

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.