

GARY:

WENDY, KAREN

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(to the heavens) Not funny at all.

Wendy ENTERS and steps into a PIN SPOT. She addresses the audience.

START

WENDY:

Karen is my best friend. She's giving up a year of her life to help the sick and needy halfway around the world. And asking nothing in return. What a special person she is. I want to kill her in her sleep. The way Gary's reacting to her, even though he's on his death... couch, well, it's been that way with me and Karen since high school.

Wendy steps into a bigger SPOTLIGHT to signal the high school FLASHBACK. Karen ENTERS the SPOTLIGHT. Wendy will retain her cool.

KAREN:

Hey, dawg. Listen, this is going to be hard. But I love you and think you should know.

WENDY:

What is it?

KAREN:

Eddie came on to me.

WENDY:

What? My Eddie?

KAREN:

'Fo shizzle, at Marcy Bolin's party last Saturday night. I, of course, told him he was being whack and to chill, but he was so faded he hit on every chick in the crib.

**WENDY:**

He was at Marcy's party?

**KAREN:**

It wasn't very dope if you want to know the truth.

**WENDY:**

He was supposed to take me but never showed. He said he was on his way to pick me up when he saw a guy in a car hit a deer. And then the guy just took off. The deer was just lying there so Eddie put it in his truck and drove to the animal hospital, but it was closed so he said he had to go all the way to Ogden. But just before he got there the deer woke up. So Eddie stopped to see how it was and the deer jumped out and ran into the woods and disappeared. By that time it was too late and he said he just went home.

**KAREN:**

You believed him?

**WENDY:**

Sure.

**KAREN:**

That's a grip of lies. You didn't ask if he got the dude's license, or reported it, or which animal hospital would be closed, or even why a deer would be in your neighborhood?

**WENDY:**

No. I trusted him. And it could happen.

**KAREN:**

There is one truth in life, girlfriend. Dudes—all dudes—are players.

**END**

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