

PROM

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CHARACTERS

ASHLEY high school student
AMY her friend, high school student
ANNIE high school student, friend of ASHLEY and AMY

TIME & PLACE

A high school corridor. Springtime. Lunchtime. The present.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The only difficulty is getting the cell phone to ring onstage. In one production, the actresses worked out a bit in which one, then another, and then the third applied lip gloss as they discussed matters. They timed it so that one of the actresses was slipping her lip gloss back into her purse and could set off the phone. Then they all three pulled out their phones and listened to see which one was ringing.

PROP LIST

Purses (3)
Cell phones (3)
Backpack & school supplies (optional)

Prom was first performed by the Colorado Dramatists at the Colorado Performing Arts Festival, Denver, CO, September 2003 with the following cast:

Ashley: Louisa Balch
Amy: Kyra Koelling
Annie: Cari Ellinghaus

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At Rise: A high school corridor. ASHLEY and AMY enter opposite and meet center.

ASHLEY: Hi, Amy.

AMY: Oh, there you are, Ashley. I looked for you in the lunchroom. How was your weekend?

ASHLEY: Oh, you know. The usual. Did a little shopping.

AMY: Have you got your dress for prom yet?

ASHLEY: Not yet. I looked a couple places. They were all poufy and hideous. I want something simple. Oh, but speaking of prom, Dan's friend Ryan wants to go and Dan promised him he'd find him a date. Would you like to? We could all go together.

AMY: Oh, Ashley, I'd like to help you out, but I have a date.

ASHLEY: You do? That's great. I didn't know anyone had asked you.

AMY: Saturday. You know Sebastian, that cute guy in Algebra who always sits over by the window? I ran into him at the mall and we were talking and he asked me, did I want to go, and I said yes. Sorry.

ASHLEY: No, no, that's fine. It's great he asked you. Really great.

AMY: He seems really quiet in class but once we got to talking he seemed like a really great guy.

ASHLEY: Have you decided where you're going for dinner beforehand?

AMY: I don't know. I think maybe he's vegetarian.

ANNIE: **(enters)** Hi, guys.

AMY: **(a little too loud)** Anyway, if you'd like, I can get you a copy.

ASHLEY: Yeah, yeah, sure.

ANNIE: What were you guys talking about?

ASHLEY: History notes.

AMY: **(simultaneously)** A poem for L.A.

ANNIE: What?

ASHLEY: Sorry. We were talking about prom.

AMY: But we didn't want to hurt your feelings or anything.

ASHLEY: Amy was telling me she's got a date.

ANNIE: Oh, and you thought that would hurt my feelings? Why, because I'm such a loser you're sure I'll never get one? I suppose you think there isn't a guy in the school who'd want to be seen with me at prom.

AMY: Oh, we didn't mean it that way, Annie. Don't be mad. We didn't want you to feel left out, that's all.

ASHLEY: Actually, Dan's friend, Ryan, is looking for a date. What do you say? You could go with Dan and me.

ANNIE: Well, for your information, I've already been asked.

ASHLEY: That's great.

AMY: (**simultaneously**) That's great, Annie. Who?

ANNIE: His name's Chris, he was in the fall musical.

AMY: Well, then, everything's fine. Look, I gotta run. See ya. (**exits**)

ASHLEY: Bye, Amy.

ANNIE: Bye.

ASHLEY: So you've known this guy for a while?

ANNIE: Chris? Yeah. Well, just to talk to. We've been in a couple of shows together. And I've seen him at cast parties. We've never been out or anything. Tell you the truth, I haven't given him an answer. About prom, I mean. I haven't really decided.

ASHLEY: Well, you could always go with Ryan instead. Remember? He was in Geography with us freshman year.

ANNIE: Was he that little geeky guy with the glasses? Who was always talking like Bart Simpson?

ASHLEY: (**laughing**) He's grown a bit since. He's taller than Dan is, now. And he's got contacts, too. C'mon, it'll be fun. We can all go together.

ANNIE: Well, it would be nice to go with another couple. Especially since I don't know Chris very well. It always seems like, with guys, you either don't know them well enough or you've already been out with them and broken up.

ASHLEY: Then can I tell Dan you'll come as Ryan's date?

ANNIE: All right.

AMY: (**enters**) Ashley, tell Dan I'll go to the prom with his friend.

ASHLEY: What happened to Sebastian?

AMY: Big jerk.

ANNIE: Did he dump you?

AMY: No way. I told him to take a hike, that's what happened.

ASHLEY: But why?

AMY: I ran into him in the hall and we were talking about this and that, you know, and Brittany walked by and I asked Sebastian if he liked her jeans and he said, yeah, I guess. Right in front of me, he was complimenting somebody else's clothes! So I told him if he liked Brittany so much he could ask *her* to the prom but for all I cared he could jump in a lake. So I'll go with Dan's friend and see how he likes that.

ANNIE: But I'm going with Ryan now.

AMY: I thought you were going with somebody named Chris.

ANNIE: Well, I hadn't told him yes. I changed my mind.

AMY: How come?

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ANNIE: I hardly know him.

AMY: You hardly know Ryan.

ANNIE: Well, yeah, but Ashley and Dan will be there.

AMY: But now I don't have anybody to go with. I need a date.

ASHLEY: Amy, it's not a crisis.

AMY: Yes it is! Why can't you go with Chris? You know him well enough.

ANNIE: I just don't think I—

AMY: Annie!

ASHLEY: Look, you two can work this out. I have to find Kim and give back the Chemistry notes I borrowed. Talk to ya later. **(exits)**

AMY: You have a date, Annie.

ANNIE: I haven't told him yes. I can go with Ryan instead if I want to.

AMY: But then I don't have anyone to go with. You should go with Chris.

ANNIE: Well, I wouldn't mind so much if we could go with another couple. I know! How about I ask him if he has a friend you could go with? Then we'd be together.

AMY: As long as it isn't anybody creepy. Like, there's that one guy that works backstage on all the plays, and his T-shirts always have holes in them and his hair is totally gross.

ANNIE: I'll ask Chris if he knows somebody nice. I know he hangs out with one guy who works out all the time, he's really great looking.

AMY: Oh, I think I know the one you mean. I think his name is Mike something.

ANNIE: Well, I'll ask Chris to ask Mike if he's asked anybody yet. Will that do?

AMY: Yeah, sure. Only don't tell him I asked about Mike in particular.

ANNIE: You can give me credit for a little bit of tact.

AMY: Sorry.

ANNIE: I'd better get going.

AMY: Oh, but wait a minute. What about Ryan?

ANNIE: What about Ryan?

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