From The World's Largest Rodent

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BILLY, 14 a messed-up kid CHASTITY, 15, a home-schooled evangelist

(BILLY's comatose mother is lying in his bedroom after he stole her from the hospital. In this scene, he brings his platonic friend, CHASTITY, 15, a home-schooled evangelist over to help wake her up.)

(BILLY and CHASTITY are at the edge of his bedroom. He waits for a moment before opening the door.)

BILLY

I need to show you something. Okay, eyes closed.

CHASTITY

This reminds me of the time when I was touched inappropriately. (BILLY leads her into his room. His MOTHER is on his bed.)

BILLY

Okay, wait. Stay there.

(He leaves her for a moment in order to arrange his MOTHER more artistically.) Okay, wait. Wait some more.

CHASTITY

What is it—Oh my God?!

BILLY

Cool, huh?

CHASTITY

What did you do?

BILLY

I rescued her. Mom, this is Chastity.

CHASTITY

Hi.

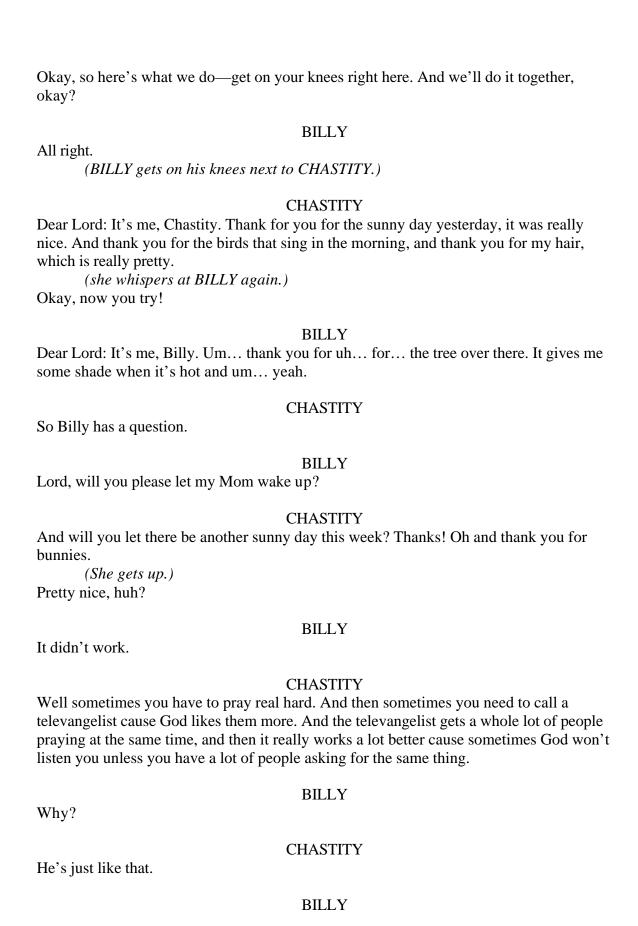
(*She waves.*)

HI.

(Seeing no response from her, she whispers loudly to BILLY.) Is she still in a coma?

BILLY

Yeah.
CHASTITY Can she hear us?
BILLY
I think so.
CHASTITY It's nice to meet you. Billy's told me a lot. That sucks about you being in a coma and all. (Loud whisper to BILLY) Why is she here?
BILLY
She wanted to come home. And since Meg is a whore and has taken her room and used it for fornication, the only place for her to go was here. But and this is the exciting part: You and me are gonna wake her up.
CHASTITY How are we gonna do that?
BILLY Well I've been watching a lot of made for TV movies and—
CHASTITY I know! We could pray!
BILLY
No, but in the movies—
CHASTITY We'll pray! Prayer always works unless God hates you! Do you go to church, Billy?
BILLY
No.
CHASTITY You need to go to church, otherwise it won't work. But okay, let's, oh I'm so excited about this! Hugs! (She hugs him.)
BILLY
Hugs.
CHASTITY



So maybe that best way to wake my Mom up would be to shock her, you know?
CHASTITY
With electricity?
BILLY
No I mean—
CHASTITY I had that done to me once.
BILLY Why?
CHASTITY I'm not supposed to remember! Maybe you should get her a puppy.
BILLY No I was thinking if she saw something shocking, you know, like us making out—
CHASTITY Now I remember! Uh oh. Oh no. (CHASTITY's cheerful demeanor cracks.) Oh. I don't think I'm going to be much help praying with you.
BILLY Why?
CHASTITY God doesn't like me.
BILLY Of course God likes you. I mean, look at the body He gave you.
CHASTITY I know! But—I can tell you anything, right?
BILLY Right.
CHASTITY That's why I love you!
BILLY I love you too—

BILLY Uh huh. **CHASTITY** Okay, well this is a big secret. But sometimes... I have... desires. **BILLY** Really? **CHASTITY** Naughty desires. **BILLY** Oh. **CHASTITY** And I just want to do these terrible things, and I know they're wrong, but sometimes, I'll be in the shower, and I'll be naked, and I'll be soaping myself up... BILLY (quivering) ...yeah... **CHASTITY** And the water feels so good... on my skin... that I'll start fantasizing, and this is what gets really wrong... and dirty, really dirty, I'll think about— (A little alarm goes off in her purse) Church! I gotta go! **BILLY** What? **CHASTITY** I'll pray for your Mom! (she starts to run off, then comes back quickly.) Hugs! (She squeezes him, then runs off.) **BILLY** ...bye.

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CHASTITY (interrupting and overlapping)

You're like the best friend a girl could have!