

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!

17. Barbie Girl

CAST: (2M, 3F) BRENDA, MARCIA,
CHRISTY, TONY, STAN

(At rise BRENDA, MARCIA, and CHRISTY are looking in the same direction.)

BRENDA: I’d hate to be her.
MARCIA: Doesn’t she just make you sick?
CHRISTY: *(In a hateful tone, she sings.)* “I’m a Barbie girl, in a Barbie world!”
BRENDA: Does she act that way on purpose?
MARCIA: Guess she can’t help the way she looks.
CHRISTY: Yeah, I’d take her looks, but not her personality.
BRENDA: I’d take her hair.
MARCIA: And her skin. Doesn’t she look airbrushed?
CHRISTY: And her teeth are so perfectly straight.
BRENDA: And white. Sparkling.
MARCIA: She could do a toothpaste commercial.
CHRISTY: Do you think she ever eats?
BRENDA: I’ve seen her eat.
MARCIA: Doesn’t that make you sick? People who can eat anything they want and not gain a pound.
CHRISTY: Or get pimples.
BRENDA: She probably spends hours in the bathroom every morning staring at herself.
MARCIA: I would.
CHRISTY: Yeah, me too.
BRENDA: *(Flips hair)* “Yes, I’m so cute!”
MARCIA: She could be a model.
CHRISTY: She’s skinny enough.

1 BRENDA: *(Flips hair.)* "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful!"
 2 MARCIA: She sure does laugh a lot.
 3 CHRISTY: Why wouldn't she laugh? She's adorable and
 4 everyone knows it.
 5 BRENDA: Including her.
 6 CHRISTY: All the boys think she's adorable.
 7 MARCIA: My brother thinks she's hot.
 8 BRENDA: Maybe we'd get half the attention she does if we acted
 9 that way. *(Demonstrates by giggling, flipping hair, etc.)*
 10 CHRISTY: Brenda, that doesn't look right.
 11 BRENDA: *(Still giggling)* What? You don't think so?
 12 MARCIA: I don't think you're doing it right.
 13 BRENDA: Well, maybe I should figure out how to do it right!
 14 CHRISTY: You really want to be like her?
 15 BRENDA: Maybe for a day.
 16 MARCIA: Or a week.
 17 CHRISTY: Yeah. Or forever.
 18 BRENDA: So instead of hating her, maybe we should imitate
 19 her.
 20 CHRISTY: Do you think?
 21 BRENDA: Sure. We'll copy all her good qualities.
 22 MARCIA: Does she have any bad ones?
 23 BRENDA: Notice how she is always smiling? *(All three girls*
 24 *smile.)* Wouldn't you rather hang around someone who is
 25 happy?
 26 CHRISTY: Good point.
 27 BRENDA: So we should smile more.
 28 CHRISTY: But what about the hair? I can't dye it blonde.
 29 BRENDA: Forget the hair.
 30 CHRISTY: But her hair is perfect. Long, shiny, bouncy ... My
 31 hair never wants to cooperate.
 32 MARCIA: What else? Besides smiling?
 33 BRENDA: *(Staring)* Notice how she practically dances around
 34 when she talks. It's like she puts so much into her
 35 conversations. You can't help but be drawn to her.

1 CHRISTY: *(Smiling and moving around)* Like this? Is this how it
 2 should look? I'm smiling. I'm moving. Is this right?
 3 MARCIA: That's not right. In fact, that was bad.
 4 BRENDA: You need to work on it.
 5 CHRISTY: Then we all need to work on it! *(The GIRLS begin to*
 6 *smile, giggle, and move around in a silly fashion.)*
 7 BRENDA: I wonder what they're having for lunch today in the
 8 cafeteria?
 9 MARCIA: Oh, I hope it's not that nasty goulash.
 10 CHRISTY: Let's hope that it's something good.
 11 BRENDA: But what's good in the cafeteria?
 12 MARCIA: That's a tough question to answer. "What's good in
 13 the cafeteria?"
 14 CHRISTY: Nothing!
 15 BRENDA: Then maybe that's good.
 16 CHRISTY: Good?
 17 BRENDA: Yes! Because that way we won't eat.
 18 MARCIA: And we lose weight!
 19 CHRISTY: But I'm hungry!
 20 MARCIA: But what would you rather do? Eat nasty goulash ...
 21 *(Points)* Or look like her?
 22 CHRISTY: Look. Tony and Stan are staring at us. Gosh, they're
 23 cute!
 24 BRENDA: Maybe it's working!
 25 MARCIA: Yeah! We're doing just what she does! Smiling,
 26 laughing, moving around in a cute way.
 27 BRENDA: We're definitely getting their attention!
 28 CHRISTY: Because we're cute!
 29 MARCIA: That's right, we're cute!
 30 BRENDA: So maybe we should thank her!
 31 CHRISTY: *(Pointing)* Thank you Barbie Girl! *(Sings.)* "I'm a
 32 Barbie girl, in a Barbie world!"
 33 BRENDA: Hey, look! Tony and Stan are coming this way! Keep
 34 smiling. *(THEY smile and giggle as TONY and STAN enter.)*
 35 TONY: What's so funny?

1 STAN: Who are you laughing at?
 2 TONY: Us?
 3 STAN: Because we saw you staring at us and pointing out
 4 direction.
 5 MARCIA: No, we weren't pointing at you! *(Points.)* We were
 6 pointing at her.
 7 STAN: Scarlet?
 8 BRENDA: That's right. Scarlet is our friend.
 9 CHRISTY: That's right!
 10 TONY: Scarlet hangs out with you three?
 11 BRENDA: Yeah, sometimes.
 12 TONY: When?
 13 CHRISTY: When? We don't know. We just all hang out
 14 sometimes, you know?
 15 STAN: Where? At her house? You all go over to Scarlet's house?
 16 MARCIA: To her house? Well, not there, but ...
 17 BRENDA: We hang out with her at school.
 18 TONY: Oh, really? Because I've never seen Scarlet hang out
 19 with any of you.
 20 BRENDA: Well, she does!
 21 TONY: Yeah, right.
 22 CHRISTY: Like in the halls! We say hi!
 23 STAN: Wow.
 24 BRENDA: And you two have deep and meaningful
 25 conversations with her?
 26 TONY: Sometimes.
 27 STAN: Last week she asked to borrow a dollar from me.
 28 CHRISTY: Wow! She must really like you!
 29 TONY: Did you give it to her?
 30 STAN: Of course I gave it to her! *(Looks her way, in a dreamy*
 31 *tone.)* She's the most beautiful girl I've ever seen.
 32 TONY: Breathtaking. *(All three GIRLS stare at her.)*
 33 BRENDA: Flawless.
 34 MARCIA: A magnet.
 35 CHRISTY: Perfect.

1 BRENDA: I'm jealous.
 2 MARCIA: Me too.
 3 CHRISTY: Ditto. *(In a daze, they ALL stare at her. After a pause,*
 4 *they ALL smile and wave, then look away, embarrassed.)*
 5 MARCIA: That was a friendly thing to do.
 6 BRENDA: Yeah, nice to wave and not scream at her when she
 7 realized we were all staring at her.
 8 CHRISTY: I think she is nice. We should invite her over
 9 sometime.
 10 MARCIA: That's a good idea.
 11 STAN: Hey, can I come, too?
 12 TONY: Me too! Please? *(The GIRLS shake their heads and start to*
 13 *exit.)*
 14 MARCIA: Maybe if she came over this weekend she could give
 15 us some pointers about doing our hair and makeup.
 16 BRENDA: I bet she would!
 17 CHRISTY: *(Sings.)* "I'm a Barbie girl, in a Barbie world!" *(The*
 18 *GIRLS exit.)*