

If You Have to Ask

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Two people, who are the absolute opposite of each other, are dragged to a party where they are left alone to challenge each other's views and philosophies.

Sonya Adams is turning sixteen and has a fun sixteenth birthday bash happening this weekend. She invited everyone in the family to attend. She's always been close to her Uncle Mitchell, she invited him, and he's bringing his girlfriend, Darcy Newton. Mitchell and Darcy are both intellectuals, six Bachelor's degrees between them, four Master's degrees, and one PhD. Darcy is hesitant to go because she doesn't like parties, social gatherings, or any situation where she has to make small talk. She's convinced to attend, as a favor to Mitchell.

Sonya's mentor, Astrid Randolph, and her boyfriend, Carson Carrillo, are also attending the party. Astrid runs the daycare Sonya works at. Sonya wants to own a daycare, just like Astrid. Her dream in life is to work with children. Carson is a mechanic who is currently searching for a job, finding that he needs certification to be employed these days. Never able to do well in a traditional education environment, getting certifications is proving harder than he thought it was going to be.

As the party starts, members of the family and those close to Sonya enter and become excited about the meeting and wishing Sonia well. Away from the fray, Darcy, the PhD intellectual, and Carson, the out-of-work mechanic are left alone by the food table.

"Hey, it looks like we're in the same boat, ditched by dates," Carson says.

"Yes, it definitely appears that way," Darcy responded.

"How do you know Sonya?" asks Carson.

"I don't know her, it's my boyfriend's niece?" Darcy says.

"Oh, at least you 're a family member, my girlfriend is Sonya's mentor at the daycare, I've never heard her name until she mentioned this party a couple of days ago," Carson says.