

MERRY LIVES SCRIPT SAMPLE

SCENE 2. Hallway. Wednesday after lunch.

OLIVIA, OLIVER and PATRICK are conferring.

OLIVER

Falstaff? King? It's nuts. Patrick, it should have been you.

WINDSOR KNIGHTS FOOTBALL PLAYERS enter, including GEORGE.

KNIGHTS

Strength in honor! Honor in strength! Strength in honor! Honor in strength!

As the KNIGHTS exit, GEORGE spots the others, hurries over.

GEORGE

Oliver! Hey, Patrick. Olivia.

PATRICK

This is the guy who should have won. George, it should have been you.

OLIVIA

Don't mind me, I'm fine with not winning. Though a person might ask: what is the point of having a twin brother if he can't turn out the guy vote ... or find you a date for the VMB?

OLIVER

Sorry, my twin here is narcissizing again.

OLIVIA

Am not. You two are total King material. But John Falstaff? Really? He's such a Britwit....

OLIVER

Affirmative. Falstaff's ripping off everyone – keeping stuff he borrows, “forgetting” to pay his share. Some King.

PATRICK

Stealing from your subjects is very kingly.

GEORGE

It's OK. I'm fine about the King thing.

PATRICK

(with a twinkle)

What King thing?

GEORGE

I've got bigger problems.

OLIVIA

How is that even possible?! I take it back, I'm NOT fine about the Queen thing. To have your life plan DESTROYED—

OLIVER

George, what's going on?

GEORGE

What if Will Fenton asks Anne to the VMB?

OLIVIA

A senior asking a freshman. Let me think. Oh! I don't have to think! She'll say yes. Plus, Fenton is hot. I mean, can you say Harley? He's been coming to cheer practice. Anne gets all starry and—

GEORGE

(Groans) My little sister and that ... dog! Not happening. I spent the whole morning running interference, but I can't keep this up for three days. Oliver. You take Anne.

OLIVER

What?

GEORGE

You're so nice. So fun. So ...

OLIVER

Safe?

OLIVIA

Omigod, that's perfect! Oliver, you've got to start dating some time, it's a PROCESS, a practice-makes-perfect thing. Anne is so sweet! She can be your training wheels! Patrick, tell him!

PATRICK

Do I look like Yoda?

OLIVIA

Patrick...

PATRICK

“Anne is so sweet! She can be your training wheels!”

OLIVER

Is that what you think?

PATRICK

Anne is really sweet.

GEORGE

Great. Great.

OLIVER

OK, everyone, deep breath--

OLIVIA

I am SO excited! You'll make the cutest couple! We need Tess in on this, now, before it's too late. Anne gets her advice on EVERYTHING.

GEORGE

Right. Tess. We can catch her at The Brewery. I need a latte.

OLIVIA

Twin, you are on your way!

George and Olivia tear off.

OLIVER

Am I asking Anne Page to the VMB?

PATRICK

“Resistance is fu-tile.”