

DATING

KEVIN: Experiencing love for the first time.

DANNY: His best friend.

SETTING: Takes place on a Friday, late afternoon, Kevin's house.

KEVIN: *(Singing that old Motown song)* **Love, love, love, makes me do foolish things. Hmmm mmmm. (etc.)**

DANNY: *(Entering, listening for a moment)* **Don't give up your day job.**

KEVIN: *(A bit embarrassed)* **Hey, Danny. I didn't see you. How are you doing?**

DANNY: **I hope I feel better than you sound.**

KEVIN: **Hey, I'm a man in love.**

DANNY: **Yeah, well. Getting a little dressed up for tonight, aren't you?**

KEVIN: **Well, I'm thinking of asking Michelle to go steady. You know, a sort of permanent thing.**

DANNY: **And you have to dress up tonight for that?**

KEVIN: **I like to look good for her.**

DANNY: **Wait a minute. You mean she's coming with us?**

KEVIN: **Us?**

DANNY: **Yes, us. Kevin, I got these tickets to the game for us a month ago. I only have two. One for you and one for me.**

KEVIN: **Oh my god, is that tonight?**

DANNY: **You are not telling me you forgot?**

KEVIN: **I guess I am. I'm really sorry.**

DANNY: **Can't you just call her and cancel?**

KEVIN: **No. I can't do that to her.**

DANNY: **But you can cancel on me?**

KEVIN: **You're a guy. It's different.**

DANNY: **I thought I was your best friend.**

KEVIN: **You are. That's why I know you'll understand.**

DANNY: Surprise, I don't understand.
 KEVIN: Chill out, Danny.
 DANNY: You chill out, Kevin. I paid for these tickets, we made these plans a month ago. What's the deal here?
 KEVIN: We made those plans before I met Michelle.
 DANNY: Oh, that's right. Miss America, Albert Schweitzer, Blaze Starr, and Kermit the Frog all wrapped up in one tight little blond package.
 KEVIN: Hey, that's enough, Danny.
 DANNY: That's not even close to enough. You have become abnormally controlled by this girl.
 KEVIN: She doesn't control me.
 DANNY: Then why can't you go?
 KEVIN: It's not that I can't. I don't want to.
 DANNY: Thanks a lot.
 KEVIN: Grow up, Danny. You of all people should understand.
 DANNY: And what does that mean?
 KEVIN: How many times have you cancelled out on me because of Susan?
 DANNY: That was a while ago, so don't bring up the past.
 KEVIN: You're telling me that if Susan called you right now, you wouldn't drop these plans in a hot New York minute?
 DANNY: I wouldn't.
 KEVIN: Yeah, right.
 DANNY: I wouldn't. Susan and I have a much more mature relationship than you do with Michelle.
 KEVIN: Maybe that's because you two have been going out for a year now and it's old. Michelle and I have been seeing each other for only a month. It's new and I don't intend to screw it up.
 DANNY: In other words, you're whipped.

KEVIN: Hey! I did not ever talk that way about you and Michelle. God knows I had plenty of reason and opportunity, but I didn't.
 DANNY: What do you mean, "reason and opportunity"?
 KEVIN: Nothing, forget it.
 DANNY: You have something to say, buddy, say it.
 KEVIN: Why bother. It's in the past, let it stay there.
 DANNY: No way. You talk to me. What "reason and opportunity"?
 KEVIN: Fine, you want to talk about it, we'll talk about it.
 DANNY: OK, what?
 KEVIN: For example, the TGIO dance on the last day of school last year.
 DANNY: What about it?
 KEVIN: It was our last party thing as juniors, and we had made plans in our FRESHMAN year to party hard. Do you remember those plans?
 DANNY: Vaguely.
 KEVIN: Vaguely, right. *(He shakes his head in annoyance.)* So, we had these plans. Our last great time to do something fun in high school without it affecting our college acceptances. And what did we do?
 DANNY: I don't remember.
 KEVIN: You're right. You don't remember. Because there was nothing TO remember. You drove, we picked up Susan, we got to the dance, you and Susan stayed in various dark corners all night long, and then you two left. I had to get a ride with Steve.
 DANNY: You were supposed to be with Erin.
 KEVIN: I can't stand that girl. You know it now, you knew it then. You were just too wrapped up in Susan to even notice that I wasn't in the car when you left.
 DANNY: Grow up, Kevin.
 KEVIN: I have. So I, and my grown up self are seeing

Michelle tonight.

DANNY: So, what am I supposed to do?

KEVIN: Take Susan to the game.

DANNY: Oh, great fun. She sits there and keeps asking
"Is it over yet?" and whines all night.

KEVIN: Trouble in paradise?

DANNY: You'll understand when you've been with
Michelle as long as I have been with Susan. It gets
old.

KEVIN: Never. Not with a girl like Michelle.

DANNY: Ah, the innocence of first love. Makes me want
to puke.

KEVIN: Listen, I am sorry I forgot, but I am going with
Michelle tonight.

DANNY: Fine, whatever.

KEVIN: Call Susan, take her.

DANNY: Yeah, I guess. What a drag.

KEVIN: Get used to it. Michelle and I are going to be
spending a lot of time together.

DANNY: Maybe we can double sometime, huh?

KEVIN: That's an idea.

DANNY: How about tonight?

KEVIN: What about your game tickets?

DANNY: See, that's the beauty of this idea. Michelle and
Susan can go shopping while we go to the game, and
then we'll meet them afterward.

KEVIN: Out. Get out.

DANNY: Hey, call me tomorrow and tell me how it went
with Michelle.

KEVIN: OK.

DANNY: I want ALL the details.

KEVIN: OUT!