

SIX OF BEER

A short comedy by
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

BRICE, male, a teenage boy.

MARK, male, a teenage boy.

NARRATOR

(BRICE and MARK hanging out on a couch.)

(NARRATOR in narration posture.)

NARRATOR: Two teenagers, on a couch, in a living room.
Brice:

BRICE: Are you hungry?

NARRATOR: And Mark:

MARK: No. I'm thirsty.

NARRATOR: We will now show you six variations on one scene. All of them center around one thing:

MARK: Beer!

NARRATOR: Part one: Temptation. Variation One.

BRICE: What?

MARK: Your parents have a case of beer in the fridge. They won't notice if we drink a couple.

NARRATOR: Variation Two.

BRICE: What?

MARK: Twenty-four beers in the refrigerator. I bet I can drink more than you.

NARRATOR: Variation Three.

BRICE: What?

MARK: We have beer.

BRICE: We?

MARK: We should call girls and tell them we have beer. Beer plus girls equals party.

NARRATOR: Variation Four.

BRICE: What?

MARK: Beer.

BRICE: What?

MARK: Beer. Beer, beer, beer, beer, beer, beer, beer. Beer!

NARRATOR: Variation five.

BRICE: What?

MARK: You are a terrible host. I've been in your house for an hour, and you haven't offered me a beer. Stop being rude, get yourself in that kitchen, and pop me a cold one.

NARRATOR: Variation Six.

BRICE: What?

MARK: Do you want to drink some beer?

NARRATOR: Part Two: Reflection. Brice, stand up.

BRICE: What?

NARRATOR: You're going to tell us six different things that you might be thinking after your friend asks for beer. Stand here, so it doesn't look like a conversation with Mark.

BRICE: Here?

NARRATOR: Close enough. Number One.

BRICE: Even if we only take a few beers, my parents might notice.

NARRATOR: Number Two.

BRICE: If we drink as much beer as we can, my parents will definitely notice. Anyway, I have gym first period tomorrow, then a geometry test. I don't want to go through those hung over.

NARRATOR: Number Three.

BRICE: I do like the idea of having girls over, but the girls I'm interested in probably wouldn't be impressed by a random phone call asking if they want to get drunk on a Tuesday night.

NARRATOR: Number Four.

BRICE: Mark's not a good driver sober. If he drinks, then drives into a ditch or gets picked up by the police, he'll be in trouble, my parents will hear about it, and then I'll be in trouble.

NARRATOR: Number Five.

BRICE: I've seen Mark drink a couple of times. When he gets a little buzzed, he gets kind of annoying—more annoying than he already is. Then he keeps drinking, and he gets more annoying. Then he pukes. He'll be right in the middle of saying something really annoying, and all of a sudden he'll kind of—

NARRATOR: Thank you, Brice—

BRICE: Oh, and there's this sound he makes, like he's crying and puking at the same time.

NARRATOR: That's enough, Brice.

BRICE: And the smell! It's like he—

NARRATOR: Stop!

BRICE: Sorry.

NARRATOR: Number Six. Brice, have you ever even had a beer?

BRICE: No.

NARRATOR: Why not? Everyone else drinks.

BRICE: Not everyone. Actually a lot of people don't.

NARRATOR: Your parents do.

BRICE: But they're adults. They don't have to lie about it, and when they drink, they're careful.

NARRATOR: Don't you think you'd be careful?

BRICE: Yeah, in a few years. Have you looked at the kids my age who drink? Some of them do really stupid things.

NARRATOR: Don't they get away with doing stupid things?

BRICE: Sometimes. I don't want to lie to my parents, and I don't want to do anything stupid. I'm not ready to start drinking.

NARRATOR: Brice, go back to the couch, and we'll see six different ways Mark might react after you say no. Part Three: Resolution. Variation One.

BRICE: Mark, my mother notices if I don't change my socks every day. She'll notice if we take beer from the fridge.

MARK: Why would you not change your socks every day?

NARRATOR: Two.

BRICE: I don't want to drink. I have gym first period.

MARK: So a drinking contest will help you develop your competitive spirit. It's like studying for gym class.

BRICE: That's another reason not to do it.

NARRATOR: Three.

BRICE: We are not inviting girls over to drink my parents' beer.

MARK: This is why we don't have girlfriends.

BRICE: It's not the only reason.

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