

# THE SIXTH TIME'S A CHARM

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*A Ten Minute Comedy Duet*

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**SYNOPSIS:** Two long time best friends explore online dating yet again to find a date for the Junior Prom. Will their friendship survive Sarah's sixth attempt at finding Mr. Right?

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*(2 female)*

SARAH (f) ..... Junior in High School. Pretty. Exceptionally smart and well read. Artsy. Dressed in comfortable clothes. Best friends with Melissa. Slightly 'out there' personality. Into horoscopes, energy auras, and getting her information from late night infomercials. Dedicated to finding the right date for Junior Prom, but tends to be a little more than off.  
*(69 lines)*

MELISSA (f) ..... Junior in High School. Pretty. Also exceptionally smart and well read. Creative, but definitely not 'out there' like Sarah. Also dressed in comfortable clothes. Best friends with Sarah. Very 'normal' and 'down to earth'. Been there with Sarah through the past five relationships she has had in high school...from Freshman year on. Has faith that Melissa is a wonderful person, but not sure if she will ever find a guy that is willing to put up with her drama.  
*(69 lines)*

**SET:** A loveseat/couch.

**PROPS**

- A Laptop

**PRODUCTION NOTES**

This is a relaxed fun piece where you can really have fun with characterizations. If you choose to cast it older or younger, words can be changed and locations can be adapted to fit your local area.

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**AT RISE:** *Two teenage girls are sitting at a desk in front of a laptop. They are trying to find a date for junior prom in the last week.*

**SARAH:** I wonder how many times I can look at his picture on his profile before it's considered stalking. He's incredibly...

**MELISSA:** *(Interrupting.)* Please don't tell me anything I have to do anything about. I told your mom I'd look out for you more. She made me promise over brownies....seriously Sarah...brownies.

**SARAH:** His profile says he's 6'2".

**MELISSA:** You know people almost never tell the truth online.

**SARAH:** It's going to be fine. I promise. I've been on enough failed dates to know what I need to do and not to do.

**MELISSA:** Have you contacted him yet?

**SARAH:** I've just been browsing his profile on an hourly basis.

**MELISSA:** I think that might qualify as stalking. I'm changing my opinion. I'm going over to your mom right now and tell her you're doing this again.

**SARAH:** His profile is extremely intriguing. I think he's the one.

**MELISSA:** You know you've said that about the past five guys you've dated.

**SARAH:** They were different.

**MELISSA:** I see.

**SARAH:** You don't believe me?

**MELISSA:** I believe you. You have my complete and total support. Go ahead. Send him an instant message. I told your mom I'd go tell her only if things got way out of hand. Go ahead. Let's see how brave you are.

**SARAH:** I'm not sure I'm emotionally ready for that. IMing is a big step.

**MELISSA:** But you're sure he's the guy you're gonna ask to junior prom?

**SARAH:** Oh, I'm sure of that.

**MELISSA:** And you think IMing him is a big step?

**SARAH:** It's all in the way it's handled.

**MELISSA:** I'm so glad we've been friends for so long. I feel less messed up when I'm with you.

**SARAH:** I'll take that as the backhanded compliment it might possibly be.

**MELISSA:** So, go ahead and message him. Maybe he's been stalking your profile on an hourly basis also.

**SARAH:** He's not that type.

**MELISSA:** You're stalling. Go ahead. Do it.

**SARAH:** I probably shouldn't tell him we're destined to be husband and wife in the first message. That's hasn't been my best strategy in the past few relationships.

**MELISSA:** I'd definitely suggest against that.

**SARAH:** You know, you think guys wouldn't get so easily scared off. It's the modern age, for Christ's sake. Things happen so quickly now. You gotta get with the game.

**MELISSA:** What are you going to say?

**SARAH:** I'll keep it simple: Junior, Female, looking for a partner for the Junior Prom. Noticed you in Math class. Please contact if interested. Megan

**MELISSA:** You're not going to use your real name?

**SARAH:** It's important to maintain privacy standards in online dating. I mean, this guy could be a mass murderer or something. I don't want him knowing my name.

**MELISSA:** You're asking him to Junior Prom. I think he'll end up knowing your name. I mean, you've been sitting in the same math class for the entire year...

**SARAH:** (*Interrupting.*) You know, for someone who is supposed to be one of my best friends, you have very little faith in me.

**MELISSA:** I have exceptional faith in you. I just know you way too well.

**SARAH:** Well, maybe I'm trying to change.

**MELISSA:** So, message him...go ahead. Use your real name.

**SARAH:** Sarah sounds so plain and boring. How about I sign it Angelica?

**MELISSA:** Relationships that start out with a lie never turn out well.

**SARAH:** You're the one who said online dating is full of people who lie. It's expected now....the norm per say.

**MELISSA:** You're better than the norm. Be exceptional.

**SARAH:** Fine. I'll use Sarah. But if he doesn't respond to me, I'm blaming our divorce on you.

**MELISSA:** I'm willing to accept that consequence.

**SARAH:** You can't leave my side while I'm typing. You have a good aura. It'll come through the computer lines. Auras travel well that way.

**MELISSA:** Where exactly do you get all of your information from?

**SARAH:** You know I'm a big fan of late night TV. It's amazing what you can pick up from some of these infomercials. My mom thinks I'm up studying for the SAT.

**MELISSA:** Are you serious? You're picking up your new facts from infomercials? You know that's slightly more than disturbed, right?

**SARAH:** Infomercials can be very educational.

*MELISSA starts chuckling.*

**SARAH:** Stop laughing. I'm serious.

**MELISSA:** I know you are. That's why I'm laughing.

**SARAH:** Come on, be supportive. I'll let you hold my bouquet at the wedding.

**MELISSA:** I'm not wearing fuchsia as your maid of honor.

**SARAH:** See, you know we're going to be married also. It's all in the 'cosmic energy' field.

**MELISSA:** If you don't start messaging him, I'm doing it for you.

**SARAH:** That's a great idea. You're a much better writer than I am.

*SARAH moves laptop in front of MELISSA.*

**MELISSA:** I didn't mean I wanted to actually write it for you. I was trying to motivate you.

**SARAH:** Motivation can be a funny beast, can't it? Come on, you're like ten million times a better writer than I am.

**MELISSA:** We'd better not end up in a whole Cyrano situation. I wasn't a big fan of how that story ended when we read it aloud in class.

**SARAH:** Absolutely. I just need help on the first few messages.

**MELISSA:** Only on the first few.

**SARAH:** You can't fall in love with him also, remember? You're helping me. He's supposed to be my date to the Junior Prom. My fiancé. Father to my children.

**MELISSA:** You know you're slightly paranoid, right?

**SARAH:** It's one of my more highly desirable qualities. It keeps me on my toes.

**MELISSA:** Okay...so, here goes. (*MELISSA starts typing.*) 'I've noticed you in math class over the past semester. Although I sit way in the back, I couldn't help but notice how nice you are to everyone around you. Letting Betty borrow your pencil was a definite act of kindness. I was wondering if you'd go to the Junior Prom with me. I'm sure we'll have lots of fun. Warmly, Sarah Smith.'

**SARAH:** Don't use my last name.

**MELISSA:** It's on your profile.

**SARAH:** He can figure out where I live then.

**MELISSA:** Your name is Sarah Smith.

**SARAH:** So?

**MELISSA:** I'm sure there are at least 50 'Sarah Smiths' in the Los Angeles County area. I don't think you have to worry. Besides, if you're going to go together to Junior Prom, won't he have to pick you up at your house?

**SARAH:** I told you, he could be a mass murderer. Being kind in math class doesn't mean he hasn't killed quite a few people in his off time.

**MELISSA:** Then I'll make sure I bring pretty flowers to your funeral.

**SARAH:** That's not very nice. You're making fun of my insecurities.

**MELISSA:** And you're being a bit more insane than usual. As one of your closest friends, it's my duty to tell you that.

**SARAH:** Fine. Go ahead and send it. But you'd better bring flowers in my favorite color.

**MELISSA:** No problem. I'll bring at least two dozen roses in bright fuchsia.

**SARAH:** (*Sarcastically.*) You're extremely warm hearted.

**MELISSA:** Okay...you ready? I'm pressing 'send' now.

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