

?Good or Great?...IT's Complicated

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Time: *The Present*

Place: *College Town.*

Characters: Alex- *21 yr. old male. Nice all round guy.*

Nic- *21 yr. old male. Hippie. Alex's best friend.*

Amber- *22 yr. old female. Sweet, exciting, and spacey. Nic's girlfriend.*

Jaslyn- *24 yr. old female. Nice, sweet, assertive, very pretty, and smaller than Alex. Alex's dream girl.*

Doctor's Voice/Doctor- *Stereotypical Doctor.*

Nurse- *Young and very attractive.*

Burger Guy- *Guy who doesn't care about anything. Works because he needs money and a burger place is the easiest to get.*

Random Guy and Girl- *Random people, can be played by current characters.*

Samantha/Girl- *Average girl. Very pretty in a nice wholesome way. Also plays the girl in the background in some scenes.*

A dim amber color light comes up on Nic, Amber and Alex. They are seated on Alex's bed. The room is very small and a little dark, very cave like. Alex is seated on the stage right side, followed by Nic then Amber. They are sitting, talking, listening to music, and passing a pipe. The song Weed Fi Free by Anthony B. is playing.

Nic

(handing Alex the pipe) Hey, cheer up man.

Amber

Yeah, we're gonna party. Aren't you excited?

Alex

Not really. What's the point? We have parties here all the time. It's starting to get old, and I'm tired of cleaning up after people. Some people have no respect for other people.

Nic

No, it's just those fuckin' high school kids. Showin' up here like they know whose place this is. They don't care about anyone's shit.

Amber

Damn kids.

Alex

Yeah, I don't know what that is about. I know a few of them. They must've called friends. It's not just high school kids, people we know do that shit to. They just get too drunk to even think about it throwing shit away or cleaning up their spills. That's not the only thing that's bothering me. It's still this whole girl situation.

Nic

Look, stop worrying about that man. You're money. Don't worry about it. They'll come to you. Take this and be happy. *(hands him the pipe)* Take green man.

Alex

(takes pipe) Thanks. Certainly helps.

Nic

And this is the good shit. My boy got the hook up this week.

Alex

(takes a big hit and holds it. Passes then lets out) Damn, hell yeah dude. That's nice. *(Smacks lips to get a good taste)* Real fruity.

Nic

It's the dankaty dank. You know we get the hook up.

Alex

Always.

Amber

(smiling big) Cool dude. *(takes pipe)*

Nic

Feel better now man?

Alex

A bit, but I just can't stop thinking about what shit these girls keep doing to me lately. *(TV show narrator voice)* I'm just waiting to find out what they'll do next. It's a living reality TV game show thing. Big Brother meets Price is Right.

Nic

(confused) What the hell are you babbling about?

Alex

I don't know anymore.

Nic

Yeah well, girls can be bitches, you just gotta get over it. Your time will come. *(looks at Amber and smiles)* Mine did.

Amber

(looks and smiles at Nic) What are you doing?
Ohhhh..*(kisses Nic)*

Alex

I just don't like teases. If you want me, come and get me, don't beat around the bush. Let me beat the bush. I just want a girl to come up to me. The girl wanting me. I don't understand this fiddle fartin' around.

Nic

They just don't know what they want. I don't know why they do stuff like that either. You just gotta say, "Hey! Get the fuck over it!" Then smoke and feel better.

Amber

Yeah, you'll meet someone. You're a great guy.

Alex

So I hear. *(pauses)* Thank you. Let's just get ripped, and then I won't want to worry about it. Tonight can't be that bad.

Nic

That's my boy! Now smoke the pipe.

Amber

Yeah! It's gonna be awesome.

(Lights fade. Scene opens up during a party. Still in Alex's room. You hear party noise and there is dim lighting. The song that is playing Basically by Gnarles Barkley.)

Alex

(walking in talking to himself) Fucking drunks. *(looking for pipe and stuff o chill)* Don't care about anyone's shit. And those girls pissin' me off. *(pause)* When will she come? When will I get mine? I deserve someone great. I really do. *(sighs)* They say it will happen. When? "You're so money and don't even know it." What the hell does that mean anyway? *(grunts)* How much longer will this go on?

(Going for cell phone) What time is it?

(Jaslyn walks in. Lights slowly brighten and change to a color. Blue, purple, or both. The song Echo by Incubus begins to play)

Alex Cont'd

(looking up and surprised) *(Softly)* Now? *(snapping back)* Hi, I'm Alex.

Jaslyn

Yeah, I know. Hi, I'm Jaslyn.

Alex

Wow, Jaslyn. That's interesting. Very pretty.

Jaslyn

Thanks.

Alex

Do I know you? You said you knew me?

Jaslyn

(Stares in eyes and smiles) Oh, I know people here that know you and told me about you.

Alex

Oh, what did they say? Good things I hope.

Jaslyn

Nothing but good things. You seemed interesting, so I decided to find out how interesting.

Alex

(smiles) I'm glad. *(Holds pipe up)* Care for a smoke?

Jaslyn

Of course.

Alex

Ah, girl after my own heart.

Jaslyn

Perhaps.

Alex

(looks at her with an interesting smile) What?

Jaslyn

So, do you have a girlfriend?

Alex

(laughs) No. No I don't.

Jaslyn
Mind if I ask why?

Alex
Doesn't matter.

Jaslyn
You can talk to me about it.

Alex
I talk too much. It doesn't get me anywhere. Besides, I don't even know you, don't want to bother you with that sort of thing.

Jaslyn
No bother. I'm not trying to be your friend. Well, not *just* a friend anyway. What's up?

Alex
(*Smiles*) Very forward. I like that.

Jaslyn
(*smiles*) I know.

Alex
It's just. (*pause and grunts*) I've never had a relationship. And I see all these couples around and it makes me sick. Especially when people tell me how great of a guy I am and how I will meet someone great. Blah, blah, blah. I'm tired of waiting. I'm so lonely I feel like I can never be happy. Then girls just mess with my head. Guess it's bad timing on my part or something. They teases me, say "we're just friends," or "I just got out of a relationship and need a break," "you're a great guy, maybe later down the road we'll go out." I just can't take it anymore, it's driving me crazy.

Jaslyn
Well, forget about them. I think you're a great guy, and I don't mean to sound like them, but it's true. Seems that way anyway.

Alex
Thanks.

Jaslyn
Yeah, I haven't had good luck with guys. All the guys I've been with were assholes. I didn't realize until recently. That's why girls don't notice you yet, their still stuck in the asshole stage. I'm past that, I think I'm a great girl. I know what I want, I want what I deserve. A great guy, a great guy for a great girl. *(stares and smiles)*

Alex
For some reason I feel really comfortable with you. You do seem like a great girl.

Jaslyn
Good.

Alex
(stares in silence smiling for a while) Would you be upset if I kissed you?

Jaslyn
I don't know.

Alex
You don't know?

Jaslyn
I wouldn't be upset now. I don't know how I will feel tomorrow.

Alex
I guess we'll find out.

(They slowly kiss. You can feel the connection in the kiss.)

Jaslyn
(pause) Look, Alex, I feel a connection between us. I would like to hang out with you more to see if it would be possible to start a relationship. Of course, if you want to be with me you have to keep it between us. At least for a while. If you tell anyone I won't come back.

Alex
What? Why?

Jaslyn
I have my reasons. Trust me.

Alex
(thinks) Well, what have I got to lose? I can go slow and not talk about it. As weird as that is, I guess I can do that.

Jaslyn
(smiles) Great.

(They kiss)

Alex
Do you want to stay here tonight? I mean with nothing fresh. Just talk and sleep.

Jaslyn
Sure, I think I can trust you.

Alex
Ok.

Jaslyn
Ok.

(Light fade. Lights up with Alex sitting, smoking, and talking to himself. Where is my Mind? By The Pixies is playing on the stereo.)

Alex
What a night, Jaslyn was awesome. It was kind of weird though. She was what I've been wanting for a long time. It's just strange how it worked out perfectly, timing and all. Haven't been this happy in a long while. I want to tell Nic and Amber, but I can't. It would kill me if I lost this.

(There are 3 quick loud knocks, then Nic and Amber enter.)

Nic

Money! What's up? Ready to blaze?

Alex

One step ahead Fred. *(hands him the pipe)* Here's the Med. *(pause)* Ication. *(begins to "flow." haha)* Station, do it while your playing playstation....3, Why you lookin' at me, Open your eyes and see, that I'm high as can be. Climb up in a tree, Look up and you'll see, It's me, He He.

(They both stare at him, then begin to laugh)

Nic

(laughing) What the hell was that man? That was pretty good. Why are you in such a good mood? *(stops and straight face and gasps)* Did you get laid?

Alex

(laughs) No, but I still had a good night.

Amber

So you had fun?

Alex

Yeah

Amber

Good.

Nic

That's awesome man, congratulations.

Alex

Yeah.

Nic

So we partying again tonight?

Alex

Yeah I think so. The roommates want to have another one, so probably. I really don't care anymore. I worry too much at parties, but oh well, I feel real krunk about tonight though.

Nic

Good to hear. I'm glad you're in a good mood man. Haven't seen the krunk face in a while.

Alex

Yeah different days man. Today is Good. Good feelings.

Nic

Awesome.

Amber

I'm so happy!

Nic

Now let's get on this gravity bong. *(pulls a small cooler over to him carefully as if filled with water)*

Alex

Sweetness.

(Lights fade. Party music, lighting and noise come on. Different things then last time. The song is Don't Matter by Akon is playing)

Alex

(Enters) Ok, this night is worse then last night. I've been drinking tonight and getting very emotional. I don't like this at all. *(grunts)* Where is she? I could enjoy myself if she were here. Please. *(pause and deep breath)* Ok, suck it up! Don't let it get to you. Get over it. Let's go.

(Goes to door and stops when he hears a knock at the other door. The

song Something About Us by Daft Punk begins to play. He goes and opens it. It's Jaslyn. A light shines through the door, Lights brighten and change a bit of color. She smiles at him and he smiles back.)

Jaslyn
Hi.

Alex
Hi.

(She quickly kisses him)

Now that's a hi.

Jaslyn
Sorry, just had the urge and took it. Was that bad?

Alex
(kisses her) No. *(pause)* I was hoping you would come. Come in.

Jaslyn
Why would I not come? I had a nice night last night and wouldn't mind having another.

Alex
I'm glad. Me to.

Jaslyn
Yeah, I feel so wonderful when I'm with you.

Alex
It's weird, but me to. I want to show you off to everyone. Why can't I tell anyone?

Jaslyn
You just can't now. I have my reasons. Please just trust me.

Alex

I feel like your playing a game with me. I don't know if I like that.

Jaslyn

I'm not playing with you. I wouldn't do that.

Alex

Ok, well can we both at least go out to the party?

Jaslyn

Why? Aren't you fine right where you are?

Alex

Yeah

Jaslyn

Then why do we have to go? Can't we just stay?

Alex

Of course. *(pause)* You know? Since last night I've been thinking about you, a lot actually. When I do, I feel better. When we are together you say and do everything I want. How can this be this perfect?

Jaslyn

Well, I...

Alex

I normally wouldn't just come out and say that. I just feel so strongly this time, that I just can't hold it in. Sorry if this is awkward, I tend to do that. I'm usually clueless about what's going on between me and girls. I just need to know where I am and where I'm going.

Jaslyn

You're hear with me and you're going to be with me. *(kisses him)*

Good enough?

Alex

(Melts and smiles big. Sighs in deep and slowly says) Yes. It is.

(There is three loud quick knocks at the door and it begins to open.

Song changes to Clint Eastwood by The Gorillaz. Alex runs to catch the door and close it. Lights dim quickly and change and Jaslyn goes off)

Nic

Money! What ya doing?

Alex

Hang on!

(turns and sees that Jaslyn is gone)

Shit! Where did she go? *(opening door)* Ok.

Nic

(entering) What's up? Am I disturbing something?

Alex

(frustrated, goes and sits on bed) No, it's nothing.

Nic

You alright?

Alex

Fine.

Nic

Girl problems again?

Alex

I guess you could say that.

Nic

Wanna talk about it?

Alex

Not really.

Nic

Wanna smoke a bowl?

Alex

Ok.

Nic

Already. *(brings out pipe and begins to load)*

Alex

(While Nic is loading Alex does an aside for a moment Lights should probably change for a bit for it) Where did she go? She just up and left. Will I be able to see her again tonight? This is re-cock-ulous. I want to say something to him and go find her, but I can't. *(Out of the aside)* What the hell am I supposed to do?

Nic

Smoke this! *(hands him the pipe)* That's what. What is up with you man?

Alex

Nothing! *(calming)* Nothing.

Nic

You don't act like this for nothing. What's going on?

Alex

I can't talk about it.

Nic

Why not? We're like brothers, you can talk about it.

Alex

It's not like that. You don't understand. I can't tell you.

Nic

It bothers me to see you like this, I want to help.

Alex

You can help by dropping it!

Nic

Why can't you just tell me!?

Alex

Because she won't come back!

Nic

Who? Why? What?

Alex

Shit! I hope that doesn't count.

Nic

What?!

Alex

I don't know. It doesn't matter.

Nic

Oh, but I think it does.

(Amber enters)

Amber

Oh, hey! What's up?

(Looks at Alex)

Alex? What's wrong?

Alex

Don't! Just leave me alone!

Nic

Why don't you just talk about it?!

Alex

Why do you keep asking me!?

Nic

Because life is full of questions, it's about questions. Life is ONE-BIG-FUCKING-QUESTION! That is the only way you find things out in life. Things can be helped and made better. Sometimes you get caught up in questions that you forget what question your asking about! *(thinks and wonders if that sounded right and made sense and forgot what was the main question was. Then remembers)* Your always asking questions in life, until the very end. Hell probably after. Now what the fuck is wrong?

Alex

(Silence. He thinks and nods) Last night I met someone. The most amazing night, she was perfect. It could've been that way forever. The catch was I wasn't allowed to talk about her, if I did she would be gone and wouldn't come back.. So, I've mentioned her and now she's gone and I'm gonna die alone.

Nic

What?! How could she know if you mentioned her? I mean, I'm glad you met someone, but that's stupid. Why would she do that?

Amber

I'm confused.

Alex

(Breaking down) So am I. I don't know how she would know. She just said that and I believed it. I'm just so tired of being alone. I'll believe anything just to have someone. I didn't want to ask questions.

Amber

(hugging him) It will be ok. You're awesome, someone will love you for that.

Alex

(pushing he off) Now? Will it happen now? Because that's what I want and can't have.

Amber

Alex, love takes time. You can't just wish for it and have it. Great things come to those who wait.

Nic

Look at me man, I was wishing for the same. Then all of a sudden out of nowhere I got Amber

Alex

Oh don't give me that! You two are happy and it makes me sick. How do you think it makes me feel being around you to all the time and never having that feeling that you do? Huh? And *your* trying to make things better?

Nic

We're trying to help *you* understand. We're not always happy. You've seen us. You've helped us in our hardest situations. Even when I was acting an ass you helped me and I know that was hard for you because I know how you hate drunk ass fools. Some one else will come.

Alex

You don't know that! Please just get the fuck out of my room and leave me to figure this out alone.

Nic

But man...

Alex

(interrupts) No.

Amber

Alex, we can...

Alex

(interrupts) No! What the hell is your problem?! Just Leave! Please.

Nic

Alright man. Take it easy. Call us when you want.

Amber
Bye Alex.

(They cross to the door and open it. Nic stops and turns)

Nic
Life's about the good and the bad. Sometimes you gotta take the bad to get the good. Something great will come of this. As long as you don't fuck with it. Peace, don't think too much. *(Exits)*

(Alex is left alone. The lights are blue and bright and kind of change color and brightness through the next monologue. If Clint Eastwood is not still playing then song goes to Stupify by Disturbed plays or Comfortably Numb by Scissor Sisters.)

Alex
(Pacing frustratingly)
Take the bad with the good. But this is too bad. What good can come of this?
Why do I always have to be alone? Why am I the one? I'm the one they should want. Where is she?
Why did she leave? I just want to talk to her once more. Get things straight.

(He keeps speaking to himself. Jaslyn's voice can be heard but she is not seen)
I can't do this. Why would she do this? Who is she?

Alex & Jaslyn
Who am I?

Alex
What's going on?

Jaslyn
I'm you.

Alex
You're me?

Jaslyn
We are each other.

Alex
Who are you?

Jaslyn
(whispers) Jaslyn.

Alex
No, it can't be. How?

Jaslyn
Through hardships and loneliness you created me. I'm in your head.

Alex
But I felt you?

Jaslyn
You felt what you wanted to feel. The mind is a beautiful thing.

Alex
How is this possible? I knew it, I'm crazy.(pause) Can we do it again?

Jaslyn
No, I told you.

Alex
But if your in my mind I can make it happen.

Jaslyn
No you can't, you won't let yourself. You know it's not **really** true.

Alex
(crying) I know, I know. What can do? (silence) What can I do? (silence)

Damnit!

(Thinks long and struggles)

There is only one thing I can do.

(Goes and gets paper and pen and sits)

I don't believe what's coming over me.

(He goes slowly to the radio and turns it on. The song Vermillion Pt.2 by Slip Knot plays. He goes and picks up a notebook and pen and sits on the bed. He begins to write. He says it while he writes it. The whole time he is writing he is confused about what he is doing, but does it anyway.)

I don't know why I'm doing this. I just can't deal with myself anymore. I've become someone else. I can't live like that. Wasn't much going for me anyway. Sorry to anyone I hurt by this. Remember me always. Always be happy. I hope I've mad everyone happy while I was around. That's all I ever wanted. Until now. I want to be happy and I'm not. Everything happens for a reason. Love

(He sets down the pen and paper on the floor. Gets a bag that he had hidden under the straw hat hanging on the wall. The bag has a bunch of drugs I it. He gets a glass of water and takes al the drugs. He grabs his pipe and lays down. He lights and takes a big hit)

Can't go happy. Go fucked up.

(Blackout. Lights fade up on Alex laying in bed not moving. There are three quick loud knocks and Nic and Amber enter.)

Nic

Money! Wake and bake! Hey man, wake your ass up fool. What the hell are you doin'? *(Sees paper on floor and picks it up and reads. Drops suddenly and rushes to Alex)* Shit! Hey man. What's up? *(checks pulse and breathing)* He could be good. We have to hurry and get him to the hospital.

(Blackout. Special on Nic and Amber. They sit together in comfort. You hear the Doctor's Voice speaking to them.)

Doctor's Voice

He's very lucky to be alive. You got him here just in time. After examination, it appears he tried to overdose on many different substances. Though he is alive, there is a problem. With taking all the drugs they caused a chemical imbalance in his brain. He may have had some problems already and the drugs just triggered it more causing it to completely take over. The thing is, well, he believes he is someone else. He actually thinks he's a woman. (coughs) Her name is Jaslyn. Other than that he is normal, well, healthy anyway. The best thing you can do is embrace it. It's going to be hard, but it's for the best. Alex is dead. Jaslyn is alive. I'm very sorry.

(The song Everything's Gonna Be Alright by Bob Marley begins to play. Lights fade. Song plays for a bit longer then fades into Bad Days by The Flaming Lips. Blue light special, haha, fades up on Nic and Amber in the same spot as when hearing the Doctor.)

Amber

What are we gonna do?

Nic

I don't know. We should figure something out.

Amber

(pause) I want to see him.

Nic

Alright, I guess we can just try and wing it.

Amber

Should we?

Nic

Well, if we plan out what we're gonna say, that will take time. And we should get to him before he just wakes up and starts walking around thinking he's a girl.

Amber

Oh, yeah. That would be real weird.

Nic

Yeah, really don't want to see that. Even though we have to deal anyway. I just don't want to see it randomly.

Amber

I think it would be kinda funny. Kinda cute.

Nic

Cute Nothin'!(*rushes*) Let's go now!

(Nic and Amber rush out of special. Lights fade. Lights up on Alex in the hospital bed. The song Frank Sinatra by Cake plays. Nic and Amber knock and enter. Alex is to played completely like a guy. Looks like one, talks like one, no sign of girlyness or even slight gayness.)

Nic

(Knocking and entering slowly) Alex? Alex?

(They see Alex in the bed)

Amber

Alex, you ok?

Nic

Can you hear us?

(Alex begins to waking slowly squinting and stretching)

Alex

(yawning) Yeah I can hear you. You woke me up didn't you?

(Nic and Amber look at each other in relief)

Who's Alex?

(Nic and Amber look at each other in oh, shitness)

Nic

You're Alex. *(pause)* Aren't you?

Alex

Uh, no. I'm Jaslyn. Now, who are you?

Nic

(looks at Amber) It actually happened. *(at Alex)* I'm Nic.

Amber

I'm Amber. We're friends of Alex.

Alex

That's nice. Now, who is Alex and why would you confuse him with me?

Nic

Alex was my best friend. He took a bunch of drugs to try and kill himself. We brought him here to this hospital.

Alex

Well, that's sad. And how are we confused?

Amber

You look like him.

Alex

Is he attractive?

Amber

Yeah

Alex

Well, then, thank you.

Nic

No! She means you look like a guy!

Amber

This isn't how this was supposed to work.

Alex

(insulted) Well, that isn't very nice to say. I'm hurt. I think you should leave.

Amber

Ale...Jaslyn, he didn't mean...

Alex

(interrupts) No! I don't have to take this. Please leave.

Nic

But you're...

Alex

Nurse! Nurse! *(looking around)* Where's the button?

Amber

Why are you acting like this?

Alex

Because I don't know you and you're insulting me. That's very rude. *(finds the button)* Ah Ha! *(presses)*

Nic

Why you actin' like a little bitch?!

Alex

Now I'm a bitch!? You're a horrible person! *(looks at Amber)* Does he talk to you this way? Or just other girls?

Amber

(at Nic) Embrace! We are supposed to embrace!

Nic

No! Alex is in there, he's coming out.*(thinks)* Not in a gay way, but we're getting Alex back.

Alex

I don't look like a guy!

Nic

You actually think you're a girl?

Alex

Yeah, why wouldn't I?

(The Nurse enters the room in a very skimpy outfit. The song I Will Survive by Cake begins to play)

Nurse

Yes? Ready for your bath?

Alex

No, I can do that myself. Please take these people out of here. I don't know them and they are making insulting remarks. It may cause me to pass out and I can't handle that in my condition.

Nurse

Ok, right away. *(Clearly hitting on him hardcore)* Do you want me to come back and give you a bath?

Alex

No, I said I could do that myself. Thank you.

Nurse

(beginning to escort them out) Oooooook *(turns to Nic and Amber)* I'm sorry you'll have to leave.

Amber

This is sad.

Nic

(walking out) You can't go out like that! *(Looks at nurse)* Don't let him go out like that!

Nurse

Looks fine to me.

Nic

He thinks he's a girl.

Nurse

Oh *(pause)* Well that is sad.

(They walk out and the Nurse closes the door)

Alex

Well, that was an interesting experience. I can't believe he thought I was a guy. That's a shame. He was cute. Oh well, guys can take me as I am. Now, can I leave or what? *(gets up and goes to a mirror)* I don't look like a guy at all. I see a very nice looking girl. I don't know what they see. *(kisses at the mirror)*

(Lights fade. The song Self Esteem by Offspring begins to play.

Lights come up on the Nurse at the desk. Alex enters. He is wearing clothes that both sexes can wear normally)

Nurse

Why, hello again. Looking better.

Alex

Thanks, can I check myself out?

Nurse

No, I can do it for you. *(gives him a good look over)* Looks good.

Alex

What are you doing?

Nurse

Checking you out.

Alex

Please, I meant out of the hospital. I'm not gay.

Nurse

How would that make you...?? *(remembers)* Oh, right, girl guy. What a shame. *(hands him a clipboard with papers)* Fill these out and return them. Then you can leave.

Alex

Thank you *(takes it)*

Nurse

Although, I could get over the fact that you think you're a girl if you could.

Alex

(Gives her a look) Think? No, it's ok. *(sarcastically)* But I'll get in touch with you if I decide otherwise.

Nurse

You do that.

Alex

(Rolls eyes and walks away and says to himself) Are all girls like that?

(Walks off. As he walks off a girl walks up to the desk passing him. Lights down. Lights up with the Nurse at the desk. Alex walks up with the clipboard. As he walks up the girl walks off)

Alex

(hands clipboard) Here. Can I go now?

Nurse

Yes.

Alex

Thank you. *(starts to walk off)*

(Doctor walks up to the desk)

Doctor

Nurse, did you cancel all of my appointments tonight?

Nurse

Yes Doctor.

Alex

(looking at Doctor smiling) Hello Doctor.

Doctor

Hi.

Alex

I just checked out.

Doctor

That's nice. Feeling well?

Alex

Yes, very much, thank you for asking. *(pauses and smiles and looks him up and down)* Too bad you didn't do my checking up. *(smiles)*

Doctor

(looking at him with an awkward smile) Yes well I'm very busy. Doctors always are. Can't help everyone. Excuse me I have to be somewhere. *(pause)*

Appointment! I'm late for an appointment. *(walks off)*

Alex

(looks at Nurse who is smiling) Uh huh. Well, nice to meet you. *(walks off)*

Nurse

We really didn't even meet.

(Lights down. Lights up on a bench. Nic and Amber walk and sit)

Amber

That was real crazy. I can't believe that just happened.

Nic

Yeah, sucks man. How's it going to work out?

Amber

I don't know. It's hard to be a girl. Especially if you're a guy.

Nic

I can't believe I lost my boy. Literally.

Amber

Do you think he will come back?

Nic

Not real sure. I hope so. If not I hope he can get along with being himself.

Amber

We should try to be friends again

Nic

We can try. It might be real hard.

Amber

We have to at least try.

Nic

Ok, we will, when we see him again.

Amber

Ok.

(Lights down. Lights up on same desk as before but is now used as a counter top for a Burger Fast Food Place. The song "I've Seen Better Days"

begins to play and goes to background as dialog starts. There is a Burger Guy working who obviously doesn't care to be there. As Alex walks in he "opens" the door, it can be real or pretend, but before he opens it he fixes his hair in the reflection of the door then continues in. He walks up to the counter and smiles. There is silence because Alex is waiting for the guy to ask him what he wants. The Burger Guy just has a blank stare and is waiting for Alex just to order.)

Alex
(standing, smiling. Silence) I'm waiting.

Burger Guy
So am I.

Alex
Aren't you going to ask me what I want?

Burger Guy
What do you want?

Alex
You can be a little bit nicer.

Burger Guy
Please! Tell me what you want.

Alex
That's better I guess.

Burger Guy
Does that mean you're gonna tell me what you want now?

Alex
Whatever, I want a cheese burger, plain, small fry and a medium DIET Coke. Make sure it's diet, I don't want any mess ups.

Burger Guy

Really? That's what you want?

Alex

Yes, is there a problem?

Burger Guy

I don't know. That just seems weird. Doesn't sound like what you would get.

Alex

What would you think I would get?

Burger Guy

I don't know. More, bigger, an actual coke.

Alex

Why? Is this your way on trying to up sell?

Burger Guy

No. Yes. Maybe, but you just look like a guy that would eat more.

Alex

Well, I'm not a guy! I'm just on a diet.

Burger Guy

Ok, whatever is that all you want?

Alex

(staring at him in anger) Yes.

Burger Guy

Ok.

Alex

Wait, no. Give me ice cream. My throat is dry and hurts.

Burger Guy

You sure. A little unhealthy. You want yogurt? We have yogurt.

Alex

No, regular ice cream.

Burger Guy

The yogurt is fat free.

Alex

No! The regular is fine.

Burger Guy

Ok, what flavor.

Alex

Chocolate.

Burger Guy

Oh, a rebel!

Alex

(flustered) Just...give me...What's the total?

Burger Guy

A plain cheese burger, small fry, and a medium DIET coke and...size ice cream?

Alex

Small.

Burger Guy

Thought so. Small chocolate ice cream. That comes to \$9.95. Do you want a cone or a cup for your ice cream?

Alex

I don't care. *(pause)* Who's your manager? *(hands money)*

Burger Guy

That's a funny thing. *(pause. Takes money)* I am.

Alex

You're the manager?

Burger Guy

Yeah, check out the name tag.

Alex

Damn.

Burger Guy

Sucks don't it. Five cents your change. *(hands him the nickel)*

Alex

(Taking it quickly) Thank you.

Burger Guy

Your Welcome. Your order will be right out.

Alex

Fine. *(pause)* I'm very angry with you.

Burger Guy

I'm sorry. Could you wait over there. I have other customers.

Alex

(looks around) There's no one here.

Burger Guy

(pointing) Wait over there.

(Alex gets flustered and walks to a different area. There is a woman sitting and eating with her back turned to Alex. Alex stands behind her with his back turned.)

Alex

I can't believe he just treated me like that. Can I do anything to get him fired or something? No, he probably won't even care. I can't just take this, but I don't know what to do. I need a cigarette. *(looks around and then notices a girl behind him. Debates on asking then goes for it)* Excuse me. Hi, sorry to ask, but do you by chance think I can get a cigarette from you? I can pay you.

Girl

Yeah sure. All I have is Virginia Slims though.

Alex

Oh, perfect! Thank you so much. *(takes it)* You're a life saver.

Girl

No, problem.

Alex

How much do you want?

Girl

Don't worry about it.

Alex

You sure?

Girl

Yeah

Alex

Thanks again. *(turns around holding the cigarette in between two fingers)*

Burger Guy

You can't smoke that in here!

Alex

I know! I wasn't going to! *(threatening)* I'm going to write a letter!

Burger Guy
Good job! You do that!

Alex
I might! *(pause and says to himself/herself)* Asshole.

(A Random Guy walks up. After the Random Guy walks off a few seconds later a Random Girl walks up. The Random people can be played by other characters in the show, dressed completely different)

Random Guy
Hey Alex. How's it going?

Alex
(angry) I'm not Alex. You're the third person. I don't know who that is or why I look like him. I'm a girl.

Random Guy
Your not uh...You're uh...*(gives a look)* Ok, sorry. *(walks off with a weird look)*

Alex
Wow! That's amazing.

Random Girl
(walking up) Hey Alex. Looking good.

Alex
(glaring) You better walk away. I'm not Alex, and I'm not gay. You walk away right now.

Random Girl
Oh, ooooooooooooooooook. Sorry. *(walks off)*

Alex
Why is this happening to me? What do I do about all this Alex crap and looking like a guy business?

Burger Guy

Mam! Mam! Your order is ready.

Alex

(walking up in fury and taking order) Thank you. *(starts walking out)*

Burger Guy

(smiling big) You have a beautiful day!

Alex

Piss off! *(storms out)*

(Lights down. The song "Clocks" by Coldplay begins to play then to background. Lights up on Nic and Amber on a bench at the park. After a few moments Alex walks on fast in front of them not paying attention.)

Nic

Alex! Alex!

Alex

Fuck you!

Amber

(jumping up quickly) Jaslyn!

(Alex stops and turns around)

Hey.

Alex

(surprised and relieved) Perfect! I need you two.

Nic

What's up?

Amber

What's wrong?

Alex

People still think I'm a guy and that my name is Alex. Why?

Amber

Because you are Alex.

Alex

Huh? No I'm not.

Amber

Yes, you are.

Alex

How is that possible? I don't look like a guy at all.

Nic

Have you seen yourself?

Alex

Actually yes. Right after you two left the hospital I took a great look in the mirror and I don't see it at all.

Nic

You seriously see yourself as a girl?

Alex

Yes, why don't you?

Amber

I don't know. That's real weird.

Alex

Well, tell me about this Alex character. Maybe we can figure something out.

Nic

(takes a deep breath and says matter of factly. Doesn't pause too much, but

doesn't talk too fast) Our friend Alex started getting real lonely and he said he started to go crazy because of it. He thought he was seeing a girl who was never really there. Then he just went AWOL because he thought he lost her, but he never really did because she was never really there in the first place, he just saw her in his mind, but thought it was real. He thought he lost her forever and didn't want to be alone. So he took a bunch of pills and other drugs to try and kill himself. *(sarcastically)* Thinking it would solve all his problems. He ended up not dying. Instead he had a brain trauma and now thinks he's a girl. *(pause)* You.

(Amber and Alex just stare in silence at him, because he was hard to understand)

What? Yeah, that just happened. I mean that's what happened.

Alex

Are you serious?

Amber

Yeah pretty much. I think. That was real hard to concentrate on.

Alex

Yeah, but somehow I got it. So, I'm Alex, but I think I'm me, but I'm not?

Nic

Basically.

Alex

Am I the girl he thought he was seeing?

Nic

Not sure. I would think so.

Alex

If I'm not real, what do I do?

Amber

Of course you're real, your in the mind, everything in the mind is real. Do you want to try to be a girl?

Alex

Yes, because I'm me and I want to be me. But if I'm not me, then I can't be me. *(pause and thinks)* How do I become Alex again?

Nic

I don't know. You can try and go back the same way you came.

Alex

I usually don't like to go back. Past is past. It would be hard to make it thinking the way I do. *(pause)* Why is he so lonely?

Amber

He's never had a relationship and he's scared.

Alex

Why?

Nic

(says the same as before) Because he's always been the friend with girls and he's scared it will always be that way. So, he doesn't try to hard to find girls. Even though he is a great guy and doesn't know how great he is. He's very hard on himself. He just reaches for girls at the wrong time and they all say the same thing to him. They always say they just want to be friends. Then things seem to change whether they want it to or not. He's just too nice and can't get the girls.

Alex

I see. Well, it's not that he's too nice. He sounds great. All he needs is confidence.

Amber

Yeah, exactly.

Nic

True.

Amber

He just needs girls to start things for a while, so he knows what he can get, or what he's got.

Nic

I think once he got confidence it could be dangerous. Won't be able to stop him!

Alex

Maybe so.

(A girl just walks by them as they are talking)

Nic

But all those girls he tried to get before and didn't go for him are gonna miss out.

Alex

He thinks if he is such a great guy then girls should come to him. If you missed out then you missed out. That's how he feels the ones he went after they didn't go for him he won't try again. He likes to be the one that got away.

Alex

Huh, sounds more complicated than a girl.

Amber

He can be!

Nic

Yeah.

Alex

Sounds like it may work out for him though. You seem to know him pretty

well. I'm sure he's glad to have you guys. So, let's get him back!

Nic

We need a lot of drugs

Alex

Where would we get them from?

Nic

(pulls out a little bag with everything needed. The song "Bad Fish" by Sublime begins to play) Always prepared.

Alex

(amazed) Prepared for what?

Nic

To get fucked up.

Alex

Ok, well I guess it works out great in this case.

Nic

(hands him the bag) It's all you.

Alex

(takes it) Thanks. *(pause)* Sorry for being a bitch earlier. I was just confused and freaking out.

Nic

It's all good man.

Amber

Yeah, don't worry about it. It's cool.

Alex

(looks at bag) Let's hope this works. And hope that we don't die. *(pause)*
What will happen to me?

Nic

I don't know.

Amber

Awwww....

Alex

Oh, well, that's not important. Ok. *(looks at bag)* Well, there's no place like home.

(Blackout. The song "Only God Knows Why" by Kid Rock begins to play, then goes to background when dialog starts. Lights fade up on Alex in the hospital bed and Nic and Amber who are standing next to the bed. Same places they were at the beginning when they woke Alex the first time.)

Nic

Alex? Alex?

Amber

Alex, you ok?

Nic

Can you hear us?

(Alex begins to slowly wake up squinting and stretching)

Alex

(yawning) Yeah I can hear you. You woke me up didn't you.

(Nic and Amber look at each other in relief)

Who's Alex?

(Nic and Amber look at each other in confusion)

Nic

You're Alex. *(pause)* Aren't you?

Alex

(thinks) Yes. Yes! Yes I am! It worked! I'm back! *(looks under covers)* I can see my willy again! Thanks guys!

Nic

For what? What are you talking about?

Alex

Didn't I think I was a girl before?

(Nic and Amber look at each other)

Amber

No.

Alex

Why am I here?

Nic

Cause you tried to kill yourself man! Being stupid! Why would you do that?

Alex

Wait. What did the doctor tell you?

Amber

That you're fine, but it took a lot out of you. We've been with you the whole time since we found you in your room.

Nic

You scared the piss out of us man.

Alex

Sorry. *(silence and thinks)* I'm just really confused. So, the doctor didn't say anything about me thinking I'm a girl?

Amber
No.

Nic
Do you?

Alex
No, I don't think so.

Nic
(*judging*) Why would you think that man?

Alex
Because before I took the pills I... Never mind, it doesn't matter now.

Amber
Are you ok now?

Alex
Yeah fine. Great actually. Just taking those pills and other stuff, I must've had the wildest trip ever. But it was very insightful. Gave me a lot to think about. Very useful as well.

Nic
So, what happened man?

Alex
I just couldn't take any shit anymore. I wanted it to stop. Stop being lonely and not being happy.

Amber
Well, that is no way to solve it.

Nic
You were freaking out though. You needed to get real fucked up. What ever happened with the girl?

Alex

(smiles and laughs) Doesn't matter now. I've just learned to have confidence and be happy to be alone and make the best of it. I know I'll find the right one eventually. Don't know when and don't know who. Could be anyone, a random person, someone I've met a while back, recently, or a brief moment. I'll just know when it comes. It will come faster than a bee's ass at your face. No one really know what they want until it hits them. Have fun with life. Life is complicated, so that makes everything in life complicated. *(Takes a deep breath and smiles)* It's all fabulous now!

Amber

I'm happy for you.

Nic

Yeah, I'm real glad that your *(making fun)* fabulous now. *(laughs)*

Alex

Yeah, it's all looking up. Finally!

(Samantha walks in wearing a nurse's outfit. It is a normal nurses outfit, nothing skimpy. Alex sees her and stares wide eyed. The song "You Sexy Thing" by Hot Chocolate begins to play. He notices that it is the girl that was in his trip, the hospital, burger place and the park. He starts to smile slowly. She enters halfway and then stops because she notices him smiling at her. She feels awkward and then smiles back at him.)

Alex

Hi.

Samantha

Hi.

Alex

I'm Alex.

Samantha

I know, I'm your nurse. *(Silence then laughs)* Samantha! My name is Samantha. *(laughs)* Not your nurse. I mean I'm your nurse, but my name isn't your nurse, but my name is...*(laughs)* You know what I mean.

Alex

(smiles and laughs a little) Yeah I do. *(smiles)* You're cut.

Samantha

Thank you. You to.

Alex

Thanks

(Nic and Amber smile at each other then at them)

Samantha

Oh! *(walking over to check his IV's and etc...)* So, how are we feeling?

Alex

Much better now. Thank you.

Samantha

Good. That's good.

Alex

Yeah

Samantha

Well, everything looks fine here. I'm just going to check on the others.
(starts walking out)

Alex

(smiles and then snaps) Ok. Oh! Wait!

Samantha

Yes?

Alex

I'll see you again right?

Samantha

(smiles) Yes, I work just about everyday.

Alex

Well, you should make it a point to come see me. To check up! I mean... I'd really like to see you again, and maybe we can go out sometime?

Samantha

(smiles) Maybe. *(pause)* I'm sure we can work something out. *(smiles)* I'll be back. *(walks out)*

Alex

Looking way, way up!

Nic

Uh,oh! It starts. Do we have to hold you down?

Alex

No. Life throws curve balls that messes with everything you have planned. *(laughs)* But it makes it so interesting! Never know what's going to happen! It's like watching a movie of my life. For all I know she could be the one.

Amber

That's true.

Nic

It could be possible.

Alex

(laughs) Cheesy ending to a story though. *(pause)* Whatever works!

(Lights fade. In the dark Alex says "Who's got the blunt!?" The song "What I Got" by Sublime begins to play. Nic flicks a lighter in the dark. End)