

The Eric Clapton Breakfast Club

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CHINA SITS DOWN AT TABLE. BESS ENTERS FROM THE HALLWAY, SHE'S AN UPBEAT FAMOUS 90'S HIPSTER PHOTOGRAPHER, DRESSED IN HER NIGHT GOWN, WITH FIVE BANDANAS AROUND HER HEAD, AND A VERY 60'S LOOK.

CHINA

Look what the cat dragged in.
TEE STARTS SHAKING HER HEAD

BESS

What's your problem?

TEE

What? I just went swimming at the Y.

BESS

How christian.

CHINA

Water in your ear?

TEE

No, it's the constant static in my head.

BESS

Where's Mom?

TEE

She spent the night at J.J's

CHINA

You look like a shiek with that towel-head.

TEE

Which reminds me, Mom's coming home for breakfast.

BESS

Are you two on acid? What do my bandanas have to do with Mom?

CHINA

The World Trade Center. The potential Arabian massacre. Her impetuous nuptials to J.J.

BESS

So she's shackin' up with him. It's sad that she buried her Birkenstocks. She's turned into a regular Hilary Clinton over night.

TEE

Now she has that Dorothy Hammill haircut again. That was like the most uneventful era of our time. She thinks J.J. is like that guy from 'The Bridges of Madison County'.

BESS

She'd be better off with Urbino from 'Love in the Time of Cholera'.

TEE

What thrills her the most, is the man has the same last name as ours, Jones.

CHINA

At least she won't have to change her monogramed towels.

BESS

Or sweaters.

TEE

Don't forget her bee-hive purse.

BESS

What a pseudo, waspy, prepster. When we inherit her loot, it will all be color coordinated.

CHINA

(Looks out window) Hey, someone's putting up a FOR SALE sign.

BESS

You all didn't know. Mom's putting the house on the market.

TEE

What?

BESS

Mom's selling he house! I told you, move out.

TEE

Where am I gonna live? I barely have a job, my patients are laying me off.

BESS

(Coyly) You two have any lunch plans?

TEE

I have no plans for the rest of my life.

CHINA

Bullshit. We're going to the I.G.A. to check out the new Butcher.

TEE

He's a teenager China.

CHINA

I need fresh meat.

TEE

I'm not rockin' the cradle. Jesus.

ENTER MARYBETH. TEE'S AND BESS'S MOTHER. SHE'S A YOUTHFUL FIFTY YEAR OLD.
SHE'S CARRYING RIBBONS.

MARY BETH

(OUTSIDE, She sings and carries in a box) 'Before you accuse me, take a look at yourself, yeah before you 'cuse me take a look at yourself, doda la la, you're taking money from someone else.'

TEE

Mother, must you sing?

MARY BETH

Bess? That's a lyric from Eric Clapton's new C.D. I was just playin' it in my new C.D.player. A gift from Johnny, it's marvelous.

BESS

(to China) I met Clapton at a Rolling Stone dinner.

CHINA

What Rolling Stone dinner, where and when?

BESSO

Eons ago, he was seated directly in front of me, Keith Richards was on my left,
and Lou Reed was on my right.

TEE

Is Lou available, or is he a transvestite.

CHINA

Lou's a he-man. Now let me guess, loverboy had on an Armani suit.

BESS

That is correct.

MARY BETH

Who was his date?

CHINA

Please don't say Michelle Pfeiffer.

BESS

Nope, some other chick who had a friend that wore a dress that looked like a bikini.
She had a protruding bellybutton.

MARY BETH

I don't get it. Now woman are supposed to parade around in bikinis.

CHINA

Try G-strings. It's like using anal floss.

BESS

You're disgusting. This girl had horse teeth, and was full of herself. His date was purely platonic.

TEE

He isn't seeing Michelle Pfeiffer!

BESS

He was using infared on me.

CHINA

(jealous) Why?

TEE

Because Bess is famous China, we are suburban dogmeat.

MARY BETH

Excuse me, but I hardly consider myself Alpo. I'm a blushing bride!

BESS

By the way mother, the answer is no, I will not be your maid of honor. I hate weddings.

TEE

How come I'm not the maid of honor?

MARY BETH

Now listen, I'm not the cause of all your grievances. Georgette's girls just put her through a grueling intervention, how could she be responsible for that despicable man's behavior

CHINA

Was that that serial killer?

TEE

Yes, it Georgette's half-brother that wiped out his entire family, and then blew his brains out..

MARY BETH

Just don't start. I've been given a second chance. Johnny Jones is about the sweetest man I've ever met. Now which color should I use on the tables. Peach would go with the dessert, mango sherbert, but rose would go with the flower arrangements. I'd like your girls to wear color-coordinated dresses.

TEE

NO!

BESS

We're not twins.

CHINA

Wait a second, can we please get back to Princess Bess, and rockin' romeo.

TEE

That bitch.

BESS

I can't help it if I make gobs of money on self-indulgent photo studies.
I'm not famous anyway. You're all in a gnarly mood.

CHINA

Oh right, you just happen to attend the hippest party in town, cuz like you had no other plans, or like they cancelled L.A. Law.

TEE

And you were forced to go out.

CHINA

And greet Keith Richards, like some long-lost second cousin. Please you are talkin to two star, starved women. Your sister is thinking of shackin' up with Ironside, who doesn't even probably have a dick.

TEE

CHINA! That was cruel. He has a job.

CHINA

Shut-up Tee. So you dined with Clapton?

BESS

I think he wants a normal life. He needs a woman, and I want a baby. I think I'm the perfect candidate.

MARY BETH

Don't be ridiculous, the moment that baby screamed, he'd be off with his next assistant.

CHINA

Really Bess, the man is grieving for his child, you could hardly run a home.

TEE

Too much baggage.

CHINA

And with your upbringing. I mean the man is English, they like virgins.

BESS

Right, I'm a slut, and your as pure as the driven snow.

CHINA

All Englishmen suffer from the Queen phobia, a fear of being dominated by women . Virgins seem less threatening. But if loverboy was into Queen masochism, I could certainly be a 'Mommie dearest.'

BESS

Well then, I'll act innocent. He asked me out on a date.

MARY BETH

(Becoming agitated) What? When? He only likes models.

CHINA

Only glamour puss's

TEE

How could he possibly have considered you?

BESS

Models are just dots on paper, one dimensional bimbos. They never look that good in real life.

TEE

Neither do we, and we're real.

BESS

This breakfast has gotten off on a depressing note. I gave up self-pity for Lent, can we change the subject.
(China is burning, she turns on the tube) Let's watch M.T.V.

A VIDEO OF ERIC IS ON TV DOING 'TANGLED IN LOVE.'
CHINA STARTS SMOOCHIN' THE SET.