

# BOYS NIGHT OUT

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*Cast: Michael, Brennan, Granger, Joe, and Andrew.*

**BRENNAN:** (*entering with Michael*) This is a totally dumb idea.

**MICHAEL:** My sister says it works. She's really smart.

**BRENNAN:** Your sister? Your sister says it'll work! She means it works if you're a girl. Boys do not do this!

**MICHAEL:** Come on, Brennan, give it some more time. We're not done yet. Susan said that the best times she ever has is when they have a Girls' Night Out. She said it's a riot and they laugh and have fun and it's just perfect!

**BRENNAN:** Perfectly stupid. Boys don't need nights out. Boys are always out. They don't need a special night.

**MICHAEL:** Just stay for the rest of the evening? I've got the instructions all written down.

**BRENNAN:** She gave you instructions on how to have a Boys' Night Out? That is ridiculous!

**MICHAEL:** She's really very smart. She got an "A" in geometry.

**BRENNAN:** This has nothing to do with math!

**GRANGER:** (*entering*) So what do we do now?

**BRENNAN:** Michael has written instructions.

**MICHAEL:** (*reading from his list*) Okay, we ate down at the Taco Americano Grande, then we went to a movie ...

**BRENNAN:** Lousy movie.

**GRANGER:** Yeah. The theatre was full of girls on their night out.

**MICHAEL:** Now it says we've got to have a bunking party.

**GRANGER:** Bunking party?

**MICHAEL:** Pajama party.

**BRENNAN:** I haven't worn pajamas since I was padded with diapers. If you think I'm gonna sit around all night talking to guys in their underwear, then ...

**ANDREW:** (*entering*) Whatta we do now?

**GRANGER:** Take off your pants.

**ANDREW:** What?

**MICHAEL:** Okay! Okay! We'll skip the pajama bit. Come on, let's all sit around in a circle.

**GRANGER:** Where's Joe?

**ANDREW:** He's coming. He had to run home and get something.

**BRENNAN:** I'll bet he escaped. I'll bet he's out looking for girls on their night out ... which is where we should be.

**JOE:** (*entering, breathlessly*) I'm here! (*The boys all look at him then burst into laughter*)

**GRANGER:** What are those things?

**JOE:** Michael said we had to have pajamas. These are my old man's.

**BRENNAN:** You look like a Popsicle.

**JOE:** Dad likes red.

**MICHAEL:** Come on, just sit down.

**GRANGER:** Sit down?

**MICHAEL:** It says we've got to sit in a circle.

**BRENNAN:** This is a night out, not a pow-wow.

**MICHAEL:** Come on, guys. Give it a try. You want to be known as the guys who couldn't do what the girls can?

**BRENNAN:** We've already lost. Girls can enjoy this. I can't. Well, sisters, let's sit down and have our tea and cookies. (*the boys sit*) Okay, sweetheart, now what?

**MICHAEL:** (*consulting his list*) We're supposed to talk about the opposite sex.

**JOE:** That'd be girls, right?

**ANDREW:** Duh.

**GRANGER:** Okay. Girls are cute. Next topic.

**MICHAEL:** That's it?

**GRANGER:** What else is there to a girl? (*the boys look at each other, searching a bit for an answer, but they're stumped*)

**BRENNAN:** That's all I know.

**ANDREW:** Me too.

**JOE:** They smell good.

**GRANGER:** Next topic! Come on, come on, let's get this over with.

**MICHAEL:** It's supposed to last all night.

**BRENNAN:** Aw good grief! We're already been here a year. Next topic!

**MICHAEL:** (*reading*) We sit and talk about how our parents don't understand us.

**GRANGER:** My dad understands me.

**MICHAEL:** He does.

**GRANGER:** Yeah. I do something stupid and he says, "Granger, you're an idiot." See? He understands.

**BRENNAN:** Next topic!

**MICHAEL:** (*reading*) Gossip.

**JOE:** Cool!

**GRANGER:** I don't know no gossip.

**ANDREW:** My old man bought new golf clubs.

**BRENNAN:** That ain't gossip! That's business!

**ANDREW:** Oh.

**JOE:** My mom snores.

**GRANGER:** You call that gossip? That's just an annoyance. Come on, guys. We can gossip better than that.

**MICHAEL:** My uncle was arrested last night.

**BRENNAN:** Cool! Now that's gossip! What'd he do?

**GRANGER:** Kill somebody?

**ANDREW:** Rob a bank?

**MICHAEL:** No. I was lying. I don't have an uncle. I was just trying to get something started.

**BRENNAN:** Next! What's next on the list, sweetheart?

**MICHAEL:** (*reading*) We do each other's nails. (*the boys stare at each other*)

**GRANGER:** (*finally, to Brennan*) Oh! Do me in pink! Do me in pink! (*Brennan jumps to his knees and pretends to do Granger's nails*) Oh! I love it! I just love it!

**BRENNAN:** You have beautiful hands, you know that?

**GRANGER:** How about my figure?

**BRENNAN:** To die for! Now do my hair! Do my hair! (*Brennan sits while Granger pretends to do his hair*) Not too puffy. I hate puffy.



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