

Audition sides The Unpredictable Times

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BRANDON – Early 20s, Male; An overachiever, the one that will probably be the most successful out of everyone after the summer. Nicole's ex, holds hostility towards Nicole due to their rough break up and history together. Still has feelings for her, but after all these years, he's come to the realization that he's growing up, and to him that might mean finally moving on from Nicole and his childhood friends.

NICOLE – Early 20s, Female; An aspiring stage actress, you witness her insecurities and her knowledge of the field she's going into (Theatre) with superfluous theatre facts. Nicole and Brandon dated in Highschool and didn't end on good terms.

JAKE – Early 20s, Male; The "Frat" Boy, works on instinct, his choices socially are based on hiding what's going on with him privately (in his home life). He truly feels as long as he has his friends, he doesn't care about any other drama, including the problems between Brandon and Nicole. Puts up a façade a lot of the time and is somewhat insecure, especially about his relationship with his step father. While he was at college, he developed a drinking problem.

SAMANTHA – Early 20s, Female; An aspiring lawyer and, in some ways, the realistic one with sense. Samantha has been long over the drama between Brandon and Nicole and just wants their group to have a good summer before things change.

CARL – Early 20s, Male; the catalyst of the story who eventually takes his own life. Never went off to college but appears to have grown up, in some ways, more than anyone else. Truly the person that has kept the friendships of everyone together and has a long withheld secret that will affect the entire group.

Jake 1

Come on man you know the thing that Coach Pat said to you one time when we were killing Park Center by like twenty. (Brandon still doesn't respond) Sometimes you lose who you really care for by choice and sometimes you lose people you really care for when you make the wrong choice.

(Jake not convinced on Brandon's feelings towards Nicole)

Brandon, just... think about it, bro. (Beat) Brandon, you missed out... I mean, come on, when you and Nicole were together, you two had a pretty good thing... I mean, it's not like you knocked her up or anything. Because let me tell you dude that can get crazy. A guy in my fraternity got a girl pregnant and it was a boy and they had this huge argument on if he should get circumcised and I'm like dude... gross! Can we not? I'm trying to drink beer right now. Priorities dude! And he was like... (Jake notices that there is No Response by Brandon/ Awkward Silence, Jake takes a slow drink from his flask) Wait a second... Dude?

Jake 2

(Bounces back from the sensitive talk to annoying Jake)

Well, can you answer it quickly so we can cash in that check? Because this summer I want to remember nothing due to a lot of alcohol intake; as in we're going to be partying... A lot. I learned this new game called thumper, and the point is to Get Fucked Up, you're so gonna love it. (beat) And it's pronounced, Fraternity! Now, is that okay with you, my little rediscovering old flames person you? Ugh... Every time I'm around you and Nicole, it feels like I'm stuck in a Dawson's Creek episode... Wait... Epiphany? That means I would be Pacey, you would be Dawson, and Nicole would be Joey... And when they were juniors in high school, Dawson was coming home from visiting his mom in Philly because Dawson's mom cheated on his Dad in Season One and when Dawson got home, he told Pacey to look out for Joey because he wasn't ready to face her yet... And later that year, Pacey and Joey got together... Yes... Go me...

Carl 1

Wow... You guys are all here. So it took me dying for you all to be here and with no problems? (Beat) Wow... That fucking sucks... You all had the chance to get away... I was stuck here. What is so hard about moving forward? What is so hard about honesty? Or thinking about others? Or saying that you (Beat) that you want out? (Beat) You will always remember your first love and how that person made you feel... (Beat) I NEVER EVEN HAD THAT CHANCE. (Beat) You all left, and I only had The Unpredictable Times and the memories we made there. (Beat) But with how you guys are, you might as well chop it down and plant a new life. (Pause) I wish... (Beat) I just really wish and hope that you guys will find happiness in a

world that's filled with just... Hate. Don't fall into the stereotype... You guys are... (Beat) were the only good things in my life.

Samantha 1

Brandon... Four years. You left Champlin; I mean we all left, but you left with a full Academic Scholarship to anywhere in the state; the first year, you make President's list both semesters. And starting September, you will be heading to a Graduate school that only takes, what was it, six applicants per year? Brandon, you have always overachieved. And, with all that being said, you still can't get over something that happened four years ago... I don't get it. (Brandon doesn't respond) Seriously, it's been four years. Come on. This might be one of the last summers we're all together. Can we please start it out somewhat decent before DJ comes? Jake and I came up with it two years ago. It's short for Drama July... Something always happens in July. It creates an enormous amount of unnecessary childish drama in our lives. It has happened every single summer, even before this fall-out with you and Nicole. My goal is for DJ not to happen this year. (BRANDON doesn't respond) Seriously, Brandon (Beat) maybe it's time to finally let it go.

Brandon/Nicole 1 (have someone else read in the lines from the other character, or you can present your side only as if it were a phone call)

BRANDON

You were great tonight... You blow me away every time I see you on stage... You are going to kill in college. Oscars will be coming your way in no time.

NICOLE

I'm a stage actor, Brandon... But thank you, I'll keep that in mind when I start doing film.

BRANDON

I miss you already. I can't believe in 3 months we'll be starting college.

NICOLE

(Hesitant)

Brandon... Listen –

BRANDON

No, listen... I know next year when college starts we have to deal with not seeing each other every day, but I'm willing to make this work if you are.

NICOLE

Brandon –

BRANDON

I love you with all my heart.

NICOLE

Listen -

BRANDON

Don't you feel the same way? (Under his breath) wow.

BRANDON starts to walk off

NICOLE

Brandon, wait!

BRANDON

What else is there to say?

NICOLE

You were my first... (Softly rubs her stomach but make it noticeable to everyone watching) (Beat) I just found out that I -

Silence... BRANDON has a realization on what she's saying to him

BRANDON

What do you mean?

NICOLE

I don't want to ruin everything, so I -

BRANDON

You're not ruining anything.

NICOLE

(Beat) I'm letting it go.

BRANDON

You're what? (Beat) Don't I have a say in this?

NICOLE

It's not your body.

BRANDON

Don't you think this is a little irrational?

NICOLE

I'm doing what's right.

BRANDON

No... You aren't... Nicole, it's -

NICOLE

(Nicole Interrupts)

My decision.

BRANDON

Your decision? Your body?

NICOLE

Yes. My decision, my body.

BRANDON

But, it's something we did together.

NICOLE

We have college to worry about.

BRANDON

I can't believe you.

NICOLE

Nothing has to change with us, Brandon, we can still be together.

BRANDON

No, we can't. I can't believe you. I can't believe this. It feels like I never even knew you. (Beat) Nicole, if you go through with this, (Beat) then I really don't think that there will ever be a time for you to be around me... Do you understand what I'm saying?

NICOLE

Brandon, (Beat) this is not your decision.

BRANDON

Nicole, please don't do this.

NICOLE

I'm sorry (Beat) it's done.