

THE LUNCHROOM

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"The Romantic"

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FADE IN:

EXT. REICTHER'S HOUSE - DAY

BRIAN VANDELE, blaring music through headphones and air druming, approaches the house.

CUT TO:

INT. REICTHER'S HOUSE - GARAGE - DAY

REICTHER sits against the wall, typing on a laptop. KIRK McNEIL paces in front of him.

REICTHER  
Are you sure I should put that in?

KIRK  
Laura will love it man. Trust me.  
Chicks dig that kind of stuff.

Brian enters through the backdoor.

BRIAN  
Hey check it. I think I finally got  
"Two-Headed Boy" down on drums.

Brian freezes at the sight of the two.

BRIAN  
What's going on here?  
(giggles)  
Oh man! Is Kirk reading you his  
*Star Trek* fan fiction.

KIRK  
No! Reichter's already read *Star Trek vs. Doctor Who* and I'll have you know that he found it very tolerable.

REICTHER  
Kirk is helping me with a love letter thing for Laura.

BRIAN  
What? Why Kirk? I'm romantic!

REICTHER  
Brian, don't take this the wrong way but you're terrible at romantic stuff.

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BRIAN

(angry)

I'm plenty romantic. Remember that one time I stood outside that girl's house, blaring a boom box to show my love?

KIRK

That was John Cusack in *Say Anything!*

BRIAN

No. I'm pretty sure it was me.

KIRK

Dude, don't be offended. Reichter just wanted me to do it because I've done this stuff before.

BRIAN

(sad)

I see. I guess I understand.

Brian leaves. Reichter and Kirk exchange looks.

REICHTER

Poor guy. I feel bad now.

KIRK

Me too. I'm sure he understands though. Once we finish this up, we can make it up to him.

Reichter turns back and starts typing again. Kirk reads over his shoulder.

TIME FADE TO:

INT. REICHTER'S HOUSE - GARAGE - HOURS LATER

The room is darker. Reichter and Kirk are in the same positions fighting off fatigue. Kirk stretches.

KIRK

We've been at this for hours, Reichter. Are you ready to send it to her yet?

REICHTER

(uneasy)

No. Not yet. It's still missing a certain something.

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KIRK

If we're going to continue, I need to use the bathroom.

REICTHER

I guess it's a good time to get some food. I think I have some left over pizza in the fridge.

Kirk leaves quickly followed by Reichter. As soon as they are out of sight, Brian pops his head in.

He walks over to the computer, smiling and giggling a bit.

BRIAN

(under breath)

I'll show you Reichter! I've got romance coming out of my ass.

Brian starts to type.

BRIAN

(under breath)

You're going to thank me for this buddy.

After typing for a while -

BRIAN

Now...send.

He hits enter, laughs, and leaves.

CUT TO:

INT. BRIAN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Brian sleeps on a couch in a messy living room with the TV still blaring a cartoon.

An angry Reichter storms in, carrying a cup. He stands above Brian and proceeds to dump ice from the cup on him.

Brian hops up, screaming.

BRIAN

Jesus that's cold!

Brian notices Reichter.

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BRIAN  
What was that for?!

Reichter stares at him, mean mugging him.

BRIAN  
(excited)  
Did you read my revisions? Weren't  
they adorable and sweet?

Reichter stares. Silent. Angry.

BRIAN  
Did Laura like them?

Reichter shakes his head.

BRIAN  
What! I think something may be  
wrong with her, Reichter. It's  
better you hear it from me.

Reichter throws his cup at Brians's head, never stopping  
with the stink eye. He leaves.

Brian rubs his head.

BRIAN  
Jeeze. What's his problem? Doesn't  
he know a romantic when he sees  
one?

Brian sits back down and continues to watch TV.

FADE TO BLACK.

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