

cabbage-patch!

ALYSSA

Well, well, well - Bluntman himself.
Or should I call you Chronic!

HOLDEN

Call me flattered. I heard you sent
me the invite to this little soiree'.

ALYSSA

From a former home-town girl, to
Mister Home-Town himself.

HOLDEN

You're saying you're from the 'burbs!

ALYSSA

Middletown, N.J.

HOLDEN

Get out of here! I'm from Highlands!

ALYSSA

I know. Hooper told me.

HOLDEN

How is it that we never ran into one
another?

ALYSSA

You graduate from Hudson?

HOLDEN

Yeah. Eighty eight.

ALYSSA

I went to North. Also eighty eight.

HOLDEN

What a small fucking world. So you
know the tri-town area!

ALYSSA

Quiz me.

HOLDEN

Miller Hill?

ALYSSA

I wrote my name on the wall.

HOLDEN

Sandy Hook?

ALYSSA

Lost my virginity there.

HOLDEN

This is so cool. The mall!

ALYSSA

Eden Prairie of Menlo Park!

HOLDEN

Wait - here's the big test: Quick
Stop!

ALYSSA

My best friend fucked a dead guy in
the back room.

HOLDEN

You know that girl!!

ALYSSA

I did. Before she was committed.

HOLDEN

You know what this is! This is fate.

ALYSSA

(regarding her move)

No, this is the 'Rog'.

HOLDEN

I was talking about us meeting - what are the chances!

ALYSSA

Pretty slim. I haven't been back to the 'burbs since my friend's funeral.

HOLDEN

The Quick Stop girl died!

ALYSSA

Another friend - Julie Dwyer. She died in the..

HOLDEN

Y.M.C.A pool! Damn! You knew her too!

ALYSSA

So well.

HOLDEN

One friend in an asylum, the other friend in the grave. You're a dangerous person to know.

ALYSSA

But I can tap.

(does an impromptu tap dance)

That was the Buffalo Two-Step.

HOLDEN

Very solid.

ALYSSA

That's what six years of tap lessons yields.

HOLDEN

Two towns away from each other for years and we had to meet in New York.

The Sand stops playing. People clap.

ALYSSA

Coulda been worse - we could have not met at all.

Holden looks at her.

OC SINGER

Thank you. Thanks.

The SINGER on stage speaks into the microphone.

SINGER

A long time ago, we used to have this bass player who took off one day to draw funny books or something. Maybe you've seen her stuff - it's called 'Idiosyncratic Routine''

The crowd applauds. Alyssa shakes her head, smiling.

Holden pokes her.

SINGER

But what a lot of people don't know is that she used to harbor these delusions that she could sing. And she used to subject us to these throaty renditions of Debbie Gibson tunes and shit, insisting that we let her front on a few numbers. Well, we didn't and she quit.. and then she got