

First Date
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After meeting online and talking on the phone. Jenna and Jasper decided to have their first Skype date.

The call begins. This is the first time
JASPER and JENNA have seen each other.

Jenna
Oh my God!

Jasper
Hi Jenna.

Jenna
This is real. This is happening.

Jasper
This is real. You look like your pictures and sound like you do on the phone.

Jenna
I hope that's a good thing.

Jasper
Are you kidding me, that's amazing!

Jenna
So I probably shouldn't tell you that I'm sweating profusely right now.

Jasper
Yeah, don't tell me that, and I won't tell you that I Skyped my mom to practice for our date.

Jenna
(Laughing)
Definitely don't tell me that.

Jasper
Okay, I won't.

Jenna
But you should tell me what feedback your mom gave you. I need some pointers too.

Jasper
Let's see... she said I shouldn't sit at this angle because it looks like I have a double chin.

Jasper sits at a different angle... and he has
a double chin.

Jenna
She's a wise woman.

Jasper
She also said I should take down my Backstreet Boys poster, so I did.

Jenna
SHUT UP! You do not have a Backstreet Boys poster! I fucking love the Backstreet Boys.

Jasper
Oh man, I knew I should have left it up.

Jenna
You asshole! You're messing with me!

Jasper
I might be. But I remembered you like the Backstreet Boys.

Jenna
I'm impressed. Well done, sir.

Jasper
Thank you, milady.

Jenna
I only mentioned that I like them once.

Jasper
Once is all it took! I listen when you talk.

Jenna
I know you do. I knew that from the first time you messaged me.

Jasper
Why? Because I actually read your profile instead of just looking at your pictures?

Jenna
Exactly. I can't even tell you the amount of guys that would message me and ask about my interests.

Jasper
There's literally a section on our profiles called "Interests."

Jenna
That's what I would tell them!

Jasper
What morons. You're so lucky I found you.

Jenna
Excuse me, I found you.

Jasper
What? No way. I sent you a message first.

Jenna
But I swiped right.

Jasper
Oh come on, everyone swipes right.

Jenna
No, every GUY swipes right.

Jasper
Oh excuse me. It must be so nice to be an attractive woman and have every man drooling over you.

Jenna
To be honest, it gets old. All this beauty can be a curse.

Jasper
I know what you mean, I'm so funny and witty... that sometimes I'm too funny. It's a burden really.

Jenna
What tough lives we live.

Jasper
Good thing we found each other to help us through.

Jenna
Good news.

Jasper
What?

Jenna
I'm not sweating as much anymore.

Jasper
Hooray!

Jenna
I was so nervous that this was going to be awkward, so I wrote down conversation questions for us in case there was an awkward pause. I hate awkward pauses.

Jasper pausing for too long.

Jasper
I love awkward pauses.

Jenna
Don't ever do that to me again!

Jasper
(Laughing at his own joke)
I'm funny. But seriously... you have to share with me the questions you were going to ask.

Jenna
They're embarrassing... because now that I'm looking at them, I think they're interview questions.

Jasper
Really? Let me hear them?

Jenna
The first one is just "Tell me about yourself."

Jasper
Okay, that would have been good if we hadn't already spent hours on the phone talking to each other.

Jenna
The second one is, "What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?"

Jasper
Yeah, a little heavy for our first Skype date...

Jenna
The third one is, "What sets you apart from other applicants?"

Jasper
What! Get out of here!

Jenna
I swear to God.

Jasper
I don't believe you. Show me that!

Jenna holds up the piece of paper with the talking prompts.

Jasper
Let me get this straight, in case of an awkward pause... your plan was to ask me, "What sets you apart from other applicants?"

Jenna
Hence my sweating.

Jasper
(Laughing)
That is the funniest thing I've heard in a while.

Jenna
Never a dull moment with Jenna!

Jasper
Far from it.

Jenna
Glad I could entertain.

Jasper
So...

Jenna
Yes?

Jasper
Are there? Other applicants?

Jenna
Currently... there are not. I'm highly considering someone for the job, so I'm not taking any more applications.

Jasper
That's a relief. Just to be clear, I'm that applicant, right?

Jenna
Yes, dummy!

Jasper
Whew... that was a close one.

Jenna
You're not... applying for any other "jobs" right now are you?

Jasper
I am not. It looks like I have my dream job lined up, so I'm excited to see how things pan out.

End of scene.