

Title: Modern Dating

Genre: Romance/Education/Family/Drama/Comedy

Characters:

Main Boy: Nuj Plhaib Vang - Actor: Steven Vang

Main Girl: Nkaug Feem Yang - Actress: Sandy Xiong

Nuj Plhaib's Parents: Chang Vang & Mee Xiong - Actor: Tony Xiong, Actress: Kangzoua Vang

Nkaug Feem's Parents: Lee Yang & Houa Lor - Actor: Lee Vang, Actress: Beth Vang

Best Friend (boy): Yeej Koob Lee - Actor: Jack Vang

Best Friend (girl): Qab Zib Thao - Actress: Shine Chang

MB's sister: Eliza Vang - Actress: Jenny Her

MG's sister: Nhub Yang - Actress: Crystal Chang

Classmates: Girl - Actress: Kangzoua Vang, Teacher - Actress: Nitaya Thao

Scene 1:

[Scene starts with it being Monday morning at school, students in social groups, conversing and laughing, being teens. Nkaug Feng and Nuj Plhaib are talking to each other on their own, laughing. Yeej Koob and Qab Zib walk in from the stage wings, holding hands, but looking worried and scared/nervous.]

(Nkaug Feng walks over to Yeej and Qab Zib when she notices them walking in, followed by Nuj Plhaib)

Nkaug: Qab Zij! **(waves with a smile)**.

(Couple stops and looks at Nkaug Feng and Nuj Plhaib)

Qab: Hey **(gloomy)**.

(Yeej and Nuj Plhaib shake hands then return to their girls)

Yeej: Hey, how you guys doing?

Nuj: We're not so bad, how about you guys? You look a little worried and like you didn't get a lot of sleep.

Yeej: Yeah, I didn't get a lot of sleep. Been stressed.

Nuj: About what?

Yeej: Qaab Zig and I are getting married next week.

Nkauj Feng & Nuj Plhaib: WOAH!

(Nkauj Feng reaches for Qab Zib's hand and takes her to the other side of the stage/Nub Plhaib shoves Yeej Koob to the other side)

Yeej Koob & Nuj Plhaib's convo:

Nuj: Woah woah woah! (in English)What happened bro?

Yeej: I don't know. Qab Zib and I found out that she's pregnant.

Nuj: When?

Yeej: On Saturday.

Nuj: And then?

Yeej: Then we had to tell our parents and when I told my mom and dad, they flipped out and told me that I had to take responsibility.

Nuj: Of course you do!!!

Yeej: Well yeah! That's what I'm doing.

Nuj: How?

Yeej: I'm marrying her!!

Nuj: No, I meant, how did your girlfriend get pregnant?!

Yeej: I don't know, we haven't seen each other for 2 months now.

Nkauj Feng & Qab Zib's convo:

Nkauj: **(in a whisper)** So you're telling me that you're pregnant?!!

Qab: Yeah.. **(crying in hands)**.

Nkauj: Oh My Gah!!! How?!

Qab: I don't know. It's been a while since we've seen each other, but we went to the doctor for check ups and he told me yesterday that I'm already 2 months pregnant.

Nkauj: Okay..... we shouldn't panic..... **(breathing hard)**

Qab: Stop it! You're freaking out more than I am!

Nkauj: But isn't Tub Zoo your first boyfriend?

Qab: Yeah.

Nkauj: And he's your first?

Qab: Yes!!

Nkauj: Well, congrats?

Qab: **(sigh)** I don't know how to react yet, but we're getting married next week so, you're invited, of course.

(Teacher enters from the wing)

Teacher: Okay everyone! Settle down and come sit in your seats. What are you guys talking about?!

(Everyone goes to their seats. Nkauj Feng and Nuj Plhaib sits together. Qab Zib and Yeej Koob sits together)

Teacher: The subject that we've been talking about in class for about a week now is Sex Ed. For the next two weeks everyone is going to be doing a project on this subject in groups. Now this project can be in the form of anything; a video, painting, powerpoint, a story, anything.

Student 1: Ms Teacher?! **(raising hand)** how many people can be in each group?

Teacher: Good question. You can work by yourself or make a group up to 3 people, no more.

Nuj Plhaib: Darn!! **(looks at the three others)** Then we can't be in a group of four guys!

(Student 1 asks the Teacher for help & leaves)

Qab: It's okay, you guys can be in a group. I'll be by myself.

Yeej: No! It's okay, we'll just be two separate groups..

Qab: You sure?

Yeej: Yeah. Of course.

(Qab Zib and Yeej Koob talk to each other. Nuj Plhaib and Nkaug Feng turn to talk to each other)

Nkauj: So what do you think we should do?

Nuj: Well, My dad has a pretty high tech camera. We could make a video.

Nkauj: Yeah.. and then we should interview people about their love and sex lives.

Nuj: Right! Like Yeej Koob and Qab Zib.

Nkauj: Shut Up! You are so stupid! Why can't you be more serious?!

Nuj: What?!!!! .. Oh yeah.. right. Sorry. But what I meant was that we obviously don't know a lot about this subject. Well, you don't.

Nkauj: **(just looks at Nuj Plhaib annoyed)**

Nuj: Okay, I'm sorry!

nkauj: So immature.

(both stop to think for two seconds)

Nkauj: OOH!! I got it. Let's just ask our family. So you ask your parents and your sister and I'll ask mine.

Nuj: Seems do-able. Let's do that.

Nkauj: Great.

-End Scene-

Scene 2:

Stage is split in two sides. Left side is Nuj Plhaib's house. Right side is Nkauj Feng's House. Nuj Plhaib's house has a "couch" where dad(Chang Vang) is currently sitting on. Nkauj Feng's house has a couch as well where mom and dad is both sitting.

(Nuj Plhaib's house)

Nuj: **(walks in from the wing)** Hey Dad! I got some questions I wanna ask you about.

Chang: If this is about the election then yes... I voted already.

Nuj: No.. not the election Dad.. It's for school.

Chang: Oh okay, anything for school. Ask me.

Nuj: Well, we have a project on sex ed and love, and I was just wondering what your teenage life was like. Like when you were my age, what did you do with your girlfriends... or Mom?

Chang: Well, we did a lot. We met when I first came to the U.S. from Thailand. She was very cute.

[Mom(Mee Yang) walks in]

Mee: I'm still cute! **(sits down next to dad)** What are you guys talking about?

Chang: you don't even know what we're talking about. Why'd you answer?

Mee: I don't know. I only hear you say that I used to be cute.

Chang: yeah.... Nuj Plhaib was just asking me about our relationship back in the days for school.

Mee: Oh really?!! Well, son, let me tell you. Your dad used to be the biggest loser in highschool when we met. But I knew how much we would do together when we first met. We did everything together!!.....

Nuj: No!!!!!! **(standing and covering his ears)** I can't do this!!!

(Nuj Plhaib runs off stage. Parents continue to pretend talking together).

(Nkauj Feng's House)

Nkauj: Okay mom and dad, tell me what you know.

Lee: Well, we never really had a relationship before marriage.

Houa: Yeah, I was kind of just kidnapped by your dad and his buddies.

Nkauj: Wow. So you never went through what I'm going through?

Houa: Nope. I was 14 then and your dad was 20.

Lee: But she looked old already, that's why I kidnapped her.

Houa: I didn't look that old!

Lee: Yes you did...

Nkauj: Okay.. back on topic please!

Houa: Right. Well, when your dad and I got married, we just started to live with each other and he went off to serve as a soldier.

Nkauj: ooh. So you can't really help me then.

Lee: Yeah.. I guess not.. Just that we've always been married and at an early time too. But we did do a lot together though.

Nkauj: Like what?

Lee: Well, back then we would wake up so early to carry water and walk so far to the fields.....

Narrator: 3 hours later...

Lee: And then I had a dream.. a dream that I finally got a Camaro...

(Nkauj Feng and Houa sleeping)

Lee: **(stands up)** You two tiger bite! **(Leaves)**

-End Scene-

Scene 3:

(Stage is split into two houses again; rooms. Nuj Plhaib is in his room and Nkauj Feng is in her room. Both are talking to each other on the phone)

Nkauj: You know? Today when I asked my mom and dad about sex ed and love, they couldn't help me at all.

Nuj: Well, my parents tried to help me a little too much.

Nkauj: Yeah, well I found out that my mom was actually kidnapped by my dad when they got married. And she was only 14 when it happened. Then I remember my dad saying that he wants a Camaro.....

Nuj: Okay??? Well, my mom wanted to tell me all about what they did together in highschool... in

HIGHSCHOOL!!! Eck!!

Nkauj: OOOHHH.. I understand now.

Nuj: Right!

(Eliza walks into Nuj Plhaib's room)

Eliza: Hey! Nuj Plhaib, I need you to help me on my homework later.

Nuj: Okay.... **(Eliza starts to leave)** Wait! Come back, if I help you later can you help me now?

Eliza: Uh.. yeah, i can.. What is it? **(Walking back in to sit down on the chair).**

Nuj: Hold on. (goes back to talking on the phone with Nkauj Feng). Hey, I'll call you back later, I'm gonna ask Eliza the question.

Nkauj: Okay then, bye.

(Back to Eliza and Nuj Plhaib)

Nuj: So Nkauj Feng and I are doing this project thing for Health class and I think you might be able to help us.

Eliza: What's is it?

Nuj: So the question is, 'How is your current love and sex relationship?'

Eliza: oih! I cant tell you that.

Nuj: Just tell me, I'm not gonna do anything about it.

Eliza: Well, the first time he kissed me was last summer??? **(confused face)**

Nuj: WHAT?!!!! **(Standing straight up)** With who??!!!!

Eliza: Uhhhhh. MY Boyfriend! **(looking scared and shocked)**

Nub: OOOH!!! I told him not to touch you!! I'm gonna fry him up!!!!!!! **(running straight off stage, with Eliza following).**

Eliza: No!

(Nkauj Feng's side)

Nkauj: **(looking to the side of the stage)** Nhub. Nhub? Nhub!!!!

Nhub: What?!!!

Nkauj: Come here, I gotta ask you something!!!

Nhub: What is it? **(coming into the room)**

Nkauj: I'm doing a project for my health class and I wanted to ask you our research question.

Nhub: Okay.... **(sitting down)**

Nkauj: Okay, 'How is your current love and sex relationship?'

Nhub: mmmm. Well, Kong and I haven't really gotten there yet.

Nkauj: Really? But you guys have been dating for like 4 years now.

Nhub: I know, but I still wanna wait. I told him that.

Nkauj: What did you tell him?

Nhub: Oh. I told him that I want to save it till we get married. It's really important to me.

Nkauj: Awwww. **(To herself)** Why cant Qab Zib and Yeej Koob be like that?

Nhub: What?

Nkauj: Nothing. I guess that's it. You can go.

Nhub: Okay.. **(Walks out)**

(Nkauj stands and talks to the audience)

Nkauj: Hm... What do I do? Should I wait like Nhub? Or should I just get married to Nuj Plhaib right now so I don't end up cornered like Qab Zib?

-end scene-

Scene 4:

Stage is back into two seperate rooms. Nuj Plhaib's side: Parents are sitting in the living room. Nkauj Feng's side: Dad is sitting in living room.

(Nuj Plhaib's parents)

Chang: Wife, maybe we should talk to our son more seriously.

Mee: What do you mean?

Chang: Well, don't you remember when he asked us that you kind of scared him off by saying it like that?

Mee: Eh. I did.

Chang: Don't explain it like that. Just tell him what's right and what's wrong. If you say it like that to me then I would be scared too.

Mee: Don't Lie. I'm not scary.

Chang: You aren't scary but the way you explained it is.

Mee: Okay! I just thought that he would understand this answer more.

Chang: We cant be telling him weird things like that. The other day, Uncle Cheng told me that his son, Yeej Koob is getting married this weekend. I don't want my son to be married as well.

Mee: What do you want to tell him?

Chang: Let's just tell him about how much a wife would be and how much it would cost to provide for children.

Mee: Will he listen?

Chang: He will listen, it's not about our love. I know that he'll be scared enough to not go that far as to marry Nkauj Feng yet.

Mee: Right. We cant afford that and he cant as well, he's still in High School. Okay. We'll just tell him that then.

(Nkauj Feng's parents)

(Houa walks in from the wing)

Houa: Husband.

Lee: What?

Houa: I think we should talk to Nkauj Feng.

Lee: Talk about what?

Houa: Talk about this love sex and love life stuff.

Lee: Oih! How are we gonna talk to her about that stuff?

Houa: Oyoh. We don't have to talk about that kind of stuff. We can just talk about how she shouldn't do that stuff yet and should concentrate on school while she still has the chance to.

Lee: Oh. Then you can tell her.

Houa: But the both of us have to tell her, in case she doesn't listen to me, she listens to you.

Lee: Oih. I don't want to talk to her about that stuff.

Houa: It's not even that kind of thing.

Lee: Ohh..... Okay. But you can do most of the talking.

Houa: Okay. As long as you're there..... and don't talk about cars.

Lee: Hahaha. Okay. As long as you don't fall asleep.

Houa: Oyoh. Talk for three hours, of course I'll fall asleep.

Lee: Okay. We'll just talk to her about avoiding that girlfriend and boyfriend stuff till she's old enough.

Houa: Okay.

-End Scene-

Scene 5:

Stage is set in two houses again. Nuj Plhaib's parents and him are in the living room, chilling. Nkauj Feng's parents are in the living room, sitting, Nkauj Feng is not in the scene yet.

(Nuj Plhaib's family. Chang and Mee glance at each other)

Chang: Son.

Nuj: What is it?

Chang: Let's have a talk.

Nuj: What do you have to say?

Chang: We thought more about what you asked us about a few days ago and we wanted to talk to you more about that.

Nuj: Woah! I don't want to know any more about what you guys did together.

Mee: OOh.. It's not, It's not. Don't worry about it.

Nuj: Okay. What is it then?

Chang: We wanted to tell you that when your mom and I were first married, we did do a lot of things together. **(Nuj Plhaib's face looks nervous)** BUT not just that! We also had to raise children. You and Eliza. And let me tell you, it wasn't that fun.

Nuj: Why are you saying that?

Chang: We were like Yeej Koob and Qab Zib, we got married when we were in High School and were very young.

Mee: Then like one year after graduation I was pregnant with you.

Nuj: Oh.....

Chang: Right. I didn't know what to do. We had just graduated and were still living with your grandma and grandpa.

Nuj: So.....

Mee: What we're trying to say is, this girlfriend and boyfriend, love stuff can be a bad thing for you. You have to really think about the outcome before actually doing it.

Chang: Right. We know what you young people are doing this generation. We want you and Nkauj Feng to think about what you're doing first before you actually do anything. We don't want you to end up like Yeej Koob, we just don't have money to marry a wife for you.

Mee: And when you have kids, you're gonna have to use a lot of money on raising your kids.

Chang: Right. Your mom and I can't help you forever. So, before you decide to do anything this big, remember how much you will be able to handle. If you will be able to pay for her or afford to raise kids. Then you won't be stressful.

Nuj: Okay. I'll think about this more. Thanks, mom and dad, for talking to me about this stuff.

(Nuj Plhaib exits. Move over to Nkauj Feng's family)

Lee: Wife. Tell Nkauj Feng to come and let's talk to her.

Houa: Oh Right. Nkauj Feng! Nkauj Feng?!

Nkauj: Hah? What is it?

Houa: Come here. Your dad and I have something to talk to you about.

Nkauj: What is it? **(Walking in)**

Houa: We've been thinking about how to help with your homework at school.

Nkauj: What homework?

Houa: The one about sex and love life.

Nkauj: Oh.. What did you two think about?

(Lee looks away)

Houa: Husband! **(elbows him)**

Lee: oih!

Houa: Tell her.

Lee: Okay! Your mom and I just wanted to talk to you about that girlfriend and boyfriend stuff. DON'T DO TALK TO BOYFRIENDS!

(Nkauj Feng looks shocked)

Houa: Oih! Not exactly that too. We want to talk to you about thinking before you make decisions about this stuff.

Nkauj: Like what?

Houa: Like me.

Nkauj: huh?

Houa:: Well, not exactly like me either... but what I mean is that with the big chance you have, you should use it for going to school. I don't want you to end up like me, having to get married when you're still a child. If you do, then you won't get a good life.

Nkauj: I know that. I'm not getting married yet.

Houa: Right, I know, but I'm telling you now because we both know that you and Nuj Plhaib love each other a lot. And he might marry you one of these days. My whole life I've not been able to go to school or be a girl and go play. You're still young, use that time to finish school and go to college. When you're done then you'll know how you want to live your life.

Lee: Right daughter. That way, you'll be able to buy the car that you really want.

Houa: Husband! Don't talk about cars..

Lee: Okay Okay, Sorry.

Houa: We know that you want to be in love, but right now, you're still young so use your time wisely. You have your whole life ahead of you. Don't be hasty, or you might have to be married and when you think about it, it'll be too late. Think about it first then make your decision on what you want.

Nkauj: Mhm.. Okay. Thanks mom and dad. I'll think about what you guys said first.

-End Scene-

Scene 6:

Kids are in class talking around, socializing. Nkauj Feng and Qab Zib are together talking. Nuj Plhaib and Yeej Coob walk in together. Nuj Plhaib and Nkauj Feng look at each other while Yeej Coob and Qab Zib walk to one another and hold each other.

Nkauj: Hey. I have something to tell you.

Nuj: Me too. I also have something to tell you.

Yeej: You two can talk. **(Yeej Coob and Qab Zib walk away to talk to others)**

Nkauj: For the past two to three days, I've been thinking.

Nuj: About what?

Nkauj: About us and I think I want to wait until I'm done with college, and until we get married.

Nuj: Me as well. I had a talk with my parents. I don't think I'm ready for that. Let's wait until we're both ready and then we can make that decision on it.

(Nkauj Feng nods and they both smile. They hug each other. After the hug they hold hands and walk over to Yeej Coob and Qab Zib)

Yeej Coob: So how did it go with your parents?

Nuj Plhaib: My parents told me that we should think about our decisions before we make them.

Nkauj Feem: Before you do anything, think about what you want in your future. What about you guys?

Yeej Coob: My parents told us that if we want to marry the one you love, then we can.

Qab Zib: Yeah. If you don't want to get married yet and want to finish school instead, then you can as well.

Nkauj Feng: But just remember to talk to the ones you love then make a decision to do anything.

Nuj Plhaib: Right. Talk to your family and the ones that love you first. The ones that love you are the ones that will talk to you and help you in your future.

Yeej Coob: If you listen to their words then they will listen to yours as well.

(Teacher enters and gets everyone's attention, telling them to get into their seats. The four head back holding their significant other's hands, to sit down. Curtain closes)

The End