

SCENE ONE

(Sound of a Zoom call initiating.)

(Chrissy is wearing something that might pass for a party dress.)

You're wearing that?  
EVA

Yeah.  
CHRISSEY

You're not wearing that.  
EVA

It's not like I had a ton of choices of formal dresses lying around my room.  
CHRISSEY

That's not the one you showed me the other day.  
EVA

Yeah it is.  
CHRISSEY

Oh.  
EVA  
(Eyes big.)

It doesn't look good?  
CHRISSEY

No, it looks fine.  
EVA

You're lying.  
CHRISSEY

No, I'm not. It looks fine. What do you want me to say?, that it looks "good"?  
EVA

Yeah.  
CHRISSEY

Then I'd be lying.  
EVA

CHRISSY

But you said you *weren't* lying.

EVA

I'm *not*. It looks *fine*.

CHRISSY

Should I put on something else?

EVA

A little late for that.

CHRISSY

This was supposed to be the greatest night of my life.

EVA

Dreamy Ben Lambert.

CHRISSY

Ben is so cute. And he always looks so put together. And then there's gonna be lil old *me* next to him.

EVA

Well, not *really* next to him.

CHRISSY

We are in the prom court. Only eight people in the whole school get picked for that.

EVA

I don't know why you care so much. It's not like it's real.

CHRISSY

It feels real.

EVA

So do my mom's boobs, but they're not. We can agree on that, right?

CHRISSY

If it were you, you would feel the same way.

EVA

Sorry, but I wouldn't.

CHRISSY

Yeah, because next year, you are going to have an actual prom. And people's final high school memories of you won't be screen shots of what you look like in *this dress*.

EVA

Maybe that's just fate.

CHRISSEY

You are hurting my feelings.

EVA

Look, even if this were real—which it's not—you would still be acting the same way. You'd still be all, "My dress, my makeup, my hair." It's what people *do*.

CHRISSEY

My feelings are real.

EVA

Well they shouldn't be. It should be all emojis and memes. If it's a virtual experience, you should only be able to have virtual feelings.

CHRISSEY

We don't live in a virtual world. We live in a *real* world.

EVA

Oh yeah? Who's going to prom from her bedroom? That's the world we are *in* today, whether you like it or not. Now, you can *fight* that or you can *accept* it, but either way, it's the truth.

CHRISSEY

The world can't all be emojis.

EVA

Hey, don't keep Ben waiting.

CHRISSEY

Sometimes stuff actually hurts.

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