

Honor Codes

Sides - Paulina

PAULINA
Earth to Max!

MAX
Sorry.

PAULINA
So, do you have a girlfriend?

MAX
Girlfriend? Uh, yea kinda.

PAULINA
Kinda? What do you mean? Are you
guys like, on a break?

MAX
Well, not exactly.

PAULINA
Then what is it? Are you not happy
with her?

MAX
No, no. I'm happy with her.

An awkward silence.

PAULINA
Well, then I guess I'm happy for
you.

MAX
Well, lately it's been weird, but
that's my fault. I'm sort of going
through something.

PAULINA
I can understand that. Sometimes
you just need a break. Breaks can
be fun.

MAX
Not so far.

PAULINA
Maybe you're not doing it right.

She smiles again. Max smiles back awkwardly, blushes. Paulina takes his Chronicle newspaper and flips it to the back crossword puzzle. Begins filling out the words as she speaks.

PAULINA (CONT'D)

You'll never believe this, but I don't do this often okay? I'm not some freak. I think you just remind me of someone or something. I felt it the first time I saw you. So, no big deal. But I'm around if you feel like hanging out sometime. Kay?

MAX

That's very sweet of you.

PAULINA

It could be sweet indeed.

She hands him the newspaper. In the blocks of the crossword, she's written a the word "tonight" along with a time and place.

PAULINA (CONT'D)

Almost time for my next class.

Max looks at his watch. He jumps up.

MAX

Oh no. I have to go. I'm so late.

PAULINA

I'm glad we finally got to talk.

MAX

Me too.

(He's stuck)

Me too. I have to go.

I'll...um...maybe see you tonight.

PAULINA

I hope so.