

Songbirds: 'Brother-Sister, Sister-Brother' Part 3

Characters:

Chris: Christine's twin brother.
Christine: Chris's twin sister.
Michelle: A girl who lives in the same block.
Serena: Michelle's best friend.

Synopsis:

Christine agrees to dress up as Chris and go on the date with Michelle pretending that she is Chris. The date goes very well, (Michelle and Chris)tine) have a lot in common! Next day Michelle speaks to her best friend Serena on the phone about the date – Serena becomes suspicious of the date, but for a very different reason.

Chris: (Sneezing violently. Chris has the flu. Speaking with a pinched nose.)
Christine... can you make me some more hot lemon tea please.
Christine: Okay.
Chris: (Coughing) Can you pass me the aspirins?
Christine: Chris... you can't go out with Michelle... you're too ill.
Chris: I feel fine (sneezes) I've just got a bit of a cold that's all.
Christine: Phone her and tell her you're ill... she'll understand.
Chris: I haven't got her phone number.
Christine: Then I'll go down and tell her you're ill.
Chris: (Distressed) But she'll be all ready to go out... she'll hate me for it!
Christine: Poor Chris you were really looking forward to tonight weren't you.
Chris: She'll never want to see me again.
Christine: I wish I could help you Chris... I'd even go for you if I could!
Chris: Wait a minute, wait a minute. (Eureka moment) That's it!
Christine: What?
Chris: You go for me!
Christine: You mean you want me to dress up as you and go on a date with Michelle?

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Christine: (Taking to herself) Six forty five and no sign of Michelle... Poor Chris, I hope she hasn't stood him up.
Michelle: Hi, sorry I'm late.

Christine: Michelle?
Michelle: Are we really going to see that French film you talked about?
Christine: Um... that one has finished. I checked.
Michelle: Never mind. Anyway, I don't speak French. (She laughs)
Christine: (Laughs) Neither do I. So Michelle, where shall we go?
Michelle: Anywhere you like Chris... anywhere you like.
Christine: Have you seen Lord of the Rings?
Michelle: I've seen the first two but not the third one.
Christine: The Return of the King.
Michelle: I haven't seen that one.
Christine: It's a long film...it lasts three and a half hours... is that too long for you?
Michelle: No, as long as we can buy a huge tub of pop corn.

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Christine: That was amazing,
Michelle: I think that was the best film I've ever seen.
Christine: Really?
Michelle: Easily.
Christine: What was your favourite part Michelle?
Michelle: The part with Sam and Frodo... when they tell each other what good friends they are.
Christine: Mine too. It was so sweet, I mean they were really good friends.
Michelle: What about the spider?
Christine: Horrible!
Michelle: I nearly died.
Christine: When it came up behind Frodo.
Michelle: And he didn't see it.
Christine: And it wrapped him up in spider web silk.
Michelle: I thought the spider was going to eat him!
Christine: I couldn't watch.
Michelle: Me neither.
Christine: (Pause) And I loved the ending when Arwen and Aragorn got married.
Michelle: Me too! So romantic.
Christine: And moving.
Michelle: I almost cried
Christine: So did I.
Michelle: And Liv Tyler's dress!
Christine: Beautiful.
Michelle: I'd love to have a dress like that.
Christine: Me... (remembering she is supposed to be a boy) ... I mean... you'd look lovely in that dress Michelle.
Michelle: D'you think so Chris?
Christine: Yes.
Michelle: How sweet.

Christine: You'd have to take it up a bit.
Michelle: How do you mean?
Christine: Well Liv Tyler is very tall isn't she... and you're... well... more, petite.
Michelle: Do you like tall girls?
Christine: I don't mind really... I mean... you're height is nice.
Michelle: Really? You don't think...
Christine: It's nice for girls to be... you know...
Michelle: Short.
Christine: Yes.
Michelle: I'm glad you said that.
Christine: I meant it. Chris always means what he says.
Michelle: (Laughing) Good. Who was your favourite character Chris?
Christine: (Drooling) Legolas.... I think Orlando Bloom is really.... (remembering that she is supposed to be a boy)... a very good actor.
Michelle: He's my favourite too... he's so good looking... He's a bit like you in a way Chris.
Christine: Like me?! How?!

Michelle: He's strong... but he's sensitive.
Christine: Oh, right.
Michelle: You are sensitive Chris.
Christine: Yes, yes I suppose I am.
Michelle: Not many boys are.
Christine: Really?
Michelle: How many boys would have cried at the end you way you did.
Christine: I didn't cry!
Michelle: You pulled your hat down, but I saw you.
Christine: Oh.
Michelle: Don't be embarrassed... I thought it was lovely...I hate rough boys... you're sweet Chris... I'm glad you asked me out.

Christine: Chris is a sweet boy.
Michelle: (Laughing) I love the way you refer to yourself as, 'Chris,' it makes me laugh.

Christine: Oh... I see. Yes. It's a habit... I do sometimes refer to myself as Chris.

Michelle: Thank you for taking me to see the film Chris.
Christine: You're welcome Michelle. Shall we go home now?
Michelle: Home?
Christine: Well the film lasted such a long time... you must be tired.
Michelle: But it's Saturday... no school tomorrow.
Christine: True, true. So, what shall we do?
Michelle: I don't mind.
Christine: Well, we could see if the food hall is still open and have a late night snack... a mango pudding or something?
Michelle: How did you know I like mango pudding?!

Christine: I didn't... I just guessed.

Michelle: Mmm... I'd love a mango pudding.
Christine: Let's go then.

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Michelle: That mango pudding was delicious.
Christine: It was a good one... it had a nice natural taste... some mango puddings taste a bit too artificial, as if they were made from powder.
Michelle: I know what you mean.
Christine: I make a nice mango pudding.
Michelle: You do?
Christine: Um... yes.
Michelle: You like cooking?
Christine: Um... some cooking.
Michelle: That's fantastic! So many boys pretend they can't cook... or that cooking is only for girls.
Christine: I know what you mean.
Michelle: Oh Chris... tell me how you make mango pudding.
Christine: You really want to know?
Michelle: Yes, I do.
Christine: Well... first I add the gelatin and sugar to some hot water then mix it up till it dissolves... then I blend the mango puree, evaporated milk and ice cubes. When I've done that I pour the gelatin mixture into the mango mixture and stir until the ice cubes melt. Then I pour the mixture into a jelly mould and chill it until it sets, takes about three hours.
Michelle: Fantastic!
Christine: I do make a nice mango pudding... but anyone can, as long as you use fresh, ripe mangoes.
Michelle: A boy who can cook! Oh Chris... you are so special.
Christine: Lots of men cook... if you look in the kitchen of most restaurants the chef is a man... and people like the Naked Chef... he's a man... lots of men cook.
Michelle: But where are they? I can't imagine any of the boys in my class cooking anything... all they want to do is play boring old computer games.
Christine: Don't you like computer games?
Michelle: No, I hate them and when boys start talking about them I want to yawn and fall asleep.
Christine: Chris plays computer games.
Michelle: Do you?
Christine: Um... only sometimes... I don't really, not any more.
Michelle: Thank goodness for that... you gave me a fright then.
Christine: Yes, I shouldn't have said that.
Michelle: Mix the gelatin and sugar, blend the mango puree, evaporated milk and ice then mix them both together and put in the fridge for three hours.
Christine: Exactly.

Michelle: I'm going to try making a mango pudding tomorrow... give my mum a nice surprise.

Christine: Let me know how it turns out.

Michelle: Oh by the way... you didn't give me your phone number.

Christine: That's right, and I haven't got yours.

Michelle: Let's write them down.

Christine: Okay... have you got a pen?

Michelle: Yes. Here, write it straight into my address book.

Christine: Okay.

Michelle: It's been such a lovely evening.

Christine: I've enjoyed it too.

Michelle: Tell me Chris... do you wear your sports cap all the time?

Christine: (Laughing) I take it off when I have a shower.

Michelle: (Laughs) It suits you.

Christine: Thank you.

Michelle: Shall we go for a walk?

Christine: Walk back home?

Michelle: Do you want to go home?

Christine: Well; it's getting late.

Michelle: You're so sensible... that's so refreshing... most boys want to go to video game centre and stay up late playing those noisy games.

Christine: Chris likes... (She almost makes a mistake)...um, likes going to be early.

Michelle: That's why you look so healthy. Shall we go for a just little walk? There's a swing park that stays open... we could go and sit there for a bit.

Christine: Um... okay... if you want to.

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(SFX: Telephone ringing)

Serena: Hello?

Michelle: Hi Serena, it's me, Michelle.

Serena: Hi Michelle... so tell me, what did you decide to do? did you go on the date with that weird guy from your block?

Michelle: I nearly didn't, but then I decided to go, just to see... you know.

Serena: And how was he?

Michelle: Well... when you get to know him he's like a totally different person.

Serena: You liked him?

Michelle: More than that.

Serena: Really?

Michelle: He's name's Chris and I can't stop thinking about him.

Serena: Hey Michelle, that's really good. So how did you spend the evening?

Michelle: Well you know he wanted to take me to some French film.
Serena: Yes.
Michelle: Well that had already finished and so we went to see The Return of the King.
Serena: Lord of the Rings?
Michelle: Yes, the last one, you know.
Serena: I want to see that.
Michelle: You must Serena, it's really good. So anyway, we watched that and... he cried.
Serena: He cried? Why? What did you do to him?
Michelle: Nothing... I mean he cried at the sad bits in the film.
Serena: I've never heard of a boy crying in a film before.
Michelle: He wears his sports cap all the time.
Serena: Even in the film?
Michelle: Yes. And he pulled it down over his eyes so I wouldn't see him cry, but I did, and after the film when we talked about it we loved all the same bits... it was like we were on exactly the same wavelength. And afterwards we sat in the swing park and tried looking for stars.
Serena: Fantastic.
Michelle: And Chris cooks.
Serena: I don't believe it!
Michelle: He even gave me the recipe for mango pudding.
Serena: What?! A boy gave you the recipe for mango pudding!
Michelle: I'm making it to-day... I've already gone out and bought the mangoes... I'm going to think about him as I'm making it.
Serena: So this Chris... cries in movies... and gives you the recipe for mango pudding.
Michelle: Yes, isn't it wonderful, a sensitive boy... I didn't think they existed... in my school all the boys are really boring you know computer games, sport... yawn.
Serena: Can I ask you something a bit personal Michelle?
Michelle: Go ahead.
Serena: You won't mind?
Michelle: No, you're my best friend Serena.... Why should I mind?
Serena: Okay, did he kiss you?
Michelle: It was only our first date.
Serena: So he didn't kiss you.
Michelle: No.
Serena: Not even on the cheek?
Michelle: No.
Serena: So he didn't kiss you anywhere?
Michelle: No.
Serena: But you held hands of course.
Michelle: Um... no.
Serena: You didn't hold hands?!... Not even while you were watching the film?!

Michelle: No.
Serena: (Thinking) Mmm.
Michelle: I thought that was nice... you don't understand Serena, Chris is refined.
Serena: Yes I'm sure he is, but forgive me for having 'thoughts' Michelle.
Michelle: Thoughts. What thoughts Serena?
Serena: You don't want to hear them Michelle.
Michelle: Tell me what you're thinking?
Serena: Are you sure?
Michelle: Yes.
Serena: You won't be offended?
Michelle: No.
Serena: Okay, here goes... now don't get upset.
Michelle: I won't.
Serena: But a boy who cries in films, a boy who knows the recipe for mango pudding, a boy who doesn't kiss you even on the cheek and doesn't hold hands with you on a date? Well Michelle, there's only one possible explanation.... He's.....

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