

# Texting the Limits

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FADE IN

INT - MATH HALLWAY

We hear a love song about everyone being in love as we walk down the math hallway. We see nothing but couples at their lockers kissing, hugging, holding hands, giving each other presents, etc., etc.

We reach the end of the hallways and see a girl walking down the hallway is without a boyfriend and sulking as she walks by each couple. She is wearing a sweater, blue jeans, and sneakers. Her hair is straight, pulled back in a pony tail, and she is very ordinary. This is MAGGIE.

She reaches her locker and there is a couple standing in front of her locker, staring into each others' eyes and taking turns brushing back each others' hair. She stands there for a second, and then tries to awkwardly maneuver her way around the couple to get to her locker, but is unsuccessful.

MAGGIE  
(quietly)  
Um...excuse me....

The couple ignores her.

MAGGIE  
Excuse me?...

Maggie is standing there, helplessly staring at the rude couple, when a girl walks up to her. She is not significantly taller than Maggie, but her clothes stand out. She is wearing a bright green T-shirt that says "DON'T MESS" and high-heeled boots. Her hair is down and curly. This is JESSICA.

She gets Maggie's attention, along with a lot of other people's attention, from down the hall.

JESSICA  
Maggie!

MAGGIE  
Hey...

JESSICA  
Did you get that picture I sent you? How hot is my dress.

Jessica smiles at Maggie awaiting an answer, but Maggie is a little too concerned with the fact that she can't get to her locker.

MAGGIE  
It looks really pretty....

Maggie looks over to the couple at her locker, and Jessica looks over after.

JESSICA  
Ugh, again?

Maggie looks down at her shoes in shame.

MAGGIE  
They won't move.

Jessica turns towards the couple and taps the boy on the shoulder. The boy tears his eyes away from his girl to look at Jessica.

JESSICA  
(to the couple)  
You sick-o's have your own lockers!

The boy turns back to his girlfriend, their faces are no longer smiling, but frowning at each other, then back at Jessica. They stare at her and Jessica gets aggravated.

JESSICA  
Oh for the love of - not to crash the wedding or anything, but your little love fest is inconveniently located on my friend's locker.

The couple stares at her. Jessica gets between both of their faces.

JESSICA  
MOVE!

The two scatter away and Maggie goes to her locker to get her books.

INT - HOMEROOM

The morning bell rings and Maggie files into the classroom alongside Jessica, and the two take their seats. Maggie is sitting behind Jessica.

Everyone in the classroom but Maggie is texting on their cell phones.

Jessica turns around to gossip with Maggie.

JESSICA  
Are you ever going to talk to him?

MAGGIE  
Well, I'm working on it....

JESSICA

Ugh! Maggie! You totally creep on this kid, the least you could do is talk to him.

Maggie looks down at her desk, ashamed.

A boy walks in after the bell and walks right past his homeroom teacher. He is wearing a gray T-shirt, sneakers, and blue jeans. Not unlike Maggie, he is very ordinary. This is DONNY LITTLEFIELD.

TEACHER

(loudly)  
LATE PASS?

Donny is startled and struggles to retrieve his note out of his pocket.

TEACHER

No late pass means hours, Donald.

DONNY

No! No, I...I have it right here.

He hands her the note and makes eye contact with the teacher, who is giving him the evil eye, and quickly walks towards his seat.

Donny slows down and smiles when he walks by Maggie.

DONNY

(to Maggie)  
Hi...

Maggie slowly turns around to respond, smiling like an idiot.

MAGGIE

(sheepishly)  
Hi Donny...

She immediately starts blushing at the sight of him.

He takes a seat at the back of the room and takes out his cell phone to start texting.

JESSICA

(whispers)  
TALK to him!

MAGGIE

But I don't know what to say....

JESSICA

Ugh, you're pathetic! Ask him about the math homework...or the book we're reading in English...or the fact that you're so excited it's Buff Chick day, I don't know, ANYTHING.

Maggie sighs and, just as she is about to turn around and talk to Donny, we hear her phone BUZZ in her pocket and she gets a text message.

INSERT - MAGGIE'S PHONE

"From: Blocked Number  
I really like you, will you go to prom with me? - DL"

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie stares at the cell phone screen, carefully reading it over and over, as Jessica stares at her.

JESSICA

Let me see it!

After no response, Jessica snatches the phone out of Maggie's hand and speed reads the text message. Maggie is left staring into the hand that previously held the cell phone. She looks hopelessly confused.

JESSICA

Oh my god!

MAGGIE

Oh my god....

Maggie turns around and smiles at Donny, who looks up from his cell phone to smile back, and she turns around quickly to Jessica.

She subtly points to Donny with her thumb in a way that he won't see her gesture.

MAGGIE

(whisper)

I think it's Donny!

JESSICA

Holy -

MAGGIE

Should I text him back?

JESSICA

You can't it's a blocked numb- wait...how do you know it's him?

MAGGIE  
Well, he signed it DL, and he's  
Donny Littlefield.

JESSICA  
Yeah, but, why would he send it  
from a blocked number?

Maggie stares at Jessica until her excitement melts into  
confusion. Her mouth falls open and she is speechless.

Just then, the morning announcements are on.

INSERT - TV SCREEN

NEWSCASTER  
Gooooooooood morning, Walpole High!

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie turns to Jessica.

MAGGIE  
But...if it's not Donny, then...who  
is it?

INSERT - TV SCREEN

NEWSCASTER  
If you're planning on going to prom  
this year, you better hurry up and  
get a date because ticket sales end  
tomorrow!

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie is staring at the TV in despair.

Jessica grabs the sides of Maggie's face and turns Maggie's  
head from the T.V. screen so the two girls are face-to-face.

JESSICA  
You NEED to find out who D.L. is.

The BELL rings and everyone gets up to leave, except Maggie,  
who is sitting in her desk, staring at her cell phone,  
desperate, confused, and apprehensive.

INT - ENGLISH CLASS - FIRST PERIOD

The entire class is sitting, silently, taking a vocabulary  
quiz.

Maggie is biting her pen and staring at the quiz, unable to  
concentrate.

Frustrated, she takes out the cell phone to analyze the text message once more. She gives her phone a dirty look and closes it with a frustrated sigh.

She turns over her vocabulary quiz and begins to write down possible DL's.

INSERT - BACK OF VOCABULARY QUIZ  
 "Possible D.L.'s  
 Darrell LaBom"

BACK TO SCENE

INT - CAFETERIA - DAY - FLASHBACK

Here, Maggie is sitting with her friends at a lunch table when DARRELL LABOM, dressed like he just walked out of a rap music video, walks up to the girls.

DARRELL  
 Yo ladies! Waz crackin?!

MAGGIE  
 Um, hi Darrell.

JESSICA  
 Oh, god, not this fool.

DARRELL  
 Ooh, I'm diggin' the feistiness,  
 peace shawties!

Darrell walks away, making a backwards peace sign with his fingers, and leaves Maggie and Jessica looking at each other in disgust/horror.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie snaps back to reality and looks back to her paper.

INSERT - BACK OF VOCABULARY QUIZ

Under Darrell's name she begins to write another.  
 "Darrell LaBom  
 Danny Lyndon"

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie begins to have another flashback.

INT - LIBRARY - DAY - FLASHBACK

Maggie is sitting at a table in the library when a mega-geek walks up to her, all decked out in total geek-wear: Harry Potter-like glasses, pants above his naval with suspenders, a short sleeved button-up collared shirt, and a bow-tie.

His pants are too short and we can see tube socks and dress-shoes. This is DANNY.

Maggie sees Danny walking towards her, but tries to look away quickly to avoid eye contact.

DANNY  
Well, well, well. Look who it is.

MAGGIE  
Hi Danny...

DANNY  
And how is my delicious slice of  
3.14159?

MAGGIE  
(mortified)  
Uh, fine, but...really busy. I  
can't really talk, sorry.

DANNY  
Busy with what?

INSERT - TABLE

The table Maggie is sitting at has a People Magazine and nothing else.

BACK TO SCENE

MAGGIE  
Um...

DANNY  
Speechless? I'm not surprised.

Danny winks and then awkwardly struts away, leaving Maggie sitting there, flabbergasted and humiliated.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie turns back to her paper to write another name.

INSERT - BACK OF VOCABULARY QUIZ

Maggie adds to the list:  
"Darrell LaBom  
Danny Lynden  
Dave Louse"

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie begins another flashback.

INT - MATH CLASS - DAY - FLASHBACK



We see a class of students sitting at their desks with math materials and a worksheet.

Maggie is rooting through her backpack looking for something. She looks over to the kid in the desk next to her. He looks like he just crawled out of a dumpster. He has nothing on his desk but a super size bag of Cheetos. He opens the bag of Cheetos and begins to pour them into his mouth, some falling on the floor but he picks them up and eats them anyway. This is DAVE LOUSE.

Maggie catches a glimpse of this act and looks pretty grossed out, but before she can look away her and Dave make eye-contact. He hold out a dirty hand full of Cheetos.

DAVE

Want some?

The food in his mouth sprays all over Maggie's face, clothes and desk. Her mouth falls open and she desperately tries to wipe off Dave's food from her face.

Dave shrugs and pours some more Cheetos into his mouth.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie looks like she's about to be sick. She recovers and turns back to her paper to write one more name.

INSERT - BACK OF VOCABULARY QUIZ

"Darrell LaBom  
 Danny Lynden  
 Dave Louse  
 Donny Littlefield"

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie smiles and goes into a fantasy day-dream.

INT - FIELD - DAY

Donny is skipping through the field in a tux with a bouquet of flowers. Dreamy music is playing.

DONNY

Maggie...Maggie...Maggie...Maggie-

BACK TO SCENE

ENGLISH TEACHER

...Maggie...Maggie...Maggie?

Maggie snaps back to reality and looks up at her teacher, startled, and then back at her paper.

INSERT - BACK OF VOCABULARY QUIZ

Maggie has drawn hearts surrounding "Donny Littlefield".

BACK TO SCENE

ENGLISH TEACHER  
Um...you should get going. The bell  
rang three minutes ago

Maggie jumps out of her seat and gathers her things quickly,  
then rushes out of the room.

INT - HALLWAY (CONTINUOUS)

Maggie looks down at her list, scratches her head, and sighs  
with apprehension.

INT - GYM CLASS - DAY

Maggie walks into the gymnasium with the rest of the class  
who are all wearing gym clothes, except Dave Louse, who is  
wearing jeans and the same shirt with the stains.

RANDOM GUY  
Louse, did you even change?

DAVE  
No I forgot my gym clothes.

RANDOM GUY  
Again?

Maggie makes a disgusted face.

GYM TEACHER  
LISTEN UP, FATTIES. We're working  
on our basketball skills today...or  
lack there of. And I pick your  
partners.

The class groans and protests. The teacher blows the whistle  
to get them to settle down. As the teacher calls out the  
partners, Maggie looks back at her list, and then over to  
Dave Louse, who is picking his nose.

Maggie crosses her fingers and folds her arms across her  
chest.

MAGGIE  
(quietly)  
Please not Dave...please not  
Dave....

GYM TEACHER  
Maggie...and....

MAGGIE  
(quietly)  
...Please not Dave....

GYM TEACHER  
Dave Louse.

Maggie drops her arms and looks at the teacher disappointed.

She looks over at Dave, who is waving and smiling. She smiles back politely and then turns away to pout.

DAVE  
I'm sick at basketball.

INT - UNDER BASKET

Maggie grabs a basketball and dribbles over to the net with Dave. She takes a shot and misses, then hands the ball to Dave.

DAVE  
He shoots....

Dave shoots the ball and it goes into the basket.

DAVE  
He scores! And the crowd goes wild!  
(softly)  
Ahhhhhhhh!

He starts jumping up and down and dancing, then his cell phone falls out of his pocket and slides across the floor. It lands at Maggie's feet.

Maggie stares at it and her mouth falls open, she looks up at Dave, who is still dancing around, unaware of his fallen phone.

Maggie kneels down and slowly reaches for the phone. She holds it delicately in her hand and stands up. Her eyes switch from Dave, to the phone, and back to Dave.

Dave is now dribbling the ball and going back to the net to shoot again. Maggie turns facing away from Dave and opens the cell phone. She peeks over her shoulder at Dave, who is dancing again. Then, she looks to the cell phone to try and turn it on.

INSERT - DAVE'S CELL PHONE

Maggie's thumb presses the 'ON' button, but the screen stays blank.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie is confused. She shuts the phone and turns back to Dave.

MAGGIE  
Um...I think you dropped this...

Her face is very serious as she slowly lifts the phone towards Dave.

DAVE  
Oh, yeah, thanks.

Dave grabs the phone from Maggie's hand and shoves it in his pocket. He dribbles the basketball again and goes to make another shot.

MAGGIE  
Shouldn't you check and make sure it's working?

DAVE  
No, it's already broken. I dropped it in the toilet today before homeroom.

Maggie looks frantically from Dave to her hand and back again, and then looks horrified. Then, the gym teacher walks up behind Dave, towering over him, and taps him violently on the shoulder.

GYM TEACHER  
NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL.

DAVE  
But, I was just-

GYM TEACHER  
HOURS.

DAVE  
What?!

GYM TEACHER  
Okay, TWO HOURS.

The teacher stops and sniffs the air as if he's smelled something horrible, like toilet water, and then sniffs the cell phone.

GYM TEACHER  
Why does this phone *smell*?

INT - LATIN CLASSROOM - DAY

Maggie and Jess walk into the classroom and about half of the class is sitting in their desks doing work, but the first person Maggie sees is Danny Lyndon.

Danny is sitting with what appears to be his LATIN book. It is clear that he isn't reading the book because we see the top of a magazine sticking up. He looks very happy, a devious grin on his face, as if the magazine is one inappropriate for school.

INSERT - MODEL ROCKET MAGAZINE INSIDE BOOK

But he is really just using the text book to (obviously) cover up a Model Rocket magazine.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie and Jess stop walking to their seats, and Maggie turns to Jess with a puppy-dog face, as if to say "please don't make me do this."

JESSICA

(scoffs)

You are sadly mistaken if you think  
I'm gonna talk to that...geek.

Jessica firmly points to Danny.

JESSICA (CONT'D)

Go talk nerdy to him.

Maggie looks at Jessica to try one last time to convince her to talk to Danny for her, but Jessica is having none of it.

Maggie turns to Danny and, with an apprehensive sigh, slowly walks towards him.

Danny looks up and sees Maggie walking towards him, but pretends he doesn't and looks back at his magazine/text book.

Maggie takes the seat next to Danny. She looks very bothered and nervous.

MAGGIE

(sheepishly)

Um, hi Danny.

Danny pretends to ignore Maggie.

DANNY

(to the magazine)

Ooh, that's nice...

MAGGIE

Ehem, Danny?

Danny now notices Maggie and sprays mint mouth spray into his mouth.

DANNY  
Oh, why, hello Maggie.

Danny smiles deviously at Maggie as she tries to hide her disgust.

MAGGIE  
Um...did you, um...send me a text message today? In homeroom?

Danny is now intrigued and his smile widens.

DANNY  
Well, that all depends on what this text message said.

Maggie's mouth opens and she is about to tell him what it says when Jessica jumps in.

JESSICA  
(to Danny with attitude)  
Wouldn't you know what it said if you were the one who sent it, Urkel?

Both Danny and Maggie are startled by Jessica.

Danny is at a loss for words.

DANNY  
Well-

Jessica puts her hands on the sides of his desk, tightly gripping them. She scowls directly into his eyes. He looks composed.

JESSICA  
(yelling)  
And you DIDN'T send it, DID YOU GEEK?!

DANNY  
(startled)  
Well, um, no, not technically....

JESSICA  
Tell her you're sorry!

DANNY  
Apologize? For wha-

Jessica slams her fist on the desk and gets even closer to his face. Her eyes narrowing with fury, his wide with fear.

JESSICA  
 (cutting him off)  
 DO IT.

DANNY  
 Okay! Okay! Maggie, I apologize,  
 PLEASE get her out of my face!

Maggie's eyes switch back and forth from Danny to Jessica, and her mouth has fallen open. Danny cowers and sinks lower into his seat. Jessica releases her grip from the desk.

JESSICA  
 We're done here.

She grabs Maggie's hand and starts pulling her towards the other end of the classroom.

Maggie, who is completely awestruck, stares at Jessica as she is pulled to their other seats.

JESSICA  
 You're welcome.

Maggie and Jess look over at Danny, who is whimpering and shivering in his seat as if he had just undergone some traumatic event.

MR BAKALE slowly walks up to Danny's desk, and looks furious. As he steps closer Danny shrinks lower into his seat. Bakale is now towering over Danny, who is looking helplessly up at the glaring eyes.

MR. BAKALE  
 (to Danny)  
 Are you...*crying*?

A loud and high-pitched whimper escapes Danny's mouth.

MR. BAKALE  
 There's no *CRYING* in my class.

DANNY  
 (stuttering)  
 B-b-b-but I-

MR. BAKALE  
 (cutting Danny off)  
 What? What? HOURS.

Danny lets out one last yelp and breaks down into full-on sobbing. Bakale walks away, very pleased with himself.

Maggie and Jess smile at each other, satisfied as well.

INT - LIBRARY - DAY

Maggie and Jess are in a study and are spending it in the library.

They have their homework in front of them, but are not doing it. Instead, they are laughing together.

JESSICA  
So, remind me again. Who is left?

Jessica asks, with a devilish smile, because she knows exactly who is left.

MAGGIE  
Um...well...Donny and Darrell....

JESSICA  
(exploding with laughter)  
That might be the most unfortunate thing I've ever heard. You've yet to speak to one of these guys without luck or my help, and now you're stuck with the most obnoxious boob in our class and the love of your life....

MAGGIE  
I know....

JESSICA  
(cutting Maggie off)  
AND Donny's phone was sniped out at lunch by Ms. Gould.

MAGGIE  
Ugh, what am I gonna do?

Maggie looks down at the desk, disappointed. Jessica stares at Maggie and a frown settles on her face. She looks away from Maggie, and then the frown slowly turns into a smirk. She jumps up a little in her seat and slaps the table in front of Maggie to get her attention.

JESSICA  
(excited)  
Oh my god, I know *exactly* what you're gonna do.

Maggie is startled and looks up at Jessica.

MAGGIE  
What?



JESSICA  
 (cutting Maggie off)  
 You're gonna steal the phone back.

Maggie stares blankly at Jess, who is staring back at her with excitement in her eyes and an open mouth smile.

MAGGIE  
 But, Jess-

JESSICA  
 Shut up. I'll create the distraction, you can go in and get the phone.

MAGGIE  
 Jess, c'mon-

JESSICA  
 Trust me on this.

Maggie stares at Jessica, apprehensive. A smile grows across Jessica's face, and then Maggie smiles, too.

INT - LOBBY

Maggie is standing near the Attendance Office, and Jessica is standing near the staircase leading to the science wing.

Jessica is with a huge FOOTBALL PLAYER, a tiny FRESHMAN, and there are other students walking through the hallway.

She hands them each a five dollar bill in a sketchy way.

JESSICA  
 You know what to do, DON'T mess this up.

The two boys are slightly intimidated and nod nervously at Jessica.

JESSICA  
 On my signal.

Jessica looks to Maggie and gives a thumbs up.

Maggie gives a thumbs up back to her.

Jessica turns back to the two boys and signals them and the two boys begin fighting.

Jessica runs into the main office.

JESSICA  
 (chanting)  
 Fight! Fight! Fight!

Other students see what is going on and stop to see what's going on.

GROUP OF STUDENTS  
Fight! Fight! Fight!

The chanting gets louder and louder.

INT - MAIN OFFICE

The secretaries can hear the fight and run out to try and break it up.

INT - HALLWAY OUTSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE

Maggie waits until all the secretaries are distracted and the office is empty, then she sneaks her way towards the office.

INT - MAIN OFFICE

Maggie runs into the office to the shelf where all the cell phones are.

INSERT - SHELF

The shelf is filled with diverse cell phones, different colors and styles.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie looks confused and she doesn't know which cell phone is Donny's.

INT - HOMEROOM - THAT MORNING - FLASHBACK

Maggie has a flashback of this morning when she saw Donny texting in homeroom.

INT - MAIN OFFICE

Maggie stares at all the phones and finds two of the exact same phone that looks like Donny's.

She grabs them and stares at them trying to decipher between the two.

She opens them both and begins turning them on, but, concerned with time, she stands up to see how the distraction is going.

The fight has been broken up. Jessica is nowhere to be found.

The two boys are being escorted back to their classes by Mr. Embush and Mr. Connor.

The secretaries are walking back towards the office, they look very annoyed.

Maggie quickly looks back to the phones and chooses one at random, because the phones did not turn on in time, and throws one back at the shelf and shoves the other into her pocket.

She runs around to the front of the front desk, unnoticed by the secretaries, who are just now walking back in.

SECRETARY

Oh, some of the children at this school are such delinquents.

The secretary then notices Maggie.

SECRETARY

Oh, hello Maggie! Now here is a perfect example of a great student. She would never pull a stunt like that, would you? I don't think she could if she tried.

Maggie smiles and awkwardly slips out of the office.

INT - LOBBY

MAGGIE

(quietly)  
You'd be surprised....

Maggie is walking and looking down at the cell phone at the same time, trying to turn it on.

It makes a loud noise as it turns on and she looks up to see if anyone was around to hear it. Sure enough, MR. CONNOR is walking right towards her.

Startled, she shoves the phone into her pocket and turns quickly to walk away. She turns so quickly that she bumps into Darrell LaBom.

DARRELL

Ay girl! Wuz happenin?

MAGGIE

Hi, Darrell, I don't really have time to-

DARRELL

(cutting Maggie off)  
That's coo, but listen, I was wondering...

Maggie is quickly looking around at the staircase and the hallway towards the library, looking for an escape. She is completely ignoring Darrell. She peeks over Darrell's shoulder at Mr. Connor, who is getting nearer and nearer.

DARRELL (CONT'D)  
 (mumbling)  
 ...will you go to prom with me?

Maggie doesn't hear what Darrell says.

MAGGIE  
 Yeah, sure, but I gotta go, sorry,  
 bye.

Maggie speed-walks away, down the art wing hallway. Darrell is ecstatic but tries to keep his cool.

DARRELL  
 Yeah, coo, check you later shawty!

INT - ART HALLWAY - DAY

Maggie is walking fast down the hallway, trying to get to class before Mr. Connor gets to her.

INT - ALCOVE IN ART HALLWAY - DAY

She swoops into the alcove outside the door to the boys' bathroom and hides. She takes out the phone and starts turning it on again. It makes a loud jingle when it turns on and Maggie tries to cover the noise by quickly putting it behind her back and leaning against the wall.

MAGGIE  
 (to the phone)  
 SHHHH!!!

The noise makes Maggie worried that someone has heard her so she peers around the wall to see if anyone is in the hallway. We see that the coast is clear, and she goes back to her hiding place.

Just as she looks back at the phone, she hears the same footsteps that she heard in the lobby. She looks up, startled, and looks towards the hallway as if she is trying to look through the wall.

INT - ART HALLWAY - DAY

We see Mr. Connor walking down the hallway, slowly, as if he knows someone is hiding in an alcove with a cell phone that isn't theirs.

As the footsteps draw nearer, Maggie has no choice but to make a break for it. She runs out of the alcove and tries running towards the English wing.

MR CONNOR  
(loud, but flatly)  
Halt.

Maggie stops right where she is, halfway to the end of the hallway.

Maggie, terrified, turns around to face Mr. Connor, who is right behind her.

MR CONNOR  
Where do you think you're going?

MAGGIE  
To...uh....um--

MR CONNOR  
(mockingly)  
'To, uh, um'  
(angrily)  
SPIT IT OUT.

MAGGIE  
Um, to English, Sir.

MR CONNOR  
Oh? And why so late?

Maggie looks around as if she is searching for an answer. She looks back at Mr Connor and silently stares at him.

MR CONNOR  
Well?

Maggie stares at Mr Connor, silently. She looks around at all the teachers, then she looks down at her feet.

MAGGIE  
I-

She is cut off by a cell phone ringing, very loud and obnoxious. She looks up quickly, and covers her pocket. The teachers all stare at her with a disapproving scowl.

MAGGIE  
Oh, jeez. Hours?

MR CONNORS  
Bingo.

Maggie reluctantly marches down the art hall, following Mr Connor to the main office to receive her hours.

INT - ATTENDANCE OFFICE - DAY

Maggie receives her pink slip from a satisfied Mr Connor.

INSERT - PINK SLIP

'One hour for use of cell phone in  
school, and skipping class.'

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie looks up and walks out, very sad.

INT - HALLWAY OUTSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE - DAY

Maggie is walking down the hall with her pink slip.

She walks by the place where she and Darrell were talking  
before and quickly glances towards it.

She stops to cross Darrell's name off the list.

INSERT - THE LIST

Maggie crosses "Darrell LaBom" off the list.

BACK TO SCENE

Maggie starts walking again, but starts walking slower and  
slower as if she is coming to a painful realization.

INSERT - FLASHBACK

Maggie has a flashback of her earlier conversation with  
Darrell:

DARRELL  
(mumbling)  
...with me?

BACK TO SCENE

MAGGIE  
(to herself)  
Wait...what?

BACK TO FLASHBACK

DARRELL  
(silently mouthing)  
Will you go to prom with me?

BACK TO SCENE

MAGGIE  
 (to herself)  
 Oh my god.

BACK TO FLASHBACK

MAGGIE  
 Yeah, sure...

BACK TO SCENE

MAGGIE  
 (to herself)  
 OH. MY. GOD.

Maggie covers her face in shame and marches off to class.

INT - HALLWAY - DAY

Maggie is standing at her locker, putting her books into her backpack. She is sulking. Jessica walks up, very excited.

JESSICA  
 Sooooo how'd it go?

Maggie doesn't even look at Jessica, just puts one last book in her bag and begins to zipper it up.

MAGGIE  
 I got detention.

Jessica turns from excited to confused, and her mouth falls open.

JESSICA  
 What?!

Maggie flashes a disappointed and fairly pissed look at Jessica.

JESSICA  
 But...how did you-

MAGGIE  
 (cutting Jessica off)  
 I got caught with the phone.

Jessica looks away, mouth agape, more confused than she was before.

JESSICA  
 But who sent the-

MAGGIE  
 (cutting Jessica off)  
 Darrell.

JESSICA

WHAT?!

MAGGIE

Yeah, and now I'm going to prom with him.

JESSICA

But, why would you go with-

MAGGIE

(cutting Jessica off)  
He asked me and I said yes by accident.

JESSICA

Maggie, what the *hell*?!

Maggie looks down, shrugs, and closes her locker. She walks away sadly dragging her feet. Jessica is still standing at Maggie's locker and is now really confused.

JESSICA

Ugh, prom is gonna suck!

INT - CAFETERIA - DAY

Maggie walks in to the cafeteria to serve her time.

All around her are kids dressed like thugs, punks, etc. She completely contrasts with them all, and they would scare anyone, but today she is too distracted to be anything but sad.

She sees Dave Louse, looking nasty as ever, and eating a pudding cup with his dirty fingers.

Maggie winces, and looks away, only to catch a glimpse of the still traumatized Danny, staring at nothing, holding his arms across his chest and rocking back and forth.

Maggie smirks a little, as this makes her feel a little better, but then-

She sees Darrell and is even more depressed at the sight of him. Maggie sadly drops into a seat at the furthest table away from him. Somehow, within a matter of seconds, Darrell is sitting next to her.

DARRELL

(loud)

Ay bay bay!

She doesn't even look at Darrell, just stares down at the table in front of her.



MAGGIE  
Hi Darrell....

Maggie attempts a smile for Darrell, but it isn't genuine.

DARRELL  
Yo prom is gonna be tiiiiight!

Darrell smiles wider at Maggie, but her smile fades.

MAGGIE  
Darrell...there's something I have  
to tell you-

Then Maggie turns her head to see Donny walking into hours  
and she stops talking. She stares at Donny, mouth agape, very  
confused.

DONNY  
(to hours teacher)  
Um, hi...I've never gotten hours  
before so I don't know what to do  
but I got caught with my cell phone  
and they gave me hours and-

TEACHER FOR HOURS  
Look, kid, I don't need your  
fricken fairy tale. Just sit down  
and shut up.

Maggie's hears all of this and she no longer looks confused.  
She watches Donny take his seat at the other end of the  
cafeteria.

DARRELL  
Psh, kid's mad stupid.

Maggie quickly looks to Darrell as if he's just given her a  
really important piece of information.

MAGGIE  
What do you mean?

DARRELL  
Texting in school? Mad dumb. Y'all  
always get caught doin' that.

MAGGIE  
You don't text in school? At all?

DARRELL  
Nah, yo.

MAGGIE  
(quietly to herself)  
Oh my god.

TEACHER FOR HOURS

All of you sit down and shut up!  
I'm going to get coffee and when I  
come back you all better be  
behaving like the  
(sarcastically)  
over-achieving students you are.

The teacher leaves the room and Maggie stands up. She looks from Donny to Darrell, and then back at Donny.

MAGGIE

(to Darrell)  
Excuse me...I uh, need to go do  
something....

Maggie slowly walks away from Darrell as if caught in a trance by Donny.

DARRELL

(confused)  
....Aight?

On her way towards Donny, she bites her lip with apprehension, and walks slowly and carefully. He is facing away from her, so she has time to prepare. She pauses when she is a few steps away from him, and then quickly walks back towards her seat with Darrell.

Maggie stops. She is halfway between where Darrell is sitting, and halfway between where Donny is. She looks back and forth between the two, repeatedly. Then, she looks down and sighs. She looks exhausted and disappointed.

Then she looks up at Donny, she is angry.

MAGGIE

(quietly but angrily to  
herself)  
Ugh! If he can't ask me himself  
I'll just have to do it for him!

Maggie looks at the table in front of her and steps up on top of it.

MAGGIE

Uh...ehem!

She somehow gets everyone's attention and they are all looking at her.

MAGGIE

Hi...I'm Maggie...and um...I have  
something to say...

Like some kind of miracle, they are all listening attentively.

MAGGIE  
Um, so...this morning, I got this text message...

Maggie looks at Donny, who is listening as well, but doesn't show any signs of the text message being his.

MAGGIE  
...and whoever sent it to me was asking me to prom.

The two TOUGH GUYS that Jessica got to fight in order to create the distraction to steal the cell phone are at hours and listening as well.

TOUGH GUYS  
Aww!

MAGGIE  
But, it was from a blocked number.

TOUGH GUYS  
(gasps)  
What?!

MAGGIE  
And, like, I've been trying to figure out who sent it to me all day, and all I've gotten is hours and a prom date who I don't even want to go with-

Darrell looks hurt.

MAGGIE  
Sorry, Darrell.

He recovers quickly.

DARRELL  
No worries, shawty, we coo.

MAGGIE  
Well, I've realized that I kind of jumped through hoops today, and got in all this trouble, just because this guy couldn't tell me how he feels about me to my face.

TOUGH GUYS  
Boooo!

Maggie looks at Donny, who is looking down and then looks up at her. He looks disappointed in himself and apologetic towards Maggie.

MAGGIE

Whoever sent me that text better stand up right now and tell me, otherwise...well, I guess he's not the person I thought he was.

Maggie looks away from Donny, Donny looks away from Maggie. She looks around at everyone else in the room. They are all staring at her, waiting for someone to respond.

Maggie looks back at Donny once more before stepping down from the table. She walks back to Darrell and sits down.

DARRELL

So...who do you think sent it?

Maggie looks at Donny, again. Then down at the table.

MAGGIE

(disappointed)  
I don't know anymore.

Then, Darrell looks over Maggie's shoulder and smiles.

DARRELL

I think I do....

Maggie looks up at him, confused. Darrell motions at Maggie to turn around. When she does, she sees Donny walking towards her. Darrell walks away. Maggie stands up and stares at him.

When he reaches Maggie, he stops. They exchange a long stare.

MAGGIE

Hi...

DONNY

Hi.

They are both silent.

DONNY

Maggie, I really like you. Will you go to prom with me?

Maggie's face lights up. She tries to contain her excitement.

The entire room is staring at both of them, waiting for her response.

She nods her head 'yes'.

They hug and the whole room starts cheering.

Then, the teacher walks in.

TEACHER FOR HOURS  
 WHOA. What is this? The Breakfast  
 Club? EVERYBODY SHUT UP AND SIT  
 DOWN!

Maggie and Donny are startled and take their seats, but then smile to each other from across the cafe.

INT - LATER ON AT HOURS

The bell rings and hours is over. Everyone is going up to grab their cell phones at the front of the cafe.

Donny and Maggie walk up together to get his phone.

INSERT - TABLE OF CELL PHONES

On the table are about 20 cell phones. Donny reaches for a phone completely different from the one Maggie had stolen earlier.

BACK TO SCENE

The phone Maggie had stolen earlier starts to ring the same obnoxious song it played earlier when she got caught with it.

MAGGIE  
 Isn't that one yours'?

DONNY  
 Uh, no?

MAGGIE  
 Then, whose cell phone is-

Maggie is interrupted by a huge macho guy that walks up and grabs the phone. He opens it to answer the call.

MACHO GUY  
 (girl voice)  
 Haaayyy!

The guy walks away, chatting it up on his cell phone.

Maggie and Donny look at each other, confused, but shrug and walk out, smiling and holding hands.

FADE OUT