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“THANKS DUDE”

A Two Character Comedy

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THANKS DUDE

A Ten-Minute Comedy by
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SYNOPSIS: A friendship is tested when one friend sleeps with his best friend's ex-girlfriend.

CHARACTERS:

Paul & Steve – Two Millennials, two “dudes.”

SETTING:

A cafe

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INT. CAFE -- NIGHT

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PAUL sits at a table. STEVE ENTERS and crosses to him.

STEVE

Aw dude, thank you.

PAUL

For what?

STEVE

I went out with Andrea last night.

PAUL

Wait. My Andrea?

STEVE

Your ex-Andrea, yeah.

PAUL

Why the fuck would you do that?

STEVE

You said I could.

PAUL

Huh? When? We only broke up a week ago.

STEVE

Right. And I said she was really hot.

PAUL

Yeah...?

STEVE

Well, the rest is implied.

PAUL

"Can I go out with the girl who just broke your heart" was implied?

STEVE

We're guys. How could you not see the signs?

PAUL

How could you not see the signs? My tongue is black from drinking gallons of coffee. See? (sticks out his tongue)

STEVE

I just figured it was tuberculosis. Not related.

PAUL

My hair has fallen out in clumps. I spend every day curled into a fetal position, eating Twinkies, watching "The View." That's not normal for any straight male!

STEVE

Well, you said I could.

PAUL

When? How?

STEVE

When I told you I thought Andrea was hot you said, "Dude."

PAUL

And...?

STEVE

Just "Dude." But the meaning is implied.

PAUL

Another implied meaning? "Dude" implied what?

STEVE

"Hey, we're bros. I don't want her. She's all yours."

PAUL

No, you idiot. "Dude" meant, "Are you fucking kidding? We only just broke up. I'm trying to get her back. No!"

STEVE

Well, then you used the wrong inflection.

PAUL

It's one syllable!

STEVE

Maybe it was your diction.

PAUL

Besides, there's a code.

STEVE

There is? No one told me. What's the code?

PAUL

A guy doesn't step on another guy's good thing.

STEVE

Okay, I've never heard of that so is there a copy of this code I could get? Do you write to Adam Corolla or something?