus watches Sue eat.

RUFUS  
Oh Susan. You float like a  
butterfly yet you sting like a bee.

INT. SEAN'S ROOM--DAY

Sean and Nico sit. There is a lap-top on the desk.

SEAN

Alright Nico, let's check the hit count. Let's see how many fools we've tranced into destroying Rufus.

Nico plays around with the laptop.

NICO

Um...none.

SEAN

None?

NICO

Yeah, there's no hits.

SEAN

No hits?!? That's horrible!

NICO

Actually, it's a little impressive. It's been two days. I feel like any video that's been on Youtube for even just a day gets at least one hit.

SEAN

Well clearly we need to spread the word about this video. You should start by telling all your friends.

Nico nods, then frowns.

NICO

But you already know...

SEAN

Right. Our social circle is limited.

Nico looks up at the bulletin board and points.

NICO

That article on Rufus and Squirt seemed to garner a lot of attention...

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SEAN  
Seriously, Nico, are you trying to  
piss me off? WHY would you bring  
that up?

NICO  
Sorry, Sean.

SEAN  
Don't worry. I've actually got a  
really good idea. I think we  
should hypnotize that Wanda Withers  
character into writing a little  
article for us.

NICO  
... 'kay.

INT. GEORGES' HOUSE--DAY

Dan sits bored across from an enraptured looking George.

GEORGE  
Do it again.

DAN  
No.

GEORGE  
Do it again.

DAN  
No.

GEORGE  
Do it again.

Lisa walks up with a pot of macaroni and cheese.

LISA  
Do what again?

DAN  
Oh, nothing, just-

GEORGE  
Dan can squirt water from his  
finger!

LISA  
What?

Dan fumbles for an explanation.

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DAN

George's...imagination...is,  
uh....crazy.

Lisa smiles with confusion, but the house phone rings. She  
stes down the pot.

LISA

Ooh! Get him to try this, Danny,  
I've got to get that.

Lisa scurries off.

GEORGE

Do it again!

Dan grabs George by his collar and intensely whisper the  
following:

DAN

Listen kid, here's how this is  
going to work. You're gonna stop  
being an annoying little brat and  
asking me to do it over and  
over. You're also gonna pretend  
that I never did it at all. And  
finally, you're going to eat a  
heaping helping of lovely Lisa's  
pasta dish here and you're gonna  
like it, or I'll take my finger and  
squirt water down your puny little  
throat till you drown.

Dan pants as George looks up at him dumbstruck. Dan looks  
awkwardly from side to side.

DAN

Or, I mean, like...get sick of  
water...

George looks at the macaroni and cheese.

GEORGE

But she puts lemon in everything  
she makes...it's weird...

Dan holds up his finger threateningly, and george quickly  
starts scooping mac and cheese onto his plate, then digs  
in. Lisa walks back in.

LISA

Danny! He's eating! How'd you do  
it?!

Dans miles at Lisa.

DAN

I din't do anything, I guess he  
just really digs you're cooking,  
right George?

George looks up and frowns.

GEORGE

It's, like, sooo good.

EXT. PICNICY AREA--DAY

Rufus and Sue have finished their pizza and are now just sitting.

RUFUS

That certainly was a surprisingly  
delightfully delicious meal.

SUE

Did you have have enough adverbs in  
that sentence?

Sue sips a soda. Rufus grins.

RUFUS

Thats one of the reasons I am so  
desperately endeared by you--the  
fact that you know the difference  
between an adejective and an adverb  
and aren't afraid to point out my  
overuse of either.

Rufus gets more serious.

RUFUS

But it has been troubling me,  
Susan, that you don't appear to be  
enjoying yourself.

Sue frowns, and anxiously purses her lips.

SUE

Well, I guess thats a legit  
concern. Apparently i come off as  
cold to some people-

Rufus shakes his hands in denial.

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RUFUS

No, thats not what-

SUE

It's cool. Just, uh, just know, I guess, that, uh, yeah, I've had a really, uh, um, a really good time.

Rufus beams. Sue looks down, then back up at Rufus.

SUE

You know what you want, and you don't take any shit on your path to getting it--I respect that.

She looks down again. Rufus smiles tenderly and puts his arm over shoulder. Sue shrugs it off.

SUE

Woah there cowboy, keep it in your pants.

RUFUS

Yes dear.

EXT. STREET--DAY

Wanda Withers interviews CHARLENE, 19. Charlene speaks in a slow monotonous drall.

CHARLENE

-and thats when I came up with the idea for a brown slushy.

WANDA

But let's get down to the truth, CHarlene, can you actually taste every flavor that makes the slushy brown.

Charlene gives Wanda one of the dirtiest looks anyone will ever see.

CHARLENE

Yes.

NICO (O.S.)

Look!

Wanda and Charlene look over to wear Nico stands pointing down an alley.

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NICO

An urban bear is robbing that hot  
dog vendor!

Wanda turns to Charlene.

WANDA

Wait here Charlene, your truth can  
wait. That alley truth needs some  
immediate seeking.

Wanda runs off towards Nico.

WANDA

Hello citizen! Wanda Withers, Truth  
Seeker is on her way!

NICO

Quick, Wanda, back there!

Wanda rounds the corner right into Sean, who holds up his  
pocket watch, spinning and glinting in the sun.

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EXT. STREET--DAY

Lisa and Dan walk down the street.

LISA

Seriously Danny, thanks so much for  
helping me out today. I don't know  
how you did it, but George ended up  
being just amazing.

DAN

No problem. I guess I just have a,  
um, way with kids.

LISA

I guess we make a pretty good team.

DAN

Like peanut butter and jelly.

LISA

Yeah, or Steak and Lemons.

DAN

Uh, yeah. Or like that.

END OF EPISODE SEVEN.