

*Ethan doesn't realize the consequences when he decides to not have a birthday party.*

**Ethan: Dad, I've already told you I don't want a birthday party this year.**

Dad: Why not, sport?

**Ethan: Because birthday parties are just so stupid!**

Dad: Come on, Ethan. We can invite all your friends and play all those goofy party games. It'll be fun.

**Ethan: No way, Dad! I'm still recovering from that pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey accident at Carrie Scott's party when I was 7.**

Dad: What if we use tape this time?

**Ethan: Dad! I just don't feel like celebrating my birthday, okay? Parties are for little kids. Plus I have come to understand that it's totally artificial, created by the government to stimulate the economy.**

Dad: Really? Well, it's your decision big guy. So okay, no party and no presents.

**Ethan: Whoa! Wait a minute! Who said no presents?**