

Who You Kiss for Fun

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A full-length play

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## CHARACTERS

All characters are Asian.

JULIE: 17-year old girl, sarcastic, keeps a lot of her emotions to herself

DAVID: 18-year old guy, the grown up of the trio, not necessarily not attractive

WILLIAM: 18-year old guy, extremely attractive, the least mature of the trio

### Offstage Characters

White Bradley

Lily: David's ex, Asian

White Jake

White Max

Anna: David's secret admirer, White

## SETTING

Modern Day.

## SHOW PLAYLIST

FIRST LOVE / LATE SPRING; MITSKI

CHERRY; FLETCHER, HAYLEY KİYOKO

BOYISH; JAPANESE BREAKFAST

SEE YOU SOON; BEABADOOBEE

TREEHOUSE; CORY WONG, PHOEBE KATIS

WALK BUT IN A GARDEN; LLUSION, MXMTOON

## SCENE 1

An outdoor cafe. David at the piano playing a cover of a pop song. He returns to a table where he finds a note on his laptop. Julie, David's best friend and the less mature of the two, is working behind the counter. Julie walks over and pretends to clean his table.

JULIE  
Have you seen William?

DAVID  
He went downstairs with some girl.

JULIE  
Is she cute?

DAVID  
Uh, maybe?

JULIE  
White?

DAVID  
Yeah. Hey Julie, did you see who left this?

Julie takes the note from him.

JULIE  
Ooooh. A secret admirer. Are you going to call the number?

DAVID  
Maybe.

JULIE  
You should. A rebound would be good for you.

DAVID  
Sure. Not really my thing.

JULIE  
Okay, but I still think you should call. Save the number. Here gimme your phone.

Julie grabs his phone and types the number in.

JULIE

So whatcha working on.

DAVID

College apps.

Julie leans over and reads over his shoulder.

JULIE

Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful/

DAVID

/Hey! Don't read it out loud!

JULIE

"My identity that I hold in highest regards but most privately is my *masculinity*." Wow.

DAVID

I told you not to read it.

JULIE

You want to write to a liberal arts school that being a MAN is your most meaningful trait?

DAVID

Okay okay. Just read it when it's done.

JULIE

You'd definitely have an easier time just writing about being Asian or something. That's what a college is going to want to hear.

DAVID

I know. That's why I wrote that version already.

JULIE

Nice. I still can't believe your parents are just letting you apply to music school. My parents would never.

DAVID

Probably because you don't practice. My parents always say "You can do whatever you want with your life-as long as you're the best of the best at whatever you do."

JULIE

You know what I'm looking forward to in college? Free therapy.

William, the least mature in their trio, enters. He begins to mess with David.

WILLIAM

Julieeee aren't you supposed to be working.

DAVID

Stop it.

He does not.

JULIE

Oh look a customer.

Julie returns to the counter where there is definitely not a customer.

WILLIAM

Are you gonna ask who I was just talking to?

DAVID

Who were you just talking to?

WILLIAM

This girl from the private school. She came to tutoring and said she wanted help with homework. And then heh.

DAVID

You and Julie really are so similar.

WILLIAM

We just know how to have fun instead of dating a middle school girlfriend for like four years.

DAVID

Dude. Too soon. I just meant how tutoring is always your guys' in.

WILLIAM

My bad. Well, maybe I should actually let Julie go on break. I'll make sure to pass along that you think she's a slut.

David rolls his eyes and exits to the bathroom.  
William returns to the counter.

WILLIAM

Julieeee are you almost done?

Julie hands him the mop and goes to sit down.

JULIE

Honestly, it's nice when you come back from your break 15 minutes late cuz now I basically get to leave.

WILLIAM

I'm driving you home.

JULIE

Whatever.

She bends down below the counter for her stuff. William kneels down with her. He turns her and kisses her. They kiss for a moment before Julie pulls away.

JULIE

Dude. David's gonna see.

William pops back up above the counter.

WILLIAM

(loudly)

I bet you're going to have the hottest girlfriend in college.

Julie stands up and rolls her eyes.

JULIE

Go away.

WILLIAM

Would you rather- date someone for four years or never be in a relationship again?

JULIE

Four years. Don't look so surprised.

WILLIAM

Ok but actually, do you think David's ok? How do you think he's doing with the breakup?

JULIE

I mean not great. He won't tell me what happened but I heard something about how Lily's dating Bradley now.

WILLIAM

White Bradley?

JULIE

Yes, "White Bradley."

WILLIAM

I dunno man. He just needs to go out and meet someone new. He's cute and really good boyfriend material. I'd date him.

JULIE

Stop queer baiting.

WILLIAM

It's not queer baiting. David's straight.

David walks back in.

WILLIAM

Or is he?

Julie starts to clean again since William is not.

WILLIAM

My mom keeps trying to set me up with the Asian girls at church. And she won't let me date White girls.

JULIE

Cuz that totally stops you.

WILLIAM

How's your mom? Tell her I'm still single.

JULIE

I will not be telling her. She's fine. Except when she won't shut up about wanting me to date you or David.

WILLIAM

Wow you have options.

JULIE

Just count the change.

WILLIAM

Aw you're no fun. If you're gonna be mean all the time boys won't want to date you.

JULIE

You sound like my mom. All the way in Hong Kong and she's still like "you're not ladylike enough blah blah blah."

WILLIAM

You know if we just pretended we were dating, our moms would leave us alone. Come on, don't girls love that stuff? Dating their childhood best friends and shit?

JULIE

Well I happen to be stuck with one that's a stupid fuck boy or one that's way too good for me.

WILLIAM

Aw, that's so sweet. But I'm not too good for you.

Julie sighs and turns away.

WILLIAM

I see you rolling your eyes. You're smiling. See I'm funny.

JULIE

Mhm. Who was the girl you were talking to?

WILLIAM

Just this girl from tutoring. Turns out she's really into Asian dudes.

JULIE

Did she say that to you?

WILLIAM

She just got Chinese characters tattooed on her back.

JULIE

Ha. What did they say?

WILLIAM

You think I could read them?

JULIE

No I didn't. Heh.

WILLIAM

She wants to have a threesome.



JULIE

Ask David.

WILLIAM

But he'll be able to read her tattoos. What if it says something weird.

Julie laughs.

WILLIAM

What if *we* had a threesome with David. We could help him get over Lily. Together.

JULIE

I'm leaving. I'm leaving! David we're leaving!

David packs up his stuff. William walks up to him and slings his arm around him.

WILLIAM

Aw, why do you always listen to Julie but not me.

Julie grabs David's hand and starts to drag him offstage. William grabs his other arm.

DAVID

Why do you two do this to me.

WILLIAM

As the oldest, I think both of you should be better about listening to me. Respect your elders.

DAVID

Julie what did you do this time.

JULIE

Nothing! Why do you always think I did something. LEAVING! WE ARE LEAVING.

William smirks and lets go causing Julie to fall on her butt. David helps Julie up and grabs her bag for her. She exits with him with a hmph. William goes back to the counter. Julie reenters, indignant.

JULIE

We will be waiting by the car.

She exits.

## SCENE 2

The next day. Julie and David are in the treehouse. Julie furiously typing on her laptop to avoid the topic of conversation.

DAVID

And how are you feeling about it?

JULIE

A little rude of my parents to not let me apply to school in Hong Kong when they fully moved there themselves.

DAVID

Did they really say that?

JULIE

I mean no. But they basically made fun of my Chinese and then changed the subject. Ugh and you're looking at moving to Hong Kong for college too. Everyone's running off to Asia. Kinda makes you not wanna stay here.

DAVID

Are you going to tell them you feel weird about it?

JULIE

Totally.

David knows she will not.

DAVID

I mean at least you and William will probably end up at the same school. And no guarantees I'll get in.

JULIE

Anyways, have you texted that girl yet who left you her number?

DAVID

(not letting her change the subject)

You're allowed to be upset you know.