

DATE WITH DEATH

CHARACTERS:

KAREN - female, 20-30's

ANGELA- female, 20-30's

DAVID- male, 20-30's

SETTING: Karen's apartment. Present day.

SYNOPSIS: Dating is hell. Rather than deal with the awkwardness of turning someone down, Angela prefers murder. However, this time, her baggage does not go unnoticed.

DATE WITH DEATHSETTING:

(It's nighttime at Karen's apartment. Karen is sitting on her couch reading a book. There's a knock on the door. Karen walks over and opens it. It's Angela.)

## ANGELA

Hi, Karen. I'm sorry to come by so late, but is it okay if I spend the night?

## KAREN

Okay.

(As Karen is talking, Angela drags in a huge duffle bag that obviously has a dead body in it. Well, obvious to everyone except Karen.)

What are you scared of this time? Roaches? A movie? I told you not to watch anything with puppets in it. They always freak you out.

(Seeing the duffle bag.)

Holy crap, Angela. How long are you planning on staying?

## ANGELA

Just a night.

(Angela goes out in the hallway again.)

## KAREN

A night? All that for a night? You know I do own stuff. I have pillows, towels.

(Karen sees Angela standing in the doorway with a small wheeled suitcase. She looks back at the duffle bag. She realizes what's it and says with disgust.)

Oh, not again!

## ANGELA

I'm sorry.

## KAREN

You need to stop doing this!

ANGELA

I said I'm sorry.

KAREN

Can't you just break up with guys like a normal person?

ANGELA

It's not that easy.

KAREN

Not that easy?

ANGELA

Everytime I go on a date, and no matter how well or poorly it goes, he's going to ask me to go on a second.

KAREN

Poor baby.

ANGELA

I can't help it. I'm a real world "4", but an eHarmony "8".

(Beat.)

After every date, these guys will text me, or call me, or just show up at my place, and be like "Oh, Angela, I had such an amazing time. We should do it again!" and it's SO awkward. If I leave the door to romance open at all, they try to kick it open. If I shut it, they just keep knocking. I hate it! It's so much easier to end it quickly. Way less painful.

KAREN

For you.

ANGELA

And for them, I'd like to think. Rejection is painful. Especially when it's by a real world "4."

KAREN

But even rejection has got to be better than...that.

ANGELA

Is it?

KAREN

Yes! And don't spin this like you are being noble, returning these Spartans from battle on their shields.

ANGELA

You haven't met the guys I've had to go on dates with.

KAREN

Then you stop going out with these weirdos you meet online. Did you ever call my co-worker Greg? When I told him about you, he was really excited. He's smart, funny, wears deodorant. I totally think you guys would hit it off.

(Angela sheepishly looks at the duffle bag.)

KAREN

Really!?!

ANGELA

I'm sorry.

KAREN

What is wrong with you?

ANGELA

Karen!

KAREN

I am going to have so much extra work now to do on Monday! It's the end of the quarter and I told you we were already short staffed!

ANGELA

I forgot!

KAREN

No you didn't! You just only think about yourself!

ANGELA

I swear! If I knew it was going to cause you more work, I would have never...you know.