

This is Different

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Amanda gives Megan a little nudge with her elbow.

AMANDA (CONT'D)

162 How's the..you now..

MEGAN

(embarrassed)

163 Amanda! We're in church!

AMANDA

164 Come on spill it..

MEGAN

165 Well.. we haven't yet. We decided to wait until we got married.

AMANDA

166 Well, that's a good thing I guess. Cause you know (beat) your dad..

MEGAN

167 Well it's not just my dad.. even though that is reason enough... We just both feel strongly about waiting that's all.

AMANDA

168 So(beat)I want to know every.. how you guys met and stuff.

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MEGAN

169 Later.. service is starting.

The pastor walks up and announces Bob Kilpatrick.

CUT TO:

11.

INT. CHURCH BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

00:17:38

Steve and Ryan are at a stall. **Worship music** can be heard over the speaker.

RYAN

170 So....

STEVE

(shaking his head no)

171 Un huh.

RYAN

172 About umm.

MEGAN

313 He's not going to impress Dad with his camping and hunting skills. Ryan isn't used to the outdoors, Mom. He was born and raised in the city.

LIZ

314 Dad knows that. He'll watch out for Ryan.

MEGAN

315 You think so? I think Dad's trying to prove something. Do you know where they are camping?

LIZ

316 I heard something about the old campsite.

MEGAN

317 The old campsite? You mean where Dad and Uncle Ted took me when I insisted I was old enough to hunt with them? Where they threw me into the river to prove a point? And left me alone in the woods to find my way back to camp? I feel like I should go out there and protect Ryan. He doesn't know what he's up against.

LIZ

318 You weren't alone. They knew exactly where you were the whole time. I made them promise, or I wouldn't have let them take you out there in the first place. %

MEGAN

319 Did you think to make him promise to take care of Ryan?

LIZ

320 Well, Ryan's not 10 years old like you were. He will be ok. Dad needs to do this. He just wants to make sure Ryan's the one for you.

MEGAN

321 But that's my job. Wouldn't I know if he is the one for me? %

LIZ
322 Yes. And dad will realize it too.
Don't worry.

MEGAN
323 I just hope he still wants to be
with me after this. Who knows what
dad is planning.

LIZ
324 Oh honey, I am sure dad is taking
good care of him. Right about now
they are probably all sound asleep
in their tents.

MEGAN
325 Ryan.. in a tent.. wish I could see
that now. He wouldn't know how to
set one up if his life depended on
it.

LIZ
326 It's not that hard anymore. The
first tent dad made me set up had
what seemed like hundreds of poles.
I couldn't figure it out. Nowadays,
they practically set themselves up.

MEGAN
327 I forgot he made you camp with him
when you were first married.

LIZ
328 That once was enough. I told him if
he wanted to come home with me he'd
never suggest a camping trip again.
Besides, I had nothing to prove. He
chased me.

MEGAN
(laughing)
329 I just know dad is going to try and
scare him away from me. He's always
been so protective.

LIZ
330 He just wants to get to know Ryan.
Your dad loves you, but there's
something about fathers and sons.
He wants to make a real connection
with someone who will be staying
(MORE)

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the raft towards the shore.

CUT TO:

22.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

00:38:27

Liz is sitting at the **table**, looking at a **photo album**. Megan walks in and sits down.

MEGAN

351 Coffee smells great.

LIZ

352 Want some?

Megan nods, Liz gets her a **cup** and a **plate of fruit**. Megan takes a sip.

MEGAN

353 I need to wake up.

LIZ

354 You were up late.

MEGAN

355 Couldn't sleep. Was worried about Ryan out there all alone with dad.

LIZ

356 Oh, **HE'S** not alone.

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%

MEGAN

357 Oh thanks... I know there are wild animals too..

%

LIZ

358 Well... And your uncle Ted.

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MEGAN

359 What?! Uncle Ted went too?!
(panics) He'd be safer hanging out with..(stammering) with wild cougars!

Liz raises an eye brow.

MEGAN

360 Not those kind of cougars mom!

LIZ

361 Your uncle isn't that bad.

%

MEGAN

362 No..but along with dad , this trip
will be lucky to not end in the
hospital!

LIZ

363 You remember that trip. %

Liz laughs.

MEGAN

364 Like it was yesterday. They %
"accidently" dumped me in the
river.

LIZ

365 Well then, as long as they don't go
rafting, Ryan should be fine.

MEGAN

366 I tried calling him last night but
no answer.

LIZ

367 I am sure they will call if there
are any problems. So, what are we
doing today?

MEGAN

368 Finishing this coffee first. %

LIZ

369 I was up late last night too. All %
the wedding talk got me excited, I
guess. (beat) %

Liz pulls over a wedding album. %

LIZ (CONT'D) %

369A I pulled out our album this
morning. So many memories. And I'm
so excited for you and Ryan.

MEGAN

370 Well, if Dad has anything to do
with it..

LIZ

371 Your dad is just trying to be in
control of the situation he's found
himself in. I'm sure he would have
been much more comfortable if you'd
been interested in one of his

(MORE)

371 LIZ (CONT'D)
 buddies' boys.

MEGAN

372 Like an arranged marriage? Glad I moved out when I did! There's only so much of that crowd that I can take!

LIZ

373 Dad's always been that way. Like here (points to picture in album) He was so nervous that day. He didn't want to show emotion in front of everyone. He insisted we take pictures together before the wedding.

MEGAN

374 He didn't want to wait to see you until you walked down the aisle?

LIZ

375 Nope...because he didn't want to cry and he figured if he had already seen me before the service, all that emotion would be taken care of.

MEGAN

376 Did it work?

LIZ

377 Not exactly. He cried all through the pictures before the wedding...see here...red eyes, puffy nose...and then here (turns page), he completely broke down when I walked up the aisle. I thought it was precious, mostly because he has such a tough exterior and he's just a big softy on the inside.

MEGAN

378 That's so adorable. I had forgotten that story.

LIZ

Liz pulls another photo album up
379 And look here...look at the look on his face, holding you for the first time. He was never going to let you go. You changed his world,

(MORE)

379 sweetheart.

LIZ
404 Oh I don't *think* so.

MEGAN
405 You don't think so? Please mom, I'm serious! He didn't take his rifles with him did he?

LIZ
406 Um, I think he too all of them. (beat) (laughing) Megan, your dad is not going to shoot Ryan.

MEGAN
407 (sigh) I just wish I could get a hold of him!

LIZ
408 Did you know the first time I met Grandma, she practically challenged me to a cook-off?

MEGAN
(sarcastic)
409 I'm sure you would have given her a real run for her money..

LIZ
409A What was that?

Liz stands up and goes and sits next to Megan, fingering her scarf.

MEGAN
409B I said I'm sure you would have made her something real good (beat) with honey.

LIZ
410 (nods) Oh yeah (small chuckle). She did love her honey. (beat) Anyway, when Steve had brought me to their home the first time, Grandma started grilling me about the proper way to boil eggs of all things.

MEGAN
411 Why would she do that?

LIZ
412 Because she felt threatened by the
(MORE)

LIZ (CONT'D)

412 new woman in her son's life.

TED

430 I don't know, he found it earlier
today. (laughs)

STEVE

431 Ted, Megan will kill us both if we
lose him.

TED

432 Well you wanted to test him. (beat)
Over here. Fresh tracks.

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Steve and Ted start to head off into the woods.

STEVE (CONT'D)

434 Wait.

Steve heads back to his bags. He takes off his lucky
sleeping hat and puts on his lucky **searching the woods hat**.

STEVE (CONT'D)

435 Ok, let's go.

Ted leads the way... As they enter the woods, Ted notices
the big tracks on the ground that Ryan walked thru. Steve
doesn't notice them.

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%

CUT TO:

29.

INT. TEA ROOM - CONTINUOUS

00:45:06

Liz, Megan and Amanda are sitting in the tea room. Megan is
trying on **Tea room clothes** in a montage as the ladies laugh
with each other at each silly outfit she models for them.
Megan's **phone rings**. She looks at it.

MEGAN

436 It's Ryan! Excuse me.
Megan gets up and walks off to the side for privacy.

MEGAN (CONT'D)

437 Hello? Ryan! I'm so glad you
called! How is everything? ...

RYAN

As Ryan talks, we bounce back and forth...He is perilously
perched on a log in the middle of the river. He is telling
her of his troubles, but the cell signal makes it hard to
hear.

438 So good to hear your voice..I can't
believe how rough it is out here...
I am not cut out for this! I was
attacked by a snake..then I got all
tangled up in the gear. Then I

(MORE)

burned up your father's family
(MORE)

439 book... The tent collapsed on me...
 We went fishing and I hooked myself
 in the rear and got dumped into the
 440 river. Don't get me started on the
 Smores...or the rafting trip. Oh
 and I really didn't mean to shoot
 your Dad but I put a hole in his
 favorite hat. And now I am out here
 on a log in the middle of a
 river...I just want to..Megan?
 Megan?!

CUT TO:

30. EXT. WOODS - CONTINUOUS 00:45:14

Ryan loses connection again and tries to find the reception again. As he reaches further out to get the cell signal he dumps himself into the river.

RYAN

441 AHHHHH!!!!

31. INT. TEA ROOM - CONTINUOUS 00:46:54

MEGAN

442 Ryan? Hello... Ryan are you there?

Megan looks at her **cell...** Puts it away and heads to the table.

AMANDA

443 Everything alright? %

MEGAN

444 Well, he sounded good. At least as
 much as I could get before we lost
 the signal. He was telling me about
 his tent experience and he
 mentioned something about "being
 cut out for this?" I think...I
 don't know....Oh and Smores... Hope
 he is better than me when it comes
 to those. %

They laugh

AMANDA

445 Tell me about it. I love Smores!

MEGAN

446 Oh and he told me they went fishing
too. You were right mom, he's just
fine.

LIZ

447 Told you so.

AMANDA

448 OK, good! Tell me more about this
wonder guy and then let's start the
planning!

MEGAN

449 He's so wonderful! The second time
we got together, he brought me
flowers. "Just because," he said.
(beat) It's a little early to do
much yet. Dad is "testing" Ryan.

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%
%

AMANDA

450 Oh, it's going to be fine. Everyone
knows you've got your dad wrapped
around your little finger. He'll do
whatever he can to make his little
girl happy.

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%

LIZ

451 You know him well, Amanda!

They laugh.

AMANDA

452 Do you both remember when Megan
decided to race dirt bikes? I do.

LIZ

453 He was over the moon that you
wanted to race!

MEGAN

454 Then I quit to join the cheer
leading team.

LIZ

455 And he happily sold the bikes and
bought season tickets to the games.
It doesn't matter what you do, he
loves and supports you.

MEGAN

456 Well, hopefully he won't get any

(MORE)

MEGAN (CONT'D)

456 bright ideas about changing that
M.O. now. I'm not sure Ryan is what
he had in mind for me.

TED
 498 Maybe he was kidnapped. (beat) Or
 Murdered. (beat) or worse.

STEVE
 499 Ted, this isn't funny!

Steve finds Ryan's torn and **bloodied shirt**. He holds it up to Ted.

TED
 499A We need to call the police!
 Ted whips out his cell and tries to call.

TED (CONT'D)
 499B No signal.

STEVE
 500 We better get back to camp.
 They both tear off into the woods.

CUT TO:

41. EXT. WOODS - CONTINUOUS 00:51:51

Steve and Ted are running through the woods. The car continues to speed through the back roads.

CUT TO:

42. INT. LIZ CAR - CONTINUOUS 00:53:08

Liz, Megan and Amanda are pulling up to Amanda's house. Amanda is in the back leaning over excitedly talking.

AMANDA
 501 Since I'm the Maid of Honor (beat)
 I'm saying we need to look at
 venues, taste cake, decide on
 flowers... What are your
 colors..Tomorrow is going to be so
 much fun!

MEGAN
 502 I can't believe all the wedding
 decisions I'm going to have to
 make.

LIZ
 503 Well, you have plenty of time to
 think it over.

AMANDA

504 And we'll all help!

MEGAN

505 I bet Ryan is having a great time!
He sounded so happy, just wish we

(MORE)

505 MEGAN (CONT'D)
could have talked longer.

506 LIZ
I am sure your father is taking
(MORE)

LIZ (CONT'D)
 507 good care of him right now.

MEGAN
 508 Wonder what they are up to?

LIZ
 509 You know your father. Probably
 sitting around the campfire,
 relaxing in their camping hats. %

AMANDA
 510 Being eaten alive by mosquitoes.

MEGAN
 511 Probably... and hopefully enjoying
 the peace and quiet of the
 outdoors. This is a totally foreign
 experience for Ryan.

LIZ
 512 Well who better than dad to take
 him then?

AMANDA
 513 Don't forget Uncle Ted's there,
 too.

MEGAN
 514 How could I?

AMANDA
 515 Alright. I'll call the girls
 tonight. See you guys tomorrow!

Amanda exits the car.

CUT TO:

43. EXT. CAMPGROUND - CONTINUOUS 00:53:19

Steve and Ted burst out of the woods, as they start to cross the a dirt road, the muscle **car** appears out of nowhere. Steve and Ted dive out of the way as the car races off. Steve's **hat** floats to the ground as the car runs over it. Ryan is in the car, head buried into his hands. Steve and Ted hop up. Steve grabs his hat, rolls his eyes and dusts it off and they dash off towards the camp.

44. EXT. CAMPGROUND - LATER 00:55:09

Steve and Ted race into the campground. They stop to catch their breaths.

in chair, drinks a soda, etc. The sasquatch walks off into the forest.

CUT TO:

46.

EXT. CAMPGROUND - EVENING

00:56:25

Ted is hiding behind some trees. The **sasquatch** appears around a corner.

TED

535 I didn't think you would still pull this prank after the excitement of the evening.

The sasquatch removes his head revealing Steve in a costume.

STEVE

536 Of course. I didn't lug my old college mascot costume out here for nothing. Besides, he deserved it after scaring me like that.

TED

537 Getting a soft spot for the kid?

Ted assist Steve in removing the costume.

STEVE

538 Me? Pft, no. I didn't want to face the wrath of my daughter.

TED

539 You've put that costume to good use over the years.

STEVE

(laughing)

540 That I have. Though I have had to get it altered a few times over the years. You know, to fit my slimmer physique.

TED

541 Oh yeah... slimmer.

STEVE

542 Gotta hand it to the young man, he keeps getting knocked down but he gets back up (beat) every time.

TED

543 That he does. No complaints. I have

(MORE)

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TED (CONT'D)
 to admit, those big foot tracks you
 planted (beat).. Nice touch. When
 did you find time to do that?

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 %

STEVE
 Big foot tracks? I didn't...

%
 %

Ted and Steve stare at each other for a moment. They look
 around hesitantly.

%
 %

FADE TO BLACK.

47.

EXT. CAMPGROUND - MORNING

00:57:00

STEVE
 545 Rise and shine princess!

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Steve pops his head into Ryan's tent. He isn't in there.

STEVE (CONT'D)
 546 Ted! You aren't going to believe
 this.

Ted enters next to him.

TED
 547 Can we just leave him to the bears?

STEVE
 548 Let's find him and head home.

They start looking for signs of Ryan when Ted looks into the
 pickup.

TED
 549 Steve. Over here.

Peering into the pickup, Steve sees Ryan curled up in the
 fetal position sleeping in the front. Doors locked.

TED
 550 I present to you, (beat) your
 future son in law.

STEVE
 551 Shut it.

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Steve and Ted start packing up the camp.

CUT TO:

48.

EXT. STEVES HOUSE - NOON

00:57:08

Steve's pickup pulls into the drive way. The boys exit the car and walk into the house

CUT TO:

STEVE (CONT'D)

633 More of a football kind of guy. Oh well.

RYAN

634 Megan and I have gone bowling a couple times.

STEVE

635 We used to be part of a family league when she was growing up. She's very competitive.

Ryan keys in their names.

RYAN

636 I've noticed.

The two start bowling. High fives all around. The two appear to really be hitting it off now. Steve bowls his last frame. Steve and Ryan sit down while waiting for Ted to return, they start to change out of their bowling shoes. Steve looks around for Ted.

STEVE

637 Huh, wonder what's taking Ted so long.

RYAN

638 Sooooo (beat) I had a question. Yesterday...at the paint ball field. You guys trounced us badly. How?

STEVE

639 It's pretty simple really. (beat) Once you understand discipline and team work.

Ryan shakes his head in acknowledgement.

STEVE (CONT'D)

640 My turn. Why my daughter?

RYAN

641 Well, She's funny, smart, beautiful. I just can't imagine life without her.

STEVE

642 That's father-in-law pick up line 101. What are your plans?

RYAN
643 Well I have my internship coming
up. Once that's completed I hope to
be made partner at some point.

STEVE
644 No, I mean What are (emphasis) your
plans for you and my daughter. %
%

RYAN
645 Well, we were hoping for a one to
two year engagement. So I can
finish up my internship in New
York. Then we would get married
(beat) buy a home there.. %
%
%

STEVE
646 Where? New York. No way. Megan is a
country girl through and through. I
will not have my daughter moving to
New York. No way, no how.

RYAN
647 But.

STEVE
648 Nope.

RYAN
649 We.

Ted returns with nachos.

STEVE
650 Not happening. Ahh, here he is.
What? Did you go searching for the
Titanic? Took you long enough.

TED
651 You two looked like you were having
a great time, I figured I'd let you
guys be. Grabbed some nachos. You
want any?

STEVE
(curtly)
652 No..we're leaving.

TED
(Pouting)
653 But I didn't get to bowl.

RYAN
711 Oh definitely. I have never been to
a baseball game before.

STEVE
712 Never?

RYAN
713 That's why I love Megan. Before
her it was school and video games.
She get's me to try new things.
(beat) It really brings out my wild
side.

Steve coughs from choking. Ted laughs and smacks him on the
back.

STEVE
714 I don't think I like the sound of
that.

RYAN
715 I went sailing for the first time
with her. And also we went to an
amusement park. And bowling. But at
least I took her to her first
Newsboys concert on our first date.

STEVE
716 Huh. Interesting.

RYAN
717 Why's that?

STEVE
718 I didn't know you enjoyed that kind
of music.

RYAN
719 Oh yeah.

STEVE
720 Tell me a little how you two met.

RYAN
721 Well, we met at a student led
worship club on her campus.

STEVE
722 Really?

RYAN
723 The group invites other campuses to
(MORE)

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RYAN (CONT'D)
come join them.

STEVE
724 I didn't know that.

CUT TO:

61.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

01:15:35

Megan is with Liz and Amanda. They are sitting around looking at **bridal magazines, paper** and **pens** in hand.

MEGAN
725 So we started talking. Found out we were both Christian and enjoyed the same music.

AMANDA
726 That is so cute!

LIZ
727 That's how your dad and I met. At a youth festival back in Lubbock, TX one summer. We exchanged addresses and we wrote each other every day over that summer.

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AMANDA
728 Ok...now THAT'S just beyond cute.

LIZ
(Laughing)
729 Yes. Did you know he even transferred to a local college to be closer to me. A few months later we got engaged.

MEGAN
730 Wait.. so he moved to be near you after only a few months of snail mail!? And he is giving US the 5th degree about moving too fast.

LIZ
(laughing)
731 Well when you put it that way... But as your dad would say "This is different".

MEGAN
732 How is it different?

LIZ
733 I don't know, but he says it is.
(she smiles) Megan, he loves you.

(MORE)