HAPPY ENDINGS

Episode 202

Baby Steps

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<u>CAST</u>

JANE	Eliza Coupe
ALEX	Elisha Cuthbert
DAVE	Zachary Knighton
MAX	Adam Pally
BRAD	Damon Wayans, Jr.
PENNY	Casey Wilson
BOY	TBD
CHLOE	TBD
CLAUS	TBD
CUSTOMER	TBD
DORA	TBD
KELLY	TBD
MADISON 1	TBD
MADISON 2	TBD
MARGA	TBD
PRINCIPAL	TBD
TANNER	TBD
TEENAGE GIRL	TBD
WAITER	TBD

SETS

INTERIORS

ALEX'S STORE
FOOD TRUCK
JANE & BRAD'S APARTMENT
JANE DONOR PROFILE VIDEO
JANE'S CAR
MAX & DAVE'S APARTMENT
MAX DONOR PROFILE VIDEO
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
WAITING ROOM
ROSALITA'S

EXTERIORS

ALEX'S STORE BRAD'S OFFICE FOOD TRUCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL JANE'S CAR MAX & DAVE'S STOOP STREET

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1. (C/O)

COLD OPEN

FADE IN:

1 INT. ROSALITA'S - NIGHT (NIGHT 1)

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Dave, Alex, Penny, Jane, and Brad are in a booth at Rosalita's, having drinks.

DAVE

Wish me luck this weekend, guys.

PENNY

What, are you getting a second goatee on top of your existing goatee?

ALEX

Harsh, Pen. That sounds more like
Max's style of japery.
 (then, holding phone up)
I got a word-of-the-day app.
Covetous much?

DAVE

What I was saying was, my truck's gonna be in "Taste of Kenosha". (off looks)
It's like the Slamdance of Food
Festivals. It's where you go if you're younger, cooler--

JANE

-- and forgot to sign up for "Taste of Chicago" in time.

DAVE

By one day!

BRAD

Stings a bit.

PENNY

Wow, that's, like, your third festival in three weeks.

DAVE

It's been crazy. I haven't spent a weekend at home in a month. It's true what they say: "Steak never sleeps."

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2. (C/O)

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BRAD

Who says that?

ALEX

I think I'm about to get super busy, too, because I'm pretty sure I figured out what my store needs.

BRAD

A better men's section?

JANE

She doesn't have a men's section.

ALEX

That shirt dress you bought wasn't for Jane?

BRAD

That shirt was a dress? (then)
What's your return policy?

ALEX

Store credit only. Anyway, I'm adding this whole baby clothes line, and I think it's gonna be a hit.

Alex reaches into her bag and pulls out a little baby shirt that reads, "Daddy's Girl."

ALEX (CONT'D)

They're so soft and cute. Don't they make you wanna have a baby right now?

JANE/PENNY

Nope./No, sir.

BRAD

But they do make me wanna practice.
 (a la Iverson)
Practice? Practice? I'm supposed

Practice? Practice? I'm supposed to be the franchise player, and we in here talkin' 'bout practice?

PENNY

I just can't imagine devoting my entire life to some helpless creature that only sleeps, cries, and demands to be fed all day.

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3. (C/O)

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Max enters in jeans and a pajama shirt, peeved.

MAX

(to Dave)

What the hell, dude? You leave without waking me up, and you don't even order me a--

DAVE

Bottle.

Penny slides a beer to Dave, who pops it in Max's mouth. Max chugs it as Dave gives him a friendly slap on the back. Max gives an enormous burp, content.

DAVE (CONT'D)

On the other hand, once you get them on a routine, it can be surprisingly smooth.

MAX

Hey, if I order a burger, can you cover me?

DAVE

No problem.

MAX

And my share of this month's rent?

DAVE

...and problem. Again? Max, what's the deal?

MAX

It's not my fault. My bank won't let me make a deposit.

PENNY

You mean withdrawal.

MAX

No, I mean deposit.

Everyone's confused.

ALEX

What kind of bank doesn't want you making deposits?

DAVE

Give it a second.

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He starts unbuttoning his pants.

INT. ROSALITA'S - CONTINUOUS (NIGHT 1) 3 3 BRAD/PENNY/DAVE/ALEX Oof, bad move./Chilling./No bueno./I * don't get it!

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3 CONTINUED:

JANE

A hundred bucks? That's it? I made fifteen grand from selling one egg, one time, freshman year of college.

DAVE

You did?

BRAD

I didn't know that.

MAX

I gotta get my hands on an egg.

BRAD

Why would you do that?

JANE

I thought it was a wonderful gift to give to a family.

ALEX/PENNY

She wanted to go to Cabo.

BRAD

Why wouldn't you tell me that?

JANE

I didn't not tell you. I just did it and never thought about it. It was just a transaction. An egg is an egg.

A WAITER arrives with a plate of devilled eggs.

WAITER

Sorry these are late. You guys still want 'em?

Everyone recoils, ad-libbing: "No, thanks." Max shovels eggs into his mouth, disgusting them. Max, mouth full:

MAX

What?

FADE OUT.

END OF COLD OPEN

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

4 INT. JANE & BRAD'S APARTMENT - LATER THAT NIGHT (NIGHT 1) 4

Jane and Brad enter, kissing.

BRAD

Mmm, my favorite dessert. Sex.

JANE

Let's get you out of those pants.

He snaps his fingers, making his pants fall off, REVEALING his polo shirt is super long (it's the shirt dress).

JANE (CONT'D)

And into that dress? Okay, how did you not know that was a dress?

BRAI

I had my suspicions. But the price was right, and I like a deep tuck.

JANE

You make it work.

They start kissing again.

BRAD

You're incredible, Boo.

JANE

Thank you, but you don't have to say that anymore. I'm going to sleep with you anyway.

BRAD

No, I mean about giving away the egg. That was an amazing thing to do.

They keep kissing.

JANE

It's not that big a deal.

BRAD

But it is. You gave those people a child. There's a little Jane out there.

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She stops kissing.

JANE

Well, there <u>could</u> be, but most of the time, those things don't even take.

Brad continues to kiss her. But now Jane is spinning.

BRAD

Come on. An over-achieving egg like yours? I bet it's a girl. A little Jane. A "Honey, I Shrunk the Jane." And she'd be, what, eleven now?

JANE

(sits on couch) I guess so...

BRAD

I can see her now. Asking her teacher for more homework, lobbying the school board to convert to the metric system--

JANE

It just makes more sense.

BRAD

--trying to get the Girl Scouts to switch from Girl Scout cookies to Girl Scout salads. Boy, if I knew my mini-me was out there, I'd be obsessed. I wouldn't be able to sleep at night. But not you. You just move forward and never look back. It's one of those things I love about you.

Brad goes to dive on top of Jane on the couch, just as she springs up. Brad hits the couch face-down, hard.

JANE

How can you think about sex when I have an egg baby out there?

Off Jane's distress, we...

5 INT. MAX & DAVE'S APARTMENT - A COUPLE DAYS LATER (DAY 2) 5

Max sets a fancy breakfast table for two -- oddly un-Max-like. Dave enters, tired and bedraggled.

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DAVE

Hey.

Max, surprised, tries to cover his alarm.

MAX

What are you doing here? I thought you were at "Taste of Kenosha."

DAVE

Sewage leak. By eight a.m., it was more like Smell of Kenosha.

(off Max's look)

Whatever, that joke killed at the festival.

Dave crosses toward his bedroom door. Max goes to stop him, faux-casual.

MAX

That's a bummer. Sounds like you could use a beer.

DAVE

It's ten a.m.

MAX

So, guavatini? Or if you've stopped drinking girl drinks, a guavatino.

Dave tries to open his door and Max jumps in front of him.

DAVE

What are you doing?

MAX

Nothing, I just wanna hang out for a long time. Let's go to the park and filibuster each other.

Dave presses past.

DAVE

No thanks, man. I really just want to go to--

Dave opens his bedroom door. Two EUROPEAN TOURISTS (CLAUS and MARGA, late 50's), are spooning in his bed.

DAVE (CONT'D)

What the hell?!

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Claus and Marga wake up, startled.

CLAUS

(to Dave)
Who are you?

DAVE

(to Claus)
Who are you?
 (to Max)
Who are they?

MAX

(to Dave)
I have no idea.
 (to Claus and Marga)
What are you doing here?

MARGA

You rented us this room with promise it was perfect for schtuping.

CLAUS

Please exit the schtuping room.

DAVE

(to Max)

Seriously, dude? I leave for twentyfour hours, and you turn my room into a German sex hostel?

MAX

Hey, we're a full-service B&B. We cost more, but we're worth it.

6 INT. ALEX'S STORE - DAY (DAY 2)

Alex is at her store. There are several shoppers. Penny enters, excited to see it's busy.

PENNY

Hey, this place is totally happening! I've taken six steps and haven't walked through a single cobweb.

ALEX

I know! Business has been prodigious!
(holds up phone)
Word of the day. The new baby shirts are flying off the racks.

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PENNY

("SATC" Samantha voice)
And directly onto their racks.

REVEAL: THREE GIRLS (15) wear the baby shirts that read "Spoil Me" and "Bad Girl" as super-tight belly shirts.

ALEX

Oh my God.

PENNY

I know, my "Samantha" is really getting good.

ALEX

What do I do?

PENNY

Just be glad they didn't find the ones that say, "I'm wet. What are you gonna do about it?"

ALEX

(starts towards them)
I can't let them buy those shirts.

PENNY

Really? You're gonna talk to them?

ALEX

Why wouldn't I?

PENNY

High school girls are scary. And look at them: they're mean girls.

ANGLE ON: Mean Girls -- CHLOE, MADISON, and MADISON.

CHLOE

Should we get a shirt for Tracy?

MADISON 1

We could, but did you see how fat she got over the weekend?

MADISON 2

I know, and it's super sad because her dad's so poor.

ANGLE BACK ON: Penny and Alex.

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PENNY

They're just like the girls who used to hang out in the hall on the way to the drama department. I was so afraid of getting on their bad side, I pretended to be a Mexican exchange student for a year.

ALEX

Ohhh, that's why you wore all those ponchos and put a spoiler on your Tercel.

(then)

Penny, c'mon. That was a long time ago. We're adults now. We don't have to be afraid of a couple of high school girls.

PENNY

You know what? You're right.

They've arrived at the girls, who are looking at clothes.

ALEX

Excuse me--

Chloe and the Madisons spin around.

CHLOE

(cold, scary)

What?

Alex flinches. Penny jumps behind her, intimidated.

PENNY

Dios mio!

Alex looks to Penny: "Be cool." Then to Girls:

ALEX

Look, this is my store--

CHLOE

Really? You, like, actually own it?

ALEX

...Yeah.

CHLOE

Oh my God! We were just saying how awesome this place is! You look way too young to own your own store.

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ALEX

I do?

MADISON 1

Totally. It's so cool!

MADISON 2

(turning to Penny)

And you're so cool. I love everything you're wearing.

PENNY

You do?

CHLOE

Will you help us pick stuff out?

MADISON 1

I wanna buy everything.

MADISON 2

(to Penny)

I wanna look just like you.

CHLOE

I could spend the whole day here. Is that okay?

ALEX/PENNY

(beat, then melting)
Of course!/I love us!

As they both enjoy the adulation, we...

7 INT. MAX & DAVE'S APARTMENT - DAY (DAY 2)

Max and Dave eat the fancy breakfast Max had been preparing.

DAVE

Max, I can't believe you rent out my room when I'm not here.

MAX

Short term sublets are the new motel. You were gone, the Stoltzfusses needed a place to stay, and how many times have you complained that you don't know anyone from the Bavarian Alps?

DAVE

Never.

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MAX

And now you never will. Give me a break, bro, you know I lost all my money when the bubble burst.

DAVE

You were in the stock market?

MAX

No. The Beanie Baby bubble. I was worth 1.3 million on paper in seventh grade. People begged me to sell, but I couldn't do it. By then I'd fallen in love with them. Never get high on your own supply, bro.

DAVE

You're preachin' to the choir. The first month I had the steak truck, my doctor described my cholesterol as Paul Sorvino in "Goodfellas".

(then)

Max, it's time to get a real job.

MAX

(wistful)

It's hard to come back to earth when you've flown that close to the sun.

DAVE

Get a job!

MAX

I've tried. But you know I can't work for the man. Of course, there is one man I could work for...

DAVE

Scottie Pippen? We've been over this. He is not in a financial position to hire a sassy butler.

MAX

But that's my dream slash reality pitch! But no, I was talking about a different man. Who's cool. Who cooks meat. In a truck.

DAVE

What? Oh, no. No way.

7 CONTINUED: (2)

C'mon, dude. You're always saying how busy you are and how you need more help on the truck.

DAVE

MAX

That's true, but...

MAX

C'mon! It'll be fun! You and me, makin' sandwiches. We'll be the dream team! It'll be just like "Cocktail."

Off Dave thinking about it...

8 INT. FOOD TRUCK - DAY (DAY 2)

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Over the song "HIPPY-HIPPY SHAKE", a FULL-ON "COCKTAIL"-STYLE MONTAGE in which Max and Dave toss rolls back and forth at each other; Dave and Max toss meat onto rolls; they juggle condiment squeeze bottles back and forth, squeezing them onto sandwiches. END MONTAGE.

Dave and Max high-five, sweaty but triumphant. In front of Dave are several perfectly composed sandwiches.

MAX

Great day, great day. See you tomorrow.

DAVE

Max, it's only been twenty minutes.
 (re: floor)
And you've really gotta clean that
up.

REVEAL FLOOR OF TRUCK AT MAX'S FEET: a total mess of dropped meats, rolls, and Jackson Pollock-like condiment squiggles.

MAX
(while laughing)

Psh, yeah, clean up. You get the
mop. I'll get the paper towels-(then, realizing)

Oh, you're serious.

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FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

15. (II)

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

9 INT./EXT. JANE'S CAR - DAY (DAY 2)

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Jane drives through the suburbs. Brad is excited.

BRAD

Are you sure you got the directions right? This seems like a weird neighborhood for a silk boxers factory outlet.

JANE

Brad, we're not boxer shopping. We're looking for Dora.

BRAD

Who?

JANE

I found the couple online who I donated my egg to. The egg is eleven, its name is Dora, and the family lives right around the block.

BRAD

Oh, no. No, no, no. The only place this leads is Ashley Tisdale playing you in the Lifetime movie.

JANE

You're the one who put the idea in my head.

BRAD

Yeah, but you're the one who drove it to the suburbs. Jane, this is a bad--

Jane slams on the brakes as a MOM and a little girl, DORA, come out of a house a few doors down. Brad is jerked forward, restrained by his seat belt. The little girl looks eerily similar to a young Jane. She is dressed in an adorable, conservative sweater, skirt, and little boots.

JANE

Brad, look!

BRAD

I can't. My eyeballs just bounced off the dashboard.

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JANE

That's them. I recognize the mom from the interview. And that's Dora. You were right. There is a little me out there. Look at her.

During the above, the mother kisses Dora goodbye and goes back into the house.

JANE (CONT'D)

Aww. Brad, I'm glad we did this. It makes me feel so good just knowing my egg baby's out there, and she's grown into a beautiful, happy--

The girl takes a few steps from the house, takes out her barrettes, rolls up her skirt into a mini skirt, then pulls off her sweater, revealing one of Alex's baby shirts that reads "I'M NAUGHTY".

> JANE (CONT'D) -- sneaky little whore.

As Jane leans in, horrified, she accidentally leans on the wheel and hits the HORN, which BLARES. Dora looks over in their direction.

JANE/BRAD

Ahhhh!/Peel out! Peel out!

Jane panics, looks back to reverse, and slams on the gas -but the car LUNGES FORWARD, jumps the curb and slams into five full garbage cans. Trash splatters the windshield.

BRAD

(sniffs) Stiiinks a bit.

10 INT./EXT. ALEX'S STORE - DAY (DAY 2)

Alex stands with Chloe, helping her with an outfit.

ALEX

See? And then you put these earrings with this belt and you take the whole thing from day to night.

CHLOE

Oh my God, you're a genius, Lexi. I'll take them both.

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PENNY (O.S.)

Who wants lattes?

ALL GIRLS

Me, me!

Penny comes in with lattes and hands them out to the girls.

MADISON 1

Oh my God, you two are amahzing. We want to grow up to be just like you.

PENNY

No, you guys are amahzing. And by the way, I love how you're saying that. Make it catch on at school.

Out the window, a VAN pulls up and backfires as it turns off. The girls look over as Jane gets out of the van.

MADISON 2

Oh my God, check out the loser in the van.

MADISON 1

Gross, and she's coming in here.

Jane rushes into Alex's store, alarmed.

CHLOE

Hey, nice van.

The girls all giggle. Jane's confused.

JANE

Uh, thanks. Alex, listen--

CHLOE

Ugh, Lexi, you know crazy van lady?

ALEX

Sort of. We're family friends.

JANE

Family friends? And who's Lexi?

Alex pulls Jane aside.

ALEX

Jane, why are you driving dad's van? You're embarrassing me.

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JANE

What? Al, you gotta stop selling those baby shirts. Do you know who's wearing them?

ALEX

Duh, everyone. I've sold, like, a million of them.

Alex gestures around the store, filled with teenage girls, who are trying on the baby shirts, laughing and talking.

JANE

And you're proud of that? You're having a bad influence on girls everywhere.

Penny runs up to Alex and Jane.

PENNY

Guys, you're never gonna believe who Chloe's brother is.

JANE

Who's Chloe?

ALEX

She's right there between Madison and Madison.

PENNY

Her brother's Billy Garrity!
Remember, he was only the hottest
guy in our high school. I was so in
love with him, but I never had a
chance, because he only dated
college girls. Well, Chloe just
texted me that she texted him about
me!

JANE

Wait, she texted you from over there?

PENNY

Uh huh. And he said send a picture!

Alex shrieks. Penny holds up two baby shirts.

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PENNY (CONT'D)

Which one should I wear? "Put Me to Bed" or "I Pooped"? I just answered my own question.

JANE

Okay, this is crazy. Al, you can't sell slutty shirts to teens. Or Penny. And Penny, why are you throwing yourself at a guy from fifteen years ago? Grow up and respect yourself.

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MADISON 1

Ew, Lexi, when did your mom get here?

MADISON 2

Yeah, get back in your van, van mom.

JANE

Hey, no back talk, young ladies. Now put down the coffee, put on some clothes and go to school.

ALEX

Jane, why are you scolding my customers? Everything's fine. Everyone's having fun. This place is the Peach Pit!

PENNY

C'mon, Lexi.

(to Jane as they walk off)
God, Jane, when did you turn into
such a mom?

JANE

(to herself, realizing)
...This morning.

11 INT./EXT. FOOD TRUCK - DAY (DAY 2)

A long line outside the truck. Max rings up sandwiches.

MAX

Okay, that's gonna be--

Max notices a CUSTOMER's feet.

MAX (CONT'D)

Whoa, sweet flip flops, bro.

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CUSTOMER * * rks man. You flop? *

Thanks man. You flop?

MAX * Yeah, I "flop". 'Cause I think the *

whole world should be forced to see

men's feet. That is some luscious

toe hair.

CUSTOMER *

Whoa, bro. You know what? Keep your sandwich.

The Customer puts his money back in his pocket and leaves. Dave approaches in time to hear the following.

MAX

(calling after)

Yeah, go! And try not to get the
front part of your flip flop folded
under your foot and almost break
your toe tripping forward!

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Max takes a bite of the sandwich.

DAVE

What are you doing?

MAX

You a favor. Steak Out's got to go for a very exclusive, niche clientele.

DAVE

No, I'm a steak truck, I gotta go for the broadest clientele possible. And what's "Steak Out"?

MAX

Your new name.

DAVE

I don't need a new name.

MAX

You just might. You kinda got massacred on "Yelp" today. Five terrible reviews, all for bad service, so...

DAVE

Those were all about you!

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MAX

Hey, I run my truck like I run my truck, bro.

DAVE

It's not your truck. Max, you don't just get to walk in and be the boss.

MAX

You know who else didn't get to walk in and be the boss? Tony Danza. And that's why his talk show was a creative failure. I thought you were different, but you are the man. And I don't mean it in a good way, like, "you're the man!" I mean it, like, "you're the man!"

DAVE

Great. Well, you know what? Why don't you go find a place where you can be the boss on your first day. Let me know how that goes. 'Cause you're fired.

MAX

Fine, see you in hell!

DAVE

I'll see you in hell!

Max starts to storm off. Then, stops and turns. Both still hot:

MAX

But I'll see you at home first, right?! Bears game!

DAVE

Yeah, see you later! I'll get the hummus!

As Max stalks off...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

12 EXT. BRAD'S OFFICE - LATER THAT DAY (DAY 2) 12

Brad and Jane sit at a cafe table in front of Brad's office building.

BRAD

And then Peterson came in with his classic OJ impression and everyone died laughing. God, I love that impression.

JANE

(distracted)
Classic Peterson.

BRAD

You okay, babe?

JANE

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I can't stop thinking about Julia.

BRAD

Yeah. Who's Julia?

JANE

My egg daughter. Not crazy about "Dora." I went by Alex's store and there were a bunch of girls there ditching school, acting bitchy, and flouncing around in those slutty t-shirts. It made me so worried that

Julia--

BRAD *

Dora.

JANE **

--is gonna end up some trashy party girl.

BRAD *

First of all, you don't know that's gonna happen. And second of all, she's not your daughter.

JANE *

She sorta is. *

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JANE

for a second?

Hey. Hi there. Can I talk to you

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DORA

Who are you?

JANE

I'm sort of your mom...'s friend. Doesn't matter. Just get in the van.

Off Dora's skeptical look, we...

SMASH TO:

14 INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE/WAITING ROOM - LATER (DAY 2) 14 *

Jane sits in a row of kid-size folding chairs arranged along the wall, leading up to the Principal's office. Inside, a GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL dials a phone.

PRINCIPAL

(into phone)

Dora is completely safe, and I have the perpetrator with me right now.

JANE

(calling in)

Not perpetrator! Friendly stranger! With advice from the future!

WIDEN TO REVEAL: a little BOY also seated in the row of chairs, a couple over from Jane.

BOY

I'd stop talking now, if I were you.

15 INT. ALEX'S STORE - DAY (DAY 2) 15 *

The store's packed with teens (a party atmosphere). Alex rings up TEENAGE GIRL at the register. Over blaring music:

TEENAGE GIRL

I love your store! It's like the best party ever!

ALEX

Thanks!

TEENAGE GIRL

I'm so drunk!

ALEX

Cool! Wait, what?

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Teenage Girl crosses off. Alex goes to investigate and runs into TANNER, a teenage guy with braces holding a red cup.

TANNER

Sup? Want a beer?

ALEX

No. Where'd you get that?

TANNER

Dressing room. I'm Tanner. I wrestle, no big deal.

Alex rushes over to the dressing rooms, snatching red cups out of kids' hands as she goes, ad libs disapproval. She opens the dressing room curtain to REVEAL a couple kissing.

ALEX

Stop that!

Alex opens another dressing room curtain to REVEAL Penny is sitting there with Chloe and the two Madisons.

PENNY

Occupado -- Oh, hey, Lexi. Guess what? Chloe talked to Billy and he thinks he remembers me. He thinks he remembers me!

ALEX
Kids are drinking in here! We've
gotta get them out.

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MADISON 1

We're leaving anyway. This place is dead. You coming, Lexi?

ALEX

No, I'm not coming. This is my store.

(then re: smell)
Is that weed?

Alex starts rushing around, shooing everybody out.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Everybody out! Party's over!

CHLOE

Uggh, Alex is so uncool.

"Baby Steps" [202] Happy Endings Table Draft 26. 08/03/11 (III) 15 CONTINUED: (2) 15 MADISON 1/MADISON 2 Totally. CHLOE C'mon, Pen, let's go to the mall. * PENNY I can't. * CHLOE * Okay, I guess we'll just tell Billy * you didn't wanna come. PENNY Billy's gonna be there? * CHLOE Yeah, and he just texted me he wants * to hang out with you. It's kinda * now or never. He's going to Paris * tomorrow on business. PENNY I love Paris business. * Penny looks over to Alex, who is comically trying to wrestle * a keg out of a dressing room. PENNY (CONT'D) * But I can't. It's wrong. * MADISON 1 * He's so hot. * PENNY * Arrgh! Why am I so weak?! As Penny and the girls rush out: CHLOE Let's steal stuff! PENNY * Yay! The girls and Penny grab lip glosses and dash out. After a * beat, Penny re-enters, throws down cash, then dashes out.

16 EXT. MAX & DAVE'S STOOP - EVENING (NIGHT 2) 16

Dave sits on the stoop, as Max approaches.

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MAX

Hey, dude.

DAVE

Hey.

MAX

Look, I'm sorry I called you "the man." You're not "the man" - I don't mean that in a bad way, like, "You're not the man" - I mean it in a good way, like--

DAVE

I get it.

MAX

And I get that you need me to start pulling my half of the rent. So I called some of my old Beanie Baby broker buddies, and it turns out my first generation General Quackers has actually held its value.

DAVE

So you sold it?

MAX

Nope, still too adorable. But I did unload a couple of the ugly ones.

DAVE
Wow, thanks man. I know that
must've been rough. And, listen,
sorry I had to fire you, but you are

horrible at working for someone.

MAX

It's cool. Your tough talk scared me straight. I mean, I'm still gay, but I'm paying attention. And it made it clear what I had to do.

DAVE

Swallow your pride and get a real job.

MAX

Not even close. Buy a bitchin' '80's limo.

Max points down the block at a bitchin' '80's limo.

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DAVE * for best friends, we are rarely *

Wow, for best friends, we are rarely on the same page. *

MAX *

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I'm gonna get you back my share of the rent in no time from all my sweet, sweet fares. And I'll be calling all the shots from the very first day, because I'll be the man.

DAVE

You know the customers do get to decide where they're going and when.

MAX

We'll see.

(as he walks away)

I'm gonna go do a couple laps around O'Hare and see what happens.

DAVE

(calling after him)

You need to be bonded and have a special license!

MAX

You do and you don't, bro. Believe in me!

Max gets in the limo.

17 INT. ALEX'S STORE - EVENING (NIGHT 2)

Alex is cleaning up the store. She moves an overturned rack of clothes to find Tanner passed out beneath.

ALEX

C'mon, Tanner. Time to head out.

TANNER

You wanna see it?

ALEX

Ugh, go home.

Penny enters with a slice of pizza in a bag.

ALEX (CONT'D)

What are you doing here?

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PENNY

Bringing you a Sbarro's. To say I'm Sborry.

ALEX

I can't believe you ditched me in the middle of an underage free-forall to go to the mall with Chloe and the Madisons.

PENNY

I know. It was totally uncool of me, and halfway there, I realized, "Ugh, what am I doing with these girls?" I've got my own girls.

ALEX

Awww. They ditched you, didn't they?

PENNY

So hard! And, like, seconds after I bought them all BFF necklaces at Claire's.

ALEX

Mean girls.

PENNY

But, you'll be happy to hear, Billy Garrity? Fat and bald.

ALEX

He is?!

PENNY

No. Smokin' hot. But turns out, still only dates college girls.

18 INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE WAITING ROOM - EVENING (NIGHT 2) 18 *

Jane sits at a kid-size table with KELLY, Dora's mother.

JANE

I'm so sorry. I understand it was wrong to follow her, but I was just trying to help.

KELLY

Who are you?

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JANE

I'm Jane Kerkovich. I was your egg donor. And when I saw Ju...Dora going down a bad path, I just had to protect her. It's biology. We have this profound connection. She's beautiful, by the way. You're welcome.

KELLY

She's not yours, Jane.

JANE

Yes, but in a primal sense--

KELLY

Not in any sense. We didn't use your egg.

JANE

Excuse me?

KELLY

JANE

On paper, you were perfect, and we loved your donor video. But we were a little thrown by your unsolicited follow up video.

POP TO:

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19 JANE DONOR PROFILE VIDEO

Hey guys, been thinking a little more about our baby. I feel like there are a few topics I failed to cover in my first video: One, Nutrition. Two, Schooling. Two-A, Pre-schooling. Two-B...or not to be. Sorry, just a little Shakespeare joke, which brings us to The Arts...

BACK TO:

20 INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE WAITING ROOM - CONTINUOUS (NIGHT 2) 20

KELLY

You seemed a little crazy.

JANE

Crazy? I'm not crazy.

"Baby Steps" [202] 08/03/11 Happy Endings Table Draft 31. (III) 20 CONTINUED: 20 KELLY You tried to lure my daughter into a A long beat, then: JANE Okay. Looks like we're done here. As Jane gets up, sheepish... 21 21 INT. ROSALITA'S - LATER (NIGHT 2) Jane, Brad, Penny, Alex and Dave sit at a booth, drinking. JANE I can't believe they didn't use my * egg. DAVE * I can't believe they didn't press * * charges. JANE * I'm gonna be a terrible mother. I have zero maternal instinct. BRAD * Are you kidding? You're gonna be an amazing mom. You did all that for a * kid that's not even yours. * * ALEX For what it's worth, your mom * instincts were totally right on with * Chloe, Madison and Madison. They're terrible. * PENNY * I don't know, I kinda liked Madison. * It was Madison who was a total * bitch. * ALEX * Really? 'Cause I felt like it was * * the other way around. * BRAD Anyway, I'm glad they didn't use * your egg.

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Happy Endings Table Draft "Baby Steps" [202] 32. 08/03/11 (III) 21 CONTINUED: 21 BRAD (CONT'D) Because we're gonna have our own little Jane one day, and I want ours to be the only one out there. JANE Awww... Jane goes in to kiss him. Just before their lips meet, a hand slams money on the table. REVEAL: Max. MAXBoom. Rent. Eat it. Actually, don't. It's money, you don't know where it's been. ALEX Whoa, Max, where'd you get all that? MAX

It was easy. Got a job, lost it, was backed into a corner, had to sell three Beanie Babies, bought a 1984 limousine, took Dr. and Mrs. Rosenthal to shul and back. And let's just say, the stereotype that Jews are bad tippers? Incorrect. They were very generous.

PENNY

You sold three of your Beanie Babies?

MAX

Yeah, tough day.

They all shake their heads.

PENNY/JANE/DAVE/BRAD
You're telling me./Seriously./No
bueno./Toof stoof.

ALEX

(beat, finally realizing)
Oh! It was a sperm bank! Gross.

PENNY

Told you she'd get there.

FADE OUT.

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END OF ACT THREE

33. (TAG)

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FADE IN:

22 EXT. STREET - NIGHT (NIGHT 2)

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CLOSE ON: Penny, Jane, and Alex poke out through the skylight of the limo, waving their hands in the air and cheering. Their hair streams in the wind.

REVEAL: The limo is standing still. Max, Dave, and Brad hold a giant fan on them. Max turns off the fan.

MAX

Probably should've invested in gas, instead of this giant fan.

DAVE

Baby steps.

Max turns the fan back on. As the girls wave and whoop, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW