

## From Empowered

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POTZ, 14, a nerdy boy  
AMARYLLIS, 14, a girl scout who is taking over the world.

POTZ

So are you ready?

AMARYLLIS

For what?

POTZ

For our romantic rendez-vous. It's not really a rendez-vous because I'm coming to you, but I intend to show you the magic of Potz's world. There's a spot on the landfill where you can light the methane on fire. It's magical. And chemical. Also the fumes make you dizzy.

AMARYLLIS

We're not going out.

POTZ

You keep saying that, yet I keep following you. Oh and um... bullies have been harassing me at school and taking all of my lunch money, so uh...

AMARYLLIS

All right fine I'll hire some thugs to fight people for you. Does that make you happy?  
*(She calls out to some girl scouts.)*

Hey Samantha! How would you like to fight some random strangers?

*GIRL SCOUT*

*I'm on it!*

AMARYLLIS

She does like Jujitsu all the time.

POTZ

Actually I was thinking if you could pay the bullies to be my friends that would be cool.

AMARYLLIS

Whatever. Now if you don't mind, I'm a little busy here managing my financial empire.

POTZ

Oh. Okay. So you don't want to spend special time with me?

AMARYLLIS

Nope.

POTZ

Not even if there was popcorn? I found it myself.

AMARYLLIS

Nope.

POTZ

I wrote you another poem.

AMARYLLIS

Great.

POTZ

Can I read it to you?

AMARYLLIS

Tell you what: Leave your poem on the floor and then lock yourself in a port-o-potty. When I'm done with it, I'll knock.

POTZ

That seems kind of pathetic.

AMARYLLIS

Yep.

POTZ

You've changed Amaryllis. You used to respect my feelings and thoughts.

AMARYLLIS

No I didn't. I thought you were an annoying crazy person with bad hygiene.

POTZ

And yet you grew to love me.

AMARYLLIS

No I still believe that. I just can't seem to get rid of you because you have mental problems and can't understand what I'm telling you.

POTZ

That's because I'm dazzled by love!

AMARYLLIS

Well un-dazzle yourself. I'm not interested. I've got an industry to dominate. Do you think it's easy to create a financial empire through manipulating old people into giving you their life savings? It's actually pretty easy, but still, I have to keep at it.

POTZ

I don't think I like this new you.

AMARYLLIS

There is no new me! This is Amaryllis squared! Except before, when I was plotting everyone's destruction and my own rise to power, I was just imagining. Now I'm becoming empowered! I'm becoming so empowered that I will dominate the girl scout cookie industry! No one will dare to stand against me!

POTZ

Well you can count me out. I like the old Amaryllis with low self-esteem and bad clothes.

AMARYLLIS

She's dead.

POTZ

Then so is my love!

AMARYLLIS

Thank goodness!

POTZ

Although my creepy stalker vibe survives!

AMARYLLIS

Potz – I mean this: I don't really like you.

POTZ

You're killing our relationship!

AMARYLLIS

Good.

POTZ

Good!

AMARYLLIS

Good!

POTZ

I'm going to get my tattoo lasered off!

AMARYLLIS

You got a tattoo?

POTZ

I'm not showing it to you now! It's right here behind my ear –  
*(He shows her)*

AMARYLLIS

You spelled my name wrong.

POTZ

I don't even care, I'm going to find a girl named –  
*(He tries to look behind his ear)*

AMARYLLIS

Amaritis.

POTZ

Amaritis?

AMARYLLIS

Sounds like a disease.

POTZ

Well I'm going to go out there and find that girl and we are going to get married and have eight hundred babies like possums –

AMARYLLIS

Possums only have like six babies at a time.

POTZ

Don't talk me about possums! I'm leaving you!

AMARYLLIS

Get on with it! You've been trying to leave for two minutes and nobody's stopping you!

POTZ

I was kinda hoping you would make a desperate plea for my love!

AMARYLLIS

No!

POTZ

This is totally not fair then!

AMARYLLIS

Get out!

POTZ

Fine!

*(He starts to leave)*

So you're sure you're not going to chase after me?

*(He leaves.)*

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