

MARSHALL'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

EPISODE 4 – The Girlfriend Experience

Title Panel

“SCHOOL” SHIELD, on a solid color background. It’s a mix of classic coat-of-arms imagery, weird stuff Marshall’s into, and vague business-ish symbolism, like charts, arrows, and the word “acumen.”

TEXT (BIG TITLE TREATMENT)

Marshall’s School of Business

TEXT (SMALL TITLE TREATMENT)

The world’s only accredited* business school based behind a video store counter.

*Not accredited

Story Panel 1

The video store checkout counter. MARSHALL is behind it, leaning in uncomfortably close to a hapless CUSTOMER. We’re close enough to feel the claustrophobia.

MARSHALL

That’s the problem with Date Night, right? It’s nice to get your cuddle on, but what happens when she - or he, or they, we’re all inclusive up in here and we don’t assume- starts asking questions? You know what I’m talking about?

CUSTOMER

Er... not really.

Story Panel 2

Tighter in on Marshall, clearly skeptical, but ready with his pitch.

MARSHALL

Yeah, you do. You’re chilling on the couch with your main squeeze ... the lights dim, the movie starts, you’re immersed and it’s amazing, and then suddenly, out of nowhere...

Story Panel 3

We’re straight on looking at a couch that seats the customer and his GIRLFRIEND, the bright light of the TV illuminating their faces. Girlfriend is asking questions in rapid succession, with the boyfriend barely able to get a word in edgewise as he tries to focus on the screen.

GIRLFRIEND

Where are they going?

CUSTOMER

They just found out –

GIRLFRIEND

But what are they going to do?

CUSTOMER

Well, if you watch the movie-

GIRLFRIEND

But who is that guy?

Story Panel 4

Back to the counter - Marshall sighs sympathetically.

MARSHALL

They just keep asking and they don't stop...pulling you out of the movie and turning Netflix and chill into Netflix and *shrii*. Don't you wish there was a solution? Well, now there is!

Story Panel 5

Marshall holds up his phone, with a logo for an app called MOVIE DATE on the screen.

MARSHALL

Introducing the Movie Date app! Just pull it up on your phone, input the movie you're watching, and hand it over! Now your special someone can ask away to her heart's content, and you can watch the movie in peace!

Story Panel 6

We're back on the couch, except this time the girlfriend is happily holding onto a cellphone, air pods in her ear as she asks questions and gets answers, while the boyfriend happily munches on popcorn and watches the screen.

GIRLFRIEND

Why are they running away?

MOVIE DATE

The heroes are fleeing because they are fugitives.

GIRLFRIEND

But what happened to the dog? Is he safe?

MOVIE DATE

The canine companion is safe. He will reappear in Act II.

Story Panel 7

Marshall reaches over the counter and claps the customer on the shoulder.

MARSHALL

And it's all yours for the low price of \$8.99!

CUSTOMER

Yeah... I think I'm going to pass on that. That's not an issue for us.

End Panel

Pull back WIDE to discover that the customer's girlfriend has been standing by him the entire time, eyes wide with rage. Marshall eyes her carefully.

MARSHALL

Are you sure? She looks like a talker.