

Happy Valentine's Day

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Cast of Characters

ADAM: Late Twenties. Lawyer.

JACK: Late Twenties. Advertising agent.

LILY: Mid Twenties. Classically Beautiful with an independent personality.

: A "His Girl Friday" boldness.

ACT I

Scene 1

A bucket with one bouquet of lilies sits in the middle of the stage. A sign above the bucket reads "Last minute Valentine's Day Bouquets \$100 a dozen." The song Happy Valentine's Day by Outkast plays. ADAM and JACK run onto stage from opposite sides looking flustered and in a hurry. They both see the flowers and and run for them grabbing for them at the same time. They fight for the flowers but carefully as not to ruin them.

JACK

I saw them first.

ADAM

Ease up. I need these flowers.

JACK

Well your not gonna get them outta my hands.

ADAM

Hey man, I've been up since five A.M. looking for a bouquet of lilies. Please.

JACK

And you think I haven't? It's just roses, roses, roses. So predictable.

ADAM

So easy. Why can't my girl be easy?

JACK

Your woman cheating really isn't my business.

ADAM

That's not what I meant.

JACK

Look, what's your name?

ADAM

Adam.

JACK

I'm Jack. Nice to meet ya. I'll give you fifty bucks if you let me have the flowers.

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ADAM

No way. 50 bucks is not worth a week with my girl angry.

JACK

100 bucks?

ADAM

You're willing to spend 200 dollars on these flowers? You must have one fine woman.

JACK

You know it.

ADAM

Okay, pay up and I'll let go.

JACK

I don't actually have any cash on me.

ADAM

Then why the hell did you offer me money?

JACK

I can go to the ATM right after I buy these though and--

ADAM

So you can run off with the flowers and leave me here with nothing. I don't think so.

JACK

We could fight for them.

ADAM

Seriously?

JACK

Arm wrestle?

ADAM

Okay, now your just being ridiculous.

JACK

Look my girlfriend and I've been on and off for a few months and if I don't bring her her favorite flowers I think we might really be done this time. I can't have her leave me on Valentine's Day, it's just wrong.

ADAM

Sorry man.

JACK

Top that.

ADAM

What?

JACK

If you can top me getting dumped I'll let you take the flowers.

ADAM

I'm going to propose today and her sister told me she always dreamed of walking into a room full of lilies and me on one knee. I figure a bouquet will be enough.

JACK

Proposing on Valentine's Day is kinda cliché isn't it.

ADAM

No. It's romantic. So do I get the flowers or not?

JACK

No. You can always propose tomorrow. My relationship might not last that long. I can picture the look on her face when I walk in with nothing to give her.

ADAM

The look that says, "I'm trying not to seem upset but a little something would've been nice."

JACK

You must get it alot.

ADAM

My ex had what I liked to call "The Look of Death." It used to scare the crap outta me.

JACK

I think women must learn that look at birth. Even the nice ones can throw it at ya when you least expect it.

They both put the bouquet down but neither seems to notice because they are too caught up in their conversation.

ADAM

Like when you check out another girl in front of them.

JACK

Or make a joke about their pudgy stomach. Or their sister being hot. My girlfriend hates that one.

ADAM

(Trying not to seem shocked by JACKS comments.)

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ADAM (cont'd)

Yeah, they're just so sensitive about everything. I mean am I gonna complain when I don't get anything today?

JACK

Of course not. It's just how it goes. We give and give and maybe get a little sex in return.

ADAM

If she's not too tired.

JACK

Or too bloated. I don't even think that's a real condition.

ADAM

I just think it would be nice if we had a holiday. Like Men's Day when they have to give us gifts and take us out to dinner.

JACK

I could use a Valentine's Recovery Day.

ADAM

Catchy.

JACK

I'm in advertising for a living.

ADAM

Really? What kind of stuff do you do?

JACK

Mostly print ads for wineries.

ADAM

Sweet. You get lots of free wine?

JACK

Enough to feed my habit. What do you do?

ADAM

I'm a lawyer at Sweeny, Coffield, Blair & Schenk downtown. That's actually how I met my girlfriend.

JACK

Oh yeah, a co-worker?

ADAM

No, a client actually.

JACK

What'd she do, murder someone?

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ADAM

No, just a property dispute. She's trying to get out of a lease she signed with her ex. I fell for her instantly.

JACK

Yeah?

ADAM

We've only been dating a few months but I knew in about ten minutes. She's successful, smart, she loves sports and she's got a killer ass.

JACK

Yeah my girlfriend's hot too.

JACK and ADAM both look at each other and then grab for the flowers again.

JACK

Okay, rock, paper, scissors for them.

ADAM

Okay. Best two out of three. Ready? 1-2-3.

JACK and ADAM throw the same symbol three times in a row.

JACK

1-2-3. Again 1-2-3. What the hell?

ADAM

What if we just split the flowers?

JACK

Why didn't you mention that in the first place?

ADAM

I don't know.

Adam splits the bouquet into two smaller bouquets and hands one to JACK.

ADAM

Well it was nice meeting you. Good luck with your girlfriend.

JACK

Thanks. Good luck on the proposal.

See ya.

ADAM

Scene 2

ADAM walks off stage as Lily walks on stage and meets JACK at their apartment.

Lily, you home?

JACK

Hey.

LILY

Happy Valentine's Day honey.

JACK

(feigning enthusiasm.)
My favorite. Thank you.

LILY

They hug and JACK goes in for a kiss but LILY turns her head.

So where do you want to go to dinner tonight?

JACK

Jack I haven't seen you for a month. I didn't think we were doing anything.

LILY

But it's Valentine's Day. Spend it with the one you love and all that.

JACK

About that.

LILY

Look, I know you've been busy with work and that our last fight was pretty bad but--

JACK

You said you bet my mom was better in the sack than me.

LILY

It was a joke.

JACK

It's not funny when you say it while we're in bed together.

LILY

Door Bell Rings.

I gotta get that.

LILY

LILY Opens the door to find ADAM standing in the doorway holding a bouquet of lilies.

Adam what are you doing here? I thought you were picking me up later.

LILY

I know but I couldn't wait. I saw these and just had to see you now.

ADAM

LILY takes the bouquet and looks over her shoulder.

(Whisper)
That is so sweet of you, but my ex is here right now so you need to leave.

LILY

JACK walks up to the door.

Lily whose at the door?
(Beat.)
Adam?

JACK

Wait, how do you know Adam?

LILY

I met him this morning. How do you know Adam?

JACK

Um, he's my lawyer.

LILY

What?

JACK

LILY steps away from JACK and stands next to ADAM holding his hand.

Okay, let me rephrase that. Jack, I'd like you to meet my boyfriend Adam.

LILY

JACK pushes past LILY and ADAM. LILY AND ADAM hug and kiss. "Happy Valentine's Day" reprise.