

We're not a couple!

DEAN

He's right.

LORRAINE

Ah c'mon kids, ain't nothin' wrong with two kids in love. (To DENN... at, Sidekick?)

CHAD

(They Exit, as MATILDA approaches with EARL.)

MATILDA (STILL OFF STAGE)

Oh Dean... where are you darling?

(LORRAINE hides, MATILDA enters, With EARL at her side)

Oh there you are, my golden child!

DEAN

Mom, what's wrong now?

MATILDA

Oh, Dean, I'm sending you back to the Stonewall Jackson Military Academy.

DEAN

What?

MATILDA

You're all packed. I made cookies for the bus.

DEAN

But I don't want to go back to Stonewall Jackson!

MATILDA

Now, now there's nothing better for a child than a strict military upbringing. Isn't that right, Earl? *(EARL tries to speak..)* That's enough, Earl.

DEAN

Well, I don't care, I'm not going back!

MATILDA

Dean! You've never talked back to me in your life! Did you hear that, Earl? Not now, Earl. Oh Dean, you must leave immediately. There is a young rebel in town, who knows what you might be exposed to – sin – degradation – and, I can barely even say it, dating below your social status. Oh, goodbye, Dean! Momma's gonna miss you! Bye!

(MATILDA and EARL exit)



Dean! Your mother would never let us be together.

DEAN

Oh Lorraine, I am so torn, I never thought I could feel this deeply for someone I pretty much met this morning.

LORRAINE

Tell me, Dean, have you ever kissed a girl?

DEAN

Negative.

(DEAN and LORRAINE lean in to kiss when a bus arrives.)

DEAN (CONT'D)

Wait, I can't! Oh Lorraine, my mother's shipping me back to the barracks on that bus.

LORRAINE

What?!

DEAN

(To the BUS DRIVER) Excuse me, how long till this bus leaves?

BUS DRIVER

One minute!

DEAN

Oh, Lorraine, have you ever disobeyed your mother?