

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. STREET LEADING TO HENNIGAN'S - MOMENTS LATER

BRIAN AND JAKE WALK TO THE BAR.

Start Scene 2 →

BRIAN

Let me be clear. The only reason I
want to break them up is because
they're not right for each other.

JAKE

Me too.

BRIAN

It's not because Margaret's the only
single friend I have left.

JAKE

And it's not because Randy's the only
single friend I have left.

THEY SHARE A LOOK.

JAKE (CONT'D)

I have plenty of friends.

BRIAN

So do I.

JAKE

Do you?

BRIAN

Do you?

JAKE AND BRIAN ARE BOTH AFRAID THAT THEIR BEST FRIENDS HAVE
FOUND LOVE AND WILL ABANDON THEM, BUT NEITHER GUY WILL ADMIT IT.
SO THEY LEAN IN HARDER TO THEIR ORIGINAL REASON.

JAKE/BRIAN

They're just not right for each other. / Exactly.

JAKE

Look, we might not have to do too much to end this thing. I've taught Randy everything I know. We don't commit, so trust me. He'll dump Margaret.

BRIAN

Did you just brag about teaching your friend to avoid any sort of meaningful intimacy?

JAKE

Did you just ask a really boring question big word big word?

BRIAN

(THEN, TORN) If Randy dumps Margaret, she'll be crushed.

JAKE

And you'll watch *Sex and the City* and eat junk food with her, and then she'll feel better.

BRIAN

(OFFENDED) How. Dare. You. (THEN) *Sex and the City's* like a hundred years old. Who am I? My aunt?

JAKE

So you don't watch *Sex and the City*?

BRIAN

No!

JAKE STARES AT HIM. BRIAN CAVES.

BRIAN (CONT'D)

Not as much since the second movie.

JAKE

There it is.

BRIAN

What if Randy's crushed? What will you do? Hire a hooker and snort ecstasy off her boobs?

JAKE

How dare you!

BRIAN

Are you saying you wouldn't?

JAKE

No, I mean, how dare you think of a better plan than me.

BRIAN

(CORRECTING HIM) A better plan *than I... would have.*

JAKE

(ANNOYED) Did you just correct my grammar?

BRIAN NODS AND ENTERS THE BAR.

JAKE (CONT'D)

We're talking about hookers!



END SCENE 2

INT. HENNIGAN'S BAR - CONTINUOUS

JAKE AND BRIAN SPOT MARGARET AND RANDY SITTING AT A TABLE.

JAKE

(RE: MARGARET) She's so pretentious.

I bet she says something French.

BRIAN

(RE: RANDY) He's so dumb. I bet he says something dumb.

MARGARET AND RANDY NOTICE THEM AND START WAVING.

MARGARET

Bonjour, mes amis!

RANDY

Yeah! DiGiorno!

BRIAN AND JAKE EXCHANGE LOOKS AND APPROACH THE TABLE.

MARGARET

You made it!

RANDY

Come on Jake. Let's get some drinks.

JAKE

Why do we have to buy the drinks?

Because we're men? He's a man too.

RANDY

They work at a public school. We're not buying drinks because they're a gay and a lady.