

4. That's What Buddies are For

Topic: Friends try to gently break bad news to another friend.

Cast:

BOB: a sincere, kind, positive thinker trying to do what is best

TOM: sincere and down-to-earth

MIKE: happy that his friends care about him but a little discouraged by their not being "with the program"

1 *(Scene opens with BOB and TOM standing Center Stage, talking in a stage whisper – regular talking made to sound like actors are whispering so as not to be overheard, but must be loud enough for audience to hear. MIKE is Off-Stage.)*

5 **BOB:** If you don't tell him, I will.

6 **TOM:** Sure, I'd love to see that.

7 **BOB:** I will. I'll tell him. I'm not afraid of him.

8 **TOM:** You are so afraid of him, you'll probably run as soon as you see him coming.

10 **BOB:** Come on, he's our friend. He's your *best* friend. Wouldn't you want him to tell you if it were the other way around?

13 **TOM:** Yeah, but I like all my teeth exactly where they are. I really don't want to lose any to his fist.

15 **BOB:** Oh, grow up, Tom. He's not going to hit you. Look — here he comes. Step up and do the right thing. *(TOM cowers behind BOB. MIKE enters casually, crosses to boys at Center.)*

19 **MIKE:** Hey, losers, what's up?

20 **TOM:** Nothing. Not a thing. Nothing's up, right Bob?

21 **BOB:** Great going.

22 **MIKE:** OK, spill it. What's wrong?

1 **BOB:** *(Obviously nervous, stuttering)* Wrong? Oh, nothing's wrong. I mean, not wrong exactly. A little ... uncomfortable. But not really *wrong*. You know, *wrong* sounds like it's a big deal, and it really isn't. It's only ...

5 **TOM:** *(To BOB)* Would you either shut up or say something worthwhile? *(To MIKE)* The truth is, Mike, we gotta talk to you.

8 **MIKE:** I don't like the way that sounds.

9 **BOB:** Then you're really gonna love what comes next.

10 **TOM:** *(Looking angrily at BOB)* The thing is, Mike ... well ... *(Turns in a panic to BOB.)* Tell him, Bob.

12 **BOB:** *(Sarcastically)* Right. Like I'm gonna tell him.

13 **MIKE:** *(Amused rather than annoyed)* One of you better tell me or I'll give you something to talk about.

15 **BOB:** Tom really wants to tell you. After all, *he is your best friend and you'd want to hear this from him.*

17 **TOM:** *(To BOB, sarcastically)* Thanks. *(Turns back to MIKE. Gathers up his courage.)* The thing is, Mike ... well, I don't think Judy is going to be able to go to the dance with you Saturday.

21 **MIKE:** *(Without expression)* You don't, huh?

22 **TOM:** *(Very nervously)* No. The truth is ... well, what I mean to say, is ...

24 **BOB:** *(Blurts it out.)* She's going with Spencer Thompson.

25 **MIKE:** *(Still without much expression)* Spencer Thompson?

26 **TOM:** Yeah, I heard him talking to some guys in the locker room and he said he's taking Judy to the dance. I'm really sorry, Mike.

29 **BOB:** Yeah, she's a sneaky one, that Judy. I always said you couldn't trust her. Never trust a beautiful girl, that's my motto.

32 **TOM:** *(Trying to get MIKE's spirits up)* Yeah, you can do better than her anyway, Mike. I mean, she's pretty and all, but she's not all that and a bag of chips.

35 **BOB:** Yeah, she thinks she's so terrific with all that

1 cheerleading and blonde, beautiful hair and that BMW ...
2 **MIKE:** *(Still not letting on to his feelings)* I guess I should be
3 upset, huh?
4 **TOM:** *(Cowers behind BOB again.)* If you want to hit someone,
5 I'm sure Bob would be happy to accommodate you.
6 **MIKE:** *(Smugly)* Actually, I dumped Judy last Tuesday. I'm
7 taking Marlene Talbot to the dance.
8 **BOB:** *(A little embarrassed)* Marlene Talbot? The other
9 cheerleader?
10 **TOM:** *(Also embarrassed)* Also with the long, blonde beautiful
11 hair?
12 **MIKE:** *(Happy to see them uncomfortable)* Yeah, I see you know
13 her.
14 **TOM:** Gosh, you do like a certain type, don't you?
15 **BOB:** Tell me something, Mike.
16 **MIKE:** Yeah?
17 **TOM:** How's a guy like ... well, like *you* get two gorgeous
18 girls like that to go out with you?
19 **MIKE:** It must be my good looks and charming personality.
20 **BOB:** *(Sarcastic, befuddled)* That must be it.

5. Bermuda

Topic: Miscommunication among friends.

Cast:

BRITTANY: easy-going, sincere, and an honest friend

INEZ: a drama queen and not against using manipulation to get what she wants

AMELIA: a straight-shooter and has no idea what all the fuss is about

1 *(Scene opens with BRITTANY sitting alone, Center Stage,*
2 *moping, obviously angry and upset. INEZ enters.)*
3 **INEZ:** Hey, Brittany, what's up?
4 **BRITTANY:** *(Snappy)* Don't talk to me. I'm in a bad mood.
5 **INEZ:** Aw, I'm sorry. What's wrong?
6 **BRITTANY:** Didn't I tell you not to talk to me?
7 **INEZ:** Gosh, you *are* in a bad mood. C'mon, you gotta talk
8 about it. Tell me. *(Sits next to her.)*
9 **BRITTANY:** Oh, all right. Can you keep a secret?
10 **INEZ:** *(Excited at the prospect of gossip)* Me? Oh, sure, yes, of
11 course! I can keep a secret forever. I'll *never* tell anyone.
12 Tell me, tell me, tell me!
13 **BRITTANY:** I heard Amelia is moving to Bermuda.
14 **INEZ:** *(Shocked)* What?
15 **BRITTANY:** Like, next week! And she didn't tell anyone! I'm
16 pretty mad at her for not telling us.
17 **INEZ:** *(Progressively louder and more shocked)* Bermuda?
18 Really?
19 **BRITTANY:** We won't have time to organize a party, or even
20 to buy her a gift. I can't imagine why she didn't tell
21 anyone.
22 **INEZ:** *(Lost in her own thoughts)* Bermuda?
23 **BRITTANY:** *(Irritated)* Yes! Bermuda! Would you try to focus,
24 please?
25 **INEZ:** *(Dreamily)* I've always wanted to go to Bermuda.