

Just That Sort of Day

A Ten Minute Play

TIME: Present

PLACE: Zoe's New York City apartment

SYNOPSIS

Like all his relationships, Zoe's relationship with Sally ends just as quickly as it began causing him to become frustrated and depressed. Lorraine, Zoe's mother, decides it is time to set the record straight. In Zoe's case, she sets him gay.

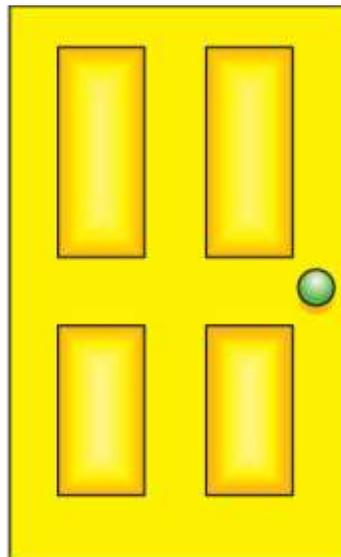
CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In order of Appearance.)

LORRAINE - (50/Female) Very attractive woman. Confident and well dressed.

ZOE - (25/Male) Somewhat of a whiner. Goes by the name Tyler. He is a nice guy who just hasn't figured out that he is gay.

GLENN - (Late 20s/Male) Very outgoing. Has lots of charm.



ACT I.**Scene 1.**

(Lorraine knocks on the door of Zoe's apartment. Zoe, dressed in black, slowly walks across the room and opens the door.)

ZOE

Hi, Mother.

Lorraine looks at the door.

LORRAINE

I have never liked this front door. It looks like a closet door.

ZOE

It's a design thing. What are you doing here?

LORRAINE

I came to make everything all right. How are you doing?

ZOE

I am in mourning.

LORRAINE

I sensed that with all the black. Zoe, you were with Sally for three months. I am not sure she would rank the color of black.

ZOE

Gray?

LORRAINE

Beige.

ZOE

We were in love.

LORRAINE

Yes, well. So, Zoe, how are you doing?

ZOE

Mother, you know what my name is. I have used the name Tyler since second grade.

LORRAINE

Zoe is the name you were given. It means "life" in Greek.

ZOE

We're not Greek. And even if we were, no one in my first grade class spoke Greek. They all thought I was named after Zoe from Sesame Street. I was teased constantly.

LORRAINE

Children can be so childish.

ZOE

Sally took what was hers.

LORRAINE

Took what was hers? She moved in last Thursday.

ZOE

I just don't understand. I was just getting over Tiffany when I met Sally. Now, she broke up with me. I try and try. I thought I was the perfect boyfriend.

LORRAINE

Perhaps you are going about things the wrong way?

ZOE

What do you mean by that?

LORRAINE

Well... I am your mother. I raised you.

ZOE

And?

LORRAINE

Well, I know you better than anyone. I know why none of your relationships work.

ZOE

Really? You do?

LORRAINE

Yes. You're gay.

ZOE

What?

LORRAINE

Gay as a goose.

ZOE

Goose? What the... Mother!

LORRAINE

I've known for years. A mother knows. I have never said anything because I thought one day you would figure it out for yourself. Then we could go through all the wonderful bonding that a mother and gay son deserve.

ZOE

I am not gay.

LORRAINE

Dear, look at what you are wearing. Black, black, black.

ZOE

I look good in black. Sally and I were in love.

LORRAINE

You think you were in love but in reality, you're gay.

ZOE

Quit saying that.

LORRAINE

I realize while you were growing up that I might have been a bit overbearing. Glamorous. Stunning to a point but I know for a fact that all of my strong qualities did not make you gay. You were born gay.

ZOE

Mother, listen to yourself.

LORRAINE

All right, I will. And, Zoe, you need to listen to me also. You love to dress your girlfriends. After about a week you give them a makeover of sorts. Buying new outfits, earrings. Suddenly, you are putting them in the tallest high heels.

ZOE

Really high heels show off their calves.

LORRAINE

You take them to chick flicks.

ZOE

No I don't.

LORRAINE

You and Tiffany saw "The Age of Adaline" your first date.

ZOE

We both cried.

LORRAINE

You also talk about men a lot.

ZOE

What?

LORRAINE

You do. David Muir. You talk about him all the time.

ZOE

He is a very intelligent broadcaster.

LORRAINE

Zac Efron.

ZOE

A very bright and upcoming star.

LORRAINE

He is also very built. You also talk about Adam Levine, Ryan Reynolds, Ryan Gosling, George Clooney.

ZOE

Mother.

LORRAINE

Your favorite color is lavender.

ZOE

So. It's not too blue and it's not too pink.

LORRAINE

That's a line from a play.

ZOE

No, it isn't.

LORRAINE

Yes it is. "Lavender Shore". We saw it in New York when you were twelve and you had a crush on the leading man.

ZOE

I did not.

LORRAINE

I could tell even then.

ZOE

Why are you doing this?

LORRAINE

Because it is just that sort of day. I am just trying to save you from heartbreak. And that is why I have invited someone over for you to meet. Glenn Hamilton.

ZOE

Mother, my memories of Sally aren't even cold yet. Wait a minute. A guy?

LORRAINE

The two of you are going to have lunch at that cute little Italian place over on 81ST and Third.

ZOE

I am not interested in meeting anyone. Much less a guy. My heart is broken, remember?

LORRAINE

This one is the one. Glenn works at the magazine with me.

ZOE

You're trying to fix me up with a guy. You are amazing.

LORRAINE

Not trying, dear. I am fixing you up. He is charming. Handsome. Very outgoing. That should offset your downer side.