

MARK

I think you asked me that because you think the final club that's easiest to get into is the one where I'll have the best chance.

ERICA

I asked--what?

MARK

You asked me which one was the easiest to get into because you think that that's the one where I'll have the best chance.

ERICA

The one that's the easiest to get into would be the one where anybody has the best chance.

MARK

You didn't ask me which one was the best one, you asked me which one was the easiest one.

ERICA

I was honestly just asking. Okay? I was just asking to ask. Mark, I'm not speaking in code.

MARK

Erica--

ERICA

You're obsessed with finals clubs. You have finals clubs OCD and you need to see someone about it who'll prescribe you some sort of medication. You don't care if the side effects may include blindness.

MARK

Final clubs. Not finals clubs and there's a difference between being obsessed and being motivated.

ERICA

Yes there is.

MARK

Well you do--that was cryptic--so you do speak in code.

ERICA  
I didn't mean to be cryptic.

MARK  
I'm saying I need to do something  
substantial in order to get the  
attention of the clubs.

ERICA  
Why?

MARK  
Because they're exclusive. And fun  
and they lead to a better life.

ERICA  
Teddy Roosevelt didn't get elected  
president because he was a member  
of the Phoenix Club.

MARK  
He was a member of the Porcellian  
and yes he did.

ERICA  
Well why don't you just concentrate  
on being the best you you can be?

MARK  
Did you really just say that?

ERICA  
(beat)  
I was kidding. Although just  
because something's trite it  
doesn't make it any less--

MARK  
I want to try to be straight  
forward with you and tell you that  
I think you might want to be a  
little more supportive. If I get in  
I'll be taking you...to the events,  
and the gatherings...and you'll be  
meeting a lot of people you  
wouldn't normally get to meet.

ERICA  
(smiles)  
You would do that for me?

MARK  
We're dating.

ERICA

Okay, well I want to try and be straight forward with you and let you know that we're not anymore.

MARK

What do you mean?

ERICA

We're not dating anymore, I'm sorry.

MARK

Is this a joke?

ERICA

No, it's not.

MARK

You're breaking up with me?

ERICA

You're going to introduce me to people I wouldn't normally have the chance to meet? What the fff--What is that supposed to mean?

MARK

Wait, settle down.

ERICA

What is it supposed to mean?

MARK

Erica, the reason we're able to sit here and drink right now is cause you used to sleep with the door guy.

ERICA

The door guy, his name is Bobby. I did not slept with the door guy, the door guy is a friend of mine. He's a perfectly good class of people and what part of Long Island are you from--Wimbledon?

MARK

Wait--

ERICA

I'm going back to my dorm.

MARK  
Wait, wait, is this real?

ERICA  
Yes.

MARK  
Okay, then wait. I apologize, okay?

ERICA  
I have to go study.

MARK  
Erica--

ERICA  
Yeah.

MARK  
I'm sorry, I mean it.

ERICA  
I appreciate that but--

MARK  
Come on.

ERICA  
--I have to study.

MARK  
You don't have to study. You don't  
have to study. Let's just talk.

ERICA  
I can't.

MARK  
Why?

ERICA  
Because it's exhausting. Dating you  
is like dating a stairmaster.

MARK  
All I meant is that you're not  
likely to-- currently--if it seemed  
rude then of course I apologize.

ERICA  
I have to go study.

MARK  
You don't have to study.

ERICA  
Why do you keep saying I don't have  
to study?!

MARK  
Because you go to B.U.!

ERICA stares at him...

ERICA  
I'm sorry you're not sufficiently  
impressed with my education.

MARK  
And I'm sorry I don't have a  
rowboat so we're even.

ERICA  
I think we should just be friends.

MARK  
I don't want friends.

ERICA  
I was being polite, I have no  
intention of being friends with  
you.

MARK  
I'm under some pressure right now  
with my OS class and if we could  
just order food I think we should--

ERICA takes MARK's hand and looks at him tenderly...

ERICA  
(close)  
You are probably going to be a very  
successful computer person. But  
you're going to go through life  
thinking that girls don't like you  
because you're a nerd. And I want  
you to know, from the bottom of my  
heart, that that won't be true.  
It'll be because you're an asshole.

And with that stinger, ERICA walks off we slowly push in on  
MARK. A fuse has just been lit.