

# When I Grow Up

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## CHARACTERS

Jessica & Michelle - High school students

Mr. Baker - A guidance counselor

Autumn - An honors student

Bucky - A cool redneck

Chet - A jock

Steve - An actor

Tony - A singer

Kevin - A rapper

*Jessica passes Michelle in the hall.*

MICHELLE- Hey, Jessica.

JESSICA- Hey, Michelle. Where are you headed?

MICHELLE- I got a pass to go see my guidance counselor.

JESSICA- Oh really? I just came from seeing mine.

MICHELLE- Who's your counselor?

JESSICA- Miss Howard, and she's really great.

MICHELLE- That's what I hear. I have Mr. Baker.

JESSICA- Mr. Baker? That stinks.

MICHELLE- Why do you say that?

JESSICA- Just be careful what you say. I hear Mr. Baker can be a little odd.

MICHELLE- What do you mean?

*Lights down on stage right. Lights up on stage left. Mr. Baker sits at a desk angled toward stage left. Autumn enters.*

AUTUMN- Hello, Mr. Baker.

BAKER- Hello. Autumn, right?

AUTUMN- That's me!

BAKER- Autumn, as your guidance counselor, I'm here to help you be all you can be in your future life. What I wanna know from you is what do you wanna be when you grow up?

AUTUMN- Well, I'm hoping to go to an east coast school. I've taken the SAT's twice, and I plan to take them again. And I've applied for scholarships from--

BAKER- Yeah, yeah, blah blah blah. Let's cut right to the chase. If you could be like anyone, and I mean anyone, who would you wanna be?

AUTUMN- You mean like another person?

BAKER- That's right. Who's your hero?

AUTUMN- Well, I guess my hero would be Hillary Clinton.

BAKER- Hillary, huh? Well, I can certainly help you there. Bucky?

*Bucky enters.*

BUCKY- Yeah?

BAKER- Congratulations, Bucky, you're marrying Autumn.

BUCKY- Cool!

AUTUMN- What? I'm not marrying him!

BAKER- Why not?

AUTUMN- He's a redneck, and he cheats on every girl he dates.

BAKER- He's also way more popular than you'll ever be. You wanna be like Hillary?  
This is your future. Next?

*Bucky puts his arm around Autumn. She shrugs him off and storms out. Bucky follows.  
Chet enters.*

BAKER- Well, well, Chet Baker, our star athlete. And what do you wanna be when you grow up?

CHET- I wanna set a new home run record like Barry and Mac!

BAKER- Oh that's easy. *(writes on a piece of paper)* Here's a prescription for steroids, and one for HGH. Next?

*Chet exits. Steve enters.*

BAKER- Hello, Steve. Who do you want to be like when you grow up?

STEVE- I wanna be a big time movie star like Tom Cruise!

BAKER- Tom Cruise? He's cool. *(opens his drawer and gets a book and a bottle of pills)*  
Okay, here's a big bottle of crazy pills, and a copy of Dianetics. Next!

*Steve exits. Tony enters.*

BAKER- Tony! My man! What do you wanna be when you grow up?

TONY- I wanna be a big pop star like Michael Jackson.

*Mr. Baker blows a whistle. Cops barge in and arrest Tony.*

TONY- Hey, what's going on here?

BAKER- As if you don't know. Next!

*The cops exit with Tony. Kevin enters.*

KEVIN- Yo, Mr. Baker.

BAKER- Hey, Kevin. What do you want to do when you grow up?

KEVIN- I wanna be like Tupac.

*Mr. Baker pulls out a gun and shoots Kevin.*

BAKER- Next?

*Michelle enters.*

BAKER- Michelle! How are you? What do you want to be when you grow up?

*Michelle and Mr. Baker freeze. Jessica enters.*

JESSICA- This skit was brought to you by Sunday School Dropouts, who urge you to be careful when choosing your role models in life. It's not likely that you'll find a guidance counselor like Mr. Baker... but better safe than sorry.