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## **AUTHORS' NOTE**

This play is a satire of both divorce and romantic comedies. Since both divorce and romance affects all sexes, this script is written so that the children characters may be performed by either sex. Make the names reflect the sex. Any jokes may be altered to reflect the change of sex. Any pronouns may be changed to reflect the sex.

All the children in this play have divorced parents.

The parent in this play is divorced.

Should you choose to play Brad as Faith, the title may be referred to as, "Gotta Get Faith Back."

MARGARET must be a woman.

KELLY/AARON must be the opposite sex of ANDY/MARY. If you choose AARON, then his best friend's name can be GRIFFIN.

If you choose to have the character BROOKE, her best friend may be named FRANCINE.

ENRIQUE may be any race. If you choose, he may also be referred to as RICKY.

All the kid characters may be performed as being any age from six to twelve so long as they have their youth intact.

## **CHARACTERS**

ANDY/MARY

BRAD/FAITH

JOEY/BROOKE

MARGARET

KELLY/AARON

ENRIQUE/JASMINE

FOXX

## **SETTING**

The play takes place in the suburbs of a moderately populated city.

## **TIME**

The time is modern day.

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## SCENE ONE

*(Lights up. The scene opens in ANDY's room. ANDY is waiting impatiently in front of a game of checkers. BRAD enters.)*

BRAD: Hey, Andy, how's it going? Sorry I'm late.

ANDY: Brad, do you know how late you are?

BRAD: No?

ANDY: Our play date started an hour ago.

BRAD: I was busy, okay? I'm here now, so let's play.

ANDY: Do you know how long an hour is?

BRAD: Sixty minutes?

ANDY: Yeah, that's a lot of minutes. That's more than fifty minutes.

That's more than fifty-five minutes. That's sixty. I've taken down and set back up this game of checkers twenty times.

BRAD: I thought I sent you a text.

ANDY: You said you'd be a little late. Not an hour. An hour is a lot of late, Brad. A lot of late!

BRAD: Can we please just play checkers again? *(Passive aggressive)* Like we do every time we have a play date.

ANDY: You said you liked checkers! *(Calming down)* Okay. Okay, we need to have a talk. Wanna take a seat, Brad?

BRAD: I guess.

ANDY: Can I get you something to drink?

BRAD: Do you have any Kool-Aid?

ANDY: Of course. I'll get it. *(Yelling out his door)* MOM! KOOL-AID! *(To BRAD)* I feel like we haven't been connecting like we used to.

We've been best friends for about three years now and—

BRAD: Look, I was late. Big deal.

ANDY: This is about more than you being late. Remember last week when you skipped our play date to go to a movie with your mom?

BRAD: Yeah, I really wanted to see *Dancing Chimpanzees Three*.

ANDY: Well I talked to my mom and she talked to your mom and your mom said to my mom that you didn't even go to that movie. Why'd you lie and say you went to a movie, huh? Where were you, Brad?

BRAD: You're so controlling!



ANDY: I'm decisive. I thought you said you liked that about me.  
BRAD: Well it's starting to get on my nerves!  
ANDY: Something's going on here!  
BRAD: Okay, you wanna know where I was when I skipped our play date?  
ANDY: Yeah I wanna know!  
BRAD: I was hanging out with Enrique.  
ANDY: Who's Enrique?  
BRAD: Oh I'll tell you who Enrique is. We've been hanging out a lot lately. When I hang out with Enrique, we don't do stupid things like play board games. We swim in his pool because he has a pool! In fact, that's why I was late today! Because my clothes got wet and his mom had to put them in the dryer for an hour. You know what we did in that hour? Enrique and me? We played Xbox. Do you even know what an Xbox is?  
ANDY: Hold on one second. (*Yelling out his door*) MOM! FORGET THE KOOL-AID! BRAD'S NOT THIRSTY!  
BRAD: I am too thirsty! Thirsty for Kool-Aid!  
ANDY: I know what an Xbox is! Just because I don't have one doesn't mean I don't know what it is!  
BRAD: Well if the shoe fits!  
ANDY: You don't even know what that means, Brad!  
BRAD: Enrique says it and I like it, so I'm going to say it.  
ANDY: Enrique Enrique Enrique! When did you become so obsessed with Enrique?!  
BRAD: You're the one who pushed me to hang out with Enrique! All you ever want to do is play checkers! I need more in my life than checkers, Andy! Maybe if you put forth more effort!  
ANDY: Don't blame this on me!  
BRAD: If the shoe fits!  
ANDY: Stop saying that, butt-face!  
BRAD: Oh my gosh! How dare you!  
ANDY: You are a dirty diaper sniffer!  
BRAD: (*Enraged at yet another name*) If the shoe fits! Eat it!  
ANDY: You're the worst best friend any one has ever had, Brad!  
BRAD: Well maybe we should break up!  
ANDY: What?  
BRAD: You heard me. Break up.  
ANDY: You don't mean that.  
BRAD: We fight too much. You're too controlling. Do you really wanna live like this?

ANDY: Come on, Brad, we're just having a fight. In five minutes we'll make up and play checkers.

BRAD: See! You can't change, Andy! We aren't right for each other. And me and Enrique have been talking, and we think we'd make great best friends.

ANDY: But, we've been together for three years, you can't just throw that away.

BRAD: Okay, Andy, now I'm telling you. We are breaking up.

ANDY: But who will play checkers with me? Who will drink Kool-Aid with me?

BRAD: That's not my problem anymore. *(Starts to exit)*

ANDY: Where are you going?

BRAD: To have fun. Something you've never heard of. *(Exits)*

ANDY: I know what fun is! *(Spelling)* F-U-N! To do things that are cool! Like playing checkers with Brad and not going to Enrique's house! Don't leave me, Brad! Brad! No!

*(MARGARET enters ANDY's room carrying two glasses of Kool-Aid.)*

MARGARET: Here's the Kool-Aid!

ANDY: Not now, Mom!

MARGARET: What's wrong sweetie?

ANDY: I'm having the worst day of my life!

MARGARET: Oh! Well maybe some Kool-Aid will make you feel better! *(Sets Kool-Aid down. Exits)*

ANDY: It won't Mom! *(Violently throwing the glass of Kool-Aid)* It won't make me feel better! I lost my best friend! I need to go! I need something stronger than Kool-Aid! *(Storms out of room)*

*(Lights fade down.)*

## SCENE TWO

*(Lights up. The scene is at a lemonade stand, with several empty cups scattered about. The feel is to make this as much like a bar as possible. JOEY should make the lemonades by first pouring in the powder, then pouring in water from a water bottle, then shaking the cup.)*

ANDY: Pour me another lemonade, Joey.

JOEY: Don't you think you've had enough sugar, man? You've already had five lemonades.

ANDY: *You're* five lemonades!

JOEY: The last time you had this much lemonade you put your underwear on your head and ran around the block naked... I think you've had enough!

ANDY: I'll tell you when I've had enough! Is my money not good here? Are my nickels not good enough?

JOEY: What's going on? I've never seen you like this.

ANDY: I lost my best friend.

JOEY: (*Pouring, then handing ANDY another lemonade*) Oh man, that's rough.

ANDY: It's easily the worst thing that's ever happened to me. I don't think for the rest of my entire life I will ever be worse than I am now.

JOEY: That bad, huh?

ANDY: You know what the worst part is? I just ordered our best friend t-shirts. (*Holding up a shirt*)

JOEY: What's "Brandy"?

ANDY: ...It's Brad and Andy combined... you wouldn't understand!

JOEY: I guess not.

ANDY: I mean, have you ever lost a best friend?

JOEY: No, I've always had a best friend. Me and Falco go way back.

ANDY: I'm hopeless! I'll be single forever! Nobody likes me!

JOEY: (*Pouring another lemonade*) Hey man, that's not true. I think you're pretty cool.

ANDY: Joey! Are you saying you want to be best friends?

JOEY: Well...Falco...is my best friend...but you're cool! Besides, not having a best friend isn't the worst thing.

ANDY: Yes. Yes it is.

JOEY: Well, then I'm sure you'll have a new best friend in no time. Then things will be back to normal!

ANDY: You don't understand, Joey, Brad is like the perfect best friend. I'll never find a best friend as good as Brad.

JOEY: So why don't you try to win him back?

ANDY: I can't Joey.

JOEY: Why's that?

ANDY: Because Enrique, his new best friend, has a pool. And an Xbox.

JOEY: (*Pours another lemonade*) This one's on the house.

ANDY: Thanks, J-Man.

JOEY: Hey! You know what you could do to win him back? Find a really cool best friend and make Brad jealous. That's what my Mom did

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Among many others, Chris and Ryan Wilkins' plays include Rob in the Hood, These Things Happen, and Thomas Brady's First Day of Kindergarten. In only their first year, these scripts have delivered forensics students to multiple final round performance opportunities.

The Wilkins brothers competed in high school forensics at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they were recently the 2011 National Champions in Duo Interpretation at the National Forensics League (NFL) Tournament. With a combined seven years of speech experience, observing all ranges of performances and scripts, the Wilkins twins have now set their eyes on coaching students and writing scripts for forensics performance. Their hope is to continue to help anyone and everyone they can in the forensics realm.

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GENRE: Comedic Satire (One-Act)

CAST: 1 Male, 1 Female, 5 Interchangeable

## **SUMMARY:**

ANDY is heart broken when BRAD tells him he's found a new best friend. After drowning his sorrows at the lemonade stand, ANDY is convinced that he will get BRAD back at any cost. Satirizing the romantic comedy, and offering commentary on divorce, Gotta Get Brad Back, is a heart warming comedy about break ups, lemonade, and best friends.

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