

**SAM.** Paul Pruett's birthday invite? Doesn't ring a bell Katie (*Looking in his hand—he's holding the invitation:*) Oh, wait a minute! Here it is! It was right here underneath my uh...cape.

**KATIE.** It's today.

**SAM.** Today? I totally forgot about this, that's so funny.

**KATIE.** Are you going?

**SAM.** Am I going? I don't know, are you?

**KATIE.** Well, I don't really know Paul all that well, so if I was going to go I would rather go with somebody.

*(Beat. SAM says nothing.)*

**KATIE.** Nobody's asked me yet.

*(Beat. SAM says nothing.)*

**KATIE.** So I'll probably just stay home and work on my cursive. That "Q" is impossible. Is it a Q? Is it a 2? I don't know what's going on.

*(Beat. SAM says nothing.)*

**KATIE.** OK, well it was nice talking to you, I'm gonna go—

**SAM.** No wait! Before you go, I wanted to ask you—

**LISA'S VOICE.** (*Coming through the phone:*) Are you still on the phone, dork?

**SAM.** Yes, Lisa.

**LISA'S VOICE.** I have to call Shelly.

**SAM.** I care.

**LISA'S VOICE.** Who are you talking to anyway...your girlfriend?

**SAM.** No!

**KATIE.** Excuse me?

**SAM.** I mean yes, I mean no, I mean—

**LISA'S VOICE.** Did you ask her to your stupid party yet?

**KATIE.** You called to ask me to the party?

**SAM.** No.

**LISA'S VOICE.** I heard you practicing in the bathroom.

**KATIE.** You were practicing in the bathroom?

**SAM.** This isn't happening.

**LISA'S VOICE.** She wants you to ask her, you idiot. Just do it already. (*Beat.*) I'll be quiet.

**SAM.** (*Beat—deep breath:*) Katie, will you—

*(Suddenly, the sound of LISA pressing buttons on the phone is heard.)*

**SAM.** Lisa, you're killing me.

*(LISA stops.)*

**SAM.** Katie, will you go to Paul Pruett's party with me?

**KATIE.** Yes, I will.

**LISA'S VOICE.** See, that wasn't so hard...LOS-ER!!!

*(LISA finally hangs up the phone.)* *SWP*

**SAM.** Sorry about that. So um...how about my mom and I pick you up in an hour?

**KATIE.** See you then.

**SAM.** (*Casually, not a big deal:*) OK—I love you.

**KATIE.** (*Casually back:*) I love you too.

*(They both hang up the phone.)*

*(Lights out.)*