

**St. Peter's School  
Black Tickle**

**Presents**

**If You Only Knew!**

**Cast:**

Alexis, Mother, Doctor	Dominique Keefe
Jason, Person #1, Father	Desmond Keefe
Patty, Person #2	Nikita Keefe
Instructor- Lorne, Priest	Marcel Keefe
Maria, Person #3, Friend, Mother	Jennifer Keefe
Teacher Advisor	Phyllis Dyke

## Scene 1

*(Here's To the Night – Eve 6)*  
*(Split scene)*

**Alexis:** Have you ever used a toothbrush for something other than brushing your teeth?

**Jason:** Have you ever got a needle from someone other than a doctor?

**Patty:** Have you ever thought even God couldn't help you sleep at night?

**Maria:** Have you ever had a piece of you taken away by someone you love?

**All together:** I Have!

## Scene 2

*(Hold On – Good Charlotte)*  
*(At a Bus Stop, Alexis is dressed up in a fat suit, and people approach and make fun.)*

**Person 1:** Oh my God, fatty, you must have left 20 minutes ago to be able to get here this early. *(All Laugh)*

**Alexis:** Excuse me?

**Person 1:** You heard me, don't play stupid.

**Person 2:** Yah ,you're so fat you're leaving footprints into the pavement.

**Alexis:** What are you talking about?

**Person 1:** You make Yeti foot prints look small.

**Alexis:** Leave me alone. I never said one thing to any of you to treat me that way, so why are you saying these things to me?

**Person 3:** *(laughs)* Oooh are you gonna cry? We didn't mean to make the fat cow leak chocolate milk.

*(Alexis turns away and sulk and bus horn beeps)*

**Person 2:** Don't block the sidewalk fat-so, the bus needs to get through.

**Alexis:** I'm nowhere near the bus, it can fit through there.

**Person 1:** Not with you in the way.

*(All people walk towards the bus and gets aboard, the third person pushed Alexis back)*

**Person 3:** Come on now, you know the two of us can't fit though the door at the same time when you can barely push your way through.

**Alexis:** Yah um sorry, you can go ahead. *(Stays behind, and slowly walks on the bus)*

**Person 1:** *(Coughs and calls her "fat-so")*

**Person 3:** She has so many double chins she looks like she is staring at you over a pile of pancakes.

**Alexis:** I can't help what I look like, it's who I am! Why do you people have to be cruel? How would you feel if I was picking you apart and throwing you under the bus like you're doing to me.

**Person 1:** No one is throwing any one under the bus. We're just, well, kindly telling you that obesity is nothing other than laziness and a serious health condition.

**Person 2:** Yah, because the only thing that's stopping her from going to Jenny Craig is the door.

**Person 1:** Ha-ha, wait, wait, when she takes her diet pills she puts mayonnaise on them.

**Alexis:** Nobody is perfect, why are you judging me because of my weight? I wish you'd just leave me alone!

**Person 3:** Were not judging you because you're over weight, were making fun of you because you're fat.

**Person 2:** Yah nobody has to be like 200 pounds overweight.

**Alexis:** *(Yells)* I'm not 200 pounds overweight thank you very much! My weight has nothing to do with either of you, it's my business, so you just back off. I'm the one carrying myself around and I feel comfortable in my skin!

**Person 1:** Wow, calm down. The Asian people called and said they would appreciate if you would stop making earth quakes.

*(Bus comes to a stop and everyone gets off the bus, Alexis stays on and begins to cry)*

**Alexis:** I can't take that type of treatment. They're right I am fat. But I won't be fat for long. I will change who I am, there is no way people are always going to get this kind of pleasure laughing at my faults. Why does it matter how big or small you are! Whatever happened to people liking you because of who you are on the inside? I never realized how superficial people can be. I rather get hit every day than be called fat, it really kills me that I can't do anything about it.... Well maybe there is something... If that's what it takes, that's what I have to do

### Scene 3

*(Perfect- Simple Plan)*

*(Jason walks in disposing the syringe in the garbage can)*

**Friend:** Man, why are you throwing away your syringe we can use that again? Don't tell me you're going soft on me again?

**Jason:** Look if you want it then go and get it but I'm done with using. It's time for me to grow up, and maybe you should ask yourself the same thing.

**Friend:** You say that every time you shoot. What did I tell you before? Having a conscience is not a good thing. Get rid of it!

**Jason:** Yah but I threw what I bought today down the toilet. I didn't shoot anything so I'm sober this time saying it. Believe me or not I am finished being this way and I'm going to change my ways this time.

**Friend:** WHAT!! You dumb dumb, you could of at least give it to someone who doesn't waste. Do you have any idea what that stuff costs? A lot more than what either of us can afford throwing away. Sometimes I wonder do you have any idea what you are doing when you do something stupid like that.

**Jason:** Like I said I'm done with it. I knew very well what I was doing. I'm thinking of it like a bad phase in my life. You have to learn from your mistakes at some point or you will always be living a mistake. You don't want to wake up one morning when you're 50 realizing that you have thrown your whole life away. Maybe you should stop with me, we can help each other get through this!

**Friend:** You must be crazy, when I wake a 50 year old man I will feel the same way *and think the same way I do now and that is all you need in life is a simple shoot and everything makes sense.* You used to think the same way... what changed your mind?

**Jason:** You think everything makes sense when all you do is sit around on your mother's couch pawning all her jewellery for your next hit. Listen, I woke up. This is not the life you or I want to live.

**Friend:** So now you think you are better than me because you started "thinking"? Just wait and see, you will fall flat on your face and come crawling back to me on my mother's couch, helping me pawn my mom's jewellery don't bite the hand who supports your habit.  
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**Jason:** It's not going to be my habit. So maybe you should stop feeding yours and work on your education or becoming a better person. Anyways I'm leaving, give me a ring if you change your mind. *(Lights turn off on friend and lights on Jason)* I don't need him. It shows what a good friend he was. I can do this all on my own. All I need to do is check myself into rehab right? What a life I have. I'm only 17 and I'm supposed to be graduating from high school, not graduating from rehab. But I guess you have to start somewhere I suppose. I just wish he would see things the same way I do... Well let's give this a try. *(Jason pulls out his cell phone and start dialling the rehab's number.)* I can't do this. What if I fail and look like a total loser. What if he's right? What if I'm stuck here in this horrible nightmare for the rest of my life! *(Jason starts dialling his friend's number.)* Hey man, look, sorry about that. How about I make it up to you instead. My mom just got divorced and well, she has this really nice gold band. That can get us a good bit of cash. I know I'm not man enough but that's why I want to make it up to you!

## Scene 4

*(Changes – 3 Doors Down)*  
*(Lights come on. Patty is in her bed.)*

**Patty:** Sleeping pills, my best friends. There was a point in life where warm milk just couldn't help me to get to sleep anymore. Insomnia took me over at such a young age that sleep specialists just couldn't understand it. But they didn't see it. How could they? They weren't there when it happened. When I was four my father used to tuck me into bed. *(Father appears, walks over to bed.)* He always used to play these sickening games with me. He says:

**Father:** Don't tell anyone about them, not even mommy. They would be jealous of how fun the game is. *(Starts stroking Patty's hair.)*

**Patty:** I didn't think it was very fun. I hated going to sleep, kisses goodnight were the least of my worries. *(Kisses Patty on the head.)* Then one day while my father was working I told my mother to tell my father that I was too tired to play bed games tonight. She didn't understand what I was trying to tell her, but I never explained. I was afraid she would like playing the game too and I didn't want her to join. *(Mother walks in.)* That night, I guess just being curious, she walked in on Daddy touching me. *(Mother yells and freaks out silently.)* Of course she was furious. *(Mother gets gun from table and points it at father. FREEZE FRAME.)* She just snapped, took the gun from the table, and shot Daddy, right there, right in front of me. Dad died, Mom went to prison, and I moved in with my grandparents. *(Doctor walks out.)* Every time I visit the doctor because the medication doesn't work anymore, she doesn't worry, she just says:

**Doctor:** Don't fuss; you're fine, you're just used to the medication. I'll just have to put you on something different now. It's really not a big deal. *(Writes on paper)* Here, take this. *(FREEZE FRAME.)*

**Patty:** Did anyone ever ask me was I fine? I'm not okay. I don't make friends because I don't trust anyone because I don't like keeping secrets anymore. You know how hard it is not having someone to talk to about all your problems? It's not easy. *(Patty walks to center of the stage.)* Do you want to know why I can't seem to sleep at night? THIS is why. *(Spreads out arms pointing to things around her)* This is what fills my head every time I

try to sleep at night. Would you still be able to sleep after seeing all this? *(Touches the freeze frames around her.)* Do you think there's a God? Sometimes I wish there was and I could be closer to him. *(Takes prescription from doctor and rips it up.)* Do you think he could fix people like me? *(Takes gun out of mother's hand.)* Put all the pieces of my broken life back together so I could finally get some peace...*(Gets back into bed.)* and sleep.

*Lights fade.*

## Scene 5

*(You Found Me – The Fray)*

*(Maria is looking in the mirror while rubbing her belly.)*

**Maria:** Wow you're really growing Mommy's boy,. If you keep growing like this everyone is going to find out. You know your daddy don't like the idea, you're going to be Mommy's precious secret. But we can't keep this a secret forever, so were gonna have to find out something soon. *(Walks to get her book bag, baby kicks.)* Whoa you feel so strong, just don't kick like that when your father is around. He should never know.

*(Maria's mother knocks on the door.)*

**Mother:** Maria, who are you talking to? Get out here, you're going to be late for school.

*(Maria rushes to put her books into her book bag.)*

**Maria:** Yah I'm coming mom. I was late getting up this morning, and I don't feel that well.

*(Maria walks out into the kitchen.)*

**Mother:** Maria what's wrong with you? You're always wearing big baggy pants and a sweater that is two times too big for you. You used to wear such nice clothes.

**Maria:** I just don't have the time to worry about my appearance Mother. Things are too hectic in school to worry about anything else.

**Mother:** Well that's a first. Never thought you would pick school over anything.

Maybe you should start hanging around with your friends more often. You're not yourself and you don't speak to me, so maybe you need to get out more.

**Maria:** Yah well you really don't have that choice when you have to grow up so fast.

**Mother:** Maria, do you need help with something, or do you have something you need to tell me. You know I am here for you if you need help with anything. You don't have to do anything on your own. *(Maria walks out.)* She's so distant, seems like she's troubled by something. I wish she was able to open up to me like she did when she was only a child.

*(Lights dim)*

## Scene 6

*(Here Without You – 3 Doors Down)*

*(Everyone is gathered around in a support circle, 6 months later.)*

**Instructor:** Hi, my name is Lorne, and I am the instructor for the youth support circle. Some of you already know me, I was a former alcohol abuser, I have been clean for the last 10 years. I created the youth support circle to help young people get back on their feet. I see a few new faces, so please give them your full attention while they make themselves welcomed. I would like to ask the audience to participate when the group members introduce themselves by saying hello.

**Alexis:** Hi my name is Alexis and I'm bulimic.

**Crowd:** Hi Alexis.

**Alexis:** 6 months ago I was continuously mocked for my weight. It made me feel extremely low and uncomfortable with myself. After 2 long weeks of contemplating with myself I came to the decision of making myself sick each day so I can look like the average 110 pound girls my age. After 4 months I became medically ill and required medical attention. Due to my physical addiction I became malnourished. I decided to join this support circle to meet new friends who would like me for who I am and get support through my difficult time. Thank you.

**Jason:** Hi, my name is Jason and I was a cocaine addict.

**Crowd:** Hi Jason.

**Jason:** 6 months ago I was painfully addicted to cocaine and decided to change my life and get my education, which lead here to Lorne's youth support circle which allowed me to be 2 months clean. I've been through some difficult experience and fell through the cracks a few times. Without the people in the support group believing in me when my friend didn't, I would probably still be in the same predicament. Thank you.

**Patty:** Hello, my name is Patty, and I have insomnia.

**Crowd:** Hello Patty.

**Patty:** When I was a child my dad used to touch me sexually. My mother found out and shot him and has been in jail ever since. I joined this group in particular because it made me feel more at home than what I feel when I am at home. The people here treat me with all kinds of respect and do not judge me because of who I am. Thank you.

**Maria:** Hello, my name is Maria, and I became pregnant 9 months ago.

**Crowd:** Hello Maria.

**Maria:** When I found out I was pregnant I was scared but I learned how to deal with it as time went on. Unfortunately my parents never got to meet their grandson. I still have his ultra-sound picture. He became so precious to me. I lost him the night I told his father. He wasn't ready to take on the responsibility. He took it into his own hands to get rid of the problem by pushing me down the stairs. That's the night my life fell apart which led me here. This support group gave me hope and the strength to carry on. I have people who believe in me and I feel like I have friends that will always support me.

**Instructor Lorne:** Thank you everyone for you sharing your stories. You are all showing more progress each and every week. Saying that, I will see you all next week, on Tuesday 7:00.

*(Instructor leaves but the rest of the group stay behind)*

**Patty:** I've been taking double dosages of my sleeping pills lately. They help me

to sleep longer and now I don't dream about what happened to me.

**Jason:** I don't think that that's a very good idea, but I want you to know that we are all here to support you whatever your decision may be.

**Patty:** Thanks guys, I appreciate the support.

*(Lights go down)*

## Scene 7

*(Back On My Feet Again – Michael Bolton)  
(Ambulance sirens are in the background. Alexis, Jason, and Maria are standing around a tombstone. Marcel is the priest.)*

**Priest:** On this day of October the 19th 2015, we come together to mourn over this soul taken from us by God. Patty Anne Piercy.

**Alexis:** I didn't think it was that serious.

**Maria:** We should have been there for her.

**Jason:** We were there for her. It was her decision what she decided to do with her own health.

**Alexis:** Maybe now she is happier, being up there with God. No one is there to judge her.

**Maria:** All we can do now is pray that she is happy.

**Jason:** That's not all we can do for Patty. We can make a promise that we will look after each other and keep in mind that we can always be better friends if we try our hardest.

**Alexis:** I'm going to miss her though, I wish that there was a better way for her to deal with her struggles.

**Maria:** It is important that everybody has good friends to support them through their worst times because no matter how young you are, the pain is still the same.

**Priest:** May she rest in peace. God be with you all.

*(Song :Here 's To the Night- Eve 6 once again.)*

THE END!