**Monologue**

The Crush

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*Nicole confronts Andrew, a guy she’s admired from afar, and tells him how she feels about him.*

NICOLE: My friend Janet has a zoom lens on her camera so she took your picture when you weren’t looking. I got it blown up and it’s hanging over my bed. I hope you don’t think that’s weird, but I think you’re…gorgeous. I mean, you look like a movie star or something. (*Pause.*) Oh God, I’m totally humiliating myself, aren’t I?

I don’t know how I got the nerve to come talk to you, but I just couldn’t stand it anymore. I had to tell you how I feel.

Yeah…I know I don’t even know you, but I’d like to get to know you.

I guess what I’m trying to do is ask you out on a date. Maybe you think the guy is the one who is supposed to ask, but let’s face it—you didn’t even know I existed until two minutes ago so I thought I’d better make the first move.

I’m freaking you out? Why?

Oh, the picture thing? Hey, I’m harmless—look I have a crush on you—what’s the big deal? You should be flattered.

I’m not a stalker!

Well you don’t have to be such a jerk about it. I don’t think I’d go out with you now even if you begged me.

And you’re not as good-looking as I thought you were.

(*Calling after him as he walks away.*) And I’m definitely taking your picture off my wall. (*Pause.*) Men!

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| Speaker: | Who is the speaker? |  |  |
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