

# 16. Food Fight

CAST: (2M) RICKY, PAUL

PROPS: Pen, paper.

1       *(RICKY and PAUL are sitting at a table doing homework,*  
2       *reading, etc.)*

3 RICKY: What's another word for embarrassed?

4 PAUL: Humiliated.

5 RICKY: *(Writes.)* Thanks. *(After a moment)* What's another word  
6       for beg?

7 PAUL: Uh ... I don't know. Grovel?

8 RICKY: That'll work. Thanks. *(Writes.)*

9 PAUL: What are you writing?

10 RICKY: A note to Jennifer.

11 PAUL: Next question. What did you do?

12 RICKY: Don't ask.

13 PAUL: Come on. I'm your best friend.

14 RICKY: What if you were at Ashley's house having dinner and  
15       for some unknown reason, you turned into someone you  
16       didn't recognize?

17 PAUL: I don't know what you mean.

18 RICKY: So last night, Jennifer and I were in the formal dining  
19       room with her family, having a nice meal when this nice  
20       guy that you see here turned into ... well, into a savage.

21 PAUL: What happened? What set you off?

22 RICKY: Jennifer's little sister, Lola. She was sitting across the  
23       table from me. And every time I said anything, she rolled  
24       her eyes or stuck out her tongue or kicked me under the  
25       table.

26 PAUL: How old is she?

1 RICKY: I don't know. Ten, I think.

2 PAUL: And you didn't ignore her?

3 RICKY: I tried!

4 PAUL: Go on.

5 RICKY: Then Jennifer's father wanted to know my opinion on  
6       the standardized testing for students.

7 PAUL: Why?

8 RICKY: Because I'm against it, Paul!

9 PAUL: I didn't know that.

10 RICKY: Did you not listen to the speech I made to the student  
11       council last week?

12 PAUL: Oh, that.

13 RICKY: So, trying to sound intelligent and impress her father, I  
14       start in on the speech that I gave last week. "This country  
15       is obsessed with tests!" *(Stands.)*

16 PAUL: Did you stand up at the dinner table?

17 RICKY: Yes I did because I wanted to make my point!

18 PAUL: Go on.

19 RICKY: As I continued, "Test scores only prove that some kids  
20       are better at taking tests than others! I propose that we  
21       take a good hard look on what these tests truly imply! Do  
22       they evaluate character? No! Do they evaluate persistence  
23       of an individual? No! And teachers spend weeks teaching  
24       students to take tests rather than teaching something  
25       more substantial!"

26 PAUL: Wow. I'm impressed! You sold me!

27 RICKY: So, I was all into my speech and I have everyone's  
28       attention and do you know what Jennifer's little brat sister  
29       did?

30 PAUL: I don't know. Rolled her eyes.

31 RICKY: Yes!

32 PAUL: So?

33 RICKY: So? *So?* I'm making an important speech and all she can  
34       do is snicker and roll her eyes?

35 PAUL: You did say that she was only ten years old.



1 RICKY: And how rude was that?  
 2 PAUL: Sounds typical for a ten year old.  
 3 RICKY: Well, I was fuming!  
 4 PAUL: Uh-oh. What did you do?  
 5 RICKY: It was bad.  
 6 PAUL: Confession time.  
 7 RICKY: *(Still standing, he looks down.)* I looked down at my plate  
 8 and in some uncontrollable rage, I grabbed a handful of  
 9 mashed potatoes ...  
 10 PAUL: You didn't!  
 11 RICKY: And slung them in her face!  
 12 PAUL: Oh no!  
 13 RICKY: So you'd expect Miss Lola would start screaming, right?  
 14 PAUL: Well, yeah.  
 15 RICKY: But instead, she wiped the potatoes from her eyes,  
 16 looked up at me and smiled.  
 17 PAUL: That was nice of her. You know, not causing a scene or  
 18 anything.  
 19 RICKY: There's more. Besides the fact that Jennifer's  
 20 screaming at me and her father has jumped up and  
 21 looked as if he's about ready to strangle me. Then Lola,  
 22 with an evil, poltergeist smile, grabs a handful of  
 23 cranberry salad and torpedoes them my way!  
 24 PAUL: Oh no!  
 25 RICKY: Oh, but it gets worse! Then I'm throwing more potatoes,  
 26 her father's throwing ham at my head, Jennifer is  
 27 screaming, her mother is grabbing food before it gets  
 28 thrown! Food is flying! People are screaming. Except for  
 29 Lola. Oh, Miss Lola is laughing. Food is everywhere! On  
 30 the floor, the wall, the chandelier ...  
 31 PAUL: *(Laughs.)* This is a riot! *(Notices RICKY is upset.)* Oh, sorry.  
 32 RICKY: So, not only am I physically thrown out of the house,  
 33 but I'm also informed that I will never return to that  
 34 household again! As if it's all my fault!  
 35 PAUL: Well, you started it.

1 RICKY: I didn't start it! Miss Lola smarty-pants started it!  
 2 PAUL: I wish I could've been a fly on the wall.  
 3 RICKY: Well, if you had been, you would've been covered with  
 4 mashed potatoes.  
 5 PAUL: Cool! I mean, wow ... that's uh, sad. You know. So, you're  
 6 writing an apology letter?  
 7 RICKY: Yep. I'm trying.  
 8 PAUL: Have you talked to Jennifer since the, uh ... little  
 9 incident?  
 10 RICKY: Not in person or on the phone. But I received a nice  
 11 little text message from her last night. "I never want to see  
 12 you again!"  
 13 PAUL: Yikes. You really blew it this time.  
 14 RICKY: *(Back to his note)* How about "Spoiled rotten brat!"?  
 15 PAUL: I think you better leave that out, unless you're referring  
 16 to yourself.  
 17 RICKY: But she is! She just kept on and on and on!  
 18 PAUL: And you let her get to you.  
 19 RICKY: So what do I do now?  
 20 PAUL: Grovel. Beg. Crawl through broken glass.  
 21 RICKY: *(Thinking out loud, in an angry tone)* "Jennifer, blame  
 22 me for reacting to your sister's irritating, constant  
 23 harassment! And blame me for throwing a handful of  
 24 mashed potatoes in her face! Yes, blame me for  
 25 everything!"  
 26 PAUL: I don't think that's going to work.  
 27 RICKY: You're right, it's not.  
 28 PAUL: *(Thinking out loud)* "Jennifer, the reason I reacted the  
 29 way I did ..."  
 30 RICKY: Yes?  
 31 PAUL: Is because I forgot to take my medication."  
 32 RICKY: Liar.  
 33 PAUL: "Jennifer, I love you, but I can't stand your sister."  
 34 RICKY: That'll never work.  
 35 PAUL: "Jennifer, I love you, but I think this relationship has



1           come to an end.”  
2 RICKY: But she already broke up with you.  
3 PAUL: I know, but I have to end this with a little dignity here,  
4           OK?  
5 RICKY: I guess.  
6 PAUL: So that’s what I’ll do. I’ll break up with her. *(Goes back to*  
7 *note.)* I’ll say we are incompatible. *(Writes.)* Hey, what’s  
8 another way I can say sorry? You know, sorry it didn’t  
9 work out.  
10 RICKY: “I hate myself for hurting you, Jennifer.”  
11 PAUL: Oh, that’s good. *(Writes.)* “And I hope we can remain  
12 friends.”  
13 RICKY: I wouldn’t count on it.  
14 PAUL: *(Back to letter)* “Because sometimes people change and  
15 must move on.” *(Taps pen on paper.)* “And while I realize  
16 my actions were juvenile ...” Hey, what’s another word for  
17 juvenile?  
18 RICKY: I know!  
19 PAUL: What?  
20 RICKY: Food fight!  
21 PAUL: Ah, shut up!

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CAST

1           *(At ease)* BRENDA  
2           *(same direction.)*  
3 BRENDA: I’d have to  
4 MARCIA: Doesn’t she  
5 CHRISTY: *(In a haughty*  
6 *Barbie world!*  
7 BRENDA: Does she  
8 MARCIA: Guess she  
9 CHRISTY: Yeah. I’d  
10 BRENDA: I’d take her  
11 MARCIA: And her skin  
12 CHRISTY: And her teeth  
13 BRENDA: And white  
14 MARCIA: She could  
15 CHRISTY: Do you think  
16 BRENDA: I’ve seen her  
17 MARCIA: Doesn’t she  
18           anything they wear  
19 CHRISTY: Or get pinned  
20 BRENDA: She probably  
21           morning staring  
MARCIA: I would.  
CHRISTY: Yeah, me too  
BRENDA: *(Flips hair)*  
MARCIA: She could  
CHRISTY: She’s skin