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Reese: Believe me, it's the last time! Just because you have a girl doesn't mean you should act like one.

Malcolm: I don't know what's wrong with her! She's driving me crazy! I freak out 20 times a day!

Reese: Dude, you think about everything too much. Calm down. Turn off your brain.

Malcolm: It's not that easy.

Reese: Sure it is. I do it all the time. Watch.

Malcolm: You can't just turn off your... Reese! Reese!

Reese: Whoa! How long was I out?

Cut to Francis in his cell, listening to the conversation outside.

Policeman: And as I pulled her from the wreckage, she was so...disfigured that I didn't even know it was my own sister.

Vanessa: Don't worry. Dimitri is the finest reconstructive surgeon in the state.

Francis: Who's Dimitri?

Francis's Cellmate: They had a municipal hospital. He and Vanessa had an affair last year -

Policeman: (yelling) Shut up in there!

Malcolm: Oh, man, who's got their assignment on Cambodia? I need to borrow it.

Stevie: Where were you... last night?

Malcolm: What?

Lloyd: The Space 1999 marathon on the Sci Fi channel.

Dabney: I made you a tunic and a hologram badge.

Malcolm: Dabney, I-I'm -

Dabney: Forget it! I gave it to my mom's boyfriend! Thanks for nothing!

Malcolm: Guys, look, I'm sorry. I've just been... Sara and I were on the phone... Never mind. I'm just sorry. I promise this won't happen again. I think I turned a corner on this thing. Sara and I were talking and it just came to me. I think we worked things out. Can you guys excuse me? I'll be right back. (goes over and starts pummelling the guy Sara is talking to, and gets into a fight with some other guys)

Stevie: He does seem... sorry.

Dabney: I say we cancel our vote of censure.

Lloyd: I second that. He was there for us after the arboretum broke down. And how can you look in those eyes and say no to anything he asks? (they sigh)

Stevie: I think... he's learned... his lesson.

Dewey: OK, only two invitations left. Ronnie's gonna have a moonbounce and a make-your-own-sundae car.

Kid #1: I'll go.

Dewey: Maybe you will. What kind of present would you bring?

Kid #1: Skateboard?

Dewey: Excellent choice!

Kid #2: Ronnie has a brand new skate board.

Dewey: Why don't you let ME worry about Ronnie?

Lois: Sit! Look at yourself! They've put you on probation. Probation! If you do just one more thing wrong they're gonna kick you outta school! Do you have any idea how serious this is? Is this who you wanna be? You wanna be a lap dog who ruins his life for some girl? For God's sake, Malcolm, you beat up a foreign exchange student! He left his country to get away from this kind of abuse! Are you listening to me?

Malcolm: Yes, I'm listening! But I've got bigger problems! You may not have noticed, but I've been screwing up a lot. All because of some stupid girl! I'm on probation! I beat up a kid who doesn't even speak English! I'm going through a lot and you don't even care!

Vanessa: We can still pull this off!

Brock: You'll never pass the DNE test, and even your lies won't be enough.

Policeman: But Brock, if you didn't buy the mining rights, then who did?

Brock: Don't you see? The person who bought the mining rights is the same person who stole Mrs Bronson's brooch. And the person who ran Nathaniel's car off the road that night. That person's name is -

Policeman: OK, you're free to go.

Francis: Ssh!

Policeman: Come on, move it!

Francis: No, you can't do this to me! Just five more minutes! Wait! No! It was the Mayor, right? Or the widow Farthington? What about the creepy janitor? No, his amnesiac brother! Argh!

Malcolm: (TC): I didn't understand one word that was said in the last six hours. I'm exhausted. I couldn't sleep all night. I finally figured out what I gotta do. (calling) Sara! Wait up! Look, I've done a lot of thinking and we need to talk. Sara, this just isn't working. Since I've known you I've been nothing but obsessive and neurotic. A jealous creep who's way too clingy. I don't like what this is turning me into, so I got you this pager. What? It's perfect. Now we know where the other one is every second. No more worry or doubt. We'll be able to trust each other.

Sara: We have to break up, Malcolm.

Malcolm: I don't think you heard me. I'm proposing the exact opposite. That's what the pager's for.

Sara: I'm sorry. Bye.

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Ronnie: Yeah, Mom. Thanks.

Mrs Demarco: Well, you really should thank Dewey, too. He was a big help in planning this.

Ronnie: (goes over to Dewey who is enjoying playing Cowboys with the other kids) You ruined my birthday! I hate you!

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(Malcolm starts bouncing and the moonbounce collapses)

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Malcolm: I don't know what's wrong with her! She's driving me crazy! I freak out 20 times a day!

Reese: Dude, you think about everything too much. Calm down. Turn off your brain.

Malcolm: It's not that easy.

Reese: Sure it is. I do it all the time. Watch.

Malcolm: You can't just turn off your... Reese! Reese!

Reese: Whoa! How long was I out?

Cut to Francis in his cell, listening to the conversation outside.

Policeman: And as I pulled her from the wreckage, she was so...disfigured that I didn't even know it was my own sister.

Vanessa: Don't worry. Dimitri is the finest reconstructive surgeon in the state.

Francis: Who's Dimitri?

Francis's Cellmate: They had a municipal hospital. He and Vanessa had an affair last year -

Policeman: (yelling) Shut up in there!

Malcolm: Oh, man, who's got their assignment on Cambodia? I need to borrow it.

Stevie: Where were you... last night?

Malcolm: What?

Lloyd: The Space 1999 marathon on the Sci Fi channel.

Dabney: I made you a tunic and a hologram badge.

Malcolm: Dabney, I-I'm -

Dabney: Forget it! I gave it to my mom's boyfriend! Thanks for nothing!

Malcolm: Guys, look, I'm sorry. I've just been... Sara and I were on the phone... Never mind. I'm just sorry. I promise this won't happen again. I think I turned a corner on this thing. Sara and I were talking and it just came to me. I think we worked things out. Can you guys excuse me? I'll be right back. (goes over and starts pummeling the guy Sara is talking to, and gets into a fight with some other guys)

Stevie: He does seem... sorry.

Dabney: I say we cancel our vote of censure.

Lloyd: I second that. He was there for us after the arboretum broke down. And how can you look in those eyes and say no to anything he asks? (they sigh)

Stevie: I think... he's learned... his lesson.

Dewey: OK, only two invitations left. Ronnie's gonna have a moonbounce and a make-your-own-sundae car.

Kid #1: I'll go.

Dewey: Maybe you will. What kind of present would you bring?

Kid #1: Skateboard?

Dewey: Excellent choice!

Kid #2: Ronnie has a brand new skate board.

Dewey: Why don't you let ME worry about Ronnie?

Lois: Sit! Look at yourself! They've put you on probation. Probation! If you do just one more thing wrong they're gonna kick you outta school! Do you have any idea how serious this is? Is this who you wanna be? You wanna be a lap dog who ruins his life for some girl? For God's sake, Malcolm, you beat up a foreign exchange student! He left his country to get away from this kind of abuse! Are you listening to me?

Malcolm: Yes, I'm listening! But I've got bigger problems! You may not have noticed, but I've been screwing up a lot. All because of some stupid girl! I'm on probation! I beat up a kid who doesn't even speak English! I'm going through a lot and you don't even care!

Vanessa: We can still pull this off!

Brock: You'll never pass the DNE test, and even your lies won't be enough.

Policeman: But Brock, if you didn't buy the mining rights, then who did?

Brock: Don't you see? The person who bought the mining rights is the same person who stole Mrs Bronson's brooch. And the person who ran Nathaniel's car off the road that night. That person's name is -

Policeman: OK, you're free to go.

Francis: Ssh!

Policeman: Come on, move it!

Francis: No, you can't do this to me! Just five more minutes! Wait! No! It was the Mayor, right? Or the widow Farthington? What about the creepy janitor? No, his amnesiac brother! Argh!

Malcolm: (TC): I didn't understand one word that was said in the last six hours. I'm exhausted. I couldn't sleep all night. I finally figured out what I gotta do. (calling) Sara! Wait up! Look, I've done a lot of thinking and we need to talk. Sara, this just isn't working. Since I've known you I've been nothing but obsessive and neurotic. A jealous creep who's way too clingy. I don't like what this is turning me into, so I got you this pager. What? It's perfect. Now we know where the

other one is every second. No more worry or doubt. We'll be able to trust each other.

Sara: We have to break up, Malcolm.

Malcolm: I don't think you heard me. I'm proposing the exact opposite. That's what the pager's for.

Sara: I'm sorry. Bye.

Malcolm: No! No! No! Sara! You can't break up with me! Because I am filled with nothing but love and good feelings! And no anger and no jealousy! And none of those things that will lead you to not wanting to be with me! OK, fine! Get outta here! I don't need you! I hate your guts! I never needed you! No, no, no, no! I love you! I always have, I always will! We were meant to be together! I gave you my soul, Sara! I gave it to you, my soul! My soul! Sara!

Mrs Demarco: There you go, sweetheart. I always thought you hated cookie dough. So, are you having a good time?

Ronnie: Yeah, Mom. Thanks.

Mrs Demarco: Well, you really should thank Dewey, too. He was a big help in planning this.

Ronnie: (goes over to Dewey who is enjoying playing Cowboys with the other kids) You ruined my birthday! I hate you!

Dewey: I've had two sundaes and four snow cones.

Hal: Malcolm, look. Come on. Come on. I can't feel my fingers.

Hal: I'll go get us some punch, how's that sound? You know, son, this is all part of growing up. You're just going to have to get used to it.

Malcolm: No, I don't. I can go back. I can go back!

Dewey: What are you doing?

Malcolm: I'm gonna play.

Dewey: You can't! You're too big!

Malcolm: No, I'm not. I'm going back.

Dewey: No, you're too big! You're going to ruin my party!

(Malcolm starts bouncing and the moonbounce collapses)

Hal: (rescuing kids from under the moonbounce) OK! Don't panic! OK! OK! Hah! Yeeeargh! You're OK! Don't be scared! (to Dewey) Oh! Don't be afraid, son. It was just a loud explosion. Everything is going to be OK. Don't be afraid.

Malcolm: (TC): Just once I'd like to learn without something exploding.