

INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING

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INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

A regular crowded hallway between classes.

Find Heather, looking at her two fists very intensely.

Brad, a cute teenager, approaches smoothly with:

BRAD

Hey Heather. I was wondering if you-

HEATHER

Hold on...here we go....ROCK -
PAPER - SCISSOR - SHOOT.

(beat)

Again?!

She cuts her flat 'paper' hand with her 'scissor' hand.

BRAD

You're playing against yourself?

HEATHER

Yeah. I keep telling myself to go
easier on me, but I won't listen.

BRAD

Okaaaay. Hey, I was wondering if you
already have a date for the dance
in two weeks?

HEATHER

Nope. I never make plans that far
in advance. Too busy living in the
moment.

BRAD

I see. Well I don't have a date
either.

HEATHER

Wow, neither of us has dates. That
is such a co-inky-dink! We should
start a internet site where
dateless kids can gather.

BRAD

I think that's called World of
Warcraft.

HEATHER

What?

BRAD

Nothing. Anyway, a little bird told me that you and Travis broke up.

HEATHER

That's amazing! You speak bird?!

BRAD

It's an expression. When you hear a rumor you say "A little birdy told me."

HEATHER

Like a Tweet?

BRAD

Uh, sure. Like a tweet.

HEATHER

Yay!

BRAD

So, is it true?

HEATHER

Yeah, it was for the better. I don't want to be hurtful, but Travis was like...dumb. Y'know?

BRAD

Really?

HEATHER

Oh-my-gosh-YES! You have no idea how hard it is to make a romantic connecting with someone who is really, literally stupid.

BRAD

I can only imagine.

(beat)

Maybe you should go to the dance with a guy that's more...y'know... intellectually stimulating.

Heather stares at him blankly, like she doesn't understand English. He puts her out of her misery with:

BRAD

-- It means smart.

HEATHER

Oh. Like Kevin? He's a dork.

BRAD

No. Not Kevin. I was thinking more like...someone who is standing right in front of you?

HEATHER

Brad...?

BRAD

Yeah?

HEATHER

Can you move? I can't see.

BRAD

Me! I'm talking about me!

HEATHER

Oh, you!? Sorry. Brad, I didn't even realize you were a geek. You don't come off as a nerdy loser.

BRAD

Well I am! I mean...I think we would make a cute couple.

HEATHER

Awww. That's sweet. Okay. Two weeks from now, you got a date.

BRAD

Really?

HEATHER

Yeah. I think a little birdy just told me that I think you're cute.

BRAD

Not how that works, but I'll take it.

They walk off together.