

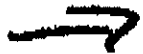
TODD

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Sam + Todd

EXT. MOVIE THEATER- NIGHT

Todd walks up to Sam who's been waiting outside the theater.



SAM

The seven thirty is sold out. I knew we should have gotten here earlier.

(TODD)

It's sold out already?

SAM

Yeah, who knew people were gonna want to see the last Star Wars movie. So what do you wanna do? There's a ten o'clock, but it's on a smaller screen --

(TODD)

What's that shirt?

Todd's pointing at Sam's shirt. A STRIPED BUTTON DOWN.

SAM

What? This? It's a shirt.

(looking at movie times)

The next big screen isn't until midnight--

(TODD)

Since when do you wear shirts like that?

SAM

Like what? It's just a shirt. Jane bought it for me.

(TODD)

Ohhhh. I see. Now it makes sense.

SAM

What do you mean? What's wrong with it?

(TODD)

Nothing. It's just, you know, it's a shirt a girlfriend buys you.

SAM

That's absurd. You're only saying that because I just told you she bought it for me. I totally could have bought this shirt on my own.

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(TODD)

Really? Because outside of work, I don't think I've ever seen you in anything other than t-shirts.

SAM

Jeez, that's so sweet you pay such close attention to my wardrobe. I there something you want to tell me?

(TODD)

No, I think it's cute you're wearing your Jane shirt. Next time maybe you'll have your Jane haircut too.

SAM

Shut up.

(back up at the times)

So do you want to wait for the midnight show. Or is that too late?

(still annoyed)

And Jane likes my hair the way it is.

But then he remembers ...

FLASHBACK:

~~Jane is with Sam on the couch. She's reading a magazine.~~

~~JANE~~

~~Have you ever thought about growing your hair cut? I think it would look good on you.~~

ignore

BACK TO THE THEATER:

SAM

Well, she doesn't want me to get it cut anyway ...

(TODD)

This is what women do, Sam. They want to change us. See, Jane's not really falling for you. Sure, she likes "Regular Sam" well enough, but who she's really interested in -- the one she could really see herself with in the long run -- that's "Potential Sam". And Potential Sam wears the button down striped shirts and has a slightly different haircut and probably uses more lip balm.

Sam licks his lips, self conscious.

(TODD (CONT'D))

And once she's successfully transformed you into Potential Sam -- you may not realize it right away -- but you're gonna miss good old Regular Sam. But he'll be long gone with all those comfy t-shirts she made you get rid of. And deep down you're gonna resent her a little bit for that. Trust me. I know how this works.

SAM

Yeah, because you've been in so many successful relationships.

(TODD)

Sometimes it's easier to identify a phenomenon when you're on the outside looking in.

Sam's had enough.

*end*

SAM

Okay, first of all, I like this shirt. I think it looks good, and honestly, I like the fact that Jane thinks it looks good. I even like the fact that Jane likes me enough to buy me a nice shirt. And secondly, what am I supposed to do? Wear worn-out old t-shirts the rest of my life? I mean, we're in our thirties now Todd, we might wanna leave the college dorm room look behind. But the thing that's most insulting is this insinuation that I'm some spineless sap who Jane's gonna just mold into whatever she pleases. I'm still the same guy I was before I met her and I think I'm secure enough to do whatever I want to do, whether she likes it or not!

(TODD)

All right. All right. Forget I said anything. It's a great shirt. I'm sure you'll be very happy with it.

But the seed has been planted now. Todd looks back up.

(TODD (CONT'D))

So what are we doing? You know, this Star Wars is probably gonna suck as bad the last two. I heard the Ewoks are back in this one.

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