

RACHEL BITES

"Avery Rules"

EXT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Rachel sits at a table across from Avery. He's wearing a hideous pink tie and tan corduroy sport jacket. A kitschy little bowl of flowers, with a rainbow-decorated card, stands between them.

Rachel's cell phone rings.

RACHEL

Hello?

JANE (O.S.)

Rizza? It's Jane.

RACHEL

Oh, yeah, hi, don't call me that.

JANE (O.S.)

The microwave totally worked!

RACHEL

Really? Oh, cool.

Avery is grinning at her, making concentration difficult.

JANE (O.S.)

How did you know that? Are you like a geek wizard or something?

RACHEL

No, well, yeah, maybe, I guess.

JANE (O.S.)

What are you doing right now?

RACHEL

Uh... nothing.

JANE (O.S.)

Cool. Look, ya know that guy Avery?

RACHEL

Uh... yeah.

JANE (O.S.)

From class?

RACHEL

Right.

JANE (O.S.)
I think he likes me.

RACHEL
Oh. Yeah?

JANE (O.S.)
What should I do?

RACHEL
Uh... I would totally go out with
him.

JANE (O.S.)
You would?

RACHEL
Well not me, but you.

JANE (O.S.)
Should I like...

RACHEL
What?

JANE (O.S.)
Like...

RACHEL
Yeah?

JANE (O.S.)
Yeah?

RACHEL
What?

JANE (O.S.)
You know...

RACHEL
Uh, no.

JANE (O.S.)
Like, pleasure him and stuff.

RACHEL
(putrid face)
Pleasure-- ? Oh. Uh.

JANE (O.S.)
I mean, no, right? What are the
rules again?

RACHEL
The rules?

JANE (O.S.)
You know, that book?

RACHEL
Oh.

JANE (O.S.)
What are the rules on that?

RACHEL
Uh...

JANE (O.S.)
I should totally do him, right?

RACHEL
Uh, no, I don't--

JANE (O.S.)
Or does that give the wrong
impression?

RACHEL
Uh...

Avery's still grinning at Rachel.

RACHEL (CONT'D)
Look, uh... Jane?

JANE (O.S.)
Yeah?

RACHEL
You wanna talk to him?

JANE (O.S.)
Well I am, sorta, like, talking to
him.

RACHEL
No, I mean-- right now.

JANE (O.S.)
Now? I don't get you.

RACHEL
Here.

She hands the cell phone to Avery:

AVERY
(into phone)
Who's this? Oh. From class, right?
Yeah, how ya doin'?

Rachel rises from her chair, starts putting on her coat.

Though distracted, Avery realizes she's trying to escape.

He stands.

AVERY (CONT'D)
Jane? I'ma hit ya back in a minute,
ah-ight? I totally got your number
in the phone here.

Rachel is already heading for the door.

AVERY (CONT'D)
Rachel?

He hangs up and follows.

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