

# UNTITLED WIENER/SCHWARTZ PROJECT

"BETHANY"  
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SC.#1

BRAD

Forty years from now: "Son, don't put  
me in a home." "Overruled."

MICHAEL

We all chip in around here until I  
find a housekeeper.

LISSA

Hey, Bethany, what are you up to  
tonight?

BETHANY

(HOPEFUL) After we unpack I'm free.

LISSA

Great. I just knew you had nothing to  
do. I'm running for student council  
and I completely forgot to make signs.  
I need you to make a bunch by  
tomorrow.

BETHANY

Uh, sure.

LISSA

Brad, walk me out.

BRAD

(OBLIVIOUS) Isn't she great?

BRAD AND LISSA EXIT. BETHANY THROWS THINGS IN A BOX.

START -

BETHANY •

I don't get it. If she's here, than  
who's watching hell? (THEN) I should  
have told her off.

MICHAEL

Well, maybe you should te --

BETHANY

Tell her off? Tell off the most  
popular girl in school? Oh, great  
idea, Dad. They'll skin me alive.

MICHAEL

Oh, well, then maybe you shouldn't --

BETHANY

Stand up for myself?! Like I should  
just bow down to her. God, Dad, what  
kind of advice is that?!

MICHAEL

Now I'm scared to say anything.

BETHANY

I'm sorry. You know, I just have to  
face it. I'm an outcast. I'm not like  
Brad. I'll never know what it's like to  
throw the winning touchdown or have the  
lunch room chant my name as I inhale a  
noodle through my nose.

MICHAEL

He did that?

BETHANY

I'm embarrassed we shared a uterus.  
(THEN) I mean, if fencing and reading  
comprehension were cool then I'd be  
homecoming queen. But they're not.  
That's my life. I'll deal with it.

MICHAEL

You'll find your place. (GIVES HER A  
HUG) And at least now, you have Derek  
to look down on.

BETHANY

(THINKS FOR A BEAT, THEN SMILES)

Yeah.

OFF BETHANY'S SMILE.

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