

LOVE SOMEBODY

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JESSE: Male, 18+
INNER JESSE: Male, 18+
PAM: Female, 18+
INNER PAM: Female, 18+

SETTING: Interior of a coffee shop, mid-day. A table and two chairs.

AT RISE: JESSE sits at a table DSC in the SR seat. INNER JESSE stands just USR of JESSE. PAM enters from SL with INNER PAM right behind her. PAM looks around the coffee shop and notices JESSE (NOTE: Neither JESSE nor PAM can see INNER JESSE or INNER PAM)

INNER PAM

Is that him? Oh thank God, he's actually kinda cute. Jen said that he "was an interesting guy" and "had a great personality" and that is usually a really bad sign.

JESSE and INNER JESSE both notice PAM

INNER JESSE

Is that her? She's looking at me and smiling, it must be her. Wow, she's really pretty. Jen said she was "really fun" and "had a great sense of humor" and that is usually a really bad sign.

PAM crosses to the SL chair, JESSE rises to greet her. INNER PAM follows PAM and stands just USL of PAM

PAM (nervous)

Hi I'm Pamela. Pam. I'm Pam. Are you--

JESSE (also nervous)

Jesse, yes, hi, it's, um, really nice to meet you.

PAM

Jesse, yes, like the song.

JESSE

Excuse me?

INNER JESSE (singing)

♪ Jesse's Girl, bah, buh dadada da da ♪

PAM (awkwardly)

You know, if we were dating I'd be "Jesse's Girl."

INNER PAM

Ok, wow. That sounded so much cleverer on the walk over here. I'm such a dork. Like he's never heard that before.

JESSE

Oh, right! Of course. (*laughs*)

INNER JESSE (singing)

♪ I wish that she was Jesse's Girl, bah, buh dadada da da ♪

PAM

Sorry, you must get that a lot.

JESSE

Not as much as you'd think. (beat) Oh, I got you a coffee. I didn't know what you take in it so it's just black.

PAM

Oh, black's just fine, thanks.

INNER PAM

Think, girl. THINK. Gotta recover from the stupid song comment. Oh, oh, ask him about how he knows Jen.

PAM

So, Jesse, um, how do you know Jen?

JESSE

We went to college together. She actually dated my roommate for a while--

PAM

You mean Dave?

JESSE

Huh? Oh, no, no not Dave, this guy named Steve. They broke up while we were still in school.

INNER PAM

Good, good, nice recovery. Ok.

JESSE

Honestly, I always liked her a lot more than I ever liked Steve.

INNER JESSE

DUDE! What are you doing? Talking about how you "like" another girl? Now? Really?

JESSE

Um, I mean, we stayed friends. Just friends, there was never anything, I mean we never--

INNER JESSE

Wow. Over-explain much? (beat) Your turn, dumb-ass.

JESSE

So, uh, how do you know Jen?

INNER PAM

Oh my God he's so nervous. That's actually really adorable.

PAM

We work together.

JESSE

Oh, right, right, she mentioned that.

Long beat here while JESSE and PAM look awkwardly at each other

INNER JESSE and INNER PAM

Well this is awkward.

JESSE

So, what do you like to do for fun?

INNER JESSE

For "fun"? Really?

JESSE

I mean, in your spare time, you know, hobbies and such.

INNER JESSE

Marginally better.

PAM

Oh, um, I like running, movies, reading, you know, that kind of thing.

INNER PAM

Running, movies, reading. Really? Holy shit I'm boring.

INNER JESSE

Running, movies, reading! Holy shit! She's perfect! (singing) ♪
And she's watchin' me with those eyes, and she's lovin' me with
that body I just know it ♪

JESSE

Me too, all of those. What are you reading right now?

INNER JESSE

If she says science-fiction I might just get an erection right here.

PAM

Oh everything really, classics, mysteries.

INNER JESSE

Ok, still very cool.

PAM

But, this may sound dorky, but lately I've been reading a lot of sci-fi.

INNER JESSE

SPROING!

JESSE (excited)

Wow, really? I love sci-fi!

INNER JESSE

Calm down nerd-boy.

JESSE (trying to be cool)

I mean I read other stuff too...

INNER PAM

Oh my god, he's a total nerd-boy. I may actually be in-- Like. Like. Don't get ahead of yourself there Pamela.

PAM
So, who do you like? Authors, I mean. Which authors do you like?

JESSE (excited)
Oh I read everyone.

INNER JESSE
Easy there.

JESSE
I mean, I particularly like classic sci-fi guys: Bradbury, Clarke--

INNER PAM
If he says Asimov--

JESSE
Asimov.

INNER PAM
SPROING!

PAM
I'm re-reading the Foundation series right now.

INNER PAM (singing)
♪ And I'm watchin' him with these eyes, and I'm lovin' him with this body I just know it ♪

INNER JESSE
Nope. Got nothing. You're on your own.

JESSE just grins stupidly at PAM. PAM glances at her watch and stands up.

PAM
Oh man, I have to go.

INNER JESSE
DANGER! DANGER! DANGER!

JESSE stands

JESSE
Oh, ok, it was really, REALLY nice to meet you, um...

PAM

Yes, you too, um, ok...

PAM starts to leave

INNER JESSE and INNER PAM

DO SOMETHING!

JESSE and PAM

Hey, would you--

PAM

I'm sorry.

JESSE

Oh, no I'm sorry, you first.

PAM

Ok. (beat) Are you busy on Friday night? Maybe we could catch a movie.

INNER PAM

Wait, I have no idea if *I'M* busy on Friday night.

INNER JESSE

I have no idea if I'm busy on Friday night.

INNER JESSE and INNER PAM

Fuck it, I'll make it work.

JESSE

Absolutely no plans for Friday. I'd love to.

PAM

Great. Great. Call me this week and we'll pick a movie.

JESSE

Yes. Call. This week. Yes. Definitely.

PAM

Ok. Um, bye.

JESSE

Bye.

PAM and INNER PAM begin to exit SL

INNER JESSE and INNER PAM (singing as PAM and IP exit)
♪ Jesse's Girl, bah, buh dadada da da. Jesse's Girl, bah, buh
dadada da da ♪

END OF PLAY