

The Full Windsor

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FADE IN

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

The camera PANS around a bedroom that looks like it belongs to a little boy. It is a mess with different toys and games all over the place. The camera then PANS UP to show that it actually belongs to a teenager. This is DANIEL WEBBER. He is looking at his calendar which has a bunch of days crossed out. He circles the last day which is labeled "birthday" and runs downstairs.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL

Dan is in his car with his MOM as he gets dropped off out front.

MOM
Are you sure you don't want cup cakes
to pass out to your friends?

DAN
Yes, Mom.

He gets out of the car.

MOM
Ok, but if you change your mind let me
know. Be good!

INT. HALLWAY

Dan heads to his locker but there are a group of girls in front of it talking to each other.

DAN
Excuse me.

None of them even notice Dan so he awkwardly pushes his way in between them to his locker.

INT. CLASSROOM

Dan sits down next to his two friends, BILL and STEVE, who are in the middle of a conversation.

BILL
And now I'm not allowed in the gym

STEVE
That's not fair. It wasn't even your
fault!

DAN
Hey guys.

They both ignore Dan.

BILL

I know it was like that when we got there.

DAN
So big day today.

STEVE
Are you going to try to fight it?

DAN
I'm finally an adult.

BILL
Yeah I think so. I really don't care about the gym, but it's the principle of the thing you know?

Dan gives up and turns around in his seat.

BILL
Oh Dan, I almost forgot!

DAN
Yeah?

BILL
Can I borrow your Spanish homework?

DAN
Oh...yeah sure.

He gives him his homework as MS. LERNER enters the room.

LERNER
Ok so I have the chapter test on trig to hand back. Was anyone not here to take it?

Dan raises his hand.

LERNER
Anyone else besides Stan?

DAN
Dan.

LERNER
Right, Dan, sorry. So you can just wait in the hall while we go over it.

Dan gets up to leave as she hands back the tests.

INT. HALLWAY

Dan is standing outside the room. Across the hall, a GIRL goes to her locker which is all decorated for her birthday. A group of her friends run up to her all excited.

FRIEND
Oh my God, happy birthday!!!

GIRL
Thank you!

They take a picture of themselves and run off.

INT. CLASSROOM

It is near the end of class and they are now doing a work sheet.

STEVE
(to Bill)
Hey, did you do number five yet?

BILL
Yeah, but I don't know what I'm doing.
Ask Dan.

Steve goes to ask Dan but sees that he is not there.

STEVE
Uh, Ms. Lerner? Is Dan still out in the
hall?

LERNER
Who?

STEVE
You know, the kid that sits next to me,
kind of awkward, you thought his name
was Stan.

LERNER
Oh Dan! I completely forgot!

INT. HALLWAY

Ms. Lerner opens the door.

LERNER
Dan, you can come back inside now.

Just as Dan starts to go back in the bell rings and everyone
rushes out of the room and pushes him out of the way.

LERNER
We learned new stuff today so you can
just come do it after school.

DAN
But-

LERNER

Great, I'll see you there.

INT. KITCHEN

Dan walks into his house, tosses his back pack down and walks by his mom who is sitting at the table.

MOM
Hey, you're home late.

He doesn't say anything.

MOM
Where are you going?

DAN
My room.

MOM
But it's your eighteenth birthday!

DAN
So?

MOM
So?! You're gonna miss your party!

Dan looks up and sees his DAD in the background hanging up streamers.

DAN
Wait, we're having a party here?

MOM
Yeah of course! But don't worry, I already invited everyone.

DAN
Oh God, who did you invite?

INT. KITCHEN - LATER THAT DAY

Dan and his parents are sitting at the table eating cake and ice cream. Across from them is GRANDPA and two little kids, TIM and SUSIE, who have party hats on and look extremely bored.

MOM
Dan, you remember Tim and Susie from across the street right?

DAN
Uh, yeah I think so.

They both shoot him a dirty look.

MOM

Hey let's open presents! Here, this one's from me and Dad.

She hands him a present and he unwraps it. It's a Lego set.

DAN
You got me Legos?

MOM
Why what's the matter? Do you already have that one?

DAN
No -well, yeah actually- but that's not the point! I'm too old for these things. I'm an adult now!

GRANDPA
Ha! An adult! You ever save someone's life, boy?

DAN
No, what kind of question-

GRANDPA
Do you even know how to tie a tie? You ain't a man unless you can tie a tie.

DAN
I don't know, but what-

MOM
He can't tie a tie, Dad.

DAD
(muttering)
Or play sports.

MOM
Not now, Jim.

DAN
Well no one ever taught me how.

GRANDPA
No one ever taught me. In my day, we had to learn ourselves!

DAD
And here we go...

MOM
Go easy on him, Grandpa. He's very sensitive.

DAN
Mom, please.

GRANDPA
And we had to tie them every morning
and then walk ten miles to school...

MOM
What? There's nothing wrong with being
sensitive.

GRANDPA
...through five feet of snow with no
shoes on...

Dan bangs his head on the table.

MOM
Why, all the nice girls at school must
be crazy about you!

GRANDPA
...and it was up hill both ways!

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Dan enters his room and slams the door.

DAN
(mocking voice)
You're not a man unless you can tie a
tie. I had to teach myself. I witnessed
the Civil War, blah blah blah.

He goes to hide his presents in his closet when he notices a tie
hanging up. He looks at it for a moment and grabs it.

DAN
I'll show him.

He sits at his computer and looks up how to tie a tie. He comes
across a video on how to tie the most difficult tie of them all:
the Full Windsor.

MONTAGE - LEARNING THE FULL WINSOR

- Dan is trying to copy the instructions in the video.
- He attempts to tie it, but it ends up in a big knot.
- He gets a tie, but it quickly gets undone.
- He tightens the tie and starts choking himself.
- He some how ends up with a bow tie.
- He finally successfully ties the full Windsor.

END MONTAGE

He jumps up in excitement.

DAN
YES!!!

His mom bursts in.

MOM
Dan, you're going to be late for
school!

He looks at the clock and sees that it is seven in the morning. He has spent the entire night on the Windsor. His mom sees that he is wearing a nice shirt with a tie.

MOM
Oh good, you're already dressed. Let's
go!

DAN
But-

She grabs him and they leave the room.

INT. MAIN LOBBY

Dan opens the front door and starts to run to home room when he is stopped by MR. CONNOR.

MR. CONNOR
Thank God you're here!

DAN
Huh?

Mr. Connor ignores this and leads Dan down the hall.

MR. CONNOR
Sorry to call you at the last minute
but we've been really low on substitute
teachers lately...or at least normal
ones.

DAN
I'm not-

MR. CONNOR
And then we get a call that Mr. Whit-
tenhall's on maternity leave and you
were the only one available. You used
to teach history, right?

DAN
Uh...

MR. CONNOR

Oh I'm sorry, but what's your name again?

DAN
My name? It's um...uh...

He looks at his tie and sees the name Brooks Bros.

DAN
Brothers. Brooks Brothers.

MR. CONNOR
Oh, kinda like Mario Brothers?

DAN
Yeah sure.

MR. CONNOR
That is SO cool! I wish I had a name like that. That's a nice tie by the way.

They arrive at Whittenhall's room.

MR. CONNOR
Well here we are, Mr. Brothers. He left his instructions on his desk. I'm sure you know the drill.

DAN
Yes, of course. Thank you.

MR. CONNOR
No, thank YOU.

Mr. Connor leaves as he whispers "Brooks Brothers" to himself.

INT. CLASSROOM

Dan enters and looks over his instructions. Kids start to file in so he panics and writes "Brooks Bros." on the board.

Everyone gets settled and he gets in front of the class.

DAN
Ok, so Mr. Whittenhall is delivering his baby so I will be your sub for today. He wants you to read chapter 5.8 and take notes. Any questions?

A STUDENT raises his hand.

STUDENT
Mr. Bros?

DAN

It's pronounced "brothers".

STUDENT
Oh sorry, but when's Whittenhall coming back?

DAN
No idea. Any other questions?

A second student raises his hand.

STUDENT 2
Isn't Brooks Brothers a tie company?

DAN
Um...Ok no more questions. Everyone just do your work.

INT. CLASSROOM - LATER IN THE DAY

The bell rings and all of the students file out of the room.

DAN
So uh, yeah, good job today, keep up the hard work, study those history books and um, stay away from those drugs and stuff.

He waits for the last kid to leave and then gives a sigh of relief and heads out.

INT. CAFETERIA

Dan has his lunch and heads over to a table where Bill and Steve are sitting. Bill is texting on his phone and Steve sees Dan heading towards them.

STEVE
Dude, that teacher's looking right at you.

Bill quickly puts his phone away, and to their surprise Dan sits down at the table with them.

DAN
You guys will NEVER guess what happened to me today!

BILL
Um, do I know you?

DAN
What are you talking about? We're best friends!

BILL
I've never even seen you before in my life.

DAN
Steve, what's the matter with him?

STEVE
Whoa, how the hell do you know my name
you creep?

DAN
Creep?! What-

Mr. Connor walks by and spots Dan and runs over to him.

MR. CONNOR
Hey Mr. Brothers! You don't have to sit
with these losers. Come on, I'll take
you to the teacher's room.

Dan follows Mr. Connor leaving his friends utterly confused.

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE

Dan and Mr. Connor sit down at one of the tables.

MR. CONNOR
So any problems with the kids?

DAN
No, they've been fine.

MR. CONNOR
Ok, well if anyone gets out of line
feel free to smack them. You get one
freebie, but after that I have to re-
port it.

DAN
Alright, I'll keep that in mind.

The door opens and a TIELESS TEACHER walks in. He walks over to Mr. Connor's table but stops when he sees Dan.

TIELESS TEACHER
Who is THIS?

MR. CONNOR
Oh this is our new sub, Brooks Brothers.

DAN
Hello.

He just glares at him.

MR. CONNOR
Is something the matter?

TIELESS TEACHER
Oh no, it's just that, well you know, I
usually sit with you at this lunch.

MR. CONNOR
Oh, well you can pull up another chair.
There's plenty of room.

TIELESS TEACHER
No it's fine. I'll just go over here
and eat these tots by myself.

MR. CONNOR
Ok.

The tieless teacher goes over to a nearby table, glaring at Dan the entire time.

MR. CONNOR
Brooks, I almost forgot to tell you the
good news!

Dan is barely listening as he is distracted by the tieless teacher who is still staring at him, while he slowly eats his tots.

DAN
Yep...

MR. CONNOR
Mr. Whittenhalll decided he wants to be
a full time mom so you can be his per-
manent sub!

DAN
That's good...wait, WHAT?!

MR. CONNOR
You can be a full time teacher here!

DAN
No I can't!

Mr. Connor is crushed.

MR. CONNOR
Oh no really? God, I knew this was the
wrong time to ask you. I always do
that! I'm so stupid!!!

Mr. Connor pounds his fist on the table and starts to cry. Other teachers in the room start to look over

DAN
Mr. Connor, calm down! I change my
mind. I'll do it!

Mr. Connor suddenly becomes cheerful.

MR. CONNOR
Great! You can start tomorrow.

INT. HALLWAY

Dan is heading to his last class of the day when he bumps into the tieless teacher.

TIELESS TEACHER
You better watch your back, Brooks.

DAN
Excuse me?

TIELESS TEACHER
I don't know who you are or what your deal is. All I know is that I don't like you so stay out of my way and there won't be any trouble.

DAN
But I didn't do anything!

TIELESS TEACHER
I'm watching you. Your little friend Connor won't always be around to protect you.

DAN
What are you talking about?!

The tieless teacher walks away and Dan runs into his room, sweating.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONT

DAN
I can't breathe in this stupid thing!

He takes off his tie and sits down in his chair as the class starts to file in, including Bill and Steve.

BILL
Dan? Where have you been all day? And why are you sitting at his desk?

DAN
I've been, uh...hiding.

BILL
Oh...may I ask why?

DAN
Um I don't know. I have to go.

He grabs the tie and runs out of the room.

STEVE
That must have been one hell of a birthday party.

MONTAGE

- Dan strolls through the main lobby as he is greeted by Mr. Connor and several other teachers.
- Dan is in front of a class teaching.
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- Dan is at home putting on his tie, which is now accompanied with a full suit.
- Dan pulls his car into a spot right out front reserved for him.
- Dan is sitting in the teacher's lounge as a crowd of teachers around him laugh at his joke.
- Dan is walking down the hall as two interns write down his instructions and give him coffee.
- Dan sits down in his chair and puts his feet up on the desk.

END MONTAGE

INT. DAN'S HOUSE

Dan casually walks into his house as he takes off his tie. His parents are sitting at the kitchen table. His mom stands up when he enters the room. His dad is reading the paper.

DAN
Hello, mother.

MOM
(angry)
Don't you 'hello mother' me, Daniel!

DAN
What did I do?

MOM
You know exactly what you did!

DAN
I have no idea! I didn't do anything!

MOM
Then explain this!

She hands him a piece of paper. It's a print out of his X2 page.

DAN
Uh-oh...

MOM
I go on my hourly X2 check and I see that you're failing every class except history! And you've been wearing these suits every day. Are you in gang?

DAN

No, of course not!

MOM
Then what has gotten into you, Dan?

DAN
I-I don't know...I um...

Dan trails off as he tries to think of an excuse. He suddenly gets an idea and pretends to start crying.

DAN
I'm just so scared! I'm leaving next year and I don't think I'm ready to be on my own yet and I'm just under so much pressure and I just want to be a good kid and for you to be proud of me.

His mom buys the story and also starts to cry

MOM
Awww Danny, come here!

She runs over to hug him.

MOM
We are proud of you! And you can still live with me next year!

His dad rolls his eyes and gets up and leaves.

INT. MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Connor is sitting at his desk, spaced out, staring blankly at the wall when Dan comes in and knocks on the door. Mr. Connor snaps out of it.

MR. CONNOR
Hey Brooks! Come in, take a seat.

Dan sits down.

MR. CONNOR
So what can I do for you?

DAN
I was wondering if you could do me a favor. Do you know Dan Webber?

MR. CONNOR
No.

Dan tries to not look annoyed.

DAN

Well he's a student here and he's failing almost all of his classes.

MR. CONNOR
That's not good.

DAN
No it's not, but it's really not his fault. You see, he's been my understudy, protégé if you will, and he's been busy doing stuff for me so he hasn't had time for school. I've been teaching him everything anyways. So I was hoping you could just raise all of his grades.

MR. CONNOR
Yeah sure thing, if it means having another Brooks Brothers in the future!

He turns to his computer and then stops.

MR. CONNOR
Wait a minute. Am I even allowed to do this?

DAN
Oh yeah. I asked Imbusch and he said to do it.

MR. CONNOR
Oh ok, good thinking.

He turns back to his computer.

MR. CONNOR
Computer, find Daniel Webber!

Nothing happens.

DAN
Um, I don't think it works like that.

Mr. Connor curses under his breath and types in the information.

MR. CONNOR
Alright, that should do it.

DAN
Awesome, thanks.

Dan pats him on the back and runs out of the room.

MR. CONNOR
I wish I was his protégé.

INT. MS. LERNER'S ROOM

Dan walks into the room and goes up to Ms. Lerner who is at her desk.

DAN
Hey Ms. Lerner, I was wondering if you could help me out with something.

LERNER
Of course. What do you need?

DAN
Well I heard that you recently gave a big chapter test on trig and I was thinking of doing the same thing for my class, so I was hoping I could use yours as a guide.

LERNER
Yeah sure...But aren't you a history teacher?

DAN
Um, it's a pop test.

LERNER
Wow that's pretty mean, but hey, it's your class.

She hands him the quiz.

DAN
Yeah well I hate kids. Anyways thanks!
He runs off with the test.

INT. HALLWAY

Dan puts the test in his back pack.

DAN
(to himself)
Ok, I should probably go to Spanish. I haven't been there in a while.

He takes off his tie The bell rings and he starts to run down the hall. As he nears the classroom he accidentally runs into the tieless teacher, making him drop his lunch.

TIELESS TEACHER
HEY! Watch where you're going!

DAN
Oh God, I'm sorry. I didn't see you.

TIELESS TEACHER

Look at this mess! You know what, it's lunch block so why don't you just go straight down to call list.

DAN
What? But it was an accident!

TIELESS TEACHER
Well that's too bad.

The tieless teacher hands him the hour slip and walks away.

TIELESS TEACHER
And clean this up!

Dan is about to head into the class but then stops. He thinks about it for a moment, then puts the tie back on and sprints down the hall.

INT. MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE

The tieless teacher barges into the office and startles Mr. Connor.

TIELESS TEACHER
Hi Mr. Connor, I just sent a student down here, Dan Webber, to get a detention and I just wanted to make sure he showed up.

MR. CONNOR
Well he didn't show up but his mentor did.

TIELESS TEACHER
His mentor?

MR. CONNOR
Yeah, Mr. Brothers. He's going to take care of it. He said not to worry about it. You just missed him actually.

TIELESS TEACHER
Brooks!

The tieless teacher storms out of the office.

INT. CLASSROOM

All of the students are working quietly while Dan stands impatiently in front of one kid's desk. He is the smartest kid in the class, MARTIN, and he is doing Ms. Lerner's math test for him.

MARTIN
There, that should do it.

Martin hands Dan the quiz and he looks it over.

DAN

Are you sure everything is right?

MARTIN
Positive. Why do you need it again?

DAN
What did I say about asking questions?

MARTIN
Ok fine, just pay up then.

DAN
Yeah yeah hold on.

He takes ten dollars out of his wallet and hands it to Martin.

MARTIN
Pleasure doing business with you, Mr.
Brothers.

Dan goes over to the phone and dials a number and Mr. Connor answers.

MR. CONNOR
Hello?

DAN
Hey it's Brooks. Would you mind covering my class for me?

MR. CONNOR
Of course, anything for you!

DAN
Great, thanks. I'll put you on speaker phone.

He puts the phone on speaker and lays it on his desk.

DAN
Alright class, I have a meeting to go so Mr. Connor is in charge.

He takes the test and leaves the room.

STUDENT
Is this a joke?

MR. CONNOR
(through phone)
Hey! No talking!

INT. HALLWAY

Dan takes off the tie as he heads down the hall and in the rush he drops the tie on floor.

INT. CLASSROOM

The tieless teacher walks into Dan's class.

TIELESS TEACHER
I thought I told you stay out of my way! I can handle my own discipline so just mind your own business-

He stops when he sees that he is not there.

TIELESS TEACHER
Where's Mr. Brothers?

STUDENT
In a meeting. Mr. Connor's in charge.

MR. CONNOR
(through phone)
Hey! You were just in my office, remember?

The tieless teach slams the phone down to hang it up and leaves the room. Just outside the room he notice the tie on the ground and picks it up.

INT. MS. LERNER'S ROOM

Ms. Lerner is looking at a pass that Dan wrote for himself.

LERNER
What teacher is this?

DAN
Oh it's-

Dan glances outside and freezes. The tieless teacher walks by, twirling the tie around.

LERNER
Dan?

DAN
Um, Mr. Brothers.

Dan is still staring out the room.

LERNER
Are you ok?

DAN
Yeah I'm fine.

Dan snaps out of it and takes his seat.

INT. DAN'S HOUSE

Dan is in his dad's room going through his closet, looking for a tie but he can't find any.

His mom enters the room.

DAN
Mom, where are all of Dad's ties?

MOM
He must have taken them with him on his business trip.

DAN
He took ALL of them? But he's only going away for two days!

MOM
Dan, you know that nothing your father does makes any sense.

The only tie Dan can find is a clip on so he just grabs in in desperation.

INT. MAIN LOBBY

Dan walks into the school as he tries to get his tie to look good. He heads towards Mr. Connor's office.

INT. MR. CONNOR'S OFFICE

DAN
Hello Mr. Connor, I was wondering if-

MR. CONNOR
Who are you?

DAN
What are you talking about? It's Brooks!

MR. CONNOR
You're not Brooks!

DAN
Of course I am! I-

MR. CONNOR
How did you get in here?!

DAN
What do you mean? I just walked in.

MR. CONNOR
Dear God, the buzzer has failed!

Mr. Connor gets up and runs out of the room. Dan steps out of the room after him and sees him sprinting away. He looks down at his tie and takes it off. CASHMAN then walks by and Dan clips the tie on him.

CASHMAN
What are you doing?

Mr. Connor suddenly reappears with OFFICER TSONGIN.

MR. CONNOR
HE'S GETTING AWAY!

He and Tsongin run after Cashman who looks back over at Dan. Before he realizes what is going on Tsongin knocks him to the ground. Mr. Connor kneels down beside him.

MR. CONNOR
Where's the real Mr. Brooks Brothers?!

CASHMAN
What?!

Dan sneaks off.

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE

The tieless teacher is sitting at a table eating his lunch. Dan enters and cautiously walks up to him.

DAN
Hi, sorry to bother you but have you found a tie by any chance in the hall recently?

TIELESS TEACHER
Yeah I found one yesterday actually.

DAN
Do you have it with you?

TIELESS TEACHER
Oh no I threw it out.

DAN
You threw it out?!

TIELESS TEACHER
I sure did. What does it matter to you?

DAN
It doesn't really. It's just Mr. Brothers lost his and he's been asking everyone so I thought I would help him out.

TIELESS TEACHER
Oh please, he would get worked up over something like that. He thought he was so big and important wearing that same stupid tie every day. People like him

don't realize that it's what you do that makes you who you are, not what you look like.

DAN
Yeah, I guess you're right.

TIELESS TEACHER
Of course I'm right! That's like the most clichéd message there is. Have you ever seen a Disney movie? Anyway, shouldn't you be in class or something?

DAN
Yeah I should probably head back.

Dan heads out of the room and the tieless teacher returns to his lunch. Dan reaches the door when the teacher suddenly starts choking. Dan turns around and sees that there is no one else in the room so he runs over to him and gives him the Heimlich maneuver. It works and he stops choking.

TIELESS TEACHER
Thank you so much. You saved my life.

DAN
Don't mention it.

INT. HALLWAY

Dan and the tieless teacher are being followed by reporters as they tell the about how Dan saved him.

INT. HOUSE

Dan is sitting next to his grandpa who is reading the newspaper. The front headline says "Local Man Saves Teacher".

INT. CLASSROOM

All the kids are sitting in their desks in Mr. Whittenhall's room, but there is no teacher there.

BILL
So did they just give up on us?

INT. HALLWAY

JEFF the janitor is pushing a trash barrel down the hall when something catches his eyes. He reaches into the barrel and takes out a tie.

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM

The SUPERINTENDENT is in a meeting with a bunch of teachers and Mr. Connor.

SUPERINTENDENT

So it's agreed that Thursday will remain pasta day. And now for a special announcement. The new promotion will be awarded to...Brooks Brothers!

Everyone claps, but it dies down as they realize that he's not there.

SUPERINTENDENT

Where is he?

TEACHER

I haven't seen him in a couple days.

Mr. Connor looks down at a cake he made himself that says "Congrats Brooks!" and looks like he is about to cry.

INT. HALLWAY

Jeff looks at the tie and then tries it on. A moment later, the Superintendent walks out of a meeting and sees Jeff.

SUPERINTENDENT

Hello sir, I don't think we've met before but how you're just the man we've been looking for. How would you like a position down at town hall?

JEFF

Uh sure, I guess.

SUPERINTENDENT

Perfect! Here, take a walk with us and we'll discuss business.

Jeff leaves the barrel and walks away with the two men.

FADE OUT