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I hear you here at 30. United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island is now in session. The Honorable Chief Judge Patane presiding our eyes



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seated in the matter of Frick versus Lynch, show that the following opinion was entered into the record may 28 1980.



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Most of the time, a young man's choice of a date for the senior prom, is of no great interest to anyone other than the student, his companion and perhaps a few of my classmates. But in Aaron Frick's case the school authorities actively disapprove of his choice. Yeah, the students are upset. The community is abuzz. And the other state newspapers considered the matter news were they all of this fuss arises because Aaron Frick intended as God is another young man. The seeds of the present conflict were planted a year ago when Peter Grayson and a junior at Cumberland High School sought permission to bring a male escort to the junior prom. The principal Richard Lynch denied the request. At that time, Aaron Frick was a friend of Peter's and supported his position regarding the debts. Peter Grayson subsequently left Cumberland high school our lives in New York City. But the emotionally charged issues surrounding his request persisted into the following year.



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Finally, I want to say something about responsibility. I've been your principal for three years, and I've seen you mature during that time, some more than others. But you're all seniors now. And as seniors, each and every one of you is responsible for your younger classmates. That'd be looking up to you to set a good example. It doesn't take much for that one problem student to ruin it for all the rest. And I'm sure I'm sure most of you know the problem I'm talking about but that was last year. This year, we won't have to put up with that problem anymore. This year is going to be a good year at Cumberland high man, it's good to see you.



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How was your summer? Oh,



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it was okay. I'm glad to be back in school. I'm



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not too thrilled about it. Especially with the weapons, things like that. Yeah,



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Mr. Lynch's too much. Listen, Aaron, I've got to run. I'll call you tonight.



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Okay, and I'll talk to you.



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Hey, Bob, but went up.



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It's me, Aaron. And quick. Yeah,



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I know who you are. What do you want?



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I just want to say Hello. Long time. No, see. I've been busy. Oh, sure. I understand. Where did you go? I've been looking all over the Aaron. Are you talking to him for good. I'm going that way to last so long. Hello, Peter, it's me,



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Aaron. Kind of glad you called. I was the first day back at school.



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It was the pit. Lynch gave one of his great speeches. You'll never guess what he said about you. I can't wait. He said you were the problem from last year. Wonderful. Just what I always wanted to be. Yeah. Now that you're gone. He thinks the whole school is straight. I saw and today we're in biology together. Uh huh. Oh, and we're going to do Thurber carnival this term great.



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You're a natural for the carnival. a born star right?



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No, really? Thank God for the drama club. Something else happened today. And saw this old friend of mine, Bob Coase. He's coming out with the default.



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The Wicked Witch of Cumberland high right.



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But, you know, when I said hello to Bob, he acted like he hardly even knew me. It was like our friendship didn't mean anything to him. What did you expect? I don't know. Just some sign he cared. That's all he's one



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scared guy and he's afraid to get near you Let alone show that he cares. Now to know that by now.



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Yeah, I guess so. Peter, I really miss you.



05:09

I miss you too.



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You wouldn't believe the impression you left on Cumberland high. If nothing else. You've gotten them to say the word gay at least 600 times a day. I do miss having you here. I'll be up late to be talking on the phone. Yeah, Dad. I was just getting up. Listen, I've gotta go. I'll talk to you later. Okay, bye



05:48

Okay, who did it?



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Look in the locker. Somebody spit on my clothes again.



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Proven hobo?



06:12

Frick, what is it?



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I'd like permission to leave gym class early. What for? Someone's been spinning on my clothes when I'm in the shower.



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It's like the fourth time it's happened.



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I don't understand. What's leaving early got to deal with it.



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Well, it wouldn't happen if I could get dressed before everyone else.



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boxes up when the bell rings those the rules? If you don't like the rules, and talk to Mr. Lynch about All right, I will.



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And I can understand why when to leave gym class early, but just wonder how the other students are going to feel the other students. We don't want to look like we're favoring anyone? No, sir. You're



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friends with Peter Grayson, aren't



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you? Yeah, we're



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friends. I don't see within



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just a minute. Don't you think the other fellows know you're friends with Peter? And don't you think that's why they're giving you such a hard time? No, sir.



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I don't. I don't think Peter has anything to do with it. I see. Well,



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leaving gym class early won't solve a problem. Not in my opinion.



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What if I transfer took another class? You could?



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Oh, of course we have to tell your parents. Parents. We couldn't do that without their approval. Should we call them? Or do you want to think it over first? It's up to you.



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What do you tell him? I told him to forget. I don't want my parents to know that I'm gay.



08:04

Listen, sweetheart, if they don't know by now, you should be up for an Academy Award. Very funny job. Sorry. I offended you.



08:16

Neutral parking



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that is really happy tonight. Is cruising us in a station wagon. No.



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Big deal. I've seen the movie before. Sometimes I think I'm a Rock Lobster. No claws. Always hiding in my little shell. always afraid. Fate of myself. What



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is so serious? What's the matter with you tonight?



09:05

I just feel so helpless sometimes. You know, Peter wouldn't have taken that crap from lunch. You'd still miss him,



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don't you? Yeah. I miss him a lot. Peter was the first person I ever met who was proud of being gay. I want to be proud. Oh, I don't know what I want. I just don't want to lie and hide anymore. That's all. Like Peter. Peter had all of America and look



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where it got him. kicked out of the house by his parents. He had to leave town. On a kind of stupid prom.



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Being yourself means getting into trouble. And maybe staying out of trouble isn't such a great idea.



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Listen, honey, you don't have to tell me that. I've always been myself. But five or no, you don't pick up fight unless you know you can win Aaron, you gotta go easier on yourself.



10:11

Give yourself time Do you want some of this?



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No, go ahead.



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Check out Mr. Muscles over there.



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Which one Mr. Honda?



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Not him?



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The Hucky number in the little Chevy.





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Oh yeah. It's getting kind of crowded.



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I know. Isn't it fabulous? So many men so little time



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Well, could you come over here? Yeah, Dad. What is it?



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Do you know anything about this?



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No. No, it's the first time I've seen it.



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Now, why in the hell would somebody spray paint gay on our front door



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caught? I don't know. Maybe with some kids playing around?



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You're probably right. Anyhow, there's some paint remover in the garage. Why don't you clean it off? Sure. Oh, and Aaron. Yeah. I wouldn't tell your mother about this. That might upset her.



11:21

Okay, fine. I wasn't gonna say anything anyways.



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What do you do to the library? Don't tell anyone. I'm cutting gym class. I don't care what you cut. I want to talk to you. Last night, I was heading back from Providence. And this old guy picks

me up. He was like in his 40s. So driving along, and he starts asking me if I'd ever made it with another man. Before that he pulls off the road. He starts putting the moves on. She says I didn't know what to do. So I jumped out of the car. And I waited three left. And I caught another ride.



12:11

What are you telling me this for?



12:14

Because you're a failure, man. Everybody knows that. And I sort of thought you could explain it to me. Nothing would be the school clear.



12:24

Look, when you call the gay helpline and tell them what happened.



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I will call it something else. Yeah, it's that. I want you to give me a blowjob.



12:37

What are you crazy?



12:38

Come on. Just do it.



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Is that you break? Yes, sir. Aren't you supposed to be a gym class today? Well, there's a reason why



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you're coming with me.



12:48

Shuffle now, man. Just come on. I said move it.



12:52

Right. All right. All right. I'm coming.



12:56

I thought we had an understanding. I thought that you were going to work through this little problem with yours,



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Mr. Lynch. It's just that



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gym class. You don't know what it's like in there for me. But



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that's not what we're here to talk about. What it's like for you? Is it Eric?



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What are we here to talk about? So



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you use that tone of voice with me? And I'll show you what you get for? You know what this is? No, it's your attendance report. It says you've skipped gym class four times in the last two weeks. I could suspend you for that. But regular suspension would be too lenient. And so I'm giving you three days of in house suspension instead. And I don't want ever to hear about this problem of yours again. You understand that?



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I understand. I don't think it's fair. I could care less what



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you think. Now get your books and go to suspension Hall. This is Peter Grayson.

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I'm not home right now that you can leave a message right after the beat by



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Peter. It's Saturday. I was just calling to say hello. John and I are going to Newport to see Rocky Horror again. And we'll probably cruise the Metro parking lot after that. So anyways, I'll call you back later tonight. Bye my dear,



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you would definitely tune when you shower the entire front row with John never looked more gorgeous. Put me in magenta and eat your heart. We got to go back



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next week. Slow down. We're almost at the Metro. Doesn't look to



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the places empty. Where's everywhere we've got



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looking for someone else



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to do nothing. Where



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if you want us out you have to make us we



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just got a call but let's get out of here



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Did you see him he wanted to be lucky to get out. Dammit are we supposed to go



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there will be a short quiz tomorrow on chapters nine and 10. That's all for today. Aaron, could you stay up? Yes, Mrs. Murdoch. What is the meaning of this paper you handed in the other day?



16:20

I thought I was doing the assignment.



16:23

The assignment was to write a paper on a topic that interests you. Homosexuality is an improper subject, but I am interested in it. No one else is. You're getting an F on this report.



16:46

Put it out. Leave me alone. Oh, Bob. Hello.



16:51

Oh, hello, B. Hi, Bob.



16:54

We were wondering if you asked anyone to the prom yet? No, I thought I'd skipped the prom this year. Couldn't you find any boys to go? Out? Yes,



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Mr. Lynch. I've got to complain to me.



17:12

Do you have an appointment to see me?



17:13

No, I don't need an appointment. Look at this. Look at my back. Do you know what that is? It's what's left to the animal parks they're throwing at me in biology class.



17:20

Well, I'm sorry to hear that. But you'll have to take it up with the assistant principal, Mr. Digos?



17:25

No, I want to take it up with you. I want to know what you're going to do about it.



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Well, Aaron, I've



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said it before and I'll say it again. Your classmates know all about your friendship with integration. What happened is to be expected



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that gives them the right to call me faggot. And then clear. Because I know Peter Grayson,



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you should have thought about before you started spending time with him. I thought she was supposed to protect the students. Every student including me. I've heard just about enough from you, Erin.



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You're gonna hear a whole lot more from now on.



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Now. You just wait a minute, young man. I'm not finished with you yet. Well, I



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finished because if this is your idea of protection, I'm better off on my own



18:15

Hello, Peter. It's me. Tom time is it about two in the morning. Listen, I did it. I finally told my parents I'm good. It's great. How they take it? Well, my mother kind of suspected. My father. He just broke down and cried. You're kidding. No. It was pretty bad. He was sitting at the kitchen table. Didn't say anything. The tears just rolled down his face. That's okay. You'll get over it. God I hope so. It was awful.



18:59

How do you feel? That's the important thing.



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I feel all right. I really do. I mean, there were so many times when I've wonder did they know? God? All the lies I told to keep them from finding out about me. They didn't even realize who their own son was. What it was like at school what I've been going through. I just couldn't keep living like that anymore. I had to tell them. You did the right thing. Yeah, I guess so. But you know what's really funny? Now that I've told my parents, I feel like telling everybody, the whole world.



19:44

So what's stopping you? Go ahead and do it.



20:01

Dear Aaron, you asked me what I think about us computer to go to the prom. Last year, Peters attempt to bring a guy to the prom was seen by most people. In fact, I think by all at the grab that publicity that was because no one knew Peter, he just showed up out of the clear blue sky and raised a raucous. Since you've been in Cumberland much longer and have more close friends, people won't suspect you have such ill motives so easily. But this is what they will think. One, Peter made you do it, too. You're crazy. And three, you believe in gay rights in that order. Now, I know you did it for reason number three, gay rights. But you should think about how other people are going to react. And I think you should make an effort to explain what you believe. I respect any decision you make, as long as you really think about it carefully. Love and you want to do what?



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I want to bring a male date to the senior prom

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Like what makes you think you can do that? Well, you see, sir,



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the rules say that any senior can take the date of his or her choice. Being a gay man. I think I'm entitled to take a male date.



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Absolutely not.



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Can I talk to the student council about it?



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No, you can't talk to the student council. Look,



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I know what you're trying to do.



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And I won't allow it's how come? I don't have to defend my decisions to you, Eric. We went through all this last year, or have you forgotten what happened to your friend Peter Grayson? I haven't forgotten.



21:45

But there's a difference. Peter was only 17 Then but I just turned 18. I could take this case to court if I wanted to. You would go to court with it. Yes. If I had to.



21:57

Well, My decision is final Aaron. Nothing's going to change it.



22:02

Yeah. Well, we'll see about that. Hello,



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is Aaron Frick, they're speaking. Aaron. This is John Ward returning your



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call. Oh, Mr. Ward. Hi. I got your name from the National Gay Task Force. They said you have a lot of gay related cases. That's right. Well, I'm gay. And I'm gonna need a lawyer soon. So let me tell you why I called.



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So they'll take the case. You're really gonna go through with it.



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I really am. Aaron That's fantastic. I just wish



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I could let the rest of the students know



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before it hits the front page.



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I think I had an idea. Aaron What are you thinking there's be divulge if I tell her the whole school note about 30 seconds. They don't call her magic mouth for nothing. Hi, Dee, how's it going? What did you be? What would you say if I told you I'm going to the prom with Peter Grace and as my dad asked me



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got a lot of guts Yeah,



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he's crazy that Peter made him do it so it wants to bring a guy to the prom so Why ruin our reputation what reputation somebody says he's going to



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court we are here is gonna lawyer and everything this place is turning into gay Town USA



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I don't care what anybody says it's okay by me. You don't really gets me Lynch didn't even ask us what we thought about a brick better watch out. There's a lot of kids around here but I'm getting pretty damn pissed I'm gonna pass your packet stop just stood



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there and watched. You could have helped me.



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Learn to listen.



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After Aaron filed suit in this court, an event reported by the Rhode Island and Boston papers as student punched and kicked him in the school hallway. The unprovoked surprise assault necessitated five stitches under Aaron's right, I say that was suspended for nine days. After this, Aaron was given a special parking space close to the school doors and has been provided with an escorts principal or assistant principal between classes. No further incidents have occurred as of May 26, the day that this hearing began



25:01

Aaron, would you please tell us why you want to go to your senior prom with another man?



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I feel I have the right to go just like any other student. And I don't understand why shouldn't be allowed to go with Peter,



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do you consider going to the prom to be a political statement?



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Well, I think just by being there, I'm making a statement for human rights. I see it as a stand against the prejudice that Mr. Lynch is demonstrating. And some of the kids are following.



25:25

Has that prejudice made you uncomfortable in school?



25:29

Yes, it has. But I've managed to go about my daily routine. And I can't see why should be separated from the other kids when it comes to the prom.



25:37

Have you ever been separated from the other kids at Cumberland? High because you are gay?



25:41

No. I asked to be transferred at a gym class because some kids were picking on me, but Mr. Lynch wouldn't allow.



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Aaron, do you have any heterosexual friends at Cumberland high?



25:52

Yes. One of them is sitting in the courtroom right now.



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And how do they feel about your decision to sue Mr. Lynch?



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They have faith in me to make my own decisions. They're supporting me.



26:04

Are you involved with any in school activities?



26:06

I'm in the drama club. I just received a thespian Award for outstanding performance in the Thurber carnival.



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Have you met all the requirements for graduation?



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Yes. How even past PE this year.



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school policy is that if a student meets all the requirements for graduation, you may purchase prom tickets. Is that right?



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Yes. Plus I sold my 10 CD raffle tickets already.



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Thank you, Erin. I have no further questions, your honor. Your witness?



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Just the frick. You tell the court what is the meaning of the word gay?

just the trick. You tell the court what is the meaning of the word gay?



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It's the physical and emotional love shared by two people of the same sex. Which is something I have to know about considering I've been gay since I was at least five years old.



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Are you sure you're not bisexual? I've never dated girls. If that's what you mean. How many dates if you haven't met



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objection,



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sustained. Counselor to fix private life is not an issue here.



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Yes. Well, as a homosexual, do you really believe you'll enjoy yourself at a heterosexual?



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I've seen straights. Have fun in gay bars. I don't know why I shouldn't have fun at a straight prom



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and you don't think your presence there will be disrupted? No, sir. Or that you and your escort might be physically harmed? No, sir. Are you planning to wear a corsage to the prom?



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Am I what objection counsel was attempting to intimidate the witness?



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I would like to present this newspaper photograph of Peter Grayson wearing a corsage at a gay

prom held for him in Boston. Exhibit A



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would you put your head on Peters shoulder



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if you slow dance to get objection.



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Aaron cannot speculate on his future impulses



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overrode?



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I don't know. I just do what comes naturally.



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I see. Aren't you wearing a bandage over your right eye? Would you please remove that?



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Objection, your



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bandages enough proof of physical harm to Aaron



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precise. Aaron has suffered physical harm because of his desire to attend the prom with a male debt collection



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and suffered this physical harm because he's gay. If I had been afforded proper protection at school, he wouldn't have this star.



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Before your story hit the news. Had you told all the students that crumbling high that you were gay? No. Then why would they harass you?



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I guess they needed a scapegoat. And I'm an easy target because in their opinion, I'm obviously gay. They see me as some kind of threat. I'm hoping that if we go to the prom, they'll understand that I'm not. I mean, it will bother some of the kids to have us around. But that's because they've never seen a gay couple before. Having us there will probably widen their range of experience



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widen their range of experience. Well,



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I think the other students see us at the Pleasant Valley Country Club. They'll say wow, gay people really aren't human beings with constitutional rights.



29:00

This problem is to be held at the Pleasant Valley Country Club. Yes, you're on. Play golf, everyone.



29:06

Really? Yes, it's



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quite relaxing.



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I can imagine that being a judge has a chair of pressures.



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That may be a gigantic understatement. Does the defense have any further questions? No, you're on.



29:21

It's gorgeous recessed until 1030 tomorrow morning. needs me I can be found at the Pleasant Valley Country Club. Dad, what are you doing here?



30:25

Don't look so surprised. I just thought I'd drop by and give you some moral support. We we haven't talked very much since this thing started.



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I know. Thanks for coming down.



30:40

Well, it's the least I could do. Say, are you hungry? Yeah, I'd love to get something. Well, there's a place around the corner. That's not too bad.



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That sounds good to me.



30:54

Really handled those questions. Well,



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I feel like I've been working on the answers for a long time. About 18 years.



31:03

I'm beginning to understand that now. Aaron, I I don't know how to say this. But well, when I

saw you on the stand today, I felt proud. I was proud that you had the courage to say the things you said. I only wish it hadn't taken me this long to find out how you really felt



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tab. You can't blame yourself for that. I didn't want you to know.



31:36

I was afraid of what would happen if you did find out?



31:41

Well, I'll say this much. I never thought I'd be sitting in a restaurant with a homosexual telling him I loved him.



31:55

Mr. Lynch, Could you summarize your reasons for denying Aaron's request?



32:00

I'd be glad. First of all, I was worried about Aaron's safety. Secondly, I was concerned about the negative effect this homosexual interaction would happen. If this court ordered you to protect our infringer. Wouldn't you provide that protection? If I was ordered by the court? Yes, I would. But I couldn't get into their sector, not even



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with adequate security.



32:23

I don't know how much is adequate. I'd have to look into that. All right.



32:29

Did Aaron tell you about the violence against him in gym class? Yes. He told me and yet in effect, you refused his request for a transfer? Well, therefore subjecting Aaron to the possibility of more violence?



32:40

No, no, nothing. Mr. Lynch,



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you mentioned that negative effect and could you be more



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specific? Well, the the presence of an openly homosexual couple might encourage the other students to misbehave. There could be excessive drinking. vandalism. There could be but you don't know for sure. Well, I'm not 100%. Certain No. But I saw what happened last year at the junior prom when Peter Grayson tried to attend with his mandate. The students couldn't handle the pressure. It became unmanageable. One student jumped into the lake with his tuxedo on. Wasn't that



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the older brother of the student who gave Aaron the wealth and resign? Yes, yes. As a matter of fact, he was.



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Do you allow girls



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to dance together at the prom? Yes,



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we allow girls to dance together. But that does not represent homosexual interaction. The two boys dancing together does.



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That's interesting.



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the student Mr. Lynch, both the student who gave Aaron the wealth and resign? Yes, yes. As a matter of fact, he was.

I'm curious, Mr. Lynch, whether you have any homosexual acquaintances? No.



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Do you know



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anything about the



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homosexual lifestyle?



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enough to know that I disagree with it.



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Would you say you strongly disagree with



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him? Yes, I'd say so. Mr. Lynch.



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Are there any homosexual teachers at Cumberland high?



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No. Or not?



34:19

Oh, Aaron has



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received a letter from a substitute teacher at Cumberland high who's gay and whose name naturally will be withheld. Mr. Lynch I have here at the Cumberland High School handbook.



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Would you please read



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the underlined passage for us?



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Prejudice as a byproduct of ignorance is divisive and inimical to our nation's traditions. You agree with that statement? Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Lynch.



34:55

I have no further questions, Your Honor.



35:00

So we're really going through with this.



35:02

Why? What's wrong?



35:05

I'm sick of it. That's what's wrong. There were reporters calling me every 10 minutes. And some guy threatened to kill me in front of my building. That's kind of hoping they call the whole dance off, Peter.



35:18

We're so close to winning. The prom is only a week away. No.



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I guess I never thought it would get this far.

I guess I never thought it would get this far.



35:26

Maybe I never thought it would get this far either. But it has. I mean, every gay person in the country is watching what's happening here. I can't stop now. Listen, if you don't want to go, That's okay. I'll find somebody else to go with.



35:46

No, I don't want to disappoint you. It's just one thing. What's that? Do you think you could find two lavender tuxedos?



35:59

I'll see what I can do. Let's wait for the judge's decision. Who knows we may end up having a prom all by ourselves.



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After considerable thoughts and research, I have concluded that even a legitimate interest in school discipline does not outweigh a student's right to peacefully express his views and an appropriate time, place and manner. The rule otherwise would completely subvert free speech in the schools by granting other students a hecklers veto, allowing them to decide through prohibited and violent methods, but speech will be heard. The First Amendment does not tolerate mob rule by annually schoolchildren. In conclusion, I find that the plaintiff has established a probability of success on the merits. And accordingly his request for a preliminary injunction has been granted.



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It means that we've just won your case. We won



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excuse me, I'm a reporter for The Herald American. I'm asking students what they think about this whole thing. What whole thing? You know, the senior prom tonight. Oh,



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hey, make me sick. Homosexuals don't even belong on this earth. Much less than our prom. Really? Then you're against what's happening against if I'm ashamed to be a crumbling student anymore. If homosexuals were water bugs, I'd stomp on them. No, not Aaron Frick by any

chance. How did you ever get there was alright Peter, I was getting worried train was late.



37:59

Aaron You look fantastic.



38:01

Well, I should after all, it's a night of my prom. Come on upstairs. I've got a tuxedo did you get the lavender ones? Did you really think I was tacky enough to wear a lavender tuxedo? Well I am



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I got blue is lovely dark navy one's yours. And an equally lovely pair of blue mine. Cumberland high school colors. I thought it would be patriotic of us. Peter, you really look good. I'm glad you're here.



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I'm glad I'm here too. And I think we're going to make a stunning couple



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that's that those are TV lights.



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And look at all those people.



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Are you nervous? Yeah a little. So am I Well, we made it this far. It ought to be easy for me here it says the company next hire you feel about these statements.