

EXT. ROOFTOP OF A BURNING BUILDING

LIGHTS UP: A panicked Nelinda and Lauren pace.

LAUREN

Okay! We've gotta calm down! The building is on fire- can we jump to safety?

NELINDA

We'll kill ourselves, it's two hundred stories down!

SUPERMAN flies in with his cape.

SUPERMAN

I'll save you!

LAUREN/NELINDA

Superman!

BATMAN flies in behind him.

BATMAN

I'll save you!

LAUREN/NELINDA

Batman!

MR. DARCY calmly walks in through the door.

MR. DARCY

I would tell you that I'd save you, but truthfully, you've saved me.

LAUREN/NELINDA

Mr. Darcy?

BATMAN

Who the fuck is Mr. Darcy?

SUPERMAN

He was in that book, Pride and Prejudice.

Mr. Darcy surveys the fire.

MR. DARCY

You know, this fire doesn't burn half as brightly as the light in both of your eyes.

NELINDA

Stop! These are just my regular eyes.

LAUREN

I'm so glad you're okay. Also, hi,
I'm Lauren.

Lauren smiles. Mr. Darcy kisses her hand.

MR. DARCY

A pleasure to make your acquaintance,
and your friend?

NELINDA

Nelinda. I can't tell you how long
I've waited for this moment-

Batman cuts in.

BATMAN

Let me fly you to safety, ladies!

SUPERMAN

I can also do that!

MR. DARCY

After many a folly, I've realized a
real man provides support so that a
woman can save herself.

NELINDA/LAUREN

YES! / Thank you!

MR. DARCY

Elizabeth, and Elizabeth! You two
seem to have more wits than both of
these imbeciles combined -

SUPERMAN

Their names are Lauren and Nelinda,
not Elizabeth.

LAUREN/NELINDA

Shut up. It's okay. I can be
Elizabeth.

BATMAN

The building is about to collapse.

LAUREN

If you don't mind me asking, Mr.
Darcy, do you have any superpowers?

MR. DARCY

Only the ability to change.

Batman and Superman scoff.

NELINDA/LAUREN

Wow. / Guys, take notes.

MR. DARCY

And I'm very rich. Now! Let me escort
you down the fire escape!

BATMAN

There is no fire escape. We're gonna
have to fly you out of here -

Batman and Superman grab each woman, they prepare to fly
away when the Nelinda and Lauren grab Mr. Darcy!

NELINDA

We can't leave him behind!

MR. DARCY

Before we go - you must allow me to
tell you all how ardently I admire
and love you.

(to Batman/Superman)

Even you, gentlemen.

Nelinda and Lauren beam. Batman and Superman try to hide
their smiles.

BATMAN

(to Superman)

I mean, he does have something about
him.

MR. DARCY

Off to Pemberely in Derbyshire!

They fly away!

BLACKOUT

EXT. BEACH - DAY

SANDY and DANNY stand looking out into the waves.

SANDY

Jeeze, Danny, these summer nights,
am I right?

DANNY

Yeah, Sandy! You rocked me.

SANDY

(laughs)

I suppose that's just what us
Australian girls do.

DANNY

Seriously, Sandy, you made me believe
in things I never believed in. Like
singing, and dancing, and love.

SANDY

Stop, Danny! You're making this all
too hard to bear.

DANNY

I want it to be too hard, Sandy. I
want it to be too hard, all the time.

SANDY

Well, golly, Danny, what're you
saying?

DANNY

I'm moving to Australia to be with
you!

SANDY

What.

DANNY

You're my dream girl, Sandy. All my
guys at home, they're just a bunch
of greasers and I feel like we could
have a real life together here. A
couple kids, a real nice house -

SANDY

We're teenagers.

DANNY

Yeah! And I wanna marry you! That's
right, I said it.

SANDY

Oh, no. No no no no no.

Sandy starts to laugh.

SANDY (CONT'D)

Noooooooooooooo. Danny. You were just a fling.

DANNY

But what about the milkshakes we shared? The sensual moonlit walks on the beach? Getting our faces drawn as dumb cartoons together at the summer carnival?! I romanced you.

SANDY

Yeah, those things were really romantic but only because I knew it was a short term thing. That's the beauty of a fling.

DANNY

Oh.
(straightens up)
I was just kidding around about that marriage stuff. I wouldn't marry you if my life depended on it. Marriage? Disgusting. I'm a greaser.

SANDY

Whatever you say. Well. I better be going.

DANNY

Me too. I've got a plane to catch back to America. My school starts Monday.

SANDY

My school starts on Monday too.
Well -

They awkwardly hug.

SANDY (CONT'D)

Have a great life.

DANNY

I was a virgin before I met you.

SANDY

Danny. Come on.

DANNY

Sorry.

(back to cool guy)

I guess I'll see ya never. See ya
later, Sandy.

SANDY

Bye forever Danny!

Sandy's mom comes out.

MOM

Honey! Who was that?

SANDY

That was just a summer fling, mom.
That was nothing.

MOM

I know it's two days before school
starts, but we're moving to America!
Surprise!

SANDY

What? Really? Where?

DIM LIGHTS : TWO GREASERS pat Danny on the back as he cries.
He looks over at Sandy, who's surrounded by SMILING KIDS.

GIRL CHORUS

Tell me more tell me more!

SANDY

I'd really rather not.

BOY CHORUS

Tell me more tell me more did you
get very far?

DANNY

I LOVED YOU. Why aren't you talking
to me, Sandy? I'm right here! She
took my virginity!

A beat.

DARREL

Wella wella wella

Ernest shakes his head.

ERNEST

No.

BLACKOUT

INT. V.R. WORLD

LIGHTS UP

EVERYONE is onstage waving to SID who's about to EXIT.

SID
That was an incredible orgy, everyone!
Thank you! Goodbye!

BLACK OUT / RESET / LIGHTS UP

DARREL removes Sid's V.R. HELMET. Next to him, NELINDA waits.

DARREL
So, is Virtual Reality better than
reality reality?

SID
Fuck yeah it is. How much for the
helmet?

DARREL
Only five thousand dollars! Shall I
wrap it up for you?

NELINDA / SID
Definitely not. / YES.

SID
Hang on - let me talk to my wife.
(to Nelinda)
Babe you have to try it. You can
literally go anywhere and do anyone
with this thing!

NELINDA
I'm not interested. I like this
reality.

Sid takes her face in his hands, gazes into her eyes.

SID
You don't understand. This reality
is trash - pure garbage - compared
to what you could experience.

NELINDA
Ugh. Fine. I'll try it.

She sits, puts on the V.R. helmet.

BLACK OUT / RESET / LIGHTS UP

Darrel, Nelinda and Sid are where they were at the top of the last scene. Darrel takes off Sid's helmet.

DARREL

So, is Virtual Reality better than reality reality?

SID

No.

NELINDA

You didn't like it at all?

SID

Actually, yeah. I liked it. Because it made me realize a couple of things.

NELINDA

Like what?

SID

Like you deserve someone who'll learn to speak flawless Spanish for you -

RYAN enters with a rose.

RYAN

Hola! Como estas? Muy bien, y tu?

SID

And someone who fully supports your love of Dr. Who cosplay.

SAVANNA enters with a rose.

SAVANNA

Let's jump in the TARDIS and see where it takes us!

SID

And you deserve someone who's strong enough to admit that their porn addiction is way out of control.

Sid exits, comes back through the curtain with a rose.

SID (CONT'D)

Me. It's me who's addicted to porn. I'm finally ready to admit it.

NELINDA

Sid, you've given me a lot to think about.

Darrel walks over to Savanna and Ryan, whispers:

DARREL
Where did you guys come from?

SAVANNA/RYAN
No idea. / No se.

BLACKOUT / RESET / LIGHTS UP

Darrel removes Nelinda's V.R. HELMET.

NELINDA
Wow.

SID
Right?! It's awesome!

NELINDA
Yeah. It made me realize this reality
could never be enough.
(a beat)
I want a divorce.

SID
What?

NELINDA
I'll get in touch with a lawyer today.
You were right. That thing is
incredible!

SID
What?! No! Nelinda wait!

Nelinda exits. Darrel's uncomfortable. Sid's distraught.

DARREL
Alright, well! Onward and upward.
(an awkward beat)
So! We have two exciting color
options for your new helmet! Classic
Silver or Space Blue? You look like
a Space Blue man, am I right?

SID
Oh my god.

BLACKOUT / RESET / LIGHTS UP

Darrel takes off the V.R. helmet.

DARREL
Wow, so that's what it'd be like if
I was a V.R. salesman. Cool.

BLACKOUT