



**Accepted Script:**

**Bartleby:** Well it's true. You know, I don't have a clue what I want to do with the rest of my life.

**Younger sister:** Mom and Dad are gonna kill you.

**Bartleby:** O-ye-of little faith (bible quote). They're not gonna kill me.

**Younger sister:** Uh-huh.

**Bartleby:** I just have to spin it and put it in terms they can understand.

**Dad:** I don't understand.

**Mom:** I don't understand either.

**Bartleby:** Okay, I figure it like this. The average cost of college is, what, \$20,000 a year? Now, according to these estimates that I got off the web. .You can pass those around. Someone with no education beyond high school can expect to make about \$20,000 a year, in the current job market. Now, that being said, over the next four years, you could either spend \$80,000 or I could make \$80,000.

**Dad:** Are you saying you don't want to go to college?

**Bartleby:** No, I'm saying that it is fiscally irresponsible for me to go to college. You know?

**Mom:** Are you huffing?

**Bartleby:** Oh, God. No.

**Mom:** Are you high?

**Dad:** You're huffing grass?

**Bartleby:** No, I'm not huffing, Mom. I'm not stoned. I'm completely fine. In fact, I'm more clear and level-headed than I've ever been.

**Dad:** Okay, cut the crap. Bartleby. Society has rules. And the first rule is you go to college.

**Mom:** Mmmhmm.

**Dad:** You want to have a happy and successful life? You go to college. If you want to be somebody, you go to college. If you want to fit in, you go to college.

**Bartleby:** Well, you know what? Maybe I didn't get into college.

**Dad:** What do you mean?

**Bartleby:** I didn't get accepted anywhere.

**Mom:** Oh, Bartleby. I knew he should've started preparing for college in junior high, like his sister.

**Dad:** Now, she's got a shot.

**Younger sister:** I've got a shot.

**Mom:** She's got a shot.

**Bartleby:** Listen, guys. There are plenty of successful people who didn't go to college. Albert Einstein, you know. Pocahontas never went to college. Corey Feldman and Corey Haim. They had a great run. Both Lewis and Clark. Suzanne Somers. Bono.

**Mom:** I need to go check on the cobbler.

**Bartleby:** "Check the cobbler" Glug, glug, glug.

**Dad:** You know, I really don't care what Sonny Bono did or didn't do. You're going to college.

**Younger sister:** I told you so.

**Bartleby:** You were adopted!