

SCENE THREE

(Sound of a Zoom call initiating.)

CLAY
Yo! Meet me on NBA2K.

BEN
I can't. I gotta work.

CLAY
“Work”?

BEN
My parents.

CLAY
Oh, come on. “Your parents.”

BEN
They make me work until two o'clock.

CLAY
I haven't signed in to a class in six or seven days. Can you imagine a better senior year?

BEN
Seven days?

CLAY
It's not like they're gonna fail us. We're seniors.

BEN
I don't know, man. Either way, that's risky.

CLAY
I think the state actually said they can't fail us, so.

BEN
I've still been signing in. Doing most of the work.

CLAY
Well good for you. You win a prize.
(Pause. Teasing/tempting.)
You know who was just online?

Who? BEN

Jenna. CLAY

Ah. BEN

Come on. Jenna? You know?, Jenna? CLAY

Yeah, I know Jenna. What do you want me to say? BEN

She is so hot, I don't know how in the hell she ever went out with you. CLAY

Yeah, well. BEN

CLAY
(Imitating Ben, in same voice.)

“Yeah, well.”

(Ben shrugs.)
You should see if you can get her to send you a picture.

Naw. She won't. BEN

How do *you* know? CLAY

I just know, okay? BEN

Did you try? CLAY

She just wouldn't do it. BEN

That's what *you* think. She's still totally in love with you. She'll do it. CLAY

BEN

I wouldn't ask her to.

CLAY

Why not?

BEN

I couldn't do that. Not to her.

CLAY

Oh, are you in love?

BEN

Shut up.

CLAY

Hey, it's normal. Lots of people are in love. Hell, my *parents* are in love.

BEN

So it's a *good* thing.

CLAY

Yeah, if you're a hundred.

BEN

No, I mean it.

CLAY

Alright, a hundred fifty.

BEN

What if I *do* love her?

CLAY

Do you?

BEN

I don't know. I *think* so. Maybe.

CLAY

Make those *eyes* you just made when you said that, and she'll *definitely* give you a picture.

BEN

I'm not getting you a picture of my girlfriend.

CLAY

So, she *is* your girlfriend, or she *isn't* your girlfriend. Which is it?

BEN

I don't know, man. It's complicated.

CLAY

Doesn't *seem* complicated. All I'm asking for is a picture. Hey, think of it as a challenge. Just to see if you can do it. Plus, I'll throw in twenty bucks.

BEN

Twenty bucks?

CLAY

No bad for one picture, right?

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