

BB - AUDITION SCENE

ON THE PATIO

BB appears in front of the stage apron, rollerblading.

BB
Hello.

RAY
Rabbi?

BB
Yup. Go for BB.

RAY
Rabbi Ben Barrack?

BB
One and only. Well, one of five actually.

RAY
(adjusting the volume up)
It's Ray Cohen here. It sounds like you're outside.

BB
Training for the Byron Bay roller-thon.

RAY
Is that safe? I mean, at your age?

BB
Oh, you're after my dad. I'm holding his phone.... You know, since the stroke.

RAY
Stroke? The rabbi had a stroke?

BB
Yep. Of the brain.

RAY
Oh my God. Is he OK?

BB
He's cool. I mean he's home now and it's affected his speech so, you know, I have to hold the fort till he recovers coz my brothers are in Israel.

RAY
But he is supposed to be marrying my daughter. No one told us!

BB

Oh, you're that Ray Cohen. Tara's dad?

RAY

Yes.

BB

Mazeltov!

RAY

But who's going to perform the ceremony?

BB

I will.

RAY

You're a fully-fledged rabbi?

BB

For sure. But my friends call me, BB.

RAY

BB?

BB

It's Tara's first, yeah?

RAY

Yes.

BB

Mine too. Last week I was taking the youth camp abseiling. Now I'm running the place.

RAY

(pauses)

I actually called to ask a religious question.

BB

Fire away.

RAY

Our house flooded last year, and I had to throw out a couple of soggy boxes. I think our ketubah may have been - (winces) probably was - in one of them.

BB

Ooh wee! You would have been in the doghouse for that one.

RAY

Eh, yeah, but my question is, can Tara and Leo still get married?

BB

Of course, they can.

RAY
(sighing)
Well, that is a huge relief.

BB
Just not under a chuppah.

RAY
What!

BB
The intersection of Jewish and secular law - second semester at the seminary, week ten. (reciting, prayer-like) The officiating Rabbi must verify both sets of parents' ketubot.

RAY
But your father married us! He can verify it.

BB
Yeah, about that, he can't speak or write at the mo'.

RAY
There must be someone else I can talk to.

BB
Nup, not until my older brother gets back next month. Hang on, I've got a jump (jumps)

RAY
But surely there is something you can do.

BB
I'm coming up to a tunnel, but I've got your address. I'll skate 'round and we can all pow wow.

RAY
No, no, no, you don't have to do that. I -

BB
- It's no sweat.

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RAY
No please don't -

BB
- Ketubot go missing all the time. All you have to do is - (exits the theatre)