ROLEPLAY

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Pages: 3+

Characters:
Zack 21+
Ryan 21+

Synopsis:
Zack sets him and his roommate up on a blind date. Ryan expresses his inability to talk to women and Zack suggests "role playing" before the date.

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INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

ZACK is picking up the apartment when the door opens and RYAN walks in. Ryan looks exhausted as he sets down his bag. Zack looks up.

    ZACK
    Hey buddy, how was work?

    RYAN
    It was long. I can’t wait to get out of these clothes and just relax.

    ZACK
    Yeah, about that. I have some good news.

    RYAN
    Oh really? What’s up?

    ZACK
    I scored us a double date.

    RYAN
    Excuse me? You what?

Zack smiles.

    ZACK
    I got us a double date for tonight. So go get changed, we’re meeting them in an hour over at Mahoney’s.

    RYAN
    I can’t go on a date.

    ZACK
    Why not?

    RYAN
    I just can’t.

    ZACK
    What, are you scared?

    RYAN
    No, it’s just...

    ZACK
    Just what?

Ryan puts his head down.
ZACK
Look man, you need to get out. All you do is go to work and come home. It’s not normal.

RYAN
I wouldn’t know what to say.

ZACK
It’s easy, just talk about yourself. Ask her about herself. Girls love to talk about themselves.

RYAN
I don’t know.

ZACK
Okay, we’ll do a little roleplay.

RYAN
A what?

ZACK
I’ll pretend to be a girl and you talk to me.

Ryan shakes his head.

RYAN
That’s a little weird.

ZACK
Come on, I’m trying to help you right now.

He gets ready in a weird girly pose and stares at Ryan. Ryan looks at him with a weird expression. After a long pause Zack motions for him.

ZACK
Come on, come up and talk to me.

RYAN
Oh, see. I’m not good at this.

ZACK
Let’s try again.

Zack gets back into a weird girly pose. Ryan walks up.

RYAN
Hi.
In his best girly impression he answers.

ZACK
Hi there. What’s your name?

RYAN
It’s Ryan.

There is more silence. Zack breaks out of character.

ZACK
Dude, you have to ask her her name as well.

Ryan freaks out a little.

RYAN
See, I told you, I’m not good at this.

ZACK
You’re not even trying. Let’s get into small talk.

Zack goes back into character.

ZACK
So what do you do for a living?

RYAN
I work for the IRS as an accountant. How about you?

ZACK
Oh wow. Does that mean if I sleep with you I don’t have to pay my taxes?

RYAN
Are you kidding? I would report you and have you arrested.

Zack breaks again.

ZACK
Okay, you can’t say that. Threatening to arrest someone is not a good first date move.

RYAN
Well I would. That’s illegal.
ZACK
Well just for tonight, we are both Wall Street brokers.

RYAN
You want to lie to them?

ZACK
Just for tonight. You never know, we might get lucky.

Ryan shakes his head.

RYAN
I don’t know if that’s a good idea. I mean, what if we get caught?

ZACK
You really have to loosen up. Now go get changed. We have to go.

Ryan just stands there.

ZACK
Go! Come on!

RYAN
Do I have to?

ZACK
Go!

Ryan walks into the other room as we...

FADE TO BLACK.