

Barry + Emma

SCENE 10: EMMA'S ROOM

EMMA's room. BARRY is sitting on the bed, a gown draped over him. There are dresses everywhere. EMMA is in the bathroom.

BARRY

—▶ If you don't hurry up you'll be meeting my drag alter-ego, Carol Channing Tatum.

She emerges from the bathroom wearing a girly gown completely incompatible with her sense of style.

EMMA

What do you think?

BARRY

Well, it's better than the pink, but we're not seeing your shoulders. You've got great shoulders.

EMMA

This isn't working.

BARRY

Don't panic. It's just a first draft.
(He picks up another dress.)
How about this?

EMMA

I don't know. What did you wear to your prom?

BARRY

(Referring to the dress.)
Same! No, I... um... I was going to wear a silver tux, with matching turquoise cummerbund and tie, and those contacts that change your eye color to aqua blue... but I never... I didn't, uh...

(He gets choked up.)

This isn't about me, this is about you and I promise: you are going to have the night of your life. What's your date wearing?

EMMA

I don't know.

BARRY

She hasn't given you a fashion show?

EMMA

I've never been to her house. Her mother doesn't know about us.

BARRY

How long have you been together?

EMMA

A year and a half.

BARRY

Oh, honey.

EMMA

But she's coming out tonight big time. That's the plan. Oh, I'm really scared.

BARRY

Why?

EMMA

For a million reasons. Mainly because half the people there still hate me.

BARRY

Look. I never went to my prom because like your mystery girlfriend, I didn't have your courage. You made all this happen. When you walk into that gym tonight, you know what people are going to see? The bravest person on the planet.

EMMA

I don't know. This is hard. Does every girl go through this?

BARRY

Of course. All across town, girls are spraying on their tans and whitening their teeth and sticking their fingers down their throats one last time so they can fit into their dresses. They're trying to look their best for the prom, but they're wasting their time. They might as well be wearing a garbage bag with the word "whore" spray-painted on it, you know why? Because they're whores. Only kidding. It's because they don't have the glow you have right now.