

TOO MANY COOKS

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CHRIS My dad walking out on us.

DANNI Oh yeah, sorry..... even so. I'm going to start a rumour that you've got really bad BO.

CHRIS Oh well, thanks a lot.

DANNI Well you'll have em queuing up and I'll be dragging someone off the street to take me. What is it about me? Do you think I scare boys off?

THE OTHERS Yep
Definitely
Without a doubt

DANNI That's cool!

CHRIS Anyway I know who I'm gonna ask.

SHANTA Who?

CHRIS You'll just have to wait and see.

AHAD If I'd have known then, you know

SHANTA Oi Chris, here's where the count down begins, 10 days til the prom!

MARTIN More immediate, 10 minutes til our first exam.

AHAD Think of the prom as a light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

(During this scene flashback of Danni saying to Chris "What do you need Maths for any way, I thought you were going to be a footballer")

DANNI I'm so thick, I couldn't do any of that.

MARTIN It's only an exam, don't worry about it.

SHANTA That's easy for you to say Mr.8 A*s.

AHAD One day, will someone explain to me about triangles?

DANNI Well 7.30 at mine if you wanna revise.

CHRIS Yeah maybe, I'll text you. No, I'll tell you later at the footie.

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MARTIN What's the score?

AHAD One all.

SHANTA Did you look in the mirror before you came out?

AHAD Stop distracting me woman, I nearly missed a goal then.

SHANTA So who are you taking to the prom?

MARTIN We're going together aren't we Danni?

DANNI We had no chance of getting anyone else to take us so we might as well.

SHANTA Well I'm going on my own. I don't need some bloke on my arm to have a good time.

SHANTA Whatever!

MARTIN Anyone know who Chris is taking?

DANNI What about Gemma?

SHANTA Yeah, I've definitely caught him looking at her a few times.

AHAD That doesn't mean anything. Look, I know him best and I think it's Mel Woods.

MARTIN Come off it, it's much more likely to be Kelly Jones for two very good reasons.

SHANTA I've got it, it's Shanice?

AHAD No way, he'd never go back there.

SHANTA He was totally in love with her though.

AHAD Alright, if it's Shanice you have to cook us a slap up meal.

SHANTA Fine, if it isn't Mel, you have to.

MARTIN Whoever's wrong, cooks.

DANNI Cool.

SHANTA Slap up though Ahad, not beans on toast.

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SHANTA Night before the last exam, slap up meal courtesy of Ahad.

AHAD Ooh, go on matey, all the way.

AHAD I can't even spell enzymes, like I care what they are.

MARTIN I can't explain it if you're not listening.

DANNI Bile. That's what you get when you

SHANTA Throw up loads.

MARTIN A bitter greenish to golden brown fluid secreted by the liver and stored in the gall bladder. Aids the digestion of fats.

AHAD Who you asking to the prom mate?

CHRIS I'm not telling you.

AHAD Is it Shanice?

SHANTA It's gotta be Shanice.

CHRIS No, and that's not even funny.

(Ahad mimics Shanta)

AHAD 'He was totally in love with her though'

SHANTA Is it Mel Woods?

CHRIS No!

DANNI Is it Gemma thingy?

CHRIS No

MARTIN Kelly Jones.

CHRIS No, although she is lovely.

SHANTA Oh, just tell us.

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CHRIS I haven't asked her yet.

AHAD But what does that mean then?

SHANTA Nothing, the whole thing is void.

Martin We were all wrong, so forget it.

DANNI Or we could share the forfeit, all cook together?

CHRIS What?

AHAD The night before the last exam.

MARTIN We're all coming to yours to revise.

DANNI We're cooking a slap up dinner.

SHANTA All of us together.

CHRIS Whatever

AHAD Nice one mate.

MARTIN Who's idea was this?

AHAD Just resign yourself to it, it's going to be an 'all dayer'.

DANNI My Nan wouldn't even wear that, put it down.

MARTIN I think it's nice, where're you going?

CHRIS Be diplomatic, whatever they look like.

MARTIN If we just say we like the first ones they come out in. . ?

CHRIS They'll see straight through it.

MARTIN AND AHAD Kelly Jones

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MARTIN You look lovely Danni.
 She did, she looked nice.

SHANTA I think I'll go with this one.

AHAD That was the first one you tried on!

SHANTA And your point is?

AHAD Can we go home now?

AHMED, MARTIN
& CHRIS Cheers to a good meal.

MARTIN Have you not got any cold ones?

CHRIS I put them in there ages ago.

Martin Light's not on, is it not working.

CHRIS Just hit it.

MARTIN How long has the chicken been in here? Is it properly defrosted?

CHRIS Well it was cold if that helps.

MARTIN Well it's not very cold now is it?

AHAD You wanna get that fridge sorted out.

CHRIS It's practically brand new.

AHAD Whatever, when you turn pro you can get your mum a whole new kitchen.
 I'm going for a slash, when I get back can we get started because I'm starving.

MARTIN When does your mum get back?

CHRIS Weekend

MARTIN My parents would never leave me.

DANNI You're not being burgled, it's only us.

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SHANTA Where's Ahad?

MARTIN Toilet

SHANTA I hope you washed your hands.

AHAD No, I deliberately pee'd all over em.

DANNI Right, we're doing this one

SHANTA Put the oven on.

CHRIS What temperature?

SHANTA I don't know 180c

AHAD 240c, it'll cook quicker.

CHRIS Right, well I suppose we could kill half an hour while you two. . .

SHANTA Don't even think about it.

SHANTA Chris, go and get the salad out of the fridge.

SHANTA Well if you're peeling potatoes you need a potato peeler.

SHANTA Chris, will you get the salad.

CHRIS Sorry

SHANTA Ahad, you don't cut it like that.

AHAD Oh well done, you've just got it all over my pants.

AHAD Chris!

SHANTA Have you got a cloth?

DANNI Yeah, use that one.

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SHANTA It was a bit chewy.

AHAD It was lovely.

DANNI Mine was a bit pink, I knew we should have cooked it for a bit longer.

CHRIS No, It was fine.

MARTIN Who's washing up?

AHAD Ladies? There's a PS2 in there with my name on it.

MARTIN Come on guys, we've got to celebrate.

CHRIS Listen, I know this sounds a bit sad but I think I'm going to go home and rest before tonight.

AHAD What?

CHRIS Seriously, I still don't feel right.

AHAD Just come back to mine, come on..... just for a bit.

MARTIN It was definitely food poisoning.

DANNI It can't have been, I was fine.

SHANTA Urgh, I was sick non-stop all night.

AHAD Whatever, at least we got it out of the way for the prom. Are you coming?

SHANTA Is that a joke?

DANNI We've got to start getting ready.

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SHANTA Ow, your hurting me!

MARTIN So, do you think I've got a chance with Danni?

AHAD No

AHAD Look at how good looking we are.

(Background)

AHAD Are you alright?

CHRIS Yeah, it's just a bit of pins and needles.

SHANTA Where is he?

AHAD I don't know, I'm waiting for him.

AHAD He's gonna meet up there. Right, let's get this party started.

CHRIS Ambulance please. (pause) Yeah, can you send someone out please?
I can't feel my legs. (pause) I've had pins and needles in my legs all
day but now I can't feel em. Can you help me please, I'm scared.
Yeah it's 23, Oakhill Drive. . .

NURSE Can you try and move your toes for me Chris?

CHRIS Where's my mum?

NURSE Someone's trying to contact her for you.

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DOCTOR Can you ring radiography? I'd like to get him X-rayed a.s.a.p.

CHRIS I'm supposed to be at the prom.

NURSE Don't talk, just try and relax.

CHRIS But there's this girl, Cara, she's waiting for me.

NURSE Don't worry about that now, lets concentrate on making you better.

DOCTOR I think it could be a condition called Guillain Barre Syndrome. I need to ask you a few questions to give us a better idea. Has he had a virus or infections recently?

DOCTOR GBS usually occurs in people with a weakened immune system, this particular condition has been linked to Campylobacter. Has he had any food poisoning at all?

MRS SCOTT Is he going to be okay?

DOCTOR He could make a full recovery. Please try not to worry.

MRS SCOTT It's alright love, I'm here now. You're gonna be fine.

MRS SCOTT Could he be paralysed?

DOCTOR It is a possibility, yes.

AHAD If I'd have known then you know
Everything was so different.