

"THE BREAKUP"

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Dan is playing a video game when his girlfriend, Sallie, approaches.

SALLIE

Dan, we need to talk.

DAN

Sure, babe. What's up?

SALLIE

This is probably the hardest thing I've had to say to anyone, Dan, and I want you to know I think you're great. You're smart and funny, but it's just... I love you, but I'm not in love with you.

DAN

(Still playing)

That's great, babe. I love you too.

SALLIE

(Confused)

No wait. I think you misunderstood.

DAN

You said I love you.

SALLIE

Yeah, but you missed the other part.

DAN

That I was smart and funny.

SALLIE

No, the part where I'm not in love with you.

Dan stops playing for a second.

DAN

Oh, yeah, but you love me right?

SALLIE

Uh-huh.

DAN

And that's a good thing right?

SALLIE

I guess if you just isolated that one part of the sentence.

DAN

That's great, babe. I love you more.

Dan goes back to playing.

SALLIE

Yeah, that's definitely true. Okay, I think you're not getting what I'm saying here. Let me put it to you this way. I don't think we should see each other any more.

DAN

You want me to close my eyes?

SALLIE

Okay, that's no good.

(Trying something new)

Dan, there's absolutely nothing wrong with you. It's not you, it's me.

DAN

You should change then.

SALLIE

God! Let's try something else.

CUT TO:

CAPTION: ONE HOUR LATER

Sallie is standing over a white-board filled with all the breakup cliches, explained and deconstructed to no avail. Dan is still playing video games.

Sallie is flustered, marker in hand.

SALLIE

So what I'm trying to say... is... is...
I have no idea what I'm trying to say.

DAN

That's okay, babe. We'll talk later. I
gotta go meet up with the guys.

Dan puts down the controller on stands.

DAN (CONT'D)

We still having dinner with your parents?

SALLIE

(Totally disoriented)

I guess... so...

DAN

Great.

(He kisses her on the cheek)

Love you, babe.

Dan starts walking away.

SALLIE

I... I love you... too... I guess...
right?

THE END