

**AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF HIGH SCHOOL DATING**  
**By Bobby Keniston**

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*(In this mini-scene, LUCKY DAYE and STARRY KNIGHT, charismatic characters dressed in flashy clothes, are on stage and address the audience directly, as though talking to a live studio audience. They are both “dating experts,” and are plugging their new system about avoiding the pitfalls of high school dating.)*

**STARRY:** Dating isn't easy.

**LUCKY:** That's right. And neither is high school.

**STARRY:** So imagine how hard it can be to combine the two!

**LUCKY:** And yet, high school dating is perhaps the most important time in one's life to develop socially.

**STARRY:** Yes! High school dating is the training grounds for building successful, adult relationships in years to come.

**LUCKY:** And while I don't have any *(Makes “air quotes” with fingers.)* “statistics” or any actual *(Once again.)* “scientific proof,” I think it's safe to say that if you don't master the art of high school dating, you will probably never get married and most likely wind up dying alone.

**STARRY:** That's right, Lucky. With an unhealthy number of cats and ceramic figurines, I might add.

**LUCKY:** But if you're in high school and have never been on a date, don't despair! Help is on the way!

**STARRY:** Tonight, Lucky and I are going to teach you the ins and outs of navigating the rough waters of teenage relationships with our amazing new system...

**LUCKY AND STARRY:** “Avoiding the Pitfalls of High School Dating!” *(Encourage audience to applaud.)*

**LUCKY:** If you follow our FIVE simple rules, you will be well on your way to landing the girl or guy of your dreams.

**STARRY:** And best of all, you'll be doing so in a safe and responsible manner.

**LUCKY:** That's very important.

**STARRY:** I know, Lucky. That's why I said it.

**LUCKY:** Ha-ha. Right. *(Beat.)* Once you master these easy-to-follow rules, you will understand what it means to be popular...

**STARRY:** Confident...

**LUCKY:** Attractive...

**STARRY:** Well-liked. And oh-so...

**LUCKY and STARRY:** Dateable!

**LUCKY:** Even if you have never been on a date in your life, you will find success with our program! It's so simple...

**LUCKY and STARRY:** Even a child could do it!!!

*(Pause.)*

**STARRY:** Not that children should be dating.

**LUCKY:** Of course not!

**STARRY:** Wait until high school, kids!

**LUCKY:** That goes without saying.

**STARRY:** Not according to our lawyers, Lucky.

**LUCKY:** Right. *(Slight pause. Big smile.)* Well, let's get started, shall we? Who would like to see a demonstration of our program in action?

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