

# JAKE & RACHEL GO TO PROM

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ACT I - SCENE III

SETTING: Abe's Pizza, Late Afternoon.

AT RISE: JAKE, TYLER, ASHLEY, & WOLFIE are all sitting together. ETHAN is sitting at his own table. MAX is working but takes breaks to chill with ETHAN when there are no customers.

(MAX sets pizzas down for JAKE and his friends)

MAX

Do you guys want anything else?

JAKE

No thanks, Max.

MAX

Great.

TYLER

So, Jake, man, bro, dude. What's the plan?

JAKE

Plan? I-uh-eat pizza.

WOLFIE

I like this plan.

ASHLEY

Just be yourself, Jake.

TYLER

But, like, a cooler version of yourself.

JAKE

Guys, it's just pizza, right?

TYLER

No, man. It's not just pizza. This is about your future.

JAKE

You are starting to sound like my dad.

ASHLEY

You're freaking him out, Tyler. He'll be fine.

WOLFIE

Yeah, don't remind him how terrifyingly important this moment is, that his future children's lives hang in the balance, and that the smallest mistake will drive the love of his life away forever. Right, Jake?

JAKE

I think I'm having a panic attack. Is my nose bleeding?

ASHLEY

Just give her a chance to get to know you. She's really nice. I'm sure you two will hit it off.

(LEAH & RACHEL enter)

TYLER

Be cool! The target is approaching! Commence operation Falcon Desert Indigo!

RACHEL

What's Falcon Desert Indigo?

TYLER

Nothing! Jake was just making room for you.

JAKE

I-oh-uh, yeah, here.

LEAH

Hi Wolfie.

WOLFIE

What? Yeah, hey.

RACHEL

Thanks for inviting us, Ashley.

TYLER

It was actually all Jake's idea!

ASHLEY

Jake's just friendly like that. He's always making people feel welcome.

RACHEL

Oh, really?

JAKE

Yeah, well-

WOLFIE

He's terrified of girls though, so he couldn't do ask you himself-

ASHLEY

But a little bit shy is kinda cute, right?

RACHEL

Uhh...

TYLER

That's what made you first fall for me, right, babe?

ASHLEY

Of course. Because you are so shy and quiet.

TYLER

(to MAX)

Hey! Can we get some more water over here!

MAX

Absolutely. I'm definitely not doing anything important right now and I'm just waiting for your every beck and call.

TYLER

(beat) I guess I'll get some water for you girls.

JAKE

So Rachel, tell me something about yourself.

RACHEL

What do you want to know?

WOLFIE

Like. Everything.

JAKE

How about this: what kind of music do you like?

RACHEL  
Hardcore death metal, mostly.

JAKE  
Oh, me too!

RACHEL  
(laughing) I was joking.

JAKE  
Oh, me too.

RACHEL  
I don't know, uh, indie stuff. (Insert 2-3 popular indie singers here), that kind of thing.

TYLER  
How about that? You know, Jake plays guitar.

RACHEL  
Well, you should play a song for me sometime.

JAKE  
Uh, maybe not. I'd probably just embarrass myself.

WOLFIE  
He's sounds awesome when you're wearing earplugs.

ASHLEY  
Stop that! He's great. Maybe you guys should hang out sometime and he'll prove it.

RACHEL  
Maybe. That could be fun.

TYLER  
That sounds fun, right, Jake? Right, Jake?!

JAKE  
I need new guitar strings, actually, and I'm coming off of a cold, plus basketball season is starting up again, so...

RACHEL  
Oh, right! You're the...point guard?

JAKE

Yeah, how did you know?

LEAH

Rach, I'm going to the bathroom real fast.

RACHEL

I'll come with you. Be right back.

(RACHEL & LEAH go to the bathroom.  
After they are gone, ETHAN does a slow  
clap)

ETHAN

Wow. Just...wow. Stellar job there, sport. Way to man up.

ASHLEY

I think he did alright.

ETHAN

So when's the big date?

JAKE

It's...soon, probably.

TYLER

You can't freeze up like that, dude. Just...go for it! She'll say yes.

WOLFIE

Or she'll say no, and you can go back to being sad and alone forever.

JAKE

Thanks, that's super helpful.

MAX

Looks like your little brother could use some pointers, babe.

ASHLEY

Ooh, are you two dating?

ETHAN

Max doesn't like labels.

CUSTOMER

Excuse me? We're ready to order.

MAX

Yeah, one sec there, tiger. I'll be right with you.

ASHLEY

We don't want to get you in trouble if you need to work.

MAX

Relax, princess.

ETHAN

There is no way that Rachel girl would keep talking to you, Jake, unless she was interested.

JAKE

Well, you all seem to have this whole thing figured out, but it's not as easy as it sounds.

CUSTOMER

Miss, we're really getting hungry over here.

MAX

Dude, will you chill for like, one second? This kid's romantic future is at stake.

JAKE

See? Girls are definitely kind of scary.

**LEAP OFF THE EDGE**

ETHAN

*Hey, this is life  
And she seems so nice  
But you sit so stiff  
Frozen, paralyzed  
So buckle up, bro  
Gotta change your luck  
I'll show you how the game is played*

MAX

*It's your life, it's your time  
And all it's too short  
Don't sit on the sidelines  
When this world could be your's*

MAX & ETHAN

*Leap off the edge  
No time for parachutes*

*When the moment's right  
You gotta dive, gotta fall  
Gotta risk it all  
And just enjoy the flight*

ETHAN

Today, it's a girl, but tomorrow it could be something much more important.

TYLER

*Like a big game*

ASHLEY

*Or a trip to Europe*

WOLFIE

*Or a chance to surgically remove that  
Weird mole on your back*

JAKE

*I didn't even know you knew about that*

ETHAN

*Dude, you gotta relax!*

ALL

*It's your life, it's your time  
And all it's too short  
Don't sit on the sidelines  
When this world could be yours*

ALL, contd.

*Leap off the edge  
No time for parachutes  
When the moment's right  
You gotta dive, gotta fall  
Gotta risk it all  
And just enjoy the flight  
Just enjoy the flight*

ETHAN & MAX

*Leap off the edge*

ALL

*No time for parachutes  
When the moment's right*



*You gotta dive, gotta fall  
Gotta risk it all  
And just enjoy the flight  
You gotta dive, gotta fall  
Gotta risk it all  
And just enjoy the flight  
Gotta dive  
Gotta fall  
Gotta risk it all  
And just enjoy the flight*

(RACHEL and LEAH enter, and everyone  
hurries back to their seats)

RACHEL

Who is that?

JAKE

That's my brother, Ethan, and his girlfri-

MAX

I'm Max.

RACHEL

Nice to meet you.

ETHAN

Nice to meet you too, Rachel. Jake here was just talking about  
you.

MAX

Jake wants to ask you something.

RACHEL

Oh, really?

JAKE

Yeah, uh, do you like movies?

RACHEL

I guess. Who doesn't?

JAKE

Yeah, so I was planning on going to see this new movie and I  
thought you might like to come with me. Or not, or you know,  
whatever.

RACHEL

Sounds great.

JAKE

Cool! So, how about-

LEAH

Hold on a sec. Rach, you know the rules.

JAKE

Rules?

RACHEL

My dad. He's kinda protective. You have to ask his permission.

ETHAN

Ouch.

JAKE

Oh, sure, totally. I can do that.

RACHEL

Thanks. I'm sure it won't be a problem.

LEAH

We'll see.