

EZEQUIEL

Can I ask you a question?

LOU

Sure.

EZEQUIEL

Are you scared of me or something? When I walked in here you looked terrified.

LOU

I'm NOT scared of you. Should I be?

EZEQUIEL

No, you don't. And you don't have to be afraid of talking to me either. I'm just a person. Talking to me won't hurt you.

LOU

Oh, okay. Thanks. That does make me feel better. NOT THAT YOU MADE ME FEEL BAD. Because you didn't!

EZEQUIEL

I didn't think I did.

*(A moment)*

BOOK

Now would be a good time to leave.

LOU

Do I have to?

BOOK

You just met the guy. You don't want to look desperate.

LOU

FINE.

BOOK

Step 4: Whenever you want to end an interaction with your friend, make sure to have a valid excuse. Real or not, leaving for no reason is never a good reason.

LOU

I had a good time meeting and getting to know you. I have to go, my cousin's dog is giving birth on the other side of town.

EZEQUIEL

Why do you need to be there for that?

LOU

I was named the godparent of the dog's puppies.