Family Guy

"Teen Romance"

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TEASER

EXT. INTERNATIONAL-CRIME-FIGHTING-LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS --DAY It's a large, futuristic building. A sign out front: "International Crime-fighting League."

INT. INTERNATIONAL-CRIME-FIGHTING-LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS World representatives (IRANIAN, FRENCHMAN, etc.) sit at a big round table, looking impatient. There is a blank TV monitor.

One chair is empty.

ROBERT WAGNER enters.

ROBERT WAGNER Sorry I'm late.

IRANIAN Finally, the American gets here.

DAPPER ENGLISHMAN Who are you?

ROBERT WAGNER Robert Wagner, International Crime-fighting League. I'm here to deal with the terrorist threat.

EVERYONE looks at the IRANIAN.

IRANIAN What?

FRENCHMAN

Well...

IRANIAN

Hey, we don't have those crazies in the mountains of Montana, Bub -

The TV monitor crackles into life, showing a garbled image of STEWIE, wearing a moustache.

IRANIAN

Oh, great.

FRENCHMAN Him again.

ROBERT WAGNER Who is that?

STEWIE

I am the Great Mysterio, lord of all that is evil, future tyrant over you *all* --

FRENCHMAN Yes, what do you want, shorty?

STEWIE

(peeved) DON'T CALL ME 'SHORTY!' A few well-placed calls to Berlin, my good man, and you shall sorely regret such insolent nomenclature!

The FRENCHMAN lazily affects shock.

A series of graphics show on the TV screen, starting with a picture of a piece of electronics labeled "Crypto-chip."

STEWIE (O. S.) Tremble in fear, for I have fabricated a computer chip which allows me to break into any military installation in the world. And unless I get one hundred million dollars in the next hour, I will begin bombing a city once an hour...

The TV cuts back to STEWIE.

STEWIE (cont'd) ... until my demands are met.

STEWIE laughs fiendishly.

LOIS (O. S.) Stewie, are you playing with the computer?

> ROBERT WAGNER Hey, who's that?

STEWIE Er... one moment. In a few moments, prepare to face my wrath!

The monitor goes black.

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- DAY

INT. LIVING ROOM STEWIE sits at the computer. LOIS walks over to him.

LOIS Aw, Stewie, are you sitting in the new computer chair?

STEWIE turns around, concealing the moustache with one hand.

STEWIE Can't talk! Evil plots!

LOIS walks away.

LOIS You can be so cute sometimes...

STEWIE clicks the computer monitor back on.

STEWIE Very well. Will you meet my demands, or shall I bring forth the Apocalypse?!

FRENCHMAN (on screen) Prove it to us. Blow something up.

> STEWIE (thrown)

Well -- don't say I didn't warn you --

ROBERT WAGNER Yes, we've decided on Trenton, New Jersey.

IRANIAN

A real eyesore.

STEWIE

Perfect! With the press of a single button, you shall see what you are trifling with!

STEWIE presses a button. A little bomb icon appears, next to the word "Error."

STEWIE WHAT?!

WHAL:

STEWIE hunts around the desk, and finds that...

STEWIE The crypto-chip! It's gone!!

> IRANIAN Oh, what a surprise.

DAPPER ENGLISHMAN Say, 'Mysterio,' old bean, if you could break into any computer, why didn't you just break into a bank account and *transfer* half a billion dollars to yourself?

A short beat.

STEWIE Oh, shut up, James!

STEWIE kicks the computer over; it goes blank.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

CUT TO:

Rotating shot of the crypto-chip, identical to what was in Stewie's video.

INT. CLASSROOM CHRIS stands at a whiteboard, idly flipping the Crypto-chip like a coin. GARTH, a nerd, stands adjacent.

> GARTH Cool! What's that?

> > CHRIS

I found it at home! It's shiny!

TEACHER

Christopher, is there something you want to share with the class?

CHRIS

Umm... no?

The TEACHER deftly grabs the computer chip, takes it back to his desk, produces a hammer, and breaks it.

TEACHER Let this be a lesson to the rest of you, and your distracting shiny things. Now, Christopher, the correct answer was 18 times pi, and you...

We see CHRIS'S answer on the whiteboard.

TEACHER

(cont'd)
... have drawn a giant triangle
 attacking Tokyo.

CHRIS It has little planes and everything!

TEACHER You're wrong. Again. Sit down.

> CHRIS (insouciant) Okay!

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE

STEWIE (O. S.) Now we shall see who is behind this act of thievery...

INT. LIVING ROOM STEWIE examines a fingerprint on the chip housing through a magnifying glass. LOIS walks by.

> STEWIE Aha! Christopher Griffin, vengeance shall be mine! (to LOIS) Parent wench, I shall require your sports utility vehicle.

LOIS Stewie, just play with the little tricycle we got you.

STEWIE Very well, then! You shall not keep me from my revenge.

INT. GARAGE STEWIE is adding parts to a "Hot Wheels" tricycle. It now has several futuristic-looking jet engines attached. STEWIE wears flight goggles and a helmet.

> STEWIE Perfect. A few parts stolen from the corpulent oaf's vehicle...

EXT. TRAFFIC -- DAY PETER is stuck in traffic. He honks the horn. All four doors fall off, and the hood pops open. PETER quickly looks around to see if anybody saw it.

INT. GARAGE

STEWIE (cont'd) ... and a few parts from common mail-order catalogs --

EXT. FRONT DOOR -- DAY A DELIVERY MAN has met LOIS at the front door.

DELIVERY MAN (perplexed) I have a shipment for "Dr. Mysterio's Lair of Evil...?"

STEWIE sneaks between them quickly.

STEWIE I'll sign for that. Thank you.

INT. GARAGE

STEWIE And my new means of transport is ready for action!

STEWIE gets in the tricycle as he clicks open the garage door with a remote.

STEWIE Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair!

EXT. OUTSIDE THE GARAGE -- DAY

STEWIE fires up the engines (ray-gun sound) and speeds away.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL We hear a cheesy guitar riff.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY
ZANE and ELECTRA, two heavily-tanned thirty-somethings, are
talking with CHRIS.

ZANE My God, Electra! I can't believe you slept with Jackson after he awakened from his coma!

ELECTRA Believe it, Zane! Because I need a *real* man! Chris, can you believe this?

CHRIS (hormonally stunned) Um... um... I think I'm getting a zit on my nose!

> ZANE Butt out, Loverboy.

CHRIS Um... is that me?

ZANE Let's go, Electra.

ZANE leads ELECTRA away by the arm. In the background, they kiss passionately.

CHRIS Dang.

Dany.

CHRIS eyes a girl (BECKY) in the background; Zane notices.

ZANE So, Chris, when are you going to ask out that "Becky" girl? CHRIS

Oh... um... I dunno...

ZANE

(serious to the point of funny)
Hey, just remember: it's your
life, and you've got to grab that
 brass ring, Christopher!

CHRIS (smiling) That's right! I'm going to go talk to her right now!

CHRIS exits.

ELECTRA What's a 'zit,' anyway?

EXT. STREET -- DAY STEWIE speeds down the road in his tricycle. A COP clocks him.

INT. COP CAR

COP Yeah, I've got a children's "Hot Wheels" tricycle clocking at one hundred twenty miles an hour. Recommend pursuit? Over.

DISPATCHER (on radio) (laughing) Let it go, Bradley. And get that radar checked.

EXT. STREET -- DAY STEWIE is now stuck behind a truck.

> STEWIE Out of my way, blast you!

A cloud of truck exhaust makes STEWIE cough.

STEWIE Very well, if you want to play hardball...

STEWIE deploys the trike's weapon system, which locks on and fires bullets at the truck until it veers out of the way.

STEWIE speeds ahead.

EXT. INTERSECTION -- DAY A driver's-ed vehicle sits at the intersection while STEWIE blazes by.

INT. DRIVER'S-ED VEHICLE There's an INSTRUCTOR and a student (PHIL).

INSTRUCTOR That's good, Phil. Remember: mad scientists always have the rightof-way.

PHIL (petrified) Okay.

EXT. INTERSECTION -- DAY A MAD SCIENTIST is running towards the intersection.

MAD SCIENTIST Ha-ha! They said I was *mad* at the academy, but *now* I can destroy the entire --

INT. DRIVER'S-ED VEHICLE
PHIL, looking the other way, hits the gas.

mad scientist Aaah!

A sickening thump-thump. The INSTRUCTOR is unfazed.

INSTRUCTOR Okay, now remember what to do next. PHIL (half-groaning, shifting gears) ... back over him and finish the job.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY CHRIS, nervous, holding a sheet of paper, approaches Becky and just stands there awkwardly.

> CHRIS Uh... (flash of inspration) "hi."

> > BECKY (smiles) Hi, Chris.

CHRIS Um... I... I drew this...

CHRIS quickly hands over the sheet -- it's a DRAWING OF BECKY.

CHRIS

(cont'd)
... and... I know, I know the nose
is weird, but I was just sitting
around in math class, and... don't
think of it as a stalker kind of
thing.

EXT. HILLSIDE NEAR THE SCHOOL -- DAY STEWIE races up the hill in the tricycle. We see that he's approaching the high school.

STEWIE

Trifle with me, will you? Soon, Christopher, you shall find that no one is safe from the nefarious Doctor Mysterio!

STEWIE turns the wheel. This is followed by several shots:

* The tricycle tries to make the turn into the highschool parking lot at high speed.

* The tricycle loses control and throws Stewie, screaming, to the curb.

* The tricycle continues barreling towards the school. Cut back to Chris and Becky.)

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY

CHRIS So, anyway, I was wondering if you'd, y'know...

The tricycle is now a giant fireball, barreling into frame behind CHRIS. BECKY screams and runs away. CHRIS, oblivious to the tricycle, is crestfallen.

CHRIS

Dang.

The tricycle crashes into the school with a decent-sized explosion.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- GRAPHIC It shows a large "Qrisis in Quahog" graphic.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- LOCAL NEWS DESK TOM and DIANNE, the news anchors.

TOM

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. We have word on a possible explosion at Quahog High.

DIANNE Let's go to Ned in the field. Ned?

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- NEWS DESK/OUTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL NED stands in front of a few scorch marks and a pile of melted plastic.

NED Thank you, Dianne. Children.

Explosions. Taken separately, a source of amusement. Taken

DIANNE

(in the studio) Now, the police have said this is a simple car accident, and no one was hurt.

NED

Yes, the cover-up is astounding. Just imagine -- hours ago, this small pile of melted plastic was a small blazing inferno, which... blazed, uh... and threatened your children.

DIANNE

Sobering news, indeed.

TOM

More on the story as it develops; for now, let's see that graphic again!

The "Qrisis in Quahog" graphic appears again.

We hear a door open.

INT. LIVING ROOM LOIS and PETER look up from the TV.

BRIAN enters through the front door.

PETER Brian! You're back!

LOIS Have you found Stewie?

A black-and-white 1950's FARM YOUTH walks in.

FARM YOUTH Brian? Did little Stewie get lost, and fall down the well? Is that what you're trying to tell us? EVERYONE glares at the FARM YOUTH.

FARM YOUTH Sorry.

The FARM YOUTH exits.

BRIAN Peter, it's a lucky thing all of your children can be smelled from a distance.

PETER

Is he okay?

BRIAN Uh... maybe you'd better judge for yourself. (Short whistle) Come on in, Stu!

STEWIE enters, looking eerily calm, his pupils a little funky, holding a flower.

STEWIE

I say, is this where I live? And these charming people my parents? What a glorious day, indeed!

BRIAN checks his watch.

INSERT OF THE (ANALOG) WATCH It has a martini icon at 5'o'clock. The hands indicate 4'o'clock. BRIAN groans.

INT. LIVING ROOM CHRIS and MEG enter.

LOIS Oh, thank God you children are safe!

STEWIE I have siblings as well? Oh, I love you all!

STEWIE approaches BRIAN, who holds up a leash.

BRIAN Stewie, if you try to kiss me again, you're going back on the leash.

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- NIGHT

CHRIS (O. S.) Dad?

INT. DINING ROOM CHRIS sits nervously. PETER eats a large bowl of Fruit Loops.

> PETER Don't worry, son; when you get to be my age, you can eat Fruit Loops for dinner, too.

CHRIS Dad, I have a question about girls.

PETER Aw, Chris, don't you talk to your friends about things like that?

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY CHRIS, GARTH, and a THIRD GEEK watch an attractive woman go by.

GARTH I wouldn't mind having a plus three wand of charming around *her*!

> THIRD GEEK I heard *that*!

INT. DINING ROOM

CHRIS

It doesn't help.

PETER

Oh.

CHRIS What was it like when you met Mom?

PETER Pretty friggin' cool, lemme tell ya!

CHRIS But like... how did you meet her?

PETER Ha, that's a great story. I remember it... like it was yesterday....

The SCREEN GOES WAVY, and we FADE TO:

INT. WAREHOUSE a starkly lit warehouse filled with dated military hardware. LOIS is bound up by the wrists. A TERRORIST harangues her.

TERRORIST

(foreign accent) You think you are pretty clever, eh, Miss Lois? You will not tell us ze access codes for ze nuclear weapons?

LOIS Never! As God is my witness, never!

TERRORIST Well. Perhaps we shall... have to make you tell.

LOIS If only someone would rescue me!

TERRORIST Rescue! Ha! No one even knows you are here!

EXT. OUTSIDE WAREHOUSE -- NIGHT BRIAN and PETER look through a door upon the scene. They both have huge 'fros, and are dressed like late-70's detectives.

PETER

We gotta save that poor girl!

BRIAN Peter, that's just crazy! There must be fifty armed guards in there!

PETER

Brian, they got a lady in there, and they're planning to blow up the world!

PETER draws a pistol.

PETER Cover me, Brian.

BRIAN

(shouldering an Uzi) You got it.

As cheesy 70's detective music starts, BRIAN sprays weapon fire into the warehouse.

PETER jumps up and grabs some sort of convenient zip-wire handle that sends him speeding across the room, firing left and right.

Near LOIS, he lets go of the wire, and the screen becomes a split-screen of three slightly time-offset-ed views of PETER, in slow motion, letting go the wire and flying through the air, with some musical flourish.

Screen back to normal, slow motion, as he grabs LOIS and lands in a sports car. Normal speed again.

LOIS Where did this car come from?

> TERRORIST After zem!

PETER Hang on tight, babe, 'cos it's gonna be a bumpy ride.

INSERT of PETER'S foot hitting the gas.

The sports car speeds away.

TERRORIST Ah, forget him. Let's just kill his friend!

EVERYONE turns around and sees BRIAN trying to tiptoe away.

EXT. WAREHOUSE -- NIGHT Sounds of gunfire.

BRIAN runs out of the warehouse, screaming.

INT. SPORTSCAR LOIS leans on PETER'S shoulder.

> LOIS Wow! Who are you?

We see that PETER now looks exactly like David Hasselhof.

PETER Heh. I'm the guy who could have any woman he wants, and he's decided that he wants (pointing) you.

> LOIS (eyes wide) Woooowww!

INT. LIVING ROOM LOIS is now in the room, looking irked.

> CHRIS (confused) Did you really look like David Hasselhof?

> > PETER Oh, yeah! Dead ringer!

> > > LOIS

Chris, that's not how it really happened. Actually, your father and I were at this dance, and it was so sweet, and romantic --

PETER

Lois...

(sotto voce) Stop it, honey, you're making it sound all wussy!

LOIS

But, Peter, that's how it happened! I think it's nice.

PETER

Yeah, but he wants to hear something impressive --

LOIS Peter, do you even *know* why he's asking you about this?

PETER

Uh...

(back to Chris) Chris, heh heh, why're you curious about this, anyway?

CHRIS Dad -- there's this girl at school

PETER'S eyes go wide; he takes LOIS by the arm.

PETER Honey. Kitchen. Now.

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- NIGHT PETER screams.

INT. KITCHEN PETER looks worried; LOIS is still irked.

PETER

Aw jeez. Soon he'll be asking about girls, and about... about sex. God, what am I gonna tell Chris about sex?!

LOIS

Well, you'll just have to give him the speech. Just tell him about the birds and the bees, and --

PETER Perfect! Tell it to him just like that, and he'll be fine!

> LOIS Peter!

PETER

Thank you, honey --

LOIS Peter, I'm not doing this...

PETER

But... but why? I... I'll do anything, just get me out of this!

LOIS Peter --

PETER Shoe-shopping? Myrtle Streep movie? What? LOIS Peter, I did this *last* time. Remember?

INT. MEG'S BEDROOM LOIS and MEG sit on the bed.

LOIS

And, so, that's how that works, okay? And if you have any questions at all, just ask me.

MEG

Um... Mom?

LOIS Yes, dear?

MEG

If you (bleep) a (bleep) but you don't (extended bleep) , then how long does it take the (bleep) to go away?

LOIS'S eyes go vacant with shock. Short beat.

LOIS Oh look at the time! I have to do... some... I have to go.

LOIS exits. Quickly.

INT. KITCHEN

LOIS It is *your* turn. (pointing) Go out there and take responsibility! PETER

(head hung) Awww... okay.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- CLOSE-UP ON PETER

PETER I'm gonna have a little trouble telling you this, because I'm... well, kind of uptight... (nervous laugh) ... but...

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TWO-SHOT OF PETER AND BRIAN

PETER (cont'd) ... Brian, you gotta help me. Somebody's gotta give Chris the

talk.

BRIAN "The talk?"

PETER You know... (sotto voce)

about sex.

BRIAN

Oh, the talk. Say no more, Peter.

BRIAN walks away, sees CHRIS in another room, shouts that way.

BRIAN Chris, let's go for a walk.

EXT. BAR -- NIGHT CHRIS (O. S.) Brian, I still don't understand. INT. BAR BRIAN is several sheets to the wind, martini in hand, but speaks with the most ponderous conviction he can manage. CHRIS sits patiently.

BRIAN

(slurred) You see. There's bees. And then there's *mechanical* bees. And the birds... the birds *love* the battery-powered bees. They just go bzzzz...

CHRIS

Um...

BRIAN BzzzzzzzZZZzzZZ...

CHRIS

So --

BRIAN

They're your *enemy*, Chris! But... but if you can figure out how to work *with* the mechanical bees, Chris... then! Then they can be your *friends*!

CHRIS I'll never figure this out.

BRIAN Whasso difficim -- er -- hard?

CHRIS I don't even know how to talk to girls.

BRIAN

Oh... that's easy. Watch. Look. "Watch and learn." (To nearby woman at bar) Hey! Nice rack! BRIAN gets whapped in the head with a handbag; BRIAN looks a little the worse for wear.

BRIAN See? Easy. Now you try.

CHRIS I don't know, Brian. If I go out

with this cute girl at school --

BRIAN Yeah, and monkeys might fly out of your ass.

> CHRIS What?

BRIAN

Well you going out with anybody good-looking, and monkeys flying out of your ass -- I mean, come on, they're about equally likely.

CHRIS looks thoughtful.

INT. RESTAURANT -- CLOSE-UP ON BECKY
BECKY, dressed nicely, sits at a table. A monkey is on the
wall. A monkey is on the table. A monkey is on her head,
trying to groom her. None of the monkeys look too clean.

BECKY This is the sickest, weirdest date I have been on in my *life*.

INT. RESTAURANT -- TWO-SHOT OF BECKY AND CHRIS CHRIS sits across from BECKY, hunched forward and disheveled.

> CHRIS Oh God! The pain! THE PAIN!!

INT. BAR

CHRIS I don't wanna talk about this any more.

BRIAN

The key, for you, my friend, is to get the girl drunk. Or in your case, very drunk.

EXT. BAR -- NIGHT

BRIAN (O. S.) Another possibility is rufis....

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- DAY

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- GRAPHIC
Another "Qrisis in Quahog" graphic; this one has the word
"Editorial" superimposed on it.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- LOCAL NEWS DESK TOM sits at the desk.

TOM

Naturally, when terror strikes at our children, we find ourselves wondering who to blame. And call me crazy, but I think I know. An Arab.

A corner graphic appears, showing a blurry photo of a man in a turban and sunglasses.

> TOM That's right, some crazy turbanheaded Osami Bin-Whatever, that just decided that book six of "The Islam" says he has to kill Americans because they drive fancy sports cars. Or maybe it's a Hispanic! Yeah!

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- GRAPHIC
A cheerful "Technical Difficulties -- But We'll Be Right
Back!" graphic, with bland intermission music.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- LOCAL NEWS DESK A TECHNICIAN wrestles with TOM. DIANNE looks on.

> TECHNICIAN Hold his wrists, Dianne!

> > TOM

Get this wire offa me!!!

DIANNE Tom, it's required by legal.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- GRAPHIC More of "Technical Difficulties."

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- LOCAL NEWS DESK TOM sits at the desk; now, a large wire snakes up to him from a box on the desk.

> TOM Heh, heh. Where were we? Ah yes. The thing about women is that --

BZZT! TOM convulses in agony. DIANNE titters.

DIANNE Well I see we're going to have a fun day at work today, right Tom?

TOM collects himself and flips through his pages.

TOMM I'll just skip to... "in conclusion: we have to make sure our children are safe. We cannot be niggardly -- " (BZZT!) AAAAGGH! INT. CLEVELAND'S LIVING ROOM CLEVELAND and LORETTA watch TV.

CLEVELAND Loretta, doesn't that just mean "stingy?"

INT. LIVING ROOM PETER, MEG, and CHRIS are laughing at the antics. STEWIE is shocked and saddened.

> TOM (O. S.) (Over the buzzing) Cut to commercial!! (BZZ!) Dear God! Go to comm --(BZZZ!)

STEWIE How dare you! That poor man is in wretched agony! And all you do is laugh!

This takes the wind out of everyone.

STEWIE Just imagine yourselves in *his* shoes; then see how funny ha-ha it is!

PETER, MEG, and CHRIS are crestfallen.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- NEWS DESK DIANNE sits at the desk. TOM is catatonic and drooling.

DIANNE We'll be right back with supermodels! They're not shooting up high schools -- they're shooting calendars!

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- COMMERCIAL TOM SELLECK stands in a rustic scene.

TOM SELLECK You've got real kids, with real problems...

TOM SELLECK pulls out an oversized rifle.

TOM SELLECK (cont'd) ... and they need *real protection*. Just remember, a kid you can trust to go to school is a kid you can trust with a Smith & Wesson.

A brand logo appears, with the slogan "... Because a Real Man Carries a Gun."

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- NIGHT Sounds of a boisterous meeting.

INT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS sit behind a cheap fold-up table; PARENTS sit in rows of cheap fold-up chairs. One of the BOARD MEMBERS is PRINCIPAL BELFRIES, who has a small, cheap, identifying placard that says "M. Belfries -- Principal, Quahog High School." PRINCIPAL BELFRIES is steadily beating his head against the tabletop.

> PARENT Principal Belfries! Principal Belfries?!

BELFRIES stops head-thumping.

PARENT

(cont'd) When are you going to make sure that a terrorist attack like this doesn't happen again!

PRINCIPAL It's not a terrorist attack. It was an accident. Some sort of PARENT #2 The Arabs are attacking us with experimental vehicles?!

PRINCIPAL They know the car came from inside the neighborhood.

Gasps of shock from the crowd.

PRINCIPAL It was an *accident*. Nobody got hurt. The question is --

PARENT

The question, principal, is how do we make that school safe so our *children* don't get hurt again!

PRINCIPAL (twitch) I just said nobody got hurt.

PARENT We need to spend money on *security*!

There is a roar of agreement.

PRINCIPAL Money from where?

PARENT #2

Take it out of that Internet fund! It's the Internet that makes these kids go bad! It's all "how to make a bomb" and all that pornography. Right, Jack?

JACK

Oh, I... (sweetly) I wouldn't know, hon.

PRINCIPAL (seething) So, we take the money out of that... (heavy irony) luxurious slush fund.

INT. CLASSROOM A TEACHER and a GROUP OF STUDENTS are gathered around a small cardboard box.

TEACHER

Okay, class, now our school can't afford an actual computer, so we're going to pretend that this cardboard box is a computer, and this length of twine is connecting it to the Internet...

STUDENT #1 Does it have TCP/IP configured?

STUDENT #2 That depends on whether it's behind a *firewall*, dweeb!

> STUDENT #1 DOES NOT, dork!

> > STUDENT #2 Does so!

THE STUDENTS start fighting -- an errant kick destroys the box. The TEACHER shakes her head, groans.

INT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

PARENT

The question is not whether you have the money, Principal Belfries. The question is whether you want all of our children to DIE! A short pause, during which PRINCIPAL BELFRIES clearly goes crazy, starts twitching, etc.

PRINCIPAL Ok. Fine. You want security? You really want security? You'll get security.

> PARENT #2 Well, I hope --

PRINCIPAL SHUT YOUR PIE-HOLE, YOU TWIT!!!! (deep breath) Just come to school tomorrow... and you'll see....

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ACT II

EXT. SCHOOL BUS -- MORNING

CHRIS (O. S.) An' then there was this wire thing he went into the warehouse on, an' then there were lots of guns going blam! Blammity blam!

INT. SCHOOL BUS MEG sits in the bus, bored, angry, but stuck next to CHRIS, who is excitedly telling her a story.

> CHRIS And then he found Mom, and they got into...

The bus turns; MEG notices something, and her eyes go wide. CHRIS continues his story in the same vein.

MEG

Oh my god....

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- MORNING The bus pulls in through a security checkpoint into the school, which is now surrounded by high electrified fences, razor wire, and guard towers. Spotlights are mounted on the roof and in the towers. Guards are everywhere. The bus continues pulling in.

> CHRIS (O. S.) And there was this car, an' it went vroocom! 'Cos it was red, and fast, and really cool!

EXT. SCHOOL BUS -- MORNING MEG and CHRIS get off the bus.

CHRIS Something looks different. MEG

Ok. Chris, if you do anything stupid, I'm going to get in trouble. We know how you are with cops.

EXT. ROADSIDE PETER has been pulled over; the rest of the family is in the car. PETER rolls down his window.

> COP Do you know how fast you were going?

> > PETER

Uh... well, (sudden idea) I dunno officer! My speedometer's broken!

CHRIS cranes his head forward.

CHRIS Wow! I'll bet my dad could beat you up!

> COP Uh... kid --

CHRIS Y'know, I think he was mouthing off to you!

COP Sir, step out of the car.

> CHRIS And --

BRIAN Chris, I'll give you one million dollars if you'll stop talking right now.

CHRIS

Wooowww!

CHRIS realizes he was talking, and holds his mouth shut with both hands.

EXT. SCHOOL BUS -- MORNING

CHRIS Oh, I won't do anything. I -- hey, look at the cute doggie!

CHRIS walks away, holding a hand out for it to sniff.

We hear a guard dog snarling and slamming against a chainlink fence as MEG grabs CHRIS and drags him backwards.

> MEG Come on, Chris, go to class.

> > CHRIS But the doggie!

MEG Forget the doggie!

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- MIDDAY

P. A. All students please report to homeroom for testing. All students to homeroom for testing.

INT. CLASSROOM A TEACHER is giving out a test.

TEACHER

(nervous)
This is just to see if some of you
need some... extra... personal
'guidance.' Now, this test is...
nothing to worry about, so don't
get... stressed, and make any

sudden moves or anything. Because, this is a personality test -- so, y'know, you can't fail!

CHRIS raises his hand; the TEACHER groans.

TEACHER Chris?

CHRIS I don't have a personality.

> TEACHER (exasperated) Just... do your best.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- AFTERNOON

P. A. Begin testing now.

A bell sounds.

INT. CLASSROOM

TED (whispers)

Hey! What did you put for 8?

GARTH Just put 'C' for all of them!

ZED (clearly disturbed; speaking to no one) Do I hear voices? (Pause for response) Okay.

ZED writes an answer.

CHRIS raises his hand.

TEACHER Yes, Chris?

CHRIS What's my favorite color?

A short pause.

TEACHER Just put 'C' for all of them, Chris.

CHRIS Okay!

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE

GIRL #1 (O. S.) Hey, why are you using that ugly lipstick?

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- COMMERCIAL Two GIRLS are chastising a third GIRL.

GIRL #2 Yeah, it makes you look like a hideous troll!

GIRL #3 Really?

GIRL #1 Mm-hmm. That's why your parents are getting divorced. You should

try this!

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- INSERT OF REVLON MAKEUP KIT

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- COMMERCIAL

GIRL #3 Revlon?

GIRL #1 That's right!

A couple of GUYS snuggle up to the first two GIRLS.

GIRL #1

Maybe then boys will like you, too!

EVERYONE laughs.

INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- INSERT OF REVLON MAKEUP KIT

VOICEOVER

Revlon. It makes you worth loving.

The commercial rewinds, and restarts. Voices are heard in the background as we cut to...

INT. LIVING ROOM PETER watches television. LOIS watches PETER.

> LOIS Peter, why aren't you at work?

PETER

(hits pause)
This is a lot more important, Lois
 -- I've gotta learn about
teenagers. I've gotta learn their
 culture, how they think, what
 makes them tick!

LOIS

You're worried about the bomb scare, too --

PETER I'm tryin' to help Chris get a date!

LOIS

Oh. Peter, that's really something Chris has to do for himself.

PETER Not while I'm his father. I wanna do better for him than my dad did for me. EXT. PARK BENCH -- DAY A YOUNG PETER and HIS DAD on a park bench)

DAD

So... Peter... your mother says that I need to talk to you about... y'know girls...

PETER

Uh-huh?

DAD

So... what I want to say is... um, you aren't queer, are you?

> PETER (What does "queer" mean?) I don't thinks so... no?

> > DAD

Good. That... that was the speech.

INT. LIVING ROOM

PETER

... and there was no turning back. The gay lifestyle just wasn't an option.

LOIS Peter, what are you talking about?

PETER

Look, I'm going to help him out any way I can. And don't give me that "help him by giving space" hogwash, either. We're doing this my way, and that involves doing stuff....

LOIS

Peter, you remember when you helped Chris with his science project? INT. GARAGE
A YOUNGER CHRIS stands in front of a homely model of a
volcano. PETER is standing nearby, coaching.

PETER Okay, now just add the chemical to it...

CHRIS pours it in. For a moment, nothing happens. Then a faint rumbling. Then a louder rumbling.

CHRIS Dad, is something wrong?

PETER Run, Chris! Run while you still can!

PETER runs away; CHRIS follows.

INT. LIVING ROOM

PETER

I mean, no wonder our kids have it so tough! Look at the TV teenagers! Our kids are fat and ugly!

LOIS

Peter...

PETER

I mean, come on. According to Dawson's Creek, every boy is supposed to have a hot Platonic female friend, and one saucy temptress!

LOIS

That's not --

PETER

All of Chris's Platonic friends are guys from the D. O. R. K. S. club. Temptresses? None! Is he even *dating* a teacher? LOIS Peter, what do we say about the things on the TV?

> PETER Aw, Lois --

LOIS What do we say about --

PETER

(grudgingly) That "they're all made up."

LOIS Right. They're all made up.

MEG and CHRIS enter.

CHRIS Hi mom!

LOIS How was school today, Meg?

> MEG ("leave me alone") Fine, mom.

CHRIS I got to have a body-cavity search today!

> LOIS (not really listening) That's great, Chris.

PETER Uh, honey, did he just say "bodycavity search?"

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- SUNSET

STEWIE (V. O.) (singing with piano accompaniment)

Yes I'm going to the country, got to get a-way...

INT. LIVING ROOM
STEWIE sings and plays piano, wearing a tiny "Give Hemp a
Chance" T-shirt; PETER looks on in horror)

PETER Stewie, could you... do that, say, never again?

STEWIE Very well, father! I shall just spread peace and love in other ways!

STEWIE exits.

PETER

Yeah, well there won't be any 'spreading love' under my roof!

PETER exits.

INT. BASEMENT CHRIS is strapped into what looks like an electric chair. PETER enters.

> PETER Let's get started, Chris.

CHRIS These straps are itchy!

PETER Now, I'm going to pretend to be that girl you like, okay?

CHRIS That's kind of creepy, Dad.

PETER

And every time you can't think of anything to say, you're going to get a little shock, see? CHRIS (worried) What? (bzz) AAAAH!!

PETER

-- like that. Okay...
(falsetto; reading off a card)
 How are you, Chris?

CHRIS What? (bzz) Um... I dunno! (bzz)

PETER

Try again, buddy!

CHRIS Fine! Great! I'm fine! (pause) Whew. (bzz)

PETER Okay, now you'll wanna compliment my shoes.

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- NIGHT

INT. DINING ROOM EVERYONE is at the dinner table.

> LOIS Well, you've been quite the talkative one tonight, Chris.

CHRIS Oh, yeah, very talkative (twitch) very very talkative, because Dad, Dad's been teaching me about how to talk to people. (twitch) Well, this one girl really, he says he knows lots and lots and lots about talking to --

LOIS Oh, he was quite the lady-killer back when *he* was in high school.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 70S HIGH SCHOOL PETER drinks a beverage. There are a couple of women nearby.

> HIGH SCHOOL PETER (belching) Veronica!

THELMA Veronica, he *belched* your *name*!!!

> VERONICA That is *so* far out!

> > THELMA Me next, Peter!

INT. DINING ROOM

LOIS Chris? Honey? Stop twitching!

> CHRIS (rocking quietly) Eeeeee!

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL Placard out front: "Keeping Your Children Safe Since Yesterday."

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY

CHRIS walks down the hall wearing a bulky hat and glasses, along with a hearing aid of some sort.

PETER (O. S., filtered) Pimp Daddy to Little Mac, over?

CHRIS Dad, I don't think this is a good idea.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT -- DAY There's a van labeled "Unmarked Surveillance Vehicles, Inc.: We Stake Out America!"

> PETER (O. S., filtered) Aw, come on, Chris!

INT. VAN PETER in a cramped space, with bulky headphones, looking at a monitor, which shows what CHRIS sees.

> PETER This is one of the coolest things at Toyco! I see what you see, and then tell you what to do! Hey, listen:

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY

PETER (O. S., filtered) "Use the Force, Chris!"

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY -- ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO We see the scene via a closed-circuit television in the Principal's office.

> CHRIS (on monitor) Dad, I don't like having voices in my head.

> > PRINCIPAL Wait! Who is that?

SECRETARY Christopher Griffin, sir. He's one of the ones we gave up on.

> PRINCIPAL (menacingly) Bring me his file, Ms. Besserwisser.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY CHRIS continues down the hall. SAMANTHA approaches.

> PETER'S VOICE Hey, that looks like a girl!

> > CHRIS (sotto voce) Stop it!

PETER (O. S., filtered) Now what you --

CHRIS

Dad!

PETER (O. S., filtered) Wait, that's the Platonic friend -- do not hit on her. Repeat --

CHRIS removes the earpiece. "Dawson's Creek"-ish music plays.

CHRIS Um... hi, Samantha.

SAMANTHA

Christopher. The grapevine says you're courting the fair Becky!

CHRIS I don't understand, Sam --

SAMANTHA

Well, we all get confused sometimes, Chris, and sometimes love is just a vicious cycle of
> CHRIS Yeah... love sucks.

SAMANTHA Another of your Wildean bon mots...

> CHRIS I gotta go!

CHRIS leaves. He puts his earpiece back in. He sees BECKY.

PETER (O. S., filtered) Okay, I see her. Babe at 10'o'clock!

CHRIS (walks towards BECKY slowly) Dad, I dunno --

PETER (O. S., filtered) Stay on target!

The school bell rings.

CHRIS Dad, I gotta get to class!

PETER (O. S., filtered) (louder) Stay on target!

> CHRIS Dad, I --

> > BECKY What?

CHRIS I -- um -- hi, Becky!

> BECKY Hi.

PETER (O. S., filtered) Good start! Now you need to tell her...

CHRIS Did you see Jimmy Hendershot get attacked by those guard dogs?

BECKY

Yeah, that was great, when he ran into that bathroom and hid in the stall!

PETER (O. S., filtered) (simultaneously) Little Mac, you are deviating from Plan Rico Suave.

CHRIS Um --(sotto voce) DAD STOP! -- yeah, that was cool.

BECKY (askance) Chris, who are you *talking* to?

PETER (O. S., filtered) DANGER! DANGER, Little Mac! Abort mission! Repeat: abort mission! Chris, listen --

CHRIS (exasperated, yanks the hearing aid again) Oh, that? I was... umm... clearing my throat.

INT. VAN PETER removes his headphones.

> PETER This plan is going all crazy! Guys, we gotta get him out of there!

A quick pan out reveals THE A-TEAM in the van with him. $\$

HANNIBAL You heard him! B. A., Faceman, Murdock... move out!

The A-TEAM THEME starts playing as THE A-TEAM exits the van.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY
CHRIS is still talking to BECKY, who is smiling.

B. A. {Mr. T} storms in, kicking people out of the way left and right.

BECKY screams and runs.

B. A. tucks CHRIS under an arm and runs off.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL B. A. runs out the front door.

MURDOCK is flying around in a makeshift helicopter.

MURDOCK

(shouting) I'm being a distraction! I'm providing the distraction!

We hear a rifle shot; there's puff of smoke from the guard tower.

MURDOCK Aaghh!

The helicopter drops out of the sky.

EXT. VAN -- DAY PETER and HANNIBAL wait by the van. HANNIBAL I love it when a plan comes together.

EXT. PARKING LOT -- DAY CHRIS walks around the parking lot.

CHRIS

Whee! That was like a field trip!

BRIAN walks up; he's wearing a uniform.

BRIAN Not so fast, Chris. You're coming with me.

PETER Brian! What are you doing here?

BRIAN

Well, some Doberman Pinscher guarding the perimeter started foaming at the mouth yesterday -so guess who's the new guard dog for Quahog High!

PETER

Sweet!

BRIAN

Yeah, they've got dental, medical, easy hours... well, I'll tell you all about it later. Let's go, Chris.

CHRIS

Okay, Brian!

BRIAN And let's make this look good, okay? Y'know, resist arrest a little.

> CHRIS Um...

A very fake struggle follows.

CHRIS (cont'd) ... let me go! You'll never take me alive!

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE PRINCIPAL BELFRIES is again looking at the security monitor.

CHRIS (on monitor) Vive le resistance!

SECRETARY He hears voices and he's fighting off a trained guard dog!

PRINCIPAL Soco. It all comes together.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- LOBBY Start on shot of third place bowling trophy; quick pan/zoom out reveals that to be the prize showpiece of the trophy cabinet in the school's main lobby. BRIAN and CHRIS enter.

> BRIAN Chris, you should get to class, and -- hey! (to a student walking out of the bathroom) Is that a cigarette?

STUDENT

Aw --

BRIAN No whining. C'mon.

BRIAN holds out a paw.

STUDENT But I don't *have* --

BRIAN Hand it over.

Beat; the STUDENT groans and hands over a twenty.

BRIAN That's *it*?

STUDENT

Fine!

The STUDENT hands over another twenty.

BRIAN That's better.

BRIAN pushes into the bathroom, whapping his nightstick against the door a few times; various curses from the students.

BRIAN What's going on in here?

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY CHRIS exits the lobby, and walks into a group of JOCKS.

> JOCK #1 Christopher Griffin.

> > CHRIS Oh no.

011 110.

JOCK #1 So you're the guy that stole the football team mascot.

JOCK #2 You are in so much trouble.

CHRIS No -- that was Christopher *Robin*.

> JOCK #2 (checking paperwork) Oh, yeah, he's right.

JOCK #1 Ok -- sorry, Chris. (to someone off-screen) Hey you!

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- LOBBY CHRISTOPHER ROBIN walks by, accompanied by POOH, who is carrying a honey jar.

Christopher Robin Uh-oh.

POOH breaks the jar and brandishes the jagged edge.

POOH COME GET SOME, PUNKS!

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY

JOCK #1 By the way, Chris, we still haven't penciled you in for getting beaten up this week.

> CHRIS Oh. Sorry.

JOCK #2 We thought we'd just take care of it now, if that's okay for you.

> CHRIS What did I do this week?

JOCK #1

(consulting clipboard)
Well, we've got a couple of
swirlies for wearing that stupid
hat... some kidney punches for
being good at drawing stuff...

CHRIS Huh? JOCK #2 That's girly.

CHRIS

0h...

JOCK #1 ... and, other than that, we just lock you up in a locker for generally being different. Ready?

> CHRIS Sounds good to me!

> > JOCK #2 Let's go!

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- OUTSIDE THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE PRINCIPAL BELFRIES leaves his office and walks out into the lobby, where the JOCKS are beating up CHRIS.

> JOCK #1 Okay, now carry him to the bathroom guys!

CHRIS Actually, I could just walk.

JOCK #2 Nope, he can still walk --

> JOCK #1 Keep beating him!

> > CHRIS Dang.

PRINCIPAL STOP RIGHT THERE! You are in so much trouble...

To everyone's surprise, the PRINCIPAL grabs *CHRIS* by the ear and carries him away.

JOCK #2 Well, what do we do now?

JOCK #1 Take care of Pooh, I guess...

> JOCK #3 But... where did he go?

Eerie music. The camera pans up to reveal POOH, grinning menacingly, and hiding between two of the rafters.

POOH (whispered) Let's get it on!

POOH leaps down, out of frame.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DOOR TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE A door labeled "Principal Belfries."

CHRIS (O. S.) Thank you very much for getting me out of that.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE A window behind the PRINCIPAL looks out on to the lobby. As the conversation goes on, we see the JOCKS getting attacked by POOH, which the PRINCIPAL doesn't notice.

> PRINCIPAL (derisive snort) Knowing you, you were just luring them into a false sense of security.

> > CHRIS I was?

PRINCIPAL (with false amity) Now, Chris...

The PRINCIPAL grins, and absently turns shut the blinds on the window.

Faint screams of terror from the JOCKS are still audible, briefly.

PRINCIPAL

(cont'd)

CHRIS Does this mean you'll get them to stop doing it?

PRINCIPAL Ha. Don't be silly. It builds character, Chris.

> CHRIS Oh.

PRINCIPAL Do you have... say, a *problem* with high school?

CHRIS I feel like an idiot all the time, and I get beaten up every other day.

PRINCIPAL So, pretty much normal, then?

CHRIS shrugs.

PRINCIPAL We at the office were thinking that... maybe a drug habit would help you... mellow out.

CHRIS

Drugs?

PRINCIPAL Have you ever smoked pot, Chris?

Because someone with your profile really should.

CHRIS Mom says if I do drugs, I'll end up crazy, like grandma.

INT. LIVING ROOM LOIS and LOIS'S MOTHER are sitting on the couch.

> LOIS'S MOTHER Ah! Spiders and snakes! ON YOUR HEAADDD!!

LOIS Mother! No! You're just having a flashback!

LOIS'S MOTHER starts hitting LOIS over the head with her handbag.

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

PRINCIPAL I've got an idea... let's look at this personality test.

The PRINCIPAL pulls out a file.

PRINCIPAL Question 3 -- "Do you have a problem with authority?" You answered... with a drawing of a little birdie.

> CHRIS Birdies are cute!

PRINCIPAL (menacingly) Do you have a problem with authority, Mr. Griffin?!

CHRIS Um... yes! No! I don't know!

PRINCIPAL

Well, you'd better think about that long and hard, when you're in jail!!!

> CHRIS For what?

PRINCIPAL Call my bluff, will you? Fine... fine... we'll just have to settle with *expelling* you.

> CHRIS That sounds bad.

SECRETARY (buzzing on Intercom) Sir, there's another call from the International Crime-Fighting --

PRINCIPAL I'M NOT HERE! Tell them I'm going to run *my* school the way *I* damn well please, and --

A 'thock' sound. The PRINCIPAL slumps forward on his desk with a blowdart in his neck. Two MEN IN SUITS (one of them ROBERT WAGNER) enter the office and start carrying the unconscious PRINCIPAL out.

> ROBERT WAGNER (As he leaves) You saw *nothing*.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

EXT. LOCAL TV STATION -- EVENING

ROBERT WAGNER (O. S.) So, I think you understand me.

INT. PARKING GARAGE A shadowy figure (ROBERT WAGNER) is talking to NORM THE REPORTER.

> NORM You're giving me \$50,000 to drop the "Qrisis in Quahog" story. Are you nuts?

ROBERT WAGNER I'm not nuts. I just want results.

NORM You can't just buy my journalistic integrity for \$50,000.

> ROBERT WAGNER I didn't mean to imply --

NORM YOU HAVE TO PAY REPORTERS IN *HOOKERS*, YOU MORON!

ROBERT WAGNER What?

NORM Jeez, didn't they teach you anything in that, that 'spy school?'

ROBERT WAGNER Fine. Fine. Whatever you want.

NORM

And we have to make this look natural. We can't just say "Oh, sorry there wasn't an explosion." ROBERT WAGNER What if we could give you another story. A *better* story. A *scarier* story.

> NORM I'm listening.

INT. LIVING ROOM LOIS, PETER, CHRIS, and BRIAN are watching TV. MEG enters, and stares daggers at BRIAN.

> MEG Hi, Brian.

BRIAN Hey -- no hard feelings.

> LOIS What happened?

> > MEG *NOTHING*.

BRIAN Oh, I just caught her making out with Jimmy Campisano.

MEG

(shouting) Brian, I gave you fifty dollars!!

BRIAN That was the bribe for the school people. Family costs triple.

MEG exits, seething.

PETER

(pointing at TV) Oh, I think there's gonna be another big graphic on the news!

LOIS Aren't they going to tell us more about the school explosion? INT. LIVING ROOM -- TV -- GRAPHIC

VO

"Computer monitors: Deadly Eyestrain." Find out more, after these commercial messages.

INT. LIVING ROOM

PETER

Sweet!

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY Guard towers are being dismantled, etc. Sign out front reads "Homecoming Dance: Your First Big Chance to Prove You're Not Gay!")

> ELECTRA (V. O.) I don't know, Zane.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- CLASSROOM ELECTRA and ZANE are arguing.

ZANE But, Electra!

ELECTRA How! How could I go out with you after you slept with my best friend, and... framed her for murder!

Dramatic chord.

ZANE I... I can explain everything, Elect --

> ELECTRA No!

CHRIS passes by.

ELECTRA

Maybe I'll just go with Chris!

ELECTRA hangs on CHRIS a bit.

CHRIS What's going on?

ZANE So this is how it is, Chris? (menacing) Going out with my woman can be hazardous to your health.

> CHRIS Huh?

ELECTRA That's right, Zane! And I'm going to give *him* what *you* never had!

> ZANE But, Electra... (gauzy close up) I love you.

ELECTRA

Oh, Zane...

ELECTRA drops CHRIS to the ground, passionately embraces ZANE.

CHRIS Ow!

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY The school bell rings.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY BECKY cautiously approaches MEG in the hall.

> BECKY Hey... Meg?

MEG

Okay, whatever you heard, I did not sleep with Kyle Madison, and if you heard it from Daisy, that's just because Daisy is a lying, skanky --

> BECKY Is Chris your brother?

MEG Am I in trouble if he is?

BECKY

Do you... (bashful) do you know if he has a girlfriend?

MEG

(perplexed) Why?

BECKY ... or if he's gonna go to the Dance?

MEG

(perplexed) You're asking if my dorky, balloon-headed brother has a girlfriend?

BECKY I mean, do you know if he likes me?

MEG

Um... whoever you are, if you just hit him with something, he'll stop following you.

BECKY He drew a picture of me... so that might be something --

> MEG Oh, he draws pictures of

CHRIS wanders by; MEG notices.

CLOSE-UP of Chris looking lovestruck, with accompanying music.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- HALLWAY MEG groans.

MEG Yes, he likes you!

BECKY (victorious) Yes! (back to cutesy) That's so *cool*! You guys have a computer, right? Um... so I can email him?

MEG Oh, no. This is a bet, isn't it.

> BECKY Huh?

MEG Somebody bet you you wouldn't go out with Chris for the big dance, and --

BECKY You have a little brother, right?

> MEG What? Yes. Wha -- why?

> > BECKY (sweetly) No reason.

In the background, CHRIS manages to injure himself with a drinking fountain.

MEG

Look, if you're going to do something mean to Chris, then don't.

BECKY What, is that like, a threat?

MEG I'm small, but I'm mean.

MEG eyes BECKY a bit belligerently, and walks away.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY

TEACHER (V. O.) And so, in this part, we see that Hamlet is questioning...

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- CLASSROOM A dull TEACHER is giving a dull lecture. CHRIS is bored.

TEACHER (cont'd) ... the whole point of living in

Denmark. And this is what we see in the third soliloquy.

The TEACHER'S mouth starts drifting out of sync with his speech.

TEACHER (cont'd) Let's all turn to page ninetyseven of your textbooks and...

CHRIS is drifting to sleep.

TEACHER (cont'd) ... follow along with me.

A loud rumbling thump is heard. THE CLASS suddenly reacts

with shock.

TEACHER That is nothing to be concerned about. Return to reading! (Looks at book.) "Hamlet. You have returned. (another thump) Now I shall destroy you! Ha, ha! No, Claudius! It is I who shall destroy you!"

The thumps are now thumping regularly, like footsteps. A wide-eyed student points out the window.

STUDENT LOOK!

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY GODZILLA approaches the school; pedestrians run screaming in all directions, a few military helicopters harass him at head level.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- DAY ROBERT WAGNER and an International-Crimefighting-League AGENT look up at the menacing lizard.

> ROBERT WAGNER We just took down those guard towers, didn't we.

AGENT Afraid so.

ROBERT WAGNER Oh well. Let's just scream like schoolgirls and run away.

They scream and run away.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- CLASSROOM

TEACHER Students, please remain calm. We

are going to walk to the exit, single --

A giant GODZILLA-CLAW crashes through the windows; EVERYONE screams, including the TEACHER.

The school bell rings. Many go for the door, which is jammed.

STUDENT

It's jammed!

STUDENT #2

We're doomed!

The GIANT HAND snags CHRIS, and drags him out and up and up, as GODZILLA stands up at a full 100 feet.

Short beat.

GODZILLA So, have you asked Becky out yet?

INT. HIGH SCHOOL -- CLASSROOM CHRIS jolts awake at his desk. ZANE is straddling a chair nearby.

> ZANE Have you asked Becky to the dance?

CHRIS GET AWAY FROM ME YOU GIANT GREEN FREAK!!!

ZANE blinks a couple times.

CHRIS blinks a couple times.

A bruised-up JOCK notices what just happened, and makes a small mark on a form.

INSERT OF THE FORM shows a line marked "Chris Griffin: Beatings" with a two marked out and a three being written in.

chris No. Not yet.

ZANE Well, don't wait too long! I may ask her myself!

CHRIS

Really?

ELECTRA enters dramatically.

ELECTRA REALLY?!

ZANE No, baby, I meant --

ELECTRA DON'T talk to me.

ELECTRA walks away.

ZANE

But Electra, I -- Chris, I don't know how you got me into this... (dramatic music) but don't think I'm going to forget it.

ZANE turns away dramatically and exits.

CHRIS (not noticing he left) So I should ask her to the dance, then?

> BECKY Who're you talking to?

CHRIS AAAAH! Um...just Zane.

BECKY I thought he died in that -- CHRIS No, that was his twin brother. Um... Becky?

> BECKY (hopeful) Yeah?

> > CHRIS

I know this is gonna sound weird, but... would you like to... maybe... go to the Homecoming dance with m--

BECKY Yes! Oh, that's so great, Chris!

BECKY hugs him impulsively, as the school bell rings.

BECKY I gotta go to Biology.

CHRIS Oh... um, cool... um --

> BECKY (waving) See you later!

BECKY exits.

CHRIS Wow.

EXT. GRIFFIN HOUSE -- NIGHT

MEG'S VOICE I don't *believe* this.

INT. KITCHEN LOIS and MEG are talking.

> LOIS (confused)

Chris asked an attractive girl to the Homecoming Dance.

MEG

Right.

LOIS And she said... yes?

> MEG Right.

> > LOIS

But... why?

MEG (exasperated) I don't *know*.

LOIS And you're not at the dance because...

MEG (snippy) Because God hates me, Mom.

LOIS

Okay....

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- NIGHT Sign out front: "Homecoming Dance: Under Disco Lights, It Looks Less Like a Penitentiary."

EXT. PARKING LOT -- NIGHT CHRIS is driving Peter's car; BECKY is in the passenger seat.

CHRIS gets stuck behind another car, and honks the horn. The hood flies up. The doors fall off. BECKY is alarmed.

> CHRIS Let's just park here.

CLOSE-UP of a ICF agent (sunglasses, short hair, dark suit, earpiece).

AGENT

One. Two. One, two, three four.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- BANDSTAND
A wider shot shows a group of stiff ICF agents posing as
the house band.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- DANCE FLOOR CHRIS and BECKY eye the band suspiciously.

CHRIS Something's not right about that.

BECKY

They can't all be bass players.

CHRIS approaches an AGENT who is patrolling, not playing. The AGENT immediately takes a menacing posture.

CHRIS

Sir... why is the singer wearing a black suit and a fake Afro?

AGENT

That's because he's making his funk the p-funk, citizen. I strongly suggest you do the same.

CHRIS

Okay.

BECKY

I think he wants us to dance.

BECKY tugs CHRIS to the dance floor.

CHRIS Umm... I dunno what to do.

BECKY

Just make something up!

CHRIS But my dad only had me practicing to Jethro Tull.

> BECKY Your dad *what*?

CHRIS Um... nothing.

CHRIS starts to look panicky. The music stops.

BECKY What's going on up there?

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- BANDSTAND THE BAND is getting harried by B. A. BARRACUS and MURDOCK.

> MURDOCK You should listen to the man!

> LEAD SINGER AGENT I assure you, Mr. Barracus, I don't need your pity.

B. A. I pity the musician that won't take requests!

MURDOCK He asked you nicely to play the song stylings of Jethro Tull. You don't want him to ask not-nicely.

LEAD SINGER AGENT (intimidated) Fine. (to bandmates) Okay, gentleman, we'll do this in "G."

> B. A. (taking mike briefly) And all you kids out there Stay in school!

B. A. notices PETER, who is looking in through a window and giving a cheerful "thumbs up."

B. A. returns the gesture -- the picture freeze-frames with an "A-Team" musical flourish.

FADE TO:

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- LATER THAT NIGHT Slower music. Everybody's dancing, except GARTH and a little enclave of geeks.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- CHRIS AND BECKY

CHRIS So, it turned out it was *Regis Philbin*.

BECKY

No way!

CHRIS They had a big fight and everything. It was cool.

BECKY So your little brother wants to rule the world?

CHRIS

(shrugs)

Mom says he's just at that age... (he trails off; they dance slowly) You're much better at this than my Dad.

> BECKY (laughs) You really think so?

CHRIS Thanks for coming to the dance with me. BECKY

You're welcome.

CHRIS I'm glad you're here.

BECKY I'm glad I'm here too...

Short beat; they kiss as the song ends.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- BANDSTANDS
B. A. is haranguing THE BAND again.

B. A. Now I wanna hear some "Free Bird," foo'!

DRUMMER AGENT How can you be black and like a band as racist as Lynyrd Skynyrd?

B. A. gets up and goes out of frame.

Sounds of a fight, combined with various percussion sounds, heard in background.

LEAD SINGER AGENT Let's just do what he says. We're going to take five, and once our drummer is back with us, we'll play our second set.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE -- CHRIS AND BECKY

BECKY (leaving) I think I'll go freshen up.

CHRIS smiles and walks to the exit door.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL EXIT DOOR -- NIGHT

CHRIS pushes the door open and leans outside, and looks up at the moon.

CHRIS

This is the best night of my life!

STEWIE (V. O.) I should hope so...

The next shot reveals STEWIE, harshly lit from the light coming through the door.

STEWIE ... for it is your last!

CHRIS Hey little bro -- what are you doing here?

STEWIE How *dare* you insult me by suggesting we are related!

CHRIS You aren't here with Dad, are you?

STEWIE I am here, you bulbous oaf, to talk about *this*!

STEWIE brandishes the smashed crypto-chip.

CHRIS My shiny thing! Where did you find it?

STEWIE No, Christopher. The question is, where did you find it!

> CHRIS What?

STEWIE

Tonight, it all came rushing back: You *stole* it from me! You may

have wanted me to die of embarrassment, Christopher...

STEWIE pulls out a knife.

STEWIE (cont'd) ... but you'll regret not having finished the job!

STEWIE advances on CHRIS; CHRIS begins backpedaling on to the stage.

CHRIS trips backwards over the drum set.

The crowd watches CHRIS, helpless beside the drum kit as STEWIE advances.

INSERT OF THE RAISED KNIFE about to stab down -- a hand grabs on to STEWIE'S arm and stops it.

STEWIE

Aaah!

STEWIE drops the knife.

The next shot shows BECKY holding a struggling STEWIE at bay.

CHRIS Becky! You saved my life!

BECKY The name's not "Becky," Chris. Actually, it's...

BECKY begins to pull away a mask from her face.

CUT TO the curious reaction shot from THE CROWD. (GARTH is in the background.)

We hear the mask pulled free.

EVERYONE is shocked (especially CHRIS).

GARTH Robert Wagner? We see the disturbing image of BECKY from the neck down and ROBERT WAGNER from the neck up.

ROBERT WAGNER Robert Wagner -- Master of Disguise.

CHRIS

What?

ROBERT WAGNER Chris, I'm afraid this has all been part of an elaborate scheme to locate and incarcerate one Stewart Moriarty Griffin.

> CHRIS (looking at the odd sight, grimacing) Ewww....

ROBERT WAGNER And now I've found him, with the evidence we need to send him to juvie for a long, long time. Right, Stewart? or should I say... Doctor Mysterio?

LEAD SINGER AGENT (approaching) You're saying that this sweet little infant was threatening to annihilate all of Trenton?!

STEWIE begins sneaking around.

ROBERT WAGNER And he crashed a high-powered experimental vehicle into the school!

THE CROWD gasps.

STEWIE

Yes, that's a very interesting

theory, but then how do you explain this?!

STEWIE pulls the CRYPTO-CHIP out of ROBERT WAGNER'S PURSE with a theatrical flourish.

> LEAD SINGER AGENT My god!

GUITARIST AGENT The crypto-chip!

DRUMMER AGENT In Robert Wagner's handbag?!

STEWIE

(rummaging further)
 Oh, and look,
 (brandishing plans)
 plans for a high-speed
experimental vehicle! Just lying
 there!

ROBERT WAGNER Are you people actually *buying* this? Look... look...

ROBERT WAGNER pulls out two large photographs -- one of STEWIE, and one of MYSTERIO. They are exactly the same but for a villainous-looking moustache on MYSTERIO.

ROBERT WAGNER Stewart Griffin. Doctor Mysterio.

LEAD SINGER AGENT Doctor Mysterio has a moustache.

DRUMMER AGENT Babies don't grow moustaches!

ROBERT WAGNER But he just tried to stab his own brother to death!

LEAD SINGER AGENT Surely that was a misunderstanding. GUITARIST AGENT When we canvassed the neighborhood, Stewie gave us flowers!

> DRUMMER AGENT Flowers and cookies!

LEAD SINGER AGENT You're going to have to do better than *that* to frame this model citizen here.

ROBERT WAGNER (arms akimbo, looking especially odd) What?! Are you crazy?

LEAD SINGER AGENT No ma'am. Just professionals. Come with us.

THE AGENTS try to take ROBERT WAGNER away -- ROBERT WAGNER wriggles free.)

ROBERT WAGNER Wait!

ROBERT WAGNER runs up to STEWIE; THE AGENTS again begin dragging him away.

ROBERT WAGNER They traced the tire tracks back to your house! How do you explain that?

STEWIE

(close-up; taunting)
Baby! Wants! Mommy!
 (laughs maniacally)

LEAD SINGER AGENT Oh, now you've made him cry.

ROBERT WAGNER (as he is dragged from the building) Noooo! He's laughing! He's laughing, you fools! Don't you see?!

STEWIE

(smiles pleasantly) Ah... they all walked into my sinister trap.

CHRIS picks up the knife.

CHRIS Um... are you still mad at me?

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL -- NIGHT There are flashing police lights gathered around one exit as ROBERT WAGNER is taken away.

> STEWIE (V. O.) Of course not. You may make a good minion one day.

> > END OF SHOW