

The Goldbergs

"Hot For Teacher"

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COLD OPEN

INT. HOCKEY RINK - DAY

Barry plays hockey. Adam and Murray watch in the stands.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
Hockey, the one sport my brother  
and dad loved more than any other.

Barry scores a goal. Murray cheers.

MURRAY  
Score! Did you see that?

EXT. STREET - DAY

Barry and Adam play street hockey with other kids.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
It was the only sport my dad would  
get off his chair and watch us play  
outside.

Barry scores a goal. Murray cheers.

MURRAY  
Score! Did you see that?

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Murray, Barry, and Adam watch a Flyers game on TV.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
If the Flyers were on the TV,  
nothing else mattered.

The Flyers score. Barry and Murray cheer.

MURRAY  
Score! Did you see that?

BARRY  
Score! Did you see that?

ADAM  
You're both watching TV! Of course,  
you saw that! We all saw that!

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
The two of them even had a hockey  
tradition until the one year they  
messed it all up.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

The Goldbergs eat breakfast.

BARRY

Dad, did you get the tickets yet?

MURRAY

I'll get them after work.

BEVERLY

Murray, you had all weekend!

MURRAY

I spent all weekend with my children.

BEVERLY

You sat on your ass all weekend!

MURRAY

But I sat on my ass with the children.

ADAM

Mom, there was an "A-Team" marathon on TV.

BEVERLY

Just get them before they sell out.

MURRAY

We've gone to every home opener since Barry was two! They're not gonna sell out!

POPS

That's not what it says in the paper.

Pops passes the newspaper to Murray. The Headline reads "Philadelphia Flyers Home Opener Sold Out."

MURRAY

Sold out! How can they be sold out?!

BARRY

Because they made it to the Stanley Cup last year! Of course, they would sell out!

ERICA

You could go to the women's volleyball tournament. There's still tickets for that.

BARRY

I'm not going to associate myself with volleyball!

MURRAY

Well, there's always next year.

BARRY

Next year! Do you know how long that is?!

MURRAY

A year!... You moron!

BARRY

We can't wait 'til next year! This is the one tradition we have. You spent all weekend sitting on your ass bonding with Adam, and you're not gonna bond with your favorite child.

MURRAY

You're not my favorite.

BEVERLY

He's got a point, Murray. You owe this to him.

MURRAY

All right, we'll find a way to get tickets.

BARRY

How?!

MURRAY

I don't know, but I promise you on Friday night, your ass will be sitting in The Spectrum.

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONE

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY

Adam talks to his best friend, Chad Kremp.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

It was October sixth, nineteen-eighty-something... and like the rest of my class I was dreading another school week with Mrs. Henderson.

ADAM

Why do Mondays have to come so fast? The five days after the weekend are always the hardest.

CHAD

My mom says it's because every day we need to practice our three Rs, reading writing, and 'rithmetic.

ADAM

'Rithmetic is the worst. Why do they even call it 'rithmetic? Why don't they just call it math?

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Back in the eighties, spell check didn't exist so, because of the three Rs rule, we didn't know 'rithmetic was actually arithmetic until 1997.

CHAD

I don't know, but I wish my mom didn't make me read so much on the weekends.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

And that's when we saw her.

MISS COSTELLO, 26, enters, and she's totally tubular. Long dark hair, model looks, and a young boy's dream.

MISS COSTELLO

Hi, kids, my name is Miss Costello. Mrs. Henderson has kidney stones so I'll be your substitute teacher for this week.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

I was never happier for someone to experience kidney stones.

Miss Costello writes a problem on the board.

ADAM

I didn't know teachers could be this hot. She makes Brooke Shields look like ALF.

MISS COSTELLO

I thought we would start today off with my favorite subject, 'rithmetic.

ADAM

Rithmetic is the best!

INT. FURNITURE STORE - DAY

Murray talks to Vic.

MURRAY

Barry and Bev won't get off my back until we get tickets for the game.

VIC

You could trade somebody?

MURRAY

You mean like trade one of my kids for a ticket?

VIC

No, I mean why don't you trade one of the customers a couch for a pair of tickets?

MURRAY

A couch? That's a terrible deal on my part. I'm not gonna sell a couch for hockey tickets.

VIC

What about old Blue?

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Old Blue was a couch from 1978 that nobody wanted. It looked great, but it felt like sitting on a bag of porcupines.

MURRAY

That piece of crap?! Hey, now there's an idea.

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY

Miss Costello has a problem on the board.

MISS COSTELLO

So who thinks they know the answer?

All the boys raise their hands.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

I was head over heels for Miss Costello, but I wasn't the only one.

MISS COSTELLO

Let's see...

She looks at the attendance sheet.

MISS COSTELLO (CONT'D)

Is there an Adam Goldberg?

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

She said my name! She said my name! I felt like a teenage girl at a New Kids on the Block concert!

ADAM

Yes!

MISS COSTELLO

Someone's excited for 'rithmetic! So, what's the answer, Adam?

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Unfortunately, this totally made me forget the answer.

ADAM

Uhhhhh...

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Think, Adam, think! You just had it!

ADAM

Uhhhhhhhhhhhh...

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
 Why didn't I do the work? Why did I  
 only use my brain?!

MISS COSTELLO  
 Adam, do you have the answer?

ADAM  
 Uhhhhhhh...

Adam's friend, Emmy Mirsky whispers from behind him.

EMMY MIRSKY  
 792.

ADAM  
 Uuuuhhhh... 792!

MISS COSTELLO  
 Correct, terrific job.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
 Yes! I'm a genius!

INT. FURNITURE STORE - DAY

Murray talks to a male customer who sits on Old Blue.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
 While I was trying to impress my  
 teacher, my father was trying his  
 best to sell some crap.

MURRAY  
 So what do you think?

CUSTOMER  
 This couch is the most painful  
 sitting experience I've ever had.

MURRAY  
 Gary--it's Gary, right?--you don't  
 buy furniture for the way it feels,  
 you buy it for the way it looks.  
 It's like a woman. As long as she  
 looks good, it doesn't matter what  
 she does.

CUSTOMER'S WIFE  
 Excuse me?

Murray turns around to see a woman.

MURRAY

Oh sorry, miss, I didn't see you there.

CUSTOMER'S WIFE

I'm this man's wife. Are you implying that he only married me for my looks?

MURRAY

Uhm...Uhhh...

CUSTOMER

I sure did!

CUSTOMER'S WIFE

Excuse me?

CUSTOMER

But then you lost your looks and gained an attitude.

CUSTOMER'S WIFE

Gary, you need to lose your attitude!

CUSTOMER

Cheryl, you need to lose some weight!

The customer stands up and bickers with his wife.

CUSTOMER'S WIFE

Well, I never!

CUSTOMER

Never what?! Never know when to stop eating!

MURRAY

So do you two like this couch? How about we trade those hockey tickets?

CUSTOMER'S WIFE

No, we don't want the couch!

CUSTOMER

Don't tell him we don't want the couch!

(to Murray)

But seriously, NO! We don't want the couch! It's unbearable!

That couch is so bad... It makes me miss standing up.

INT. BARRY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Barry listens to the radio.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
While my dad was trying to trade Old Blue, Barry had his own strategy.

RADIO DJ  
Be the twenty-ninth caller now and you can win tickets to the Flyers home opener!

Barry furiously dials the phone.

PHONE  
Congratulations!

BARRY  
Yes!

PHONE  
You are the twenty-eighth caller! Oooooohh, so close to twenty-nine.

BARRY  
Damn it! Why do I dial so fast?!

Barry hangs up the phone. Erica enters.

ERICA  
Still trying to get those tickets?

BARRY  
No, I'm calling the radio station to request "Come On Eileen"! Of course, I'm trying to win tickets!

ERICA  
Well, I just happened to hear that Skateland is having a skate competition tomorrow. First place wins third row tickets.

BARRY  
Third row seats really?!

Erica holds a flyer, Barry snags it.

ERICA

It's a singing and skate contest  
and I think a certain rapper named  
Big Tasty who'd be perfect for it.

BARRY

You know it!

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

What Erica didn't tell Barry was  
that the competition was for kids.  
She ripped the bottom half of the  
flyer off that read "suggested ages  
five to ten."

BARRY

Why is the bottom part ripped off?

ERICA

Oh, that's what they do to flyers  
now. It's a trend.

BARRY

Tubular!

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Adam studies and eats breakfast with Erica and Pops at the  
kitchen table. Beverly enters.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

The next day, I was so excited to  
see Miss Costello I woke up an hour  
early to study for our quiz.

POPS

Kiddo, why are you studying during  
breakfast?

ADAM

I have a geography quiz.

BEVERLY

I never knew my little snuggle  
monster was into studying rocks.

ERICA

Mom, that's geology. Geography is  
the study of the world.

BEVERLY

Oh, potato tomato.

ERICA

But why do you look so happy before school?

ADAM

I don't know, what's wrong with being happy? Can't a kid be happy? Maybe, it's just school is cool.

ERICA

What are you an anti-drug commercial? Are you doing anti-drugs?

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

My sister was onto me. I had to bail before it was too late.

ADAM

Well, I gotta go!

Adam runs out of the room.

BEVERLY

That's strange. He never leaves this early. Plus, he forgot to give me huggies.

POPS

I'm sure it's nothing.

BEVERLY

He stayed in his room all day yesterday after school. He didn't even play video games. Something is up, and I need to know what it is.

POPS

Bev, don't get involved.

ERICA

Yeah, let Adam be weird if he wants to.

BEVERLY

I can't do that. I'm his mother. Erica, I want you to go to his school and find out what you can.

POPS

Bev, that's a terrible idea.

ERICA

You want me to spy on my little brother?

BEVERLY

It's not spying, it's just obtaining secret information without your brother knowing.

ERICA

What do I get out of it?

BEVERLY

You can have an 11:30 curfew for the next two weeks.

ERICA

Deal!

POPS

Nobody listens to me.

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY

Miss Costello passes out the quizzes.

MISS COSTELLO

You all did a marvelous job on this morning's geography quiz.

She gives the quiz back to Adam. He has an "A+."

MISS COSTELLO (CONT'D)

Great job, Adam.

ADAM

Thanks. You too... I mean, obviously you don't need to take the quiz, I'm sure you know where everything is, but great job grading them.

She continues to pass out the quizzes.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

She stopped to tell me great job. I was so in.

MISS COSTELLO

I wanted to congratulate half the boys who got an A plus with some gold stars.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
 Half the boys? That never happens.  
 Still, I didn't care, I knew I was  
 her favorite.

She places gold stars on a board with all the students' names. Adam sees his star is crooked.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 She made my star crooked, everyone  
 else had a straight star, and my  
 gold star was crooked.

ADAM  
 (to himself)  
 That means she wants me.

Chad overhears and gives Adam a weird look.

CHAD  
 She doesn't want you.

ADAM  
 Shut up, did you get an A plus?

CHAD  
 Yes, actually.

ADAM  
 Just let me enjoy this, Chad!

Miss Costello writes on the board. Adam stares at her and daydreams.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
 I was so sure she was my special  
 someone, I could see our future  
 together.

DREAM SEQUENCE to "I Melt with You" by Modern English:

- Adam and Miss Costello flirtatiously play in Adam's bed with Transformers toys.
- Adam and Miss Costello hold hands and walk into a movie theater to see "Aliens."
- Adam and Miss Costello exchange presents for their one-year anniversary. She gives him "Super Mario Bros."
- Miss Costello compliments Adam as she helps him film one of his home movies.

- They laugh romantically as they fight with light sabers.  
Sparks fly.

INT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

As Adam daydreams, Erica walks in the hallway. Her headphones play "I Melt with You" until she stops the tape on her Walkman. She looks in the classroom to see Adam trapped in a state of imaginary grace.

ERICA

Oh, so someone's got a little  
teacher crush.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. SKATING RINK - DAY

Beverly, Murray, Adam, Erica, and Pops sit in a crowd as a teenager hosts a kids' skating competition.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

In an effort to humiliate my older brother and to support him, our family gathered in the audience to watch Barry skate for hockey tickets.

SKATELAND HOST

Those were some amazing performances by 7-year-old Jimmy, and 9-year-old Susan, and now let's give a big round of applause for our last contestant, 16-year-old Big Tasty!

Barry pushes Play on a boombox. Funky beats blast as he raps and skates with sunglasses and parachute pants.

BARRY

I'm Big Tasty, that's what I say  
I'm a Flyers fan, all the way I  
skate like a butterfly Rap like a  
bee If you see someone hot It's  
probably me

Barry skates with impressive dance moves.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

My brother's moves were amazing. He never skated and rapped better in his life.

BARRY

Now all the girls in the house say  
Big!

Barry points to the crowd. Only Bev responds.

BEVERLY

Big!

BARRY

Now all the ladies in the house say  
Tasty!

BEVERLY

Tasty!

BARRY

Now what's that's spell?

BEVERLY

Big Tasty!

INT. SKATING RINK - MOMENTS LATER

Barry and the two children line up as the host talks to the crowd.

SKATELAND HOST

What a show we had here with our three competitors. Should the winner be Jimmy?

The crowd cheers.

SKATELAND HOST (CONT'D)

Well, it's not. You're in third place, Jimmy. Here's a coupon for a free skate day!

He gives the kid a coupon.

SKATELAND HOST (CONT'D)

Nope, it's between Susan!

Most of the crowd cheers.

SKATELAND HOST (CONT'D)

And Big Tasty.

The Goldbergs and a few kids who apparently hate Susan cheer.

SKATELAND HOST (CONT'D)

It was all up to our judges and they chose...

He opens the envelope in his hand.

SKATELAND HOST (CONT'D)

Big Tasty!

BARRY

I won! I won! Yeah! Bite me, Susan! You too, Jimmy! That's what you get when you take on Big Tasty!

ERICA

He won?! He actually won?!

BEVERLY

That's my delicious boy! Big Tasty  
is scrumptious!

SKATELAND HOST

Here's your tickets to the Flyers  
home opener!

The host gives Barry the envelope. Barry rips it open and sees tickets for third-row seats. Murray cheers. Adam records with his VHS camera.

MURRAY

Holy crap! My son is actually good  
at something! I never believed in  
Big Tasty until today!

ADAM

I can't believe this!

POPS

That's my grandson!

Barry stuffs the tickets in his back pocket and skates to his family.

BEVERLY

You're so talented that you're more  
than talented! You make talent look  
like crap!

The host skates off. Jimmy and Susan look pissed.

SKATELAND HOST

All right, time to go back to  
making Icees for a living.

SUSAN

This is not fair! The flyer said  
ages five to ten.

JIMMY

Yeah, I wouldn't have competed if I  
knew that jerk was going to  
compete.

SUSAN

Hey, I have an idea! Wanna split  
the tickets 50/50?

JIMMY

How are we gonna do that?

As Barry celebrates with the Goldbergs, Jimmy skates up behind him.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

Hey Tasty Big, can I talk to you over here. I just want to congratulate you!

Barry and Jimmy skate to the wall.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

I hope you enjoy the hockey game, even though you won the tickets in a kid's contest.

BARRY

Yeah right, little man, like this contest was really for kids. Better luck next year, chump!

As they talk, Susan steals the envelope out of Barry's back pocket. She takes the tickets out and puts the envelope back.

INT. ADAM'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Adam is in his pajamas walks when Erica enters.

ERICA

I know your secret.

ADAM

What secret?

ERICA

You're hot for teacher.

ADAM

What? What teacher? What are you talking about?

ERICA

Mom bribed me to spy on you and I saw her.

ADAM

What? Oh God, please don't tell Mom. What did she give you? I'll double it!

ERICA

No curfew for the next two weeks.

ADAM

Balls! I can't double that! I have no control over curfews! I'm only eleven!

ERICA

Don't worry... I'm not gonna tell her.

ADAM

You're not? Why?

Erica sits next to Adam.

ERICA

Because you're my younger brother and I know what it's like.

ADAM

You do? You've met Miss Costello?

ERICA

No, for me, my substitute teacher crush was Mr. Pappalardo.

ADAM

You had a crush on a guy who's last name was Pappalardo?

ERICA

Hey, I'm doing you a favor, don't hose on my parade.

ERICA (CONT'D)

Mr. Pappalardo was the biology teacher of my heart. When I left the ninth grade I was so sad, because I knew I would never take biology again.

ADAM

I'm sorry.

ERICA

The way he dissected frogs was so sensual.

ADAM

I don't know if I want to hear this.

INT. BARRY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Barry and Murray tear Barry's room apart looking for the tickets.

MURRAY

How did you lose the tickets, you moron?!

BARRY

I don't know. They were in the envelope.

MURRAY

We've been searching for hours! You must have dropped them in the parking lot. They're probably long gone by now.

BARRY

There's gotta be another way to get tickets.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Beverly talks to Erica in her pajamas.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Erica kept her word, but this didn't stop my smother.

BEVERLY

I know when you're lying to me, Missy.

ERICA

I'm not lying. I seriously don't know.

BEVERLY

Fine! Looks like I'm going to have use the big guns.

Beverly turns to Pops, who's eating a sandwich.

POPS

I'm the big guns? How am I the big guns? If anything I'm the old guns.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Barry and Murray listen to the radio.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

It was the day before the game, and the only chance my dad and brother had left at tickets was the radio.

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

If you're the 29th caller and can answer three questions about the Flyers, you could win our last pair of tickets to tomorrow's game.

BARRY

Call now! Call now!

Murray dials the phone.

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

Hello, you are the 29th caller!

MURRAY

I'm the 29th caller! That was easy!

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

And who are we talking to?

MURRAY

Murray Goldberg.

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

Murray, you're only three questions away from two tickets to the Flyers home opener. Here's your first question, what was the first year the Flyers won the Stanley Cup?

MURRAY

1973.

RADIO DJ

Correct! Second question, in what year did the flyers join the NHL?

MURRAY

1967.

RADIO DJ

Correct! And this is your last question, Murray! What is the greatest radio station in Philadelphia?!

MURRAY

107.1 The Wave!

Murray cheers in excitement.

MURRAY (CONT'D)

Yes!

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

This would have been a great moment in Goldbergs history, if not for one thing.

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

I'm sorry, Murray, but that is the wrong answer. We're looking for our station.

MURRAY

This isn't 107.1 The Wave?

Barry makes paddling motions with is body.

MURRAY (CONT'D)

Why do you look you're canoeing?

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

I'm sorry Murray, this is 88.3 The River.

MURRAY

What? That's what I meant!

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

No, we specifically heard 107.1 The Wave.

MURRAY

What's the difference? You both play the same music!

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

No, we play modern rock, they play rock alternative.

MURRAY

That's the same music!

RADIO DJ (O.S.)

Better luck next time, Murray.

MURRAY

No, wait!

The DJ hangs up. Barry yells in anger.

BARRY

It was The River! That's why I was paddling a canoe, because you paddle in a river!

MURRAY

You also create waves when you paddle! And your mom always listen to 107.1 The Wave.

BARRY

Mom doesn't listen to The Wave. Mom listens to 102.5 The Lake.

MURRAY

Good God, how many radio stations in this city are named after bodies of water?!

INT. ADAM'S BEDROOM - DAY

Adam draws in a notebook when Pops visits.

POPS

Hey kiddo, can we talk?

Adam quickly shuts his notebook.

ADAM

Sure, what can I do you for?

POPS

Your mom's a little concerned about you and I guess Erica isn't going to rat you out so your mom got me involved. Can you tell me what's going on in school?

ADAM

Pops, there's this girl at school, but I don't want Mom to know about her.

POPS

Is this about Dana Caldwell?

ADAM

No, this is a another girl. She's... older.

POPS

How much older we talking about here? 8th grade? Dare I say, 9th grade?

ADAM

More like 21st grade.

POPS

21st grade? What kind of school is this?!

ADAM

She's not a student. She's my substitute teacher.

Adam opens his notebook to reveal hearts. Inside the heart it reads Mr. And Mrs. Adam Costello.

POPS

You know traditionally it's the man's last name that a woman takes.

ADAM

I know, but I don't know her first name because she's my teacher.

POPS

Oh Adam, I don't think you have a chance in hell with her.

ADAM

I don't care if she's fifteen years older than me. You always said love is ageless.

POPS

It's ageless unless it's illegal.

ADAM

Pops, please don't tell Mom.

POPS

Well, since I don't think you're gonna marry this woman, sure, I'll make something up to tell your mother.

ADAM

Thanks, Pops.

INT. MURRAY AND BEVERLY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Murray dresses for work and talks to Beverly.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

But my mom not knowing a secret  
about me drove her insane.

BEVERLY

I told Erica I would extend her  
curfew until midnight and she still  
didn't budge.

MURRAY

You did what?!

BEVERLY

Erica and my dad know something I  
don't. Why does this whole family  
insist on keeping this secret from  
me?

MURRAY

The kid is doing good in school,  
how is that a bad thing? Just leave  
it alone.

BEVERLY

I can't leave it alone. It's too  
bad Adam forgot to take the lunch I  
packed him this morning. I suppose  
I'll have to drop it off at school.

MURRAY

You don't need to visit the kid at  
school, he can buy lunch.

BEVERLY

My son is not going to buy lunch  
when he has a homemade lunch from  
his mother! Anyway, any luck with  
the tickets?

MURRAY

No, Barry still can't find them and  
nobody wants that damn couch, so it  
looks like we're gonna go to the  
arena tonight and try to find some  
scalpers.

BEVERLY

Scalpers are illegal and dangerous!  
Do you remember what happened to  
Betty Anderson's kid when he got  
stabbed by a scalper.

MURRAY

I'm not going to get stabbed by a  
scalper.

BEVERLY

You say that now, but see what  
happens.

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY

Adam and Chad stare at Miss Costello as she grades tests.

ADAM

I finally understand The Police  
when they say "every little thing  
she does is magic."

CHAD

I get that for the first time too.

There's a knock on the door. Beverly enters.

ADAM

Oh, balls.

BEVERLY

Hi, hello, who are you?

MISS COSTELLO

Oh, Hi, I'm Miss Costello. Mrs.  
Henderson just passed kidney stones  
so I'm covering for her.

BEVERLY

Wow! Aren't you a little hot momma.

The class giggles at Beverly.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Please don't say who are! Please  
don't say who you are!

BEVERLY

I'm Adam Goldberg's mom.

MISS COSTELLO

Nice to meet you, Mrs. Goldberg.

Beverly points to Adam.

BEVERLY

I'm just here to drop off my little  
pumpkin's lunch.

She talks to Adam.

BEVERLY (CONT'D)

So this is the reason you've been  
going to school early and  
forgetting your lunch? Your  
teacher's a cutie patootie!

The class giggles louder.

MISS COSTELLO

Oh, thank you!

BEVERLY

Oh, no problem. My son's been  
locked inside his bedroom after  
school every day and now I know  
why.

The class laughs.

MISS COSTELLO

Oh.

BEVERLY

I mean, I'm sure he's not doing  
anything naughty, he's probably  
just imagining you and him playing  
Star Wars.

The class laughs hard.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

She ruined it! She ruined my  
fantasy and humiliated me. There  
was only one thing I could do.

Adam stands on top of his desk.

ADAM

Hey! I may imagine playing Star  
Wars with Miss Costello, but who  
doesn't?!

The class still laughs.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Don't laugh at me! We all know every boy in here likes her! No one cared that much about geography until she was here. Chad, you're with me!

He points to Chad, who is paranoid.

CHAD

What? No! Are you crazy?!

ADAM

I might be crazy, but I don't care! Miss Costello, you are the most stunning woman I've ever seen. You are heaven on earth and the way you write in cursive could take any man's breath away! You're the most amazing and radiant substitute teacher anyone could have.

All eyes are on Adam. He feels even more humiliated and it sinks in. Miss Costello is at a loss for words.

BEVERLY

Wow, I am just as shocked as you are.

Adam sprints out of the classroom, ashamed.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. SPECTRUM ARENA - DAY

Barry and Murray watch people walk into the arena.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Back in the 80s, we didn't have Stubhub or Fandango, so we had to do this.

BARRY

Tickets! Does anyone have spare tickets?!

MURRAY

Where the hell are they? This is the first game I've ever been to without scalpers. Does anyone know where I can find a good scalper?

A Flyers fan stops.

FLYERS FAN

Good luck, man. The arena's been crashing down on scalpers ever since that scalper stabbing.

MURRAY

Damn that Anderson kid.

BARRY

There has to be someone.

MURRAY

I have an idea. If you want to attract a scalper, think like a scalper.

EXT. SPECTRUM ARENA - MOMENTS LATER

Murray and Barry have signs that read "I Need Tickets."

BARRY

Tickets! We need tickets! Someone here has to have tickets!

A SECURITY GUARD walks up to Murray.

SECURITY GUARD

Excuse me, what do you think you're doing?

MURRAY

We're trying to get tickets.

SECURITY GUARD

I don't think so. It looks like you're trying to scalp tickets.

MURRAY

No, I need tickets. That's why my sign says "I need tickets."

SECURITY GUARD

Every scalper sign says that!

MURRAY

I realize that, but I'm not a scalper.

SECURITY GUARD

Sure you're not! What kind of idiot tries to find a scalper by acting like a scalper?

MURRAY

This idiot!

SECURITY GUARD

Come with me right now, you two!

INT. DINER - NIGHT

Adam and Pops sit in a booth and drink milkshakes.

ADAM

Mom told everyone I had a crush on Miss Costello! Everyone! It was the fourth most embarrassing thing she's ever done to me!

POPS

I'm sorry, kid.

ADAM

The worst part is that it was Miss Costello's last day of school. Now I'm never going to see her again.

Adam puts his head down on the table.

POPS

It'll pass, everything does.

MISS COSTELLO (O.S.)  
Hey Adam!

ADAM  
I can't stop thinking about Miss Costello. I swear, I just heard her voice.

MISS COSTELLO (O.S.)  
Adam, Adam Goldberg!

Adam turns his head to see Miss Costello sitting at the counter. She walks over to their table.

POPS  
That's your teacher?

ADAM  
Yep.

POPS  
Hubba Hubba.

ADAM  
That's what I said.

She reaches the table.

MISS COSTELLO  
Hi, is it okay if I talk to Adam alone for a second?

POPS  
Of course, take all the time you need.

Pops leaves the table.

MISS COSTELLO  
Hi, Adam.

ADAM  
Hi, Miss Costello.

MISS COSTELLO  
I just wanted to tell you that what you said this afternoon was the kindest, most amazing, and sweetest thing any man has ever said to me.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
She called me a man!

ADAM

Thanks.

MISS COSTELLO

It took a lot of bravery to say what you said. I might not be the woman for you, but I know one day, you're gonna have someone wonderful. A girl who will appreciate you for your intelligence, sensitivity, and charm, and who can't resist that lovable face.

She gives him a kiss on the right cheek.

MISS COSTELLO (CONT'D)

A kid like you deserves all the gold stars in the world.

ADAM

You really think so?

MISS COSTELLO

I know so. It was nice to meet you, Adam Goldberg. Maybe I'll see you a long time from now in a galaxy far, far away...

She winks at Adam and walks away. Adam is smitten.

ADAM

I'm never going to wash this cheek again.

The end of "I Melt with You" fades in as Miss Costello walks out the door.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

I never saw Miss Costello again after that, but I never forgot her.

Pops watches her from the restroom hallway.

POPS

Wowza.

INT. JAIL CELL - DAY

Murray and Barry are in the arena security office.

BARRY

I can't believe this! All you had to do was buy tickets last weekend and this never would have happened!

MURRAY

Hey, I'm sorry, okay. I didn't think we'd end up in hockey jail.

BARRY

This is the only year you let me down!

MURRAY

Hey, you're the moron who lost the tickets! We could be sitting in the third row right now!

BARRY

I know. Sometimes... I really am a moron.

Murray sees how hard Barry is taking this.

MURRAY

Hey, maybe once in a while I'm a moron too. It's where you get it... sometimes. If it means anything to you, I thought you were really amazing in that skate competition.

BARRY

Thanks, Dad.

MURRAY

I'm sorry I couldn't trade that couch for tickets and that I assumed The River was The Wave. I thought you listened to The Wave.

BARRY

That's okay, and for future reference, I listen to 96.9 The Stream.

Barry sits next to Murray.

BARRY (CONT'D)

At least you kept your promise.

MURRAY

What promise?

BARRY

You promised me my ass would be sitting inside The Spectrum and even though the game already started and we can't see it, my ass is sitting inside The Spectrum.

MURRAY

It sure is son, it sure is.

The security guard looks at them.

SECURITY GUARD

Hey, wait a minute, you're the guy who got the third question wrong on 88.3 The River?

MURRAY

Yeah, that's me.

SECURITY GUARD

I gotta call Frank about this.

The security guard calls FRANK, another security guard.

SECURITY GUARD (CONT'D)

Frank, remember that putz who said 88.3 The River was 107.1 The Wave?... Well, I have that putz here!

He hangs up the phone.

SECURITY GUARD (CONT'D)

If this game means that much to you two, I think we can help you out. Security policy says you have to stay here until the end of the game, but that doesn't mean you can't watch it on TV.

FRANK rolls in a TV.

FRANK

Oh man, I can't believe you got that question wrong. Hey, I'm friends with all the vendors, any food you want is on us!

MURRAY

Really?

FRANK

Sure, I'll get you some soft pretzels after I turn the game on.

They put the TV on and Frank throws Murray the remote.

They see the Flyers score.

MURRAY  
Score! Did you see that?

BARRY  
Score! Did you see that?

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Beverly talks to Erica.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)  
My brother and I learned that day  
sometimes our parents disappoint  
us, but that doesn't mean they  
don't love us.

BEVERLY  
I feel so bad.

ERICA  
You should. We told you not to get  
involved. He's never going to  
forgive you.

BEVERLY  
He has to. There's gotta be a way I  
can get him to forgive me. I baked  
him a cake.

ERICA  
It's going to take more than a  
cake.

Adam and Pops enter the house.

BEVERLY  
Adam, I'm so sorry. I know I  
shouldn't have come to your  
classroom and embarrassed you. I  
made you this cake.

The cake reads "I'm sorry, Pumpkin." Adam smiles.

ADAM  
Mom, it's okay.

BEVERLY  
Are you sure?

ERICA  
Yeah, are you sure you're sure? You  
could milk this if you want to.

ADAM

Yeah, I'm sure. Something happened when I was with Pops that made it all better.

BEVERLY

What was it?! You have to tell me!

POPS

Bev, please, leave this one alone.

BEVERLY

Okay, fine. You don't have to tell me, as long as we can we snug it out with some huggies?

Beverly and Adam snug it out with some huggies. All is content and then Beverly kisses Adam's right cheek.

ADULT ADAM (V.O.)

Nooooo!

END OF ACT THREE

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INT. JAIL CELL - NIGHT

The game is over, but Murray and Barry watch women in bikinis play volleyball on TV. They eat popcorn, nachos, pretzels, candy, and hot dogs.

BARRY

Jail, man... this is hard.

MURRAY

You're telling me. Can you pass the popcorn?

Barry passes Murray popcorn.

BARRY

I gotta admit, I really love women's volleyball.

MURRAY

Me too, but don't tell your mom.

BARRY

Speaking of Mom, did you call her yet?

MURRAY

Crap, I forgot.

BARRY

You want to call her now?

MURRAY

I'm gonna give it a couple hours. Let's just hang out here for a bit. Hey Frank, can I get another pretzel?

END OF SHOW