

## **Revenge Of The Nerd (Part I)**

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When the day of moving from his rural small town to the campus of Ohio State finally arrived, Mitchell Evans woke up with a widest possible grin on his face. Although he was certainly quite excited about the possibilities that awaited him in a bigger city like Columbus, he was also eager for a fresh start. It was safe to say that his high school experience was rather pitiful and traumatizing, as he often found himself to be the punching bag of every possible clique. Of course, the stereotypical jocks loved to bully the young man and rough up his frail and asthma-stricken body before tossing him into the gym lockers, but the torment even transcended that. Even the science clique joined in on the action in hopes of not being associated with the young man!

Despite the bashing he received both verbally and physically from all angles, it was the torment of the cheerleading squad that was somehow the most demeaning for Mitchell. Rather than physical torment like the kind he received from the jocks, the cheerleading squad loved to ridicule the man and point out just how “ugly” and “unattractive” he was given his thick, black-framed glasses, pale complexion, and acne-stricken face. Although all of the cheerleaders joined in on the action, none of them were as cruel as the head cheerleader Britney Farmer.



For some reason, his very existence seemed to be the biggest inconvenience to the blonde-haired cheerleader’s life as she seemed dead-set to make her life’s mission to constantly ruin Mitchell’s life. The biggest example of this was when the closeted Mitchell had matched with a rather attractive man named Trent on a dating app and agreed to travel two towns over to go on a date. Upon arriving at the agreed-upon location, Mitchell was horrified to learn that not only did Trent not show up, but the whole thing had been fake. Britney had simply been catfishing him to further humiliate him. As the tears began to well up in the corners of his eyes, the cheerleader giggled with glee as she pulled out her phone and livestreamed the torment to her thousands of followers while also publicly outing the man.

Despite being outed on a livestream, word traveled quickly through their small town, so much so that his parents already knew about what had happened before Mitchell had even returned home. Luckily, his parents already had an inkling about their son’s

sexuality and welcomed him with open arms as they consoled their crying child. Despite their anger about what had occurred to their son, the Evans parents were unable to convince the principal to take action against the cheerleader, with the principal stating that it was out of his hands because the incident occurred off of school grounds (even though the whole plan being concocted by Britney and the other cheerleaders after a practice one day).

With such devastating trauma for him to go through, it was no surprise that the nerdy man was eager to escape from his town as fast as possible. As such, the Evans parents weren't surprised to discover that their son was already packed up and loaded into the family car by the time they got out of the shower.

Upon making the several hour drive to Columbus, each passing mile only made Mitchell's excitement about the possibilities of having a restart grow. Given how far away he was from his hometown, the nerd was relieved to know that he could have a fresh start where no one knew him and thus had no preconceived notions about him.

After parking and beginning to bring his luggage into the co-ed dorm that he had been assigned to though, Mitchell's jaw dropped and he instinctively balled his fists up in rage. Before his very eyes, the nerd noticed the widely-grinning Britney in the lobby chatting up a hunky football player. The sight of the girl caused Mitchell's mind to become frenzied as flashbacks of his high school experiences occurred in rapid succession. Luckily, it seemed his parents also picked up on the cheerleader as they quickly led their son away to find his room and begin unpacking. Although the trauma of the public outing had been so severe that his parents had paid for their son to go to therapy, the sight of Britney instantly undid those months of progress and made the wound open up and feel just as fresh.

Upon unpacking and setting up his room, Mitchell's parents finally began to take their leave to take the several hour trip back home. Knowing that their son was clearly upset though, they gave him some words of encouragement before saying that they'd talk to the director of the dorm to see if he could be transferred to another one given the circumstances. Although Mitchell felt himself instantly begin to cheer up at the concept, he knew deep down that it wouldn't happen or be useful. Add in the fact that he'll surely have to see her on campus, the world seemed to always cater to gorgeous and charming people like Britney, so the concept of the tables somehow being turned against her by one single request seemed unlikely. People like him just seemed to always be destined to be miserable...

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Just as Mitchell had assumed when he first moved into Ohio State, the universe seemed dead set on making him miserable. Although it was already traumatizing enough to see Britney around the dorm and mess hall (especially when she would also notice the hometown nerd as well and give a cocky smirk and wink at him), it was even worse when he found out she was in the same humanities course as her. The nerd couldn't help but curse under his breath when the professor assigned groups for the class' first group project and Mitchell was randomly paired with Britney.

Although she attempted to be kind and sweet to Mitchell when they interacted in class together to discuss the project, the woman became incredibly cruel when they did meetings for the project in her dorm room. The emotional whiplash that Mitchell went through was extremely rough and constantly left his stomach feeling queasy whenever they were forced to interact. This was especially true when he arrived in Britney's dorm room and was forced to deal with not only Britney's torment but her roommate's as well. Like Britney, the girl was equally-snarky and loved to chime in and hurl insults Mitchell's way whenever Britney was leading the torment. Despite just how badly he loathed the situation though, the nerd was desperate to maintain his perfect GPA in college and thus found himself putting up with the torment of the girls in pursuit of a great grade.

At a certain point though, the humiliation and constant anxiety he received from Britney finally reached a breaking point as Mitchell had a panic attack in class one day that caused him to collapse in the lecture hall and be rushed off to the nearby hospital. With the woman's influence now being detrimental to his health, the usually meek Mitchell finally put his foot down and scheduled a meeting with the professor to discuss the situation.

To his relief, the professor seemed to be a rather caring and sweet individual as he took a moment to ask about Mitchell's health before allowing him to proceed with explaining the reason behind the meeting. As he sat down and began to explain the relationship between himself and Britney, the nerd was relieved to see that the professor seemed thoroughly engaged throughout based on the way his eyebrows raised and expressions changed throughout Mitchell's detailed retelling.

Unfortunately, Mitchell's moment of optimism was fleeting as the professor began to speak and instantly dash the nerd's hopes of getting a new partner. Although he said he felt sorry for Mitchell due to what he went through, the professor stated that people could grow and change. Along with this, he attempted to become an armchair psychologist as he inquired about whether Mitchell was simply in over his head at a major university and attempting to place the blame elsewhere. To Mitchell's annoyance, the professor brought up Britney's top-tier acting performance as he couldn't fathom

how a girl could pretend to be so sweet and kind to Mitchell in class and then be so casually cruel outside of it.

Despite already assuming the worst, the realization that he would be stuck being tortured by Britney for the entirety of this course was a devastating blow to the young man's soul. History was already repeating itself and the depressed man hung his head low as a result while exiting the professor's office. Desperate to just give up and wallow in his pity, Mitchell found himself trudging down the stairs of the building and beginning to plan out the rest of his evening - stress-eating junk food and watching TV.

As he finally made his exit from the building and entered the populated sidewalks of the campus though, the sudden disturbance of a ding caused the man to reach into the pockets of his jeans and grab his phone. Unlocking the phone revealed that he had received a text, which had a rather ominous message attached. *"Sorry to hear that your Britney problem couldn't be solved. If the school can't help you, I'm willing to offer my services,"* the text read, which instantly caused him to look around in confusion. It was an unknown number that was texting him, which only furthered his confusion as he had practically no friends and wasn't eagerly giving out his phone number to others.

*"Who is this?"* He quickly typed back, fingers moving with haste as he continued to look around to see if he could pick up on anyone nearby who was looking at him or texting. Before he could fully observe the area though, the notification of a new message appeared.

*"A friend. You can call me S-C"*

The response made Mitchell chuckle, but he still opted to respond. *"Uh, alright S-C. What are you proposing to do?"*

*"That's none of your concern really, leave all of the hard work to professionals 😊 All I know is that when I'm done, I'll make sure that you'll have a life of happiness without having to deal with Britney Farmer ever again. Doesn't that sound great to you?"*

*"Of course it does, she fucking ruined my life,"* Mitchell furiously typed out, his blood beginning to boil as he envisioned just how great life here could be without her constant torment. As he re-read S-C's message though, the man's heart began to quickly hasten as he interpreted the question in a much more grim way. *"Wait, you're not saying you're going to kill her right?"*

*"No lol. I'm just going to make sure she never torments you again."*

With eyebrows raised, the nerd was curious about the random stranger's desire to be kind to him. *"Why are you doing this though? Do you know me or something?"*

*"No, I don't know you. The world never wants the underdog to win, but I do. That's why I want to help you out. Now what do you say Mitchell?"*

Instantly, the words that S-C spoke resonated with Mitchell. He himself had believed such a notion ever since the tormenting first started, so it was nice to hear that someone else believed the same thing. With this moment of connection between them now established, Mitchell found himself shrugging his shoulders and crafting up a response. *"Alright, let's do it."*

Less than a minute later, another message appeared from S-C detailing what needed to happen for the revenge to occur. *"Great, all you need to do is get her to come to your dorm tonight. I'll leave the reason why up to you, just get her there and I'll handle the rest..."*

After lifting his head up to ponder the scenario, the nerd nodded his head as he found himself believing that he could successfully do it. *"Ok, sounds like a plan."*

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With the conversation seemingly done for the time being, Mitchell began his journey towards the bus station so he could return to his dorm. As he waited for the bus to show up, the man began to craft up several reasons for Britney to have an emergency project meeting at the dorm. Although he had no idea what S-C was actually planning, the nerd couldn't help but hope that he wasn't lying when he said that he'd make sure that Britney would never bully him again by the end of it...