

Let's Go For A Ride

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Screenplay narrative

Mason Alexander, a 28-year-old philosophy professor at Humboldt State University, meets a pretty young woman in the most unusual way. She almost runs him over in a grocery store parking lot while riding his bike. As she checks to see if he's ok, their brief introduction is interrupted by an urgent phone call that requires her to leave immediately, but not before Mason learns that she is a student at the college, and her name is Roslyn Adams.

For the next week Mason goes on a small wild goose chase to try and meet this woman, as he convinces a friend and staff member at the University to find out what Roslyn's class schedule is. He then convinces a fellow teacher to let him show up to one of his classes to impress her with a lecture on philosophy. Its there that he re-introduces himself and invites her out for some lunch. They hit it off and spend the following couple of months enjoying time together as they get to know more about each other and fall in love.

Mason is getting ready to propose to Roslyn when he finds himself in some trouble. The Dean of Administration has found out that Mason was violating the school's policy by using the school's database to learn more about a student that he wanted to become romantically involved with. The Dean places Mason on administrative leave and later fires him for his lack of professionalism.

While Mason and Roslyn are on a camping trip and becoming newly engaged, a conflict is building among the students and staff at the University, as they begin to

rebel against the Dean's decision to fire Mason. Comedy ensues while a massive demonstration with local news coverage is held on campus. This proves to be enough to resolve the situation by finally forcing the Dean to retract his decision and re-hire Mason. Mason returns from his camping trip a newly engaged man, unaware of the chaotic fiasco that has happened while he was away. The story ends with Roslyn and himself going on a nice bike ride that finds them humorously re-visiting the place where they met, and going for a peaceful afternoon bike ride at an event with members of the local community.

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1. INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE. AFTERNOON

Opens with overhead view of cue balls breaking.

Jerry walks in to find Mason and Dan playing pool.

JERRY

So, Humboldt University bought us a new pool table huh?

MASON

Yes sir. The teacher's lounge is now outfitted with a brand-new pool table, courtesy of the science department.

JERRY

The science department paid for this?

DAN

They had some extra money budgeted for the staff, so they decided to gift all the professors a pool table for the teacher's lounge.

JERRY

Alright, alright.

MASON

They threw in a dartboard too.

JERRY

Nice. So, what's happening with you guys?

DAN

Not much. We're philosophy professors. We just roam around teaching people about things that twist their minds into pretzels.

JERRY

That's why I majored in math. Nothing confusing about numbers.

MASON

Yeah, math may be easy, but it's also not very interesting. Sure, you can be an expert at calculating the area of an isosceles triangle, but math won't get you any closer to solving the mysteries of the universe.

With a look of skepticism.

JERRY

Solving the mysteries of the universe? Is that what ya all do? Every time I see anyone from the philosophy department in here, they're always taking a nap with an empty bag of chips next to them.

MASON

What? Are you calling us philosophers lazy?

JERRY

I'm just sayin. The only mystery ya all solving, is the mystery of how to take a nap at 12 o'clock in the afternoon.

DAN

That's because us philosophers are peaceful people. We're calm and thoughtful, ya know. Relaxed.

JERRY

I'll give you that much. Philosophers are some of the most relaxed people I've met. I will say though. I'd rather be hanging out in the teacher's lounge with a couple of philosophers like yourselves, compared to some of these cats from the athletics department.

MASON

That's because their competitive. Nobody likes to be around people that are obsessed with winning points all the time.

DAN

Oh, speaking of athletics department people.

In walks Brody

BRODY

What's up guys?

JERRY

Hey, hey, hey, Brody, what's happening?

BRODY

What's happening? My boy Townsend just kicked a 49 yarder.

DAN

Huh?

BRODY

You haven't seen the footage from Friday night's game?

DAN

Uh no, what happened?

BRODY

Our boy Townsend nailed a 49 yarder with less than a minute in overtime. We're moving on to the conference finals bro. I might be looking at a career in the NFL if I win division championship.

MASON

Oh, hey, that's awesome, congratulations.

BRODY

Yeah, thanks. Yeah, I think we got this one. I got a new second-string linebacker that's healthy off the bench, so we're looking good out there. Hey, I gotta get going. I got some press to do. The local paper wants an interview with me.

Brody begins looking at his reflection in the window to check his appearance.

Wish me luck.

JERRY

Yeah, good luck Brody.

MASON

Hey, I'm gonna get outta here. I got to stop by the store and get some dinner. I'll see you guys around.

JERRY

Yeah see ya around.

DAN

See ya tomorrow.

2.EXT.BIKE RACK IN FRONT OF BUILDING.AFTERNOON

Mason gets on his bike. As he is riding past the school's entrance and onto the road, the first minute of the Shins song "New Slang" is playing. He arrives at the grocery store, and as he rides down one of the aisles of the parking lot, a car pulls out of one of the spaces and nearly collides with him, causing him to fall off his bike. The items in his front basket spill onto the ground. A young woman gets out of the car and is immediately concerned.

ROSLYN

Oh my god. Are you ok?

MASON

Uh, yeah, I just dropped all of my stuff here.

As Mason looks up, him and Roslyn look at each other for a moment, both with subtle interest.

ROSLYN

Here, let me help you with some of this.

MASON

No, it's ok. I got it.

ROSLYN

Are you sure you're, ok?

MASON

Yeah, I should be fine.

Roslyn's phone rings and she looks at the screen with a sense of urgency.

ROSLYN

Oh my god, I have to take this. Hello? This is Roslyn Adams. Oh yes, I need to register for that class or else I won't graduate. What? Ok ok, I'll be there right away. Don't let anyone take it. I need that class ok? Ok, bye.

She looks at Mason with a sense of confusion.

Oh my god, I'm sorry. I had to take that. It was the admin department. There's only one opening left for a class I need to graduate. I have to get going before someone takes it.

MASON

Uh, ok, yeah, do what you gotta do.

ROSLYN

Are you sure you're alright?

MASON

Yeah, I'm fine. I'll be fine. Go take care of what you need to do.

ROSLYN

Ok, I'm sooo sorry I almost hit you. I didn't see you in my mirrors. Are you sure you're going to be ok?

MASON

Yeah.

ROSLYN

Ok, ok, thanks. I better get going. I need that class.

MASON

Ok, good luck.

She walks back to her car in a rush

ROSLYN

Thanks.

He watches her drive off with a look of being captivated by the encounter.

3.INT.APARTMENT LIVING ROOM.AFTERNOON

Mason arrives at Dan's apartment eager to share the news of this latest encounter he had with Roslyn.

DAN

Hey, what's up man?

MASON

I just met the most amazing woman.

DAN

Ok, what happened?

MASON

She almost ran over me with her car.

DAN

Wow, she sounds amazing already. Nothing says, lets fall in love, like a woman trying to run you over with her car. And they say romance doesn't exist anymore.

MASON

No, really. She was beautiful.

DAN

So, did you ask her out?

MASON

No, she was in a hurry. When she checked to see if I was alright, she got a phone call from the admissions department that she had to register her classes that afternoon, so she hurried off. I didn't get a chance to talk with her or anything.

DAN

She's a student here?

MASON

Yeah, her name is Roslyn Adams.

DAN

You know her name? How do you know her name?

MASON

When she answered the phone, she said, this is Roslyn Adams.

DAN

So, what's with the impression of her being so amazing.

MASON

I don't know man. There was just something about her. I was looking at her, and she was looking at me in this interesting way.

DAN

Interesting way? Mason, she almost ran over you with her car. That interesting look she was giving you, was just her checking to see if you were injured or not.

MASON

No, it was something deeper. I can't explain it. I'm gonna find out who she is and introduce myself.

DAN

And how exactly do you intend on finding and meeting this woman?

MASON

That's easy. I just have to find out what her class schedule is, then ask the instructor if I can show and give a lecture for the last fifteen minutes or so, then she'll see me, and we can talk, and I can ask her out to lunch.

DAN

And exactly how are you going to find out her class schedule?

MASON

Do you still have access to the school's database from when you worked in the administration department?

DAN

Oh no. Please tell me you don't want me to search the University's database to help you stalk a student here on campus.

MASON

Oh, come on. It's no big deal. Just do a quick search and look to see what classes she's taking.

DAN

Are you trying to get me fired?

MASON

Nobody's gonna find out. They barely even have an IT department. Nobody's gonna take notice that you're doing a quick search for some information.

DAN

I don't know Mason.

MASON

It'll just take a few minutes.

DAN

Alright alright, fine. I have to do some stuff tomorrow afternoon in my office, so I'll take a look to see what her schedule is.

MASON

Ah, perfect, you're the best Dan.

DAN

I feel compelled to ask you what you are going to do once you meet her.

MASON

I don't know. I'll invite her out for some lunch, maybe a vegan restaurant or something. I know a restaurant just off campus that has a really good eggplant soup.

DAN

Whoa, slow down Mr. sexy. Don't pile on the charm too fast with this eggplant soup strategy of yours.

MASON

Maybe she's a vegetarian too. Come on man, it's the best way to introduce myself.

DAN

Well, you know what they say Mason. Nothing says let's take our clothes off and get it on, like a bowl of eggplant soup.

MASON

You're mocking my strategy.

DAN

No, I'm just questioning whether a bowl of eggplant soup is the thing you need to win over a woman.

MASON

What do you suggest?

DAN

Why don't you just keep it simple and ask her to have lunch with you in the cafeteria. Maybe you can impress her with your charm skills over a piece of pizza. And remember, woman love to laugh, so have some humor prepared.

MASON

Humor?

DAN

Think of some funny things to talk about. Women instantly gush over guys that can make them laugh.

MASON

Any ideas?

DAN

Hmm. Let me think here.

MASON

Yeah.

DAN

Why don't you talk about how the size of a man's brain is proportionately larger than a woman's, so since a man's brain is bigger than a woman's brain, that naturally means that men have more brains than women, which means that men are smarter.

MASON

Hmm.

DAN

Most women love that one. It causes them to laugh, and to challenge the claim. Guaranteed she'll say, oh really? Then you can argue a little about why she thinks women are smarter, and you can disagree a little bit, and so on. It's a perfect conversation starter. It works every time.

MASON

That's actually a good idea. Where did you get that from?

DAN

I used that idea on a girlfriend I had few years ago. It worked great. I'm telling ya. Women always love humor coming from a guy that's intelligent. It works every time. And since you do have a way with words Mr. Alexander. If you are on your A game, you might have to wind up fending off the advances of this woman. You might think that your just in for a night of conversation over a bowl of soup, then suddenly you find yourself being the object of this woman's desire.

MASON

No complaints if that happens.

DAN

Some women can get aggressive. Maybe this woman will wind up doing whatever she can to charm the socks off you.

MASON

That rarely happens. Most women need lots of flirting and talking before they decide to go all in with a guy.

DAN

I don't know. I've seen some women that can work pretty fast on trying to impress a guy. I've been

there. One minute you think you're having a casual conversation with a woman, and next thing you know, that woman has you under her spell. It starts with an innocent conversation over dinner, then it turns into a state of confusion where you feel powerless against your ability to say no to anything she asks. I think they call it female gravity. A force for which no man is able to escape.

MASON

I wouldn't mind getting pulled into her field of gravity.

DAN

Maybe you should first check and see if she wants to go out for a drink or something, like a normal first date kind of thing.

MASON

No, I disagree. She seems like a woman who is more deserving of a nicer and gentler approach.

DAN

Hmm. Whatever floats your boat man. Just make sure you don't have more than a few bowls of that eggplant soup. Otherwise, you might lose your inhibitions and want to do something crazy like hold her hand or something.

MASON

Very funny. You're always the comedian.

DAN

Ok, ok, so, I'll check tomorrow morning and see what this woman's schedule is. You said her name is Roslyn Adams?

MASON

Yeah, Roslyn Adams.

DAN

Alright. If I get fired for this, you'll owe me a lifetime of gratitude.

MASON

I already owe you some gratitude, especially if I can get her to go out with me.

DAN

Yeah, yeah, I'll call you tomorrow afternoon to let you know what I find.

MASON

Thanks, man, catch ya later.

4 . INT . APARTMENT . MORNING

Mason is sitting at his kitchen table listening to the local weather forecast on the television, when he receives a phone call from Dan.

MASON

Hey Dan, what's up?

DAN

Hey, I got the info on this Roslyn Adams woman.

MASON

Really?

While looking around concerned if any fellow administrative staff is seeing his mischievousness, he whispers into the phone.

DAN

Yeah, I'm looking at her class schedule right now.

MASON

Oh, wow, uh, so, what's her schedule look like?

DAN

Let's see. She's got a chemistry class on Mondays.

MASON

Who's the instructor?

DAN

Uh, its Jordan.

MASON

Ah, Jordan wouldn't let me do any lectures for his classes. What else is there?

DAN

Uh, Tuesdays she's got an English class. The instructor is Tammy.

MASON

Hmm.

DAN

Thursday is a math class with Deserine, and Friday, she's got a biology class. The instructor is JT.

MASON

JT?

DAN

Yup.

MASON

Perfect. I'm gonna ask him if I can have the last fifteen minutes of his class to do a short lecture. So, what else are you looking at there? Is it just her class schedule and stuff?

DAN

Yeah, there's some administrative info, not much else here. It says her major is evolutionary biology.

MASON

Evolutionary biology?

DAN

Yup.

MASON

Hmm. Interesting. Ok, perfect, thanks bro, I appreciate it.

DAN

Alright, catch ya later.

MASON

Yup.

5.INT.SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA.AFTERNOON

Mason is sitting at a table eating and JT walks up with a tray and sits down.

MASON

JT, how's it going?

JT

Alright, alright. You got me wondering why a philosophy professor would want to meet me for some lunch on a Tuesday afternoon. Do you have some wisdom to teach me or something?

MASON

No, I have a favor to ask from you.

JT

A favor?

MASON

Yes.

JT

Well, since you are buying lunch, I'm already interested. What do ya got? What kind of favor are we talking about here?

MASON

I need to have the last fifteen minutes of your class on Friday to present a short lecture on the relationship between philosophy and evolution.

JT

Uh, hmm. Why would you want to take up fifteen minutes of my class time to do such a thing?

MASON

There's a woman in that class that I'm trying to impress. I want to ask her out on a date.

JT

What?

MASON

Yeah, it's a complicated story. I met her the other day and happened to have learned what her name was. Dan helped me track her down and find out her class schedule, and it turns out that she's got your Friday morning class.

JT

How did you meet her?

MASON

She almost ran me over with her car in a grocery store parking lot.

JT

Wow. That's a love at first sight kind of story. I've never heard of anything more romantic.

MASON

Come on man. It'll be fine.

JT

I don't know Mason. I'm running a college course in molecular biology. I'm not running a dating service for professors looking to hook up with their students.

MASON

Come on. Give me fifteen minutes up there. The class will like it. I already know what I'm gonna lecture on.

JT

What is it?

MASON

I thought I would talk about the philosophy of biology, as it relates to human existentialism.

JT

Hmm. Isn't that a little too deep for a molecular biology course?

MASON

Not at all. Biological evolution has huge philosophical implications on human existence. As a philosopher, it is my job to draw the links between biology and the existence of human consciousness itself.

JT

Ya know, I'm so glad that I never decided to become a philosophy major, because you guys are way out there man. You philosopher types live in another reality unto itself.

MASON

I'll take that as a compliment.

JT

It wasn't intended to be compliment. I really think that you're a crazy person. And so, what happens if this woman is not impressed by your lecture? Then what?

MASON

Why would you think that she won't be impressed? In the world of philosophy, we call that glass half empty thinking. I like to see it as a glass that is half full, and besides, a woman studying biological evolution has no choice but to be interested in my lecture.

JT

This is so silly. Let me describe for you what is happening. You, Mason Alexander, intend on showing up like a nerd in shining armor, and with your class lecture skills, try and impress some woman that almost ran you over in a grocery store parking lot.

MASON

I know. It's the perfect idea.

JT

Mason, I have heard of some crazy things that men will do to attract a woman, but this has got to be the craziest thing I've ever heard of.

MASON

So, we're on?

JT

Alright. Alright. You're on. Friday at 11:45. You got the last fifteen minutes of the class.

MASON

You're the best JT.

JT

If I get fired for this, you'll owe me big time.

MASON

It'll be fine. Relax.

JT

Alright.

MASON

You're the best JT. I'll see ya on Friday.

Mason then gets up and leaves with a sense of optimism.

6.EXT.IN CAR DRIVING TO THE SCHOOL.AFTERNOON

This scene is a segway showing him traveling to the campus while the first minute of the song "Fire escape" by Fastball is playing.

7.INT.CLASSROOM.AFTERNOON

Mason is giving a lecture in front of a classroom of college students.

MASON

So, some of you might be asking, what does all of this mean? Why is biological evolution so important to the academic world of philosophy? The answer to this question is rather forward and has everything to do with the metaphysical question of human existence itself. Metaphysics is the study of the existence of things, and if we are to ask the question, what are humans, and how did we get here, then biological evolution by natural selection would be the pathway of understanding that is the most reasonable area to

draw research from. Now, it's important to understand that although evolution can explain what is happening to the existence of life forms once they begin to exist, it cannot explain how the existence of life began in the first place. In other words, how did the existence of life itself on earth begin, when did begin, and what did that look like? If we want to infer an answer from naturalistic explanations and not from fanciful creationism ideas, then we would have to simply conclude that an abiogenesis theory has enough credibility to be convincing. So, what does abiogenesis theory explain? Well, it tells us what may have happened the very moment that life began to exist on earth. Paleontologists refer to this period in earth's geological history as the biosignature boundary, and this is when life began. And what was happening when the existence of life began? Well, it began as a self-replicating molecule that was able to do what all life forms do. It was able to take in food for energy. It was able to respire, excrete waste, and reproduce with some form of genetic instructions, presumably in the form of RNA. So, in conclusion, us philosophers, when confronted with problems of metaphysical questions such as human existence, we naturally have to turn to evolution to try and find those answers. Science cannot prove abiogenesis theory under controlled laboratory conditions, however, philosophers do not believe in creationism. Philosophers would rather depend on good empirical evidence that is grounded in naturalistic explanations to the existence of ourselves and the world around us. I've listed some references for you here if you'd all like to find some further information. Thanks JT, for having me this afternoon, and everybody have a good weekend.

As the students begin to leave Roslyn makes her way to the front of the class towards Mason who is putting some paperwork in a bag.

ROSLYN

Hi, do you remember me? I almost ran into you last weekend with my car at the grocery store.

MASON

Oh, yes, hey, that was me. What a surprise to see you here.

JT looks to the side with a look, as if to say, unbelievable.

ROSLYN

Are you ok? Did you have any injuries?

MASON

Uh, yeah, ya know, I got some pain in my shoulder. It still hurts a little bit, but it should be alright.

ROSLYN

Oh my god. I'm so sorry. If you need to see a doctor, my insurance will cover it.

MASON

No, it should be fine. It's just a small injury. It's no big deal

JT looks to the side with another look, as if to say, unbelievable.

ROSLYN

Well, ok. If there's anything I can do, just let me know.

MASON

Um, well, I was going to get some lunch in the cafeteria if you want to join me. That would be nice. It's probably the least you could do for almost running me over and killing me.

ROSLYN

Oh my god, yeah, that sounds nice. Let's go grab a bite to eat. I'm kinda hungry myself.

MASON

Ok, let's go.

Mason leaves with Roslyn while staring at JT on the way out, and holding a little smile on his face.

8.INT.SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA.AFTERNOON

Roslyn and Mason are sitting at a table eating.

ROSLYN

I've always loved the northern California coastal area, with the redwoods and the ocean, and the people here are really nice.

MASON

Where are you from originally?

ROSLYN

Georgia.

MASON

Oh, that explains your overt politeness. That whole southern hospitality thing must be real then.

ROSLYN

Of course. Us southern girls are always polite.

MASON

So, what are you majoring in?

ROSLYN

Evolutionary biology.

MASON

Oh, ok. What made you want to get into that?

ROSLYN

My father's an archaeologist that specializes in human evolution. He's actually one of the leading

research scientists in the field. I don't know if you are familiar with some of the most well-known fossil discoveries, but he's helped with the excavation of some of them. He's one of a dozen or so people who helped excavate the famous Australopithecus fossil.

MASON

Oh, ok, that's something like one of the earliest known human ancestors or something?

ROSLYN

It's one of the oldest ever recorded in the fossil record.

MASON

Hmm, interesting. So, is human evolution your specific area of research?

ROSYLYN

Uh, no, not really. I'm just doing the whole general studies thing. That's good enough. We'll see where it goes.

MASON

Ya know, I was just reading an article about some research into the evolution of the human brain. Maybe you can give me your thoughts on this. They were saying that maybe men are smarter than women because men, on average, have bigger sized brains.

ROSLYN

Oh really? Who came up with that theory?

MASON

I don't know. Some scientists.

ROSLYN

Hmm. Sounds like a male chauvinistic theory to me.

MASON

I don't know. I didn't read the whole article.
Maybe it's true. What do you think?

Roslyn is now ready to laugh with an expression, as if to say, are you kidding me?

ROSLYN

I think there is no way to correlate intelligence with the physical size of one's brain.

MASON

Ok, ok, fair enough.

ROSLYN

Please don't tell me that you think men are smarter than women because men's brains are, on average, larger.

MASON

Uh, I don't know. Maybe the science supports it.

ROSLYN

How does science support the argument that because men have larger brains, that makes them smarter?

MASON

I don't know. Maybe they're onto something. I haven't read too much about it.

ROSLYN

Ok, mister smart philosopher teacher. I think I can handle this argument correctly. Give me the definition of what a good working theory is.

MASON

You want me to give you the definition of what a theory is?

ROSLYN

Yes.

MASON

Ok, a theory is a model or framework of explaining a set of observable facts.

ROSLYN

Ok, then, what facts can we find to support a framework of understanding that says bigger brains equals smarter brains?

MASON

Um. Ok, I don't have an answer.

ROSLYN

Oh really? You, a man, who has a bigger brain, than me, a woman, cannot seem to win an argument based on factual information? Well, I think a case has been made that a woman's brain is definitely smarter than a man's.

MASON

Ok ok, you got me. You win. You have proven that I am just another knuckle dragging caveman who has been outsmarted by a very intelligent woman.

ROSLYN

Are you impressed?

MASON

Actually I am. You seem to have a good awareness of what is needed for a good argument.

ROSLYN

So, you're a philosopher?

MASON

Well, not a working philosopher. I don't have the credentials for that. I just got a Masters, with a specialty in epistemology. Epistemology is the.

ROSLYN

Study of knowledge.

MASON

Your aware?

ROSLYN

I took a philosophy class last year.

MASON

Oh, that explains why I've never seen you before.

ROSLYN

Your new here?

MASON

Yeah, I graduated from UCLA and applied for a position here last fall, and they gave it to me. So, I moved up here and started teaching classes.

ROSLYN

Do you like it so far?

MASON

Yeah, I like the area, the staff is nice, the job is easy. Its working out so far.

ROSLYN

Its easy teaching all that philosophy stuff? Can I get a quick philosophy lesson?

MASON

You want a philosophy lesson?

ROSLYN

Sure.

MASON

On what?

ROSLYN

I don't know. Anything.

MASON

Ok, let's see. How about a quick two-minute intro to epistemology?

ROSLYN

Ok, let's hear it.

MASON

Ok, so it's often said and understood among philosophers that knowledge is a subset of belief. In other words, you have to believe in something before you know it. For example. Have you ever thought you knew something, to then later come to find out that it was false or incorrect?

ROSLYN

Sure

MASON

Ok, what that means is that you didn't actually know it. You didn't have knowledge. You just believed that it was true.

ROSYLYN

Ok.

MASON

So, it's generally understood among philosophers that knowledge is only knowledge when it is a justified true belief.

ROSLYN

Wait though. You have to know something before you believe it, so isn't belief a subset of knowledge?

MASON

No. what you're saying is that you have to be aware of something before you believe it. Being aware of something and knowing something are two entirely different things. Yes, you have to be aware of something in order to believe it. However, you don't have to know something in order to believe it. There are plenty of things that people believe that they do not know, or have knowledge about.

ROSLYN

Ok, I can see it. I think so. So, what is the importance of understanding this?

MASON

It's just a way of demonstrating how unreliable the human mind is when we have beliefs or claims that we often like to call knowledge, when in fact, it's not knowledge. It's just the acceptance of a proposition, or belief in something. Now, imagine if everyone on the planet understood this structural relationship between knowledge and belief. If so, then everyone would be overwhelmed with skepticism and start to doubt everything that they think they know. This would result in everyone experiencing a wise lesson in intellectual futility. In other words, people that have convinced themselves that they know things, have in reality, just been believing in things that are not true.

ROSLYN

Hmm. That's interesting. Now I know why I didn't major in philosophy. I've never been one to purposefully try to bend my mind into a pretzel trying to figure out the relationship between knowledge and belief.

MASON

How was that for a quick two-minute course on epistemology?

ROSLYN

I'm impressed.

MASON

Hey, would you like to join me this weekend for a bike ride with some kids that I look after?

ROSLYN

You have kids?

MASON

No, they're not mine. I'm a volunteer youth counselor for a group of foster kids. I help maintain a bike shop and help run a program where I take them out for bike rides on weekends. Would you like to join us?

ROSLYN

Uh, sure, but I don't have a bike.

MASON

Oh, no problem. I can find one at the shop. I'll even get it fixed up for you and ready to go, if you want to join us.

ROSLYN

Uh sure.

MASON

Here, let me email you the location where we meet up. Its near Redwoods Park. There's a little turnoff where the parking lot ends. You should be able to find it. We usually meet up on Saturdays at twelve noon.

ROSLYN

Ok, I'll see you there then.

MASON

Perfect. I better get going. I've got some work to do.

ROSLYN

Ok, I'll see ya tomorrow.

MASON

See you then.

9. INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE. AFTERNOON

Mason is at the pool table, as Dan walks in.

DAN

Hey, what's the news on that Roslyn woman?

MASON

Oh, man, it worked out great. I showed up, gave the lecture, invited her to lunch and we hit it off. Mission accomplished.

DAN

Get outta here. Are you serious?

MASON

Yup. I invited her for a bike ride this weekend with the boys, and she agreed, so we're on for this weekend.

DAN

You smooth little sweet talker you. So, what's her story?

MASON

She's a senior, general studies in evolutionary biology. She's from Georgia, her father's an archeologist, and she smells like oranges.

DAN

Oranges?

MASON

Yeah, I don't know. It was a citricy perfume she was wearing or something.

DAN

Hmm. She seems interesting then.

MASON

Yeah, she's cool man. She seemed interested in learning some philosophy stuff too, so we talked for a few minutes about some epistemology stuff.

DAN

Oh, she's nerdy? Did you try out the humor idea I had? That men are smarter because we have bigger brains?

MASON

I did. It worked perfectly. She liked it.

DAN

Works every time. There's nothing that a woman likes more than the feeling of being humorously convinced that men are just a bunch of silly cavemen, and that women are actually smarter than us. It's that whole women's empowerment thing.

MASON

Well, whatever it is, it worked. She thought it was really funny.

DAN

Hmm. Well, awesome. I hope the two of you hit it off.

MASON

I don't know, maybe. I'm gonna invite her out for some lunch after we go on our ride. I thought about immediately breaking the news to her that I tracked down her schedule and orchestrated the whole thing, just to meet her.

DAN

Oh damn. I would love to hear that conversation. She'll probably be flattered that you went to all the trouble just to have a chance to introduce yourself.

MASON

Yeah, I don't know. We'll see. Let's hope her reaction is a good one.

DAN

Alright. Let me know how it goes. I gotta get over to my classroom. I've got some exams to grade.

MASON

Yup, I'll catch ya later.

DAN

Yup.

10.EXT.OUTDOOR BIKE PATH SETTING.AFTERNOON

Mason is showing Roslyn how the gears work on the bike she will be riding, as ten boys on bikes ride up to them.

MASON

This is my girlfriend.

RANDOM KID

Oh, this is your girlfriend?

MASON

Yes.

RANDOM KID

Are the two of you gonna get married and have babies?

ROSYLYN

Oh, um.

RANDOM KID

Are you gonna get her pregnant?

ROSYLYN

Oh my god. Haha

MASON

I don't know. Am I gonna get you pregnant?

ROSYLYN

Whoa. Whoa whoa. Slow down. I'm not sure if young men understand how dating works. First you get to

know each other, and then, as you get more serious, the babies start to happen.

RANDOM KID

How long does it take before things get serious enough to get you pregnant?

ROSYLYN

Oh my god. Uh, I don't know, a couple of years?
Everybody laughs, boys are giggling.

RANDOM KID

That's how long its gonna take you to get her pregnant?

MASON

Some women like to take it slow.

RANDOM KID

Slow? That sounds like forever. Two years before you plant your seeds? You need to work a little faster Mason.

MASON

You think so?

RANDOM KID

You need to take her bowling.

MASON

Bowling?

ROSYLYN

Yeah, why bowling?

RANDOM KID

Yeah, I heard that bowling is the best place to take a girlfriend on a date when you want things to get serious, if ya know what I'm saying.

ROSYLYN

Why would going bowling lead to something serious?

RANDOM KID

[Revised edit]

All of the boys begin laughing as they start to ride off up the trail.

ROSYLYN

Oh my god. Who raised those kids?

MASON

The foster care system did. They just float around from place to place. They're just lucky if they have a place to stay for a year at a time. Most of them have no parental guidance.

ROSYLYN

I can tell. Maybe you should teach them some manners Mr. philosophy professor.

MASON

Honestly, I'm not trying to be their parent. I'm just doing some community service for the county of Humboldt. They're kinda wild. They just do whatever they want to do, and I'm just kind of along for the ride. I'm just here to listen.

ROSYLYN

Well, don't listen to too much of what they say, or else I'll be pregnant by this weekend.

MASON

I'm patient. I can wait. Maybe I'll have you pregnant within a year or so.

ROSYLYN

Oh really? You sound pretty confident about that. You must just think that I'm easy or something.

MASON

Why, are you someone that plays hard to get?

ROSYLYN

Hard to get when it comes to getting me pregnant, yes. But otherwise, no, I'm pretty easy to win over, especially for a nice and sweet philosopher man like yourself.

MASON

Oh, so you're playing easy to get just for me?

ROSYLYN

Just for you Mason.

They ride off to catch up with the boys, then they arrive at the turnout with benches where the kids are eating in the background, while the two of them get some water at the fountain. Over their shoulder are two kids sitting at the picnic table, where one throws a handful of chips across the table into the other kids face.

RANDOM KID

Come on, let's do it!

RANDOM KID

Lets' go. Let's do this.

RANDOM KID

Let me see what you got.

RANDOM KID

Come on then!

Roslyn and Mason then turn to see the two kids ready to fight, as the other kids in the group start to try and hold them back. This is a humorous visualization where, the two kids fighting are bigger and tough, while many of the other kids are younger and weaker looking. The weaker kids are shown struggling trying to restrain the tough kids.

MASON

Oh my god.

Mason runs toward the fight to join in restraining the two kids ready to fight.

MASON

What the hell is going on?

RANDOM KID

He's making fun of my moms. I told him, if he makes another joke about my moms, I'm gonna slap him.

MASON

What is this?

RANDOM KID

All I did was make a joke. Damn bro. Your sensitive. One little joke and you start crying like a baby.

RANDOM KID

I'll give you something to cry about!

RANDOM KID

Come on then. Let's do it!

Kid lunges at the other to rush him, and all of the kids pile on them to keep them from hurting each other. Mason says, grab his legs, as two little kids struggle with trying to grapple with the larger kids legs. Mason says, take them over here. The humor here is the image of a bunch of smaller kids literally holding the two tough kids by the arms and legs, while the tough kids flail. They eventually subdue the two angry kids, and it calms down. Mason says, are you going to calm down? Both agree. He then instructs the kids to let go of their limbs. The two then sit down on a log, while Mason is in front of them, about to give them a talking to.

MASON

I don't want to report this to the agency. Can the two of you just keep it together?

RANDOM KID

Yeah, whatever.

RANDOM KID

Fine, whatever.

MASON

Besides, if the two of you can't be nice to each other, I'm gonna make the two of you hold hands. Do you want me to make the two of you hold hands?

RANDOM KID

Yo, I'm not gay or anything. What the hell is that, some kind of philosophy stuff you teach or something? Are you serious, or you just joking around?

Mason then breaks the serious face look and smiles really big.

RANDOM KID

Oh, piss off Mason, clowning around when we're all angry.

MASON

I'm just messing with you man. I'm getting you back for that bowling joke you said in front of my new girlfriend.

RANDOM KID

What was wrong with that?

MASON

Women are very sensitive. She might not have found that funny.

RANDOM KID

Oh damn, everyone's so sensitive around here. This guy can't even take a yo mama joke, and your girlfriend can't take a joke about bowling balls.

MASON

Come on. This isn't a stand-up comedy club. You have to watch what you say around other people.

The kid gets up while walking away and mocking them.

RANDOM KID

You guys are a couple of babies.

MASON

Don't worry, he'll learn how to respect others someday. Come on. Let's get going.

Mason and Roslyn then ride off together down the bike trail.

MASON

You want to catch some lunch?

ROSLYN

Sure, sounds good.

11.INT.SMALL CAFÉ.AFTERNOON

MASON

I, uh, have a bit of a confession to make.

ROSLYN

Oh, ok.

MASON

Yeah, I, uh, uh,

ROSLYN

What?

MASON

I don't know how to say this, but, uh, ya know that lecture I gave at the end of your biology class last Friday?

ROSLYN

Yeah

MASON

That was not a coincidence.

ROSLYN

What do you mean?

MASON

I, uh, did a little research and found out your class schedule, then asked JT if I could show up and give that lecture, as an excuse to meet you.

ROSLYN

You were stalking me?

MASON

Stalking? Weelll, I don't know if we should be calling it that.

ROSLYN

Then, what should we be calling it?

MASON

Uh, I would prefer to say that I was just looking up some information about you, so that I could introduce myself.

ROSLYN

Wow, I've never had a stalker before.

MASON

Can we please refrain from using the word stalker?

ROSLYN

So, let me get this straight. After that lecture you gave, when we were talking, you were just acting surprised to run into me?

MASON

Uh, well, sure, I guess.

ROSLYN

And did you also fake that slight shoulder injury that you said you had?

MASON

Uh, well, yes.

ROSLYN

You sly little devil man you. Is this how you lure women into your life? You impress them with lectures, then lie about bodily injuries just to get sympathy?

MASON

Uh, no. I usually never lie, but I went with the sympathy. You did, after all, almost kill me by running me over with your car.

ROSLYN

True, I guess that does deserve some real sympathy.

MASON

Do you forgive me?

ROSLYN

I forgive you.

MASON

Nice. That wasn't as hard as I thought it would be.

ROSLYN

What, did you think I was going to get mad or something?

MASON

I don't know. Maybe.

ROSLYN

I don't know that I should feel too concerned about being stalked by a philosophy teacher.

MASON

I guess you're right. Hey, do you want to stop by my place and check out my cuckoo clock collection?

ROSLYN

Cuckoo clock collection?

MASON

I have over a dozen cuckoo clocks that I've repaired and refurbished. It's become a hobby of mine. I just added another one last week.

ROSLYN

I don't know. You just told me that you're stalking me. Now you want to lure me into your home by showing me your cuckoo clock collection?

MASON

I promise I'll be on my best behavior. I'm a perfect gentleman.

ROSLYN

Perfect gentleman? Well, in that case, I'd love to see your cuckoo clock collection.

12. INT. APARTMENT. AFTERNOON

ROSLYN

Nice place you got here.

MASON

Oh, thanks. It's about all I can afford on a teacher's salary, but it works.

ROSLYN

Not too many guys know how to decorate a place, but it looks good. Not a bad job.

MASON

I have decorating skills?

ROSLYN

Well, the furniture matches. That's at least a minimum requirement. You did good.

MASON

Well, thanks, so here's most of my cuckoo clock collection.

ROSLYN

This one looks interesting.

MASON

This one's actually my favorite.

Mason begins showing Roslyn a four foot tall large cuckoo clock.

ROSLYN

Wow, its big.

MASON

Yeah, at first I was reluctant to buy it, because it takes up so much space, but I found it at a garage sale for only two hundred bucks, so I had to snap it up. Wait until you see that size of this cuckoo bird that pops out of it.

Mason reaches into the back of the clock and presses a button, and out pops a large cuckoo bird. The bird almost hits Roslyn and surprises her.

ROSLYN

Oh my god!

Both Roslyn and Mason laugh.

MASON

Normally cuckoo clocks are programmed to go off every hour when the hand hits twelve, but I reprogrammed all of them so they only go off once a day at eight in the morning. They're basically my alarm clock.

ROSLYN

So, you wake up to a bunch of cuckoo clocks every morning?

MASON

Yup.

Roslyn turns to a partly dismantled clock that Mason is working on.

ROSLYN

What's this here?

MASON

Oh, I'm working on this one. Last month I put an ad online saying that I'd pay a few hundred bucks to anyone wanting to sell a cuckoo clock, so this older couple answered the ad and I went over to their place and bought it. They said it's been sitting in their attic for over thirty years. There's just a couple of gears that need replacing, but other than that, it should work fine.

ROSLYN

Hmm. Ya know, I was thinking on the way over here about a lecture I have to go to next Saturday for some class credits. Would you like to come along?

MASON

Are you, Roslyn Adams asking me out on a date?

ROSLYN

Well, I don't know if attending a college lecture would qualify as a date.

MASON

I've never been asked out on a date before. Normally it's the guy's job to do that.

ROSLYN

Ok, fine. I'm asking you out on a date. Would you like to come?

MASON

Uh, sure. What's the lecture on?

ROSLYN

Oh, it's on the history of human evolution. It's supposed to be an hour long. It starts at six, if you'd like to join me.

MASON

Uh sure, yeah. I have to take the boys out for our bike ride in the afternoon. I can come back here, get a bit to eat and get cleaned up, then meet you there. Or, I could pick you up if you want. Would you like me to pick you up or just meet you there?

ROSLYN

Uh, you can swing by my place and pick me up if you want. Here, let me write down my address and phone number. The lecture is the auditorium.

MASON

Oh, your place is right next to the campus.

ROSLYN

Yeah.

MASON

Ok, sounds good. Maybe I'll call around five and let you know I'll be on my way.

ROSLYN

Perfect. I'll hear from you then.

MASON

Ok, I'll see you then.

13.EXT.PICNIC TABLE.AFTERNOON

Mason and the kids are wrapping up a lunch after their bike ride, when Mason and one of the kids gets up to fix a flat tire. While they are repairing the tire, behind them, the same two rowdy kids begin to get into an argument.

RANDOM KID

Come on!

RANDOM KID

Let's do it then!

The rest of the boys move in to restrain the two

MASON

Whoa whoa, what's going on?

RANDOM KID

He told me that he's going to rat me out if I don't pay him 20 dollars.

MASON

What? Rat you out for what?

RANDOM KID

He cheated on his girlfriend.

MASON

You cheated on your girlfriend?

RANDOM KID

I couldn't resist. You should have seen how hot she was.

MASON

So, you are demanding 20 bucks from him, or else you'll tell his girlfriend that he cheated on her?

RANDOM KID

That's extortion yo. That's extortion!

RANDOM KID

That's extortion. Look at you. What are you like a judge now? What are you smart like a lawyer now or something?

MASON

Actually that is, technically extortion. That's what it sounds like.

RANDOM KID

He owes me twenty bucks.

RANDOM KID

I don't owe you anything bro.

RANDOM KID

Oh, you're gonna pay up.

RANDOM KID

Oh yeah, why don't you make me.

RANDOM KID

Is that an invitation for a fight?

RANDOM KID

Yeah bro, whatever, let's do it.

RANDOM KID

Invitation accepted.

RANDOM KID

I told you I had to buy some shoes with it. It's not like I spent it on some crazy thing. I needed some new kicks.

RANDOM KID

I don't care what you spent it on. You still owe me twenty bucks.

MASON

Look, here, here's 20 bucks. Problem solved. Now stop trying to kill each other. Come on let's get going. I've got a date tonight with Rosslyn.

RANDOM KID

Oh, you gonna get romantic tonight Mason?

RANDOM KID

You gonna get all steamy with your girlfriend later?

MASON

No, actually, we're going to a lecture about human evolution.

RANDOM KID

Human evolution? Damn Mason. You really know how to turn on a woman. Be sure not to fall asleep while listening to a bunch of science stuff.

RANDOM KID

Who takes his girlfriend to a lecture about science and stuff?

MASON

The answer? A man that wants to impress his girlfriend. That's who.

14.INT.COLLEGE AUDITORIUM.NIGHT

Mason and Roslyn are in the front row looking on as a college professor is speaking on stage and wrapping up a presentation on evolution.

PRESENTER

...and that is why this this particular area of research is so important for our understanding of human evolution. If we can have more of an accurate demonstration of how these evolutionary processes work within the field of genetics, then we can have more accurate ways of showing how these genetic variations contributed to the production of these twenty-five different forms

of pr-human ape-like creatures that we call our genetic ancestry.

Presenter is pointing to a visual graphic on stage of the twenty-five known pre-human ancestors.

And that should do it. I'll wrap it up here, if anyone needs anymore information on these genetic research studies I just talked about, I have some research links on the course's website. So, thanks everyone for coming out tonight. I'll see you all next Wednesday back at class.

Mason and Roslyn then get up and begin to walk out of the auditorium with the rest of the students.

15 . INT . APARTMENT . NIGHT

Mason and Roslyn return to his apartment and quickly find themselves in the mood.

ROSLYN

I guess lectures on science get you a little excited.

MASON

Can you tell?

She pushes him against the wall

MASON

It looks like I'm not the only one that's excited.

ROSLYN

Lectures on human evolution always get me in the mood.

MASON

Well then maybe we should do more of this going to lectures, and learning that we're just an advanced form of a modern primate.

Further de-clothing

ROSLYN

Sounds like two advanced primates like you and me
can find something to agree on.

MASON

I'm really liking this.

ROSLYN

Me too.

They fall on the floor in a humorous way.

MASON

Ouch.

ROSLYN

Oh my god. Are you ok?

MASON

I think so.

16.INT.APARTMENT.MORNING

The next morning Mason's cuckoo clocks wake him up, and he notices that Roslyn is not in the bed next to him. He hears someone cooking breakfast in the kitchen. He gets out of bed, walks into the kitchen area and sees Roslyn cooking some food.

ROSLYN

Hi, good morning

MASON

Hi, good morning

ROSLYN

I hope you don't mind me making some breakfast.
I'm an early bird. I'm usually up having some
breakfast first thing in the morning.

MASON

Oh yeah, make whatever you want. I don't know what's in here. I need to do some shopping.

ROSLYN

You had some eggs and bread. Good enough for a descent breakfast. Want some?

Roslyn sets a plate of food on the table

MASON

Sure, thanks. This is nice. Is this a sign of things to come? Is it true that when a woman cooks breakfast for a man, then its officially a thing between them?

ROSLYN

I don't know. Is that the general requirement to be called a thing?

MASON

I think so. I think that when a woman starts cooking for a man, it's a thing.

ROSLYN

Hmm. Ok. So, we're a thing now?

MASON

I think so. I think we're a thing.

ROSLYN

So, we're officially a boyfriend and girlfriend story?

MASON

Sure, I think so.

ROSLYN

I think I've also heard of another requirement for a couple to officially be called boyfriend and girlfriend.

MASON

What's that?

ROSLYN

They have to go out dancing at least once.

MASON

Dancing?

ROSLYN

Yes, I think a man and a woman have to spend the night out dancing at least once to be officially boyfriend and girlfriend.

MASON

Hmm. Why are you looking at me like that?

ROSLYN

Because I would love to take you out dancing.

MASON

What kind of dancing are we talking about here?

ROSLYN

Country line music dancing.

MASON

Oh yeah. I forgot you're one of those southern girls, so your naturally into country music.

ROSLYN

So, what do you say? You want to learn a couple of moves?

MASON

I don't know.

ROSLYN

Here, look.

She then plays a country music tune on her phone, and shows him how to do a simple two step dance routine.

Now, twirl. See, easy enough.

MASON

Sure, easy enough.

ROSLYN

Now we just have to get out on the dance floor.

MASON

Where is the dance floor that you normally go to?

ROSLYN

There's a nice restaurant and bar off the highway that has country music and dancing every Saturday night. You want to go check it out next weekend?

MASON

Sure, why not.

ROSLYN

Perfect. Then we have a date next Saturday. I have to get going right now though. I've got some things to do.

MASON

Yeah, sure, ok. Thanks for the breakfast.

ROSLYN

You're welcome. I really enjoyed last night. Looking forward to doing it again next weekend.

MASON

Yeah, definitely

ROSLYN

Call me during the week so we can have lunch.

MASON

Ok, see you then.

17.INT.TEACHERS LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

Mason walks into the teacher's lounge and begins to slowly find out that the rumor of him stalking a student on campus is getting around to the entire staff.

FELLOW TEACHER 1

I don't really follow too many people on twitter. What about you Mason? Do you follow a lot of people on twitter? How many people do you follow?

MASON

Uh, I don't have a twitter account.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

Hey Mason, somebody told me that you're a vegetarian. Is that right?

MASON

Yeah, I'm a vegetarian.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

So, you probably eat a lot of soups and stews, and that kind of stuff right?

MASON

Sure, uh, yeah. Why?

FELLOW TEACHER 2

Because I was wondering if you know of any recipes that call for celery stalk in them. You know the stalk of celery. Because some people say that the stalk of the celery is what gives a stew the best flavor. Yeah, the stalk. What are your thoughts on this?

MASON

Uh, I don't know.

FELLOW TEACHER 3

Hey Mason. We were all talking about what Christmas ornaments to make for the staff this year. Someone had the idea of making some

stockings. Ya know, for Christmas. We could put everyone's name on them. What do you think? For Christmas, do you like stockings?

MASON

Ok, who told you all?

JT walks in the room and all of the fellow teachers look down and leave. JT then stares at Mason with a guilty look.

JT

I had no choice. Dan made me do it.

MASON

Sure.

JT

So, what's up with the new girlfriend anyhow?

MASON

We're going dancing this weekend.

JT

Dancing? I didn't know that Mister Alexander was able to dance.

MASON

I didn't know either. She's taught me some country line dance moves.

JT

Alright, sounds like fun for a night out on the town for a couple of love birds in love.

MASON

Yeah, it should be fun. This woman's amazing. I think she's the one.

JT

The one? What is so special about this woman that makes you think she's the one?

MASON

I don't know man. I can't really explain it. When we met, it was like, I just, felt a spark or something happening right then, at that moment.

JT

You felt the spark?

MASON

I felt it.

JT

Ahh, yes, the famous spark. It happens sometimes. Occasionally a man's senses come together to create this thing called the spark. We don't know why it exists, or even how it happens. It just happens, and we ask what it is, or why we're feeling it. And since we don't know what it is, we just call it the spark.

MASON

Bit of a mystery.

JT

Yeah, ya know, I have to admit that I once felt the spark with my wife. We were dining out one night at an Italian restaurant. It was probably our third date together. We were talking, then suddenly, we looked at each other, and we clearly knew something good was happening between the two of us. That was probably one of those spark moments. Well, to be fair. It could have been just some heartburn from the large pizza that we had just finished eating. I'm not certain.

MASON

Always the comedian JT. I imagine that your wife would not appreciate it if you told her that you weren't sure if it was love that you felt that night, or if it was simply that you ordered too much pepperoni on your pizza.

JT

Yeah, I don't know. It might have also been the anchovies.

MASON

Alright, I gotta get going. I'll see ya later.

JT

Have a good weekend

MASON

Yup, see ya around.

18.INT.RESTARAUNT AND BAR.NIGHT

Mason and Roslyn are shown dancing to the first minute of the song "Rain King" by Counting Crows. They finish dancing and sit down in a booth with a basket of fries and sodas on the table.

MASON

Wow, that's tiring. I'm not in much shape to be dancing.

ROSLYN

You look good. Who says an academic philosopher can't also have some dance skills?

MASON

I would hardly call that skillful.

ROSLYN

If you hang out with me long enough, you'll get some skills.

MASON

Is this the way you southern girls like to have fun on a Saturday?

ROSLYN

If you're from a small town, its about the only fun you got.

MASON

You want to get outta here and drive up to Redwoods Park?

ROSLYN

That sounds good, let's go.

Mason grabs Roslyn by the hand and they walk out together.

19.EXT.PARKED OUTSIDE NEAR TREES.NIGHT

Mason and Roslyn are sitting in his mini cooper with the top down looking at a full moon.

ROSLYN

What made you want to study philosophy?

MASON

Truth

ROSLYN

Truth?

MASON

Yeah, I've always been interested in finding out what is most truthful, and it's the study of philosophy that has always helped me do that. Philosophy is simply the study of questions and problems, and the answers to those questions and solutions to those problems simply gets us closer to what is most truthful. So, for example, you should know the answer to this question. What are we human beings and how did we get here?

ROSLYN

We are members of an advanced species of ape animals that have evolved by natural selection.

MASON

Correct. The philosophical implications of biological evolution are huge. Because it's the only rational pathway to arrive at a truthful answer to that question. Of course, if you only believe in naturalistic explanations to things.

ROSLYN

What, philosophers don't want to believe in imaginary gods?

MASON

It's not that we don't want to believe in them. It's just that beliefs are not knowledge, and beliefs are inherently unreliable.

ROSLYN

Sounds like you have no faith.

MASON

Faith is not a reflection of the truth of something. It's only a reflection of what the mind wants to believe. That's why they call it faith. Faith is not anything reliable if you want to find out the truth of something. Faith might make you feel good, or comfort you in some way, however one's faith can usually never also be one's truth.

ROSLYN

Hmm. I'm kinda liking this philosophy stuff. So, philosophers like to ask questions, then enjoy trying to find answers to them? Is that how it works?

MASON

Essentially that's it. That's what we're doing.

ROSLYN

So, can a biology student ask a philosopher a few questions just to see if we can come up with some wise answers?

MASON

Don't get your hopes up for wise answers. I've only been a professor for one year, but sure, go for it, let's see what we can do.

ROSLYN

Ok, what does it mean to be happy?

MASON

That is a question where there is nothing factually relatable. It only has the potential for a subjective preference answer. In other words, there's no right or wrong answer. It just depends on what a person finds their experience of happiness to be. Happiness means different things to different people.

ROSLYN

What does it mean to you?

MASON

Uh, I guess happiness is the highest measurement of emotional well-being, and that boils down to the highest level of physical and mental health.

ROSLYN

Hmm. Ok, next question. Um. What is love?

MASON

Generally, I would say that love is putting others above yourself, or when someone has a deep commitment for the happiness of another person.

ROSLYN

Oh, nice answer, your good at this stuff mister philosophy professor. Ok, one more question. Let's see. How does one know when they are starting to fall in love?

MASON

How does one know when they are starting to fall in love? I don't know. How?

ROSLYN

I thought you were the philosopher. You should be able to have an answer for such a simple question.

MASON

Ok, then, one knows when they are starting to fall in love, when the desire to kiss another person becomes the only thing on their mind.

ROSLYN

That's perfect. I like that answer

Kiss scene

MASON

You want to continue this back at my place?

ROSLYN

That's an even better answer.

20.INT.APARTMENT.MORNING

Mason and Roslyn wake up to cuckoo clocks chirping. Roslyn becomes aware of an appointment she has to attend that morning.

ROSLYN

I have to get going.

MASON

Yeah, I have to take the boys out for their bike ride.

ROSLYN

Ok, I'll call you later.

Both kiss, Roslyn gathers a few things and rushes out.

21.EXT.PARK BENCH.AFTERNOON

Mason and the boys are sitting eating some food after an afternoon of bike riding

MASON

I have an announcement to make. I'm going to propose to Roslyn this weekend.

RANDOM KID

What? You're getting married?

MASON

Well, she hasn't said yes yet.

RANDOM KID

What if she says no? What would you say then?

MASON

Oh, come on. Have some confidence in me man. I think she'll say yes.

RANDOM KID

Are you going to have a ceremony and all of that? You gonna wear a tuxedo and go on a honeymoon and stuff?

MASON

Yeah, I guess.

RANDOM KID

Who's gonna be your best man?

MASON

I don't know. Maybe one of you guys. What about you little Tommy? You wanna be my best man?

TOMMY

Is there gonna be food there?

MASON

I think so.

TOMMY

Alright then.

RANDOM KID

When are you going to ask her?

MASON

I don't know. I was thinking sometime soon. Maybe I'll take her camping and ask her then.

RANDOM KID

You're going to try and get romantic and propose to a woman on a camping trip, when you're all sweaty and dirty from and not being able to take a shower. Are you sure about this? That doesn't sound like a good plan to me.

MASON

What do you suggest?

RANDOM KID

I don't know. I'm just saying. If you're going to propose marriage to a woman, you might want to be wearing some nice clothes and maybe splash a little cologne on too.

MASON

I don't think I'll be too smelly. I'll put on some extra deodorant.

RANDOM KID

Whatever you say Mason.

MASON

I'm going to go use the restroom, then we'll get rolling.

Mason leaves to use the restroom as the group of kids begin talking about Mason's marriage announcement.

RANDOM KID

Damn, with Mason married, he's probably not gonna have much time to take us on rides anymore.

RANDOM KID

Yeah, he's gonna be tied down to the ol ball and chain now. No more freedom for him. That's the way marriage works.

RANDOM KID

Damn straight. That's why I'm never getting married.

RANDOM KID

Don't worry. No woman's gonna want to marry you anyway. You can't even pass an algebra class bro. How do you expect to attract a good woman if you don't even know math?

RANDOM KID

I told you. I was sick with the flu the week of the final exam. I didn't have time to study.

RANDOM KID

Didn't have time to study? Come on. I saw you. You were watching television for three days. Didn't have time. Listen to this guy. Excuses.

RANDOM KID

I was really sick yo. My stomach was all messed up.

RANDOM KID

Come on, oh my stomach. I can't learn math because my tummy hurts.

All of the kids at table begin laughing at the impression the kid is doing of the other.

RANDOM KID

That flu was for real bro. I was really sick.

RANDOM KID

Come on. Don't make excuses. Just admit that your too stupid to pass a math class.

RANDOM KID

Who are you calling stupid bro?

RANDOM KID

Well, there's nobody else around here who's stupid, so it must be you.

The insulted kid then throws a half-eaten sandwich at the bullying kid. A piece of salami gets stuck to him.

RANDOM KID

Oh, it's on bro!

RANDOM KID

Come on then!

RANDOM KID

Let's do this!

Mason is washing his hands in the sink and hears the scuffle about to happen, when one of the small kids calls for him.

RANDOM KID

Maaasssoonnnnn!!!

Mason runs to help break apart the impending fight.

MASON

What? What is it this time?

RANDOM KID

He's calling me stupid Mason. I failed a math class because I was too sick to study.

MASON

Ok, come on. Apologize.

RANDOM KID

You want me to apologize?

MASON

Yes.

RANDOM KID

Are you serious?

All of the kids begin to stare at the kid waiting for him to apologize.

RANDOM KID

Ok, fine, I'm sorry. You're not stupid. You're just intelligently challenged or something.

RANDOM KID

What?

RANDOM KID

Well, it was just basic algebra. It's not like it was hard or anything.

MASON

Ok ok. That's the worst apology I've ever heard, but its good enough. Come on. Let's get outta here. I've got to think of what to say for a marriage proposal.

RANDOM KID

Are you going to get down on one knee and all that stuff?

MASON

Yeah, probably.

RANDOM KID

Oh, damn. Your gonna try and be a knight in shining armor thing? Look at you mister romantic over here Mason. Just don't get her pregnant right away, because if it doesn't work out, you might be a single daddy working to pay off eighteen years of child support payments.

MASON

Thanks for the romantic words of encouragement. I don't know if that's the best advice to be giving a man who's in love and ready to propose to a wonderful woman.

RANDOM KID

I'm just saying. Make sure she's the one before you start making babies.

MASON

She's the one my friend. She's definitely the one.

22.INT.TEACHER'S LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

Mason and Dan are playing pool, when a fellow teacher named Amanda walks in to inform them of some bad news.

AMANDA

You guys, just a head's up. I heard a rumor that the Dean, Mr. Calloway is about to talk to the two of you. Apparently he's angry about what happened with your new girlfriend Mason.

MASON

Huh?

AMANDA

I guess he found out that Dan had searched the school's database for her schedule and was helping you out with trying to meet her.

MASON

Huh? It's not that big a deal. What else did you hear?

AMANDA

That's it. I don't know. I just thought I'd let you know. Maybe it's nothing. I don't know.

The Dean, Mr. Calloway then opens the door to the teacher's lounge and sternly speaks to the room.

CALLOWAY

Mister Alexander. Mister Evans. I would like to see the two of you in my office immediately.

Mason and Dan walk into the Dean's office. Mr. Calloway is an uptight and scholarly figure, and staring out the window of his office with a posture that is reflective of a man of great stature. Upon hearing the two of them enter the room, he turns around and greets them. As this is happening, members of the teachers staff are seen eavesdropping on the conversation about to happen as several teachers are glued to the door of the office.

COLLOWAY

Please have a seat gentlemen. Mr. Alexander. Mr. Evans. It has been brought to my attention, by members of the staff, that the two of you have found it necessary to violate a very important policy that we have here at the University. It appears that you, Mr. Alexander have used the school's database to find information on a young student here, for personal reasons, and you Mr. Evans, is the one who hacked into our electronic records system to assist Mr. Alexander in this security breach. Is this true?

MASON

Uh, well, I uh.

COLLOWAY

Is it true?

MASON

Yes.

COLLOWAY

Gentlemen, I am the Dean of a very respectable college institution of higher learning, and this university is a place that provides a service of academic excellence. It is not a place that provides a dating service for teachers to socialize with our students. Mr. Alexander. What do you have to say for yourself?

MASON

Uh, I was just trying to find out how to connect with this woman that I ran into. I knew that she

was a student here, so I thought maybe Dan could seed what her schedule was, so that I could try and introduce myself. She's actually a very nice woman.

COLLOWAY

Hmm. Very well gentlemen. I am left with no choice. I am placing the both of you on one week of administrative leave without pay, and formally handing over this case to the University's board of review for further disciplinary action. If the two of you find it necessary to hire legal representation, please feel free to do so. Check in with me one week from today for the results of the board's formal investigation into this matter. Good day now.

Mr. Calloway turns around and resumes staring out the window as Mason and Dan leave the office.

23. INT. APARTMENT. AFTERNOON

Mason makes a phone call with Roslyn to ask her if she would like to take a few days and go camping, as he plans his proposal.

MASON

Hey, would you like to take a few days and go camping? You got anything planned?

ROSLYN

Uh, not really anything too important. Sure, I would love to.

MASON

I'll pick you up later this afternoon and we'll head out.

ROSLYN

Sure, I'll see you then.

24.EXT.PICNIC BENCH NEXT TO A LAKE. LATE AFTERNOON

Mason and Roslyn are sitting across from each other snacking on some food and talking.

ROSLYN

So, is this what philosophers do when they want to seduce a woman? They take them to a beautiful forest and whisper beautiful things into their ears?

MASON

You're onto me already. I guess my plan is working perfectly then. Are you feeling charmed?

ROSLYN

Yes. Yes I am.

MASON

Wow. We just got here too. I wonder how you're going to feel a couple of days from now.

ROSLYN

I'm looking forward to it. It's nice being up here. I always like camping because there's nothing to be distracted by. It's a great excuse to just talk and have some one on one with someone and just talk the day away.

MASON

What do you want to talk about?

ROSLYN

I don't' know. I think we'd probably want to hear more about what's in your mind than what's in mine. Can I ask you some questions about philosophy?

MASON

That's what us philosophers do. We try to answer questions. That's what our entire job is all about.

ROSLYN

That's the job of a philosopher?

MASON

Philosophy is just the study of questions that are usually in the form of problems. And what philosophers do, is apply critical thinking and logical argumentation to try and find answers to those questions and solutions to those problems. Now different questions or problems are approached differently, depending on what field of philosophy is being focused on. So, for example, moral philosophy and metaphysics are approached differently. Why? Because metaphysics, which is the study of the existence of things, is a subject that can only contain factually relatable information. Whereas a subject like morality, which is the study of ethics can only contain subjectively relatable information.

ROSLYN

So, there's two different approaches to philosophical thinking, depending on if a subject is factually relatable or not?

MASON

Most of the time, but not always. It is just a helpful guideline to remember. When you come across a conversation about philosophy, it's helpful to understand that there are two worlds of philosophy. There is the world of subjective value judgements, and there is the world of objective fact. So, if we were to ask a metaphysics question, such as what is the nature of reality, or what are humans and how did we come into existence, we would have to search for answers in the world of objective fact. Now, if we were to ask an ethics question or a personal philosophy question such as, what does it mean to

be an ethical person, what is the meaning of life or human happiness, those questions can only be found in the world of subjective value. Why? Because there is nothing factually relatable about those questions, the meaning of life or human happiness. Or ethics. All of those answers mean something different to different people. In other words, there is no right or wrong answer because there is nothing factually relatable about them.

ROSLYN

Hmm. Ok. That seems to sound about right

MASON

Here's an example to think about. Let's say I ask you, what do you like better, apples or oranges? And let's imagine you say apples. Now, if I asked you why are apples better than oranges, there is no way for you to factually argue that it is somehow true that apples are better than oranges. It is just a subjective value judgement. There is absolutely nothing factually relatable about apples being better than oranges. So, that answer, just like the meaning of life question, is an answer for which there is no right or wrong answer, because there's nothing factually relatable about it. It can only exist in the world of subjective value. So, with philosophy, it's always important to understand which questions or problems require certain ways of arguing them, depending on where they exist, either in the world of subjective value, or the world of objective fact.

ROSLYN

Yeah, it seems that most of the time when we hear something philosophical, it's about morality or ethics questions.

MASON

Yeah, I never really find any interest in moral philosophy because it's just so limited to a very narrow range of thinking.

ROSLYN

What do you mean?

MASON

Well, in order to have a conversation about morality, you also have to have a conversation about emotional well-being, because moral actions or immoral actions simply results in the increasing or decreasing of the emotional well-being of other people. Moral decisions and any results of emotional well-being is just simply cause and effect behavior. Moral philosophy is actually kinda boring because it is just a subjective way of looking at the difference between right and wrong ethical behavior. I've always found other areas of philosophy to be more interesting, like epistemology and metaphysics.

ROSLYN

Philosophy's so interesting. It's just complicated and it's hard to find anybody that is able to communicate it in an interesting way.

MASON

That's because philosophy really has no practical application in anyone's life. I like to think of it as a recreational mental sport, like doing a sudoku puzzle or something like a crossword puzzle. It's like if you asked someone, why are you doing a crossword puzzle? They would probably say, I don't know. They would further say that it's just fun to try and answer the questions and solve the puzzle. And when they're done solving it, they just throw it in the trash and carry on with their life. There really was no practical reason for them doing it. It was just a fun way to spend some time and exercise their brain a little. The same goes with philosophy, when you think about it. Philosophy has little, if no

practical application in anyone's life. We could sit here for the next few hours and try to answer a bunch of philosophy questions or problems, however, in the end, when we walk away from the conversation, the only thing we've accomplished is probably just exercising our brains a little, just like doing a crossword puzzle. There's very little practical application in our lives for it, and that's why nobody's really interested in learning more about it.

ROSLYN

Well, you've got me interested in learning more.

MASON

Well, you have no choice but to be interested in it, since you're attracted to a boyfriend that happens to be a philosophy teacher.

ROSLYN

True, but one reason I am attracted to you in the first place, is because of this sexy brain of yours.

MASON

Sexy brain? I didn't know that brains were a part of the human body that are considered to be sexy.

Roslyn gets up from the table and walks around to the other side to hug Mason from behind.

ROSLYN

Well, yours is, among other parts of your body.

MASON

Wow. Being a nerd has its rewards, doesn't it?

Roslyn then kisses Mason on the side of his cheek.

ROSLYN

It does.

25.INT.TEACHER'S LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

FELLOW TEACHER 1

Did you hear the news?

FELLOW TEACHER 2

What?

FELLOW TEACHER 1

They've decided to fire Mason

FELLOW TEACHER 2

Get outta here. No way.

FELLOW TEACHER 1

Get this though. The board of review was undecided and just left it up to the Dean, Mr. Calloway to decide on it.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

So, he ultimately decided to fire Mason?

FELLOW TEACHER 1

Yup. Apparently.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

What a jerk that guy is. Wow. So, what about Dan? Are they going to fire him too?

FELLOW TEACHER 1

No, they let him off.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

Have they told Mason?

FELLOW TEACHER 1

Apparently he doesn't know yet. He's vacationing with the girlfriend somewhere. I guess he decided to go camping until his week-long suspension was up.

FELLOW TEACHER 2

Camping huh? It looks like someone is not going to be a happy camper when they return from vacation.

FELLOW TEACHER 1

Yeah, I don't know. I don't want to be the one to tell him.

26.EXT.NEXT TO A LAKE.AFTERNOON

ROSLYN

You want to go for a hike now?

MASON

Um, no. I thought maybe we could just talk for a moment.

ROSLYN

A moment?

MASON

Yes.

ROSLYN

Talk about what?

MASON

This just seems like the right moment to ask you something.

ROSLYN

What? Ask me what?

Mason gets down on one knee and pulls the ring out of his pocket. Roslyn immediately places her hands over her mouth with an expression of being surprised.

MASON

I have a little speech that I prepared, so please be patient and follow along, ok?

Roslyn begins crying.

ROSLYN

Ok.

MASON

One of the most interesting things that philosophers learn is that our lives and the world we live in, are in essence, just parts of random events that seem to happen without any real purpose or meaning. And this randomness creates a lot of possible options for things to happen. And when it comes to meeting someone and falling in love, there's a lot of options and a lot of people available for that to happen, and I fortunately happened to have randomly found you, which was apparently at the right place and at the right time, in a grocery store parking lot, as you almost ran me over with your car, nearly killing me.

Roslyn subtly laughs and cries

ROSLYN

I'm sorry I almost killed you.

MASON

Actually, I'm glad that at that very moment you were so clumsy enough to lose your sense of coordination because it was that moment of clumsiness that was responsible for our first introduction together. And with all of this sense of random events happening in the world, I just want you to know that ever since the first conversation we had, our relationship has been, for me, probably the most exciting thing to ever happen in my life. And I would like for it to continue. I hope to always find myself full of gratitude for what we have, and that's why, right now, I would like to, with this ring, formally ask you.

ROSLYN

Yes.

MASON

I haven't asked you yet.

ROSLYN

What?

MASON

I rehearsed this for two hours in the mirror, and you interrupted me before I was able to finish.

ROSLYN

Oh my god. I'm so sorry. Ok, go ahead and finish.

MASON

I was going to say, right now, I would like to, with this ring, formally ask you if you'd like to spend the rest of our lives together. Sweetheart, nothing would make me happier than to spend the rest of my life with a sweet southern girl like you. Roslyn Adams, will you make me one of the happiest men alive and marry me?

ROSLYN

Yes, of course. Oh my god. This is so sweet. We're going to have to plan a wedding, and all of that stuff.

MASON

Well, that's on you. I'm just here to sweep you off your feet. You can take care of all of that wedding planning stuff.

ROSLYN

Of course. I'll take care of that stuff.

MASON

In the meantime. I think this is where I should continue to court you in fun and romantic ways, so since we are in the wilderness right now, we are about as close to being wild animals as we will ever be, so as wild animals in the animal

kingdom, we should start courting each other like all wild animals do.

ROSLYN

Where are you going with this?

MASON

I'm just saying. Most wild animals that are in love, perform mating rituals that involve being naked and making loud grunting noises.

ROSLYN

Oh, now I know where you're going with this. So, what do you suggest we do?

MASON

I don't know. There's not another human being around for miles and the last I checked, being naked in a public forest is not illegal.

ROSLYN

What are you suggesting?

MASON

I'm saying that I think we need to lose the clothes and go skinny dipping, my bride to be.

ROSLYN

What? No, the water is too cold.

MASON

Too cold. Ok, leave the clothes on then. Maybe they'll keep you warm.

ROSLYN

What? Oh my god! Mason! No! Put me down!

MASON

You cannot say no to a romantic dip in a cold mountain lake with your soon to be husband.

ROSLYN

Oh my god. The water is freezing!

MASON

Ah, a cold bath between two people in love is always a nice thing.

ROSLYN

This is insane.

MASON

Wow. This will definitely wake you up and make you feel alive huh?

ROSLYN

I don't need to wake up. Mason, I'm going to catch a cold!

MASON

Oh come on. This is great. And you know what the best part of freezing in a cold mountain lake is?

ROSLYN

What?

MASON

It's the perfect excuse to build a fire and hug up next to each other for warmth.

ROSLYN

You don't have to freeze me in order to get me to hug you. I'm going to be shivering for the next hour. I don't know whether to kiss you for being so romantic, or slap you over the chance of me getting phenomonia.

MASON

Wow. We're already acting like a married couple. Uncertainty of not knowing whether to love or slap the other senselessly. Sounds like our marriage is getting off to a good start.

ROSLYN

Go get me a towel now. Hurry up. I'm shivering.

Mason grabs a towel and wraps it around Roslyn as she walks out of the lake. They sit next to their campfire cold and damp.

MASON

Do you think we'll make a good married couple?

ROSLYN

Well, things can only get better from here, considering that I just walked out of a frozen lake.

MASON

I just wanted something to remember this day.

ROSLYN

I can think of other ways to have beautiful memories.

MASON

Its fine. We'll have plenty more memories to come. Here, have some tea. It'll warm you up.

27.INT.TEACHER'S LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

The teacher's staff is now beginning to express their anger at Mr. Colloway because of his decision to fire Mason.

FELLOW TEACHER

What is this?

AMANDA

I'm going to tape this giant paper heart to the front entrance door, so that Mr. Calloway can see it when he comes in to work today.

FELLOW TEACHER

What does it say on it? When did the love in you die? Oh nice. He should like that. That should be a great way to start off his workday.

Amanda walks off holding the giant paper heart with a look of intentionality.

Mr. Colloway is then seen walking up the steps and towards the door with the paper heart message. He discovers the heart, expresses anger, then rips it from the door, and stomps off into the hallway. He walks past the teacher's lounge and gives a cold stare. All of the teachers notice and scatter. He then enters his office and closes the door.

A fellow teacher walks into the lounge area.

FELLOW TEACHER

You guys are not going to believe this.

FELLOW TEACHER

What?

FELLOW TEACHER

The rumor around campus is that a bunch of student activists are organizing a staged protest this afternoon, to try and keep Mason from getting fired.

FELLOW TEACHER

No way.

FELLOW TEACHER

Yeah, apparently they're serious too. Some of them want to chain themselves to the entrance of the admin building to try and get the attention of the school's board of trustees.

FELLOW TEACHER

Wow. Sounds like he's got a good reputation with the students.

FELLOW TEACHER

Yeah, supposedly some of them are really pissed because Mason is such a nice guy and all, so

they're showing up this afternoon to make themselves heard.

FELLOW TEACHER

Wow. This should be interesting.

FELLOW TEACHER

Where's Mason though?

FELLOW TEACHER

He's still camping with his girlfriend.

FELLOW TEACHER

Maybe its best that he's not here to see all of this unfold.

FELLOW TEACHER

Yeah, if he knew what was happening he'd probably be flipping out. He just got hired last year and now he's facing termination. He's gonna be devastated. He loves working here.

FELLOW TEACHER

Yeah.

28.EXT.CAMPING SPOT.AFTERNOON

Mason and Roslyn are cuddling in a hammock.

MASON

Maybe I should quit my teaching job. We could just live off the grid somewhere, grow our own vegetables, raise a couple of nice kids.

ROSLYN

You want to turn into a couple of hippies?

MASON

Sure, why not. You could be my hippie wife, we can have a couple of flower children and teach them how to be kind and take care of others and the planet. It would be perfect.

Roslyn smiles and hugs Mason

ROSLYN

Sounds good to me.

29.EXT.ENTRANCE OF ADMIN BUILDING.AFTERNOON

A scene is developing. A group of student activists are protesting in front of the school's admin. building. The school's security guards have gathered with batons and face shields. Several students have chained themselves to the doors, blocking the entrance. A local news crew has set up to report on the event.

FIELD REPORTER

We have a developing story here. A group of student activists here at Humboldt State have chained themselves to the front entrance of the administration building and they are demanding that the school's Dean reinstate a teacher that has been recently fired.

The group of activists chained to the door are now getting more unruly.

SECURITY GUARD

We have to ask you to unlock yourself from the doors. We are placing you under arrest.

RANDOM PROTESTER

Look, here's the key.

Protester then swallows the key.

Now try and get it out of me!

The security guard then gets on his radio.

SECURITY GUARD

Yeah, this is Wiggum. We're gonna need some bolt cutters ASAP. Why don't you also bring a couple of canisters of pepper spray. These protesters are getting kinda squirrely.

A person with a megaphone begins to shout out to the crowd.

MEGAPHONE PERSON

We will not stand for this injustice! Mason Alexander is a fine human being. The only thing he was guilty of was falling in love with a student here on campus. We are demanding that the Dean Mr. Calloway, immediately reinstate Mr. Alexander, along with a formal apology from the board of education. We want justice for Mason Alexander. Let's hear it! We want justice!

The entire crowd then begins to chant the words, we want justice.

30.INT.TEACHERS LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

The staff of teachers is now looking at the television as the protest is being broadcast on the local news. Everyone looks stunned at what they are seeing.

FELLOW TEACHER

Oh my god. Mason's gonna have a heart attack when he finds out what's going on.

31.EXT.FOREST MEADOW.AFTERNOON

Mason and Roslyn are meditating in a meadow as a deer and bunny rabbit walk by them.

MASON

Can you feel nature's love for us my little flower?

Roslyn smiles

ROSLYN

Yes, it's so beautiful

32.EXT.CAMPUS.AFTERNOON

JT drives past the school's entrance to see the crowd and news reporters. He walks into the teacher's lounge.

33.INT.TEACHER'S LOUNGE.AFTERNOON

JT

What's going on out there?

DAN

You're not going to believe this. There's a student rebellion going on. They're demanding that they rehire Mason.

JT

Wow.

All of the teachers now look up at the television to watch the news coverage of what is happening.

34.EXT.FRONT OF ADMIN BUILDING.AFTERNOON

The field reporter begins interviewing some of the people that decided to show up for the protest.

REPORTER

Hello sir. Can you tell us why you are here today to show your support for Mr. Alexander?

RASTAFARIAN

Eh mon. I am here because what is being done is not right. I had a class with Mr. Alexander last semester. A couple of times after class I stayed for a few minutes to talk with him about philosophical topics. He is a good man. He is a very deep thinking, spiritual man. We cannot let him get fired. We need him to stay.

REPORTER

Ok thank you. And you sir. Why are you here today?

SPACEY GUY

Woah, yeah, like, I once had a class with this guy, and every time a showed up, he was like, saying some stuff that was like crazy deep and stuff yo. Sometimes I would just listen to him and after a couple of hours in the classroom, I would just be like, this dude just blew my mind yo! Mason Alexander is like a crazy deep roman philosopher. They can't be firing him.

REPORTER

Ok, thank you. And you miss. Why are you here today?

AIRHEAD VALLEY GIRL

Oh my god, like, I had Mr. Alexander for a class once, and he was so nice. I was like, failing the class, and I was like, oh my god, I don't want to fail the class. So, he said to me, just do a book report on the philosopher Socrates, and that would get me a passing grade. So like, I just did the book report and that was it. Yeah, he was really cool. I'm just here to support him.

REPORTER

Ok, thank you. And you sir. Why are you here today?

GUY IN A SUIT

Yeah, ya know that Dean guy? What's his name?

Someone in the crowd yells, Mr. Calloway!

Yeah, him. Mr. Calloway. Yeah, he's an idiot. If there's anybody that needs to be fired, it's that guy.

35.INT.DEANS OFFICE.AFTERNOON

Mr. Colloway is watching the news coverage and sees the comment made about him. He angrily stomps out of his office and down the halls of the building to where the protest is happening.

36.EXT.FRONT OF ADMIN BUILDING.AFTERNOON

Mr. Colloway appears at the protest and grabs the megaphone from the lead protester and gets ready to say something. Everyone is silent, suspensefully awaiting what he has to say.

COLLOWAY

I would like to formally announce that Mr. Alexander will be reinstated as of Monday morning. I will call him today and let him know of the news. Thank you.

Everyone cheers and claps while chanting the words, we love Mason.

REPORTER

Well, there you have it. It appears that these activist protesters have succeeded as the school's administration has met their demands. A teacher here at the university by the name of

Mason Alexander will be reinstated as of Monday morning. Back to you in the studio.

A news anchor is then seen in a news studio.

NEWS ANCHOR

Thanks for that report Janice. And now for the weather report. What are we expecting for the Humboldt region this weekend Bridgette?

37.INT.TEACHER'S LOUNGE.

While staring at the television, all of the teachers are looking on stunned at what just unfolded. They all look at each other not knowing what to think.

38.EXT.CAMPING SPOT.AFTERNOON

Mason and Roslyn are packing up their camping gear and loading stuff in their car.

MASON

Hey, I just remembered, there's the Ride to the Redwoods festival this weekend. You want to go?

ROSLYN

Oh, isn't that that bike ride they do every year. It starts at Redwoods Park and everybody rides through the forest to the finish line.

MASON

Yeah, it's an official bike race, but hundreds of people show up to just hang out at the park then slowly ride their way to the finish line. They raise money for charity and everyone has a lot of fun. I thought this year I would take the boys and maybe have some lunch afterward.

ROSLYN

Yeah, I'll come along. Sounds good.

39. INT. APARTMENT. AFTERNOON

Mason and Roslyn walk into Mason's apartment and unpack some of their stuff.

MASON

Let me call Dan right quick. I gotta ask him something.

MASON

Hey Dan, what's up?

DAN

Mason, how'd your trip go?

MASON

Good, so what's the news on the suspension situation.

DAN

Its good now.

MASON

What?

DAN

Yeah, no disciplinary action.

MASON

Oh, good, ok so anything interesting happen while I was gone?

DAN

Uh, I guess you could say that. I'll fill you in on Monday when you show up at work.

MASON

Uh, ok. Perfect. Alright, I'm gonna get going, I'll see you then.

DAN

Yup, see you on Monday.

ROSLYN

What was that all about?

MASON

Ah, its nothing. Let me text the boys and let them know about the ride tomorrow.

ROSLYN

You want me to make some lunch?

MASON

Sounds good.

40.EXT.ON THE ROAD RIDING BIKES TOGETHER.AFTERNOON

MASON

Look, its where we met. Let's stop by for a second.

Mason and Roslyn ride into the parking lot where they first met and do a couple of circles around the parking spot where she almost hit him. They stop riding, with their bikes facing each other.

ROSLYN

Are you going to tell our kids that this is the place where we met?

MASON

Yeah, I'm going to tell them that this is where mommy almost killed me by running me over with her car.

ROSLYN

Yeah, I'm going to tell them that you were stalking me like a crazy person.

MASON

That's not true.

ROSLYN

What's not true? That you stalked me, or that your crazy person?

MASON

It wasn't stalking.

ROSLYN

Oh, then what was it?

MASON

I was just trying to get your attention.

ROSLYN

Oh, is that how a crazy person defines stalking? You're trying to rationalize going to great lengths to find out who I was, and what classes I take?

MASON

Wait a minute. I bet your glad that you fell in love with your stalker. I don't see you complaining much about me following you to the point of getting your attention.

ROSLYN

Your right. I'm glad you were stalking, or ahem, trying to get my attention.

MASON

Well, whichever way we met, I'm glad we had the chance to find each other.

ROSLYN

Me too.

Mason and Roslyn extend their bodies across the handlebars of their bikes and kiss.

41.EXT.REDWOODS PARK.AFTERNOON

As Mason and Roslyn ride a short distance to the park, the boys meet up with them and ride alongside. They enter the park where there is a small festival of families gathered. The scene is a peaceful setting as bicyclists begin to gather near the starting line. Mason, Roslyn, and the boys begin to ride around in a circle formation, looping around while people look on. The song "Flowers in December", by Mazzy Star begins to play, as an overhead panorama view shows all of bicyclists riding off into the forest. Fade to black. Role credits.