

# You Wanna Be What?

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Three characters: 2 parents (M/D) and a college student (CS)

[a college room – a chair, a bed (all made of people? Bedspread on bed), clothes strewn everywhere. Chair and bed face each other and audience like / \ ← this.]

CS: Mom and Dad, welcome to my room! [motions for them to enter]

M: So this is your room . . . EEEK! [jumps into D's arms, pointing while shrieking]

CS: [alarmed] what is it?

M: I just saw a mouse! [buries head in D's shoulder]

CS: [relieved/amused] Oh yeah, he's my third roommate.

M+D: WHAT?

CS: Yeah, we don't kill him, and in return he cleans up the carpet. It's a contract we have. Here, it's okay, sit down. [clears spot on bed]

[parents sit, slightly awkward pause because CS is dreading this conversation]

CS: [nervously] Hey Mom and Dad, can I talk to you for a sec?

D: [graciously] Sure, son, what is it?

CS: [unsure] Um, you know how you've been telling me I need to decide what I'm going to major in? Well, I know you always want what's best for me, but I hope you'll understand – I want to be... a doctor. [says it with positive spin, smile, hoping against hope for acceptance, but expecting a strong reprimand]

[Pin (denoted by poster if needed) drops in silence]

D: WHAT?!?! A doctor? What are you thinking? Have you completely lost sight of what's important? We sent you to college to make something of yourself!

M: How on earth can you do that if you aren't a huge celebrity? What happened to being a rock star or an actor? Did you even give that a second thought? Don't you want your life to be WORTH something?

CS: Look, I have thought about this, and those things . . . they just aren't me. This is what I really want to do. Besides, I don't like Hollywood – I'm not cut out to be a star

M: Not cut out? Of course you won't be a star if you act like that! You need to be assertive! You need to push yourself past the competition!

D: If you become a doctor, you'll be thinking about OTHER people your entire life! And what about the "pre-med nerd factor"? Do you really want to be considered weird and uncool? This is your life we're talking about. Are you sure that's who you want to be?