

Please Forgive Me

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Cast of Characters

JESSE:

Late Teens

JULIET:

Late Teens

Place
Beach

Time
Day

Setting: The play takes place on the beach.

At Rise: Jesse and Juliet walk along a desolate boardwalk. The sun is setting as the waves pound against the ocean rocks.

Jesse: I didn't mean to make you feel insignificant. I feel so horrible about it that I would rather cut off my arm but it wouldn't even come close to how I feel about it all. I didn't mean to make you cry and get you upset, Jule. When I think of us, I think the world of you and I'd be nothing without you by my side. You give me the kind of strength that I need and the courage to do the things I do because you believe in me so much. I wouldn't have this confidence and I'd be filled with doubt...I wish I could hurt myself worse in some way because you were right, you stood by my side and didn't deserve to be spoken to that way.

I'm sorry babe, please forgive me...

Juliet: Again...

Jesse: I know.

Juliet: Again. I believe you when you tell me what you tell me but it always tends to slowly fade off over time until you do the same thing, each time it gets worse.

Jesse: I know, I know I'm an asshole.

Juliet: But it's more than that.

Jesse: What do you mean?

Juliet: There's something else going on with you. I can't put my finger on it but it's, there's something else going on---

Jesse: I have no idea what you're talking about.

Juliet: Because I think it's something even you aren't aware of.

Jesse: Can't we just let it go already?

Juliet: You're not the same anymore.

Jesse: Why are you getting all psychoanalytical on me? You're not my therapist.

Juliet: Well, maybe you should tell your therapist.

Jesse: Screw her.

Juliet: Aren't the sessions you're having supposed to help you?

Jesse: Supposed to---

Juliet: So, why don't you talk to her---

Jesse: I do talk to her, three times a week, two hours each time. I talk and she listens and I talk and she listens and this has been going on for four months and it sucks.

Juliet: If it's not helping, why do you bother going?

Jesse: To make my family happy. Keep them off my back, at least for a while.

Juliet: Isn't the point to make yourself happy or find some sort of, I don't know, some sort of understanding?

Jesse: You know, talking about this makes me angry. It's bad enough I have to cope with how everyone looks at me, like I'm some kind of freak or something and I'm not. I'm just like everybody else and maybe if everybody else would treat me like everybody else I'd be more like everybody else!

Juliet: Calm down Jesse.

Jesse: I am calm! Not you now, too. Don't start talking like them.

Juliet: I'm not!

Jesse: You sound like them.

Juliet: I'm not them and you know it. I just want you to get down to the bottom of why you go through these mood swings and have this temper. You weren't like this when we first met.

Jesse: People change.

Juliet: I don't like it. If this is who you are then I don't want it.

Jesse: I'm not twisting your arm to be my girlfriend.

Juliet: I know you're not.

Jesse: So why you staying here then?

Juliet: You want me to leave?

Jesse: Only if you want to leave.

Juliet: Do you want me to leave??

Jesse: Your call.

(pause.)

Juliet: This is what I mean. You need to grow up.

Jesse: Maybe I will leave.

Juliet: Whatever.

Jesse: Maybe I don't always want to be examined like I'm under a microscope. I don't need that from my girl.

Juliet: I'm not examining you, I'm just trying to get down to the bottom of why you go from being handsome and charming to mean and downright nasty.

(beat)

Jesse: I don't want to be that way.

Juliet: So let it go.

Jesse: Yeah...there's...oh man...there's things in my life that I carry with me, okay?

Juliet: What things?

Jesse: Things...bad things and I have to be alone with them because it can cause a lot of hurt and pain to people and I can't do that so, it's just the way it is.

Juliet: Can't you talk to me about it?

Jesse: I can't.

Juliet: Why?

Jesse: Because it's something that will make you think differently of me and I don't want that.

Juliet: That scares me.

Jesse: Just know that it's not me...it's something that was...I'm not the bad guy here, with what happened.

Juliet: Okay.

Jesse: I'm bigger than it. It's not bigger than me so I'm learning how to climb over it and I think once I get over it, I'll be fine so just, you know, just know that I'm doing the best I can with what happened. (beat) I've said way more than I wanted to so...

Juliet: Okay.

Jesse: ...Just be patient with me cause I don't plan on losing, especially you.

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