

From the Matchmakers

(BREE, 18, and KATLEIGH, 16, are at the mall.)

KATLEIGH

Your parents are getting divorced?!

BREE

Yep.

KATLEIGH

Are you serious?

BREE

Apparently the marriage counselor convinced them.

KATLEIGH

Oh my God!

BREE

I know. My parents can't get divorced, it's not –

KATLEIGH *(cutting her off)*

This is horrifying. This could happen to anyone. What if it happened to me and Chase?

BREE

You're not married. You can't get divorced.

KATLEIGH

Check it out!

(She shows her ring finger.)

I'm getting married! Woo!

BREE

That's a class ring.

KATLEIGH

We're using it as an engagement ring until he can save up enough money to buy one. I'm getting married!

BREE

You're sixteen.

KATLEIGH

I know! How awesome is this?!

BREE

You can't get married at sixteen.

KATLEIGH

My Mom totally approves. But here's the best part: I want you to be my maid of honor.

BREE

Really?

KATLEIGH

Please? It would mean so much to me.

BREE

This seems a little rushed, Katleigh.

KATLEIGH

When you know, you know. He's the one. It's just like that Taylor Swift song. Love story. It came true.

BREE

Okay.

KATLEIGH

What's your deal?

BREE

I'm just not all that keen on love right now. I mean, my parents have been together for twenty-three years and all of a sudden –

KATLEIGH

That's because they weren't soul mates like me and Chase. We know about love.

BREE

I'm sure you do.

KATLEIGH

You know what you need Bree? A new boyfriend.

BREE

I just dumped my old boyfriend!

KATLEIGH

And now you're single. Which is another word for desperate.

BREE

You can be single and not desperate.

KATLEIGH

Please. I think I know a little bit more about this than you do. I haven't been single for more than two days since the fourth grade. And believe me, fourth grade was a pretty dark time in my life.

BREE

I'm fine with being single.

KATLEIGH

Oh Bree. You make me smile sometimes. We'll get you through this together. The first question you need to ask yourself is: what is wrong with me that I cannot accept love?

BREE

What?

KATLEIGH

You had a perfectly good guy –

BREE

He took me to Wendy's for homecoming.

KATLEIGH

So?

BREE

So that's ridiculous.

KATLEIGH

Maybe the fault was with you, huh? Maybe the Wendy's... is inside you.

BREE

That doesn't make any sense at all.

KATLEIGH

Whenever I have a problem with Chase or he does something I don't like, I take a step back and think, how did I cause Chase to behave like that? Men are like dogs, Bree. You have to train them. And if they misbehave, then you've failed in your training. They can't help it. You didn't give Devin the right road map for homecoming, so he disappointed you.

BREE

You're a little bit insane, you know that?

KATLEIGH

But I'm happy, and isn't that what matters? Let's go get a smoothie.

BREE

I can't. I gotta go help my Dad move out.

(to read more of this play, please contact me at donzolidis@yahoo.com)