

SCRIPT: THE UNDERGRADUATE

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CLIFF

So, I came up with a great idea...
We need to come up with some
phrases. Words. You know?

ZACH

Uh...no.

CLIFF

Ok, who decided that "faded" means
drunk? Or that "phat" means cool?
Or "bounce" means leave?

ZACH

I don't know. Some rapper?

CLIFF

No, not some rapper. Somebody, some
senior somewhere, just like us,
just made them up. Point is, you
think the guy that came up with
"faded" is wondering if he's going
to have a great senior year? Shit
no. He's having a great senior
year. He's the guy that came up
with "faded".

Zach eyes his buddy.

CLIFF (CONT'D)

I'm serious. We need to either come
up with some new words, like phat
with a "ph", or take old words,
like faded, and give them different
meanings. Cool shit that'll sweep
the school. And then we'll be the
guys that invented them.

ZACH

Ok, like what?

CLIFF

I don't know, like, uh...stumped.

ZACH

What's it mean?

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CLIFF

Well, we have to give it a meaning, numbnuts. Like, I dunno... drunk. Yeah, stumped means drunk. "Man, I was so stumped last night." There.

ZACH

What's wrong with "faded"? It works.

CLIFF

That's not the point. It...just...never mind.

ZACH

I'm not trying to piss on your parade it's just-- Ok, how 'bout this--since it's kind of confusing and you don't really know the answer, maybe stumped could mean, "I don't know". Like, "Shit, this whole thing with inventing new words really has me stumped."

CLIFF

God damn it, that's what stumped already means.

ZACH

Hmm. Good point.