

Just Friends

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Characters

Levi (M): Levi is shy, the only girl he is comfortable around is his best friend Elliot. He is kind of nerdy, and awkward, He has a very sarcastic tone.

Elliot (F): Elliot has never known how to be feminine. She doesn't really care what people think about her.

Wyatt (M): Wyatt is a jock. He is attractive but doesn't see that he is. He is desperately in love with Hazel.

Hazel (F): Hazel is the ideal of what a girl should look like, Hazel knows what she wants and would stomp over anyone to get it.

Bartender (M): The bartender who works at the rugby clubs bar. He is quite snoop and enjoys listening in on everyone's conversations.

Scene 1

Lights up; Opening scene "Can't hurry love" by The Supremes plays. Bartender is working at his bar. Levi is sitting at the bar staring at Hazel, he keeps trying to talk to her but loses the confidence and runs away.

HAZEL: What are you staring at?

Levi is clearly staring at her breasts, looks down quickly.

LEVI: Umm... I like your shoes, where did you get them?

HAZEL: You want to know where I got my shoes.

LEVI: Well I mean, no...can I get you a drink?

HAZEL: I don't drink.

LEVI: What's wrong with you?

HAZEL: What?

LEVI: I said I like your shoes!

HAZEL: Haven't we been over this?

LEVI: Yeah but they're real nice, can I get you a drink?

HAZEL: We've been over that too, I don't drink.

LEVI: Right, sorry, you're really pretty and I'm nervous...

HAZEL: You think I'm pretty?

LEVI: Beautiful, actually.

HAZEL: Awe thanks, my name's Hazel.

LEVI: Hazel, you mean like the nut?

HAZEL: More like the eye color my mom wished I had, what's your name?

LEVI: My Levi Is Name!

HAZEL: Huh?

Levi realizes what he said.

LEVI: I mean my name is Levi.

HAZEL: Like the jeans?

LEVI: No, I was named after a dead dog!

HAZEL: What?!

LEVI: We had a dog named Levi; he got into a can of red paint and died. When I was born my body was red. My baby body reminded my mom of Levi, the dog dripping in red paint...

HAZEL: Poor dog!

LEVI: Its ok, red was his favorite color!

HAZEL: Aren't dogs color blind?

LEVI: That's a myth.

HAZEL: No I'm pretty sure it's...

LEVI: Nope, a myth I say!

Wyatt enters.

LEVI: So... anyway, I was wondering if we could hang out sometime.

HAZEL: What did you have in mind?

LEVI: Maybe we could go to a play?

HAZEL: Which play?

LEVI: I was thinking we could see the "Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time."

HAZEL: Isn't that about a dog being killed with a fork?

LEVI: Perfect! We can bond over the death of a dog!

WYATT: Is this guy bothering you Hazel?

LEVI: Is this your boyfriend?

WYATT: Yes!

HAZEL: No, he's my best friend.

WYATT: A best friend who won't let some creep hit on you.

HAZEL: It's ok Wyatt he wasn't being...

WYATT (To L): It's time for you to go.

Wyatt pushes Levi off stage.

HAZEL: What the hell Wyatt?

WYATT: You're welcome.

Scene 2

Levi and Elliot's apartment. Levi is crying on the couch looking at his phone, Elliot enters.

ELLIOT: Oh God, Levi, how many times do I have to tell you, stop looking at animal adoption ads!

LEVI: I'm not, I'm just...

ELLIOT: 'C'mon you totally were!

LEVI: I was just looking at this picture...

Elliot interrupts Levi and takes his phone.

ELLIOT: Who's this?

LEVI: If you must know, she is from the rugby club and she is the love of my life.

ELLIOT: And I haven't met her? Dude you need the best friend approval.

LEVI: You haven't met her yet, because I'm not dating her.

ELLIOT: Oh I see. You're not in love with her, you're just a stalker.

LEVI: Shut up I'm not a stalker, I just don't know how to talk to her.

Elliot starts making chicken noises.

LEVI: Excuse me?

ELLIOT: Oh my apologies, I thought you spoke chicken.

LEVI: You know, it's not easy talking to girls.

ELLIOT: It is for me!

LEVI: That's because you are a girl and you have the ego of Charlie Sheen and Mariah Carrey combined!

ELLIOT: That is not ego my friend, that is what I like to call confidence.

LEVI: Confidence?

ELLIOT: And you want to know where I get that confidence?

LEVI: Elliot, I know what you're thinking and I'm not getting drunk again. I didn't look so good the last time with male parts drawn on my face, thanks again by the way.

ELLIOT: That's what friends are for, now 'c'mon don't think of it like that, I call alcohol my lucky spirits.

LEVI: Cute.

ELLIOT: Think of it like a personality changer, you are always less uptight with alcohol in your system. (*Trying to distract Levi*) is that Justin Bieber crossing the street?

Levi looks; Elliot pours apple juice in a flask.

LEVI: Where?! I love JB. "Beauty and the Beat" is the first song on my get pumped playlist!

ELLIOT: He's out there, just keep on looking

LEVI: Elliot, I don't see Justin Bieber.

ELLIOT: Huh, I could've sworn he...oh, you know what? I think that was just a buff girl with a Bieber cut

LEVI: Don't ever get my hopes up about the Biebs again.

Elliot hands Levi the flask, Levi smells the drink.

LEVI: Smells like apples.

ELLIOT: Uh, that's because...its apple flavored Vodka...

LEVI: Why am I taking relationship advice from someone who hasn't lost their virginity yet?

ELLIOT: Just shut up and drink!

Elliot grabs the flasks and makes Levi drink it, Levi makes noises to try and make it stop.

ELLIOT: Shh, shh, shh, shh, shh! Its ok, it's ok!

The lighting changes and Levi makes a dramatic face towards the audience, he marches off stage, Elliot yells at Levi who is now off stage.

ELLIOT: Ok buddy, go get your coat on, remember I'm driving.

Scene 3

Bartender is working at the bar; Hazel and Wyatt are sitting down talking.

WYATT: Are you sure you don't want a drink?

HAZEL: For the last time Wyatt, I don't drink!

WYATT: Just checking, you never know.

HAZEL: But you do know, we've been friends for 2 years now and you still ask if I want a drink.

WYATT: I forget things.

HAZEL: Yeah, hey...what do you think of Levi?

WYATT: Well I mean, they make pretty good jeans but not my favorite; I'm more a Bluenotes fan myself.

HAZEL: Not the pants, the person!

WYATT: Who?

HAZEL: The cute guy from last night.

WYATT: Oh, that guy, he wasn't that cute!

HAZEL: Are you kidding me, yeah he was!

WYATT: Not cuter than me.

HAZEL: You're cute, but more like little brother cute.

Levi enters from the other side of the bar, the song "Low" by Flo Rida comes on and he awkwardly dances toward Hazel, music cuts out for dialog.

WYATT: Well that was disturbing

Levi ignores Wyatt's comment and pushes past him.

LEVI: Well hello there...gorgeous!

Levi kisses Hazels hand, Hazel laughs like a school girl.

LEVI: Can I have a picture of you? So I can tell Santa what I want for Christmas!

Hazel bates her eyes and flips her hair excessively.

LEVI: Are you a camp fire? Because you're hot and I want s'more!

She giggles again; Levi has a blank face and doesn't know what to say.

LEVI: Um...I like your toes.

HAZEL: Huh?

LEVI: Dammit...uh...I got to pee!

Levi runs back to Elliot.

LEVI: What do I do!?

ELLIOT: Stop admiring her toes and drink up!

Elliot gives Levi the flask and he drinks it, he once again walks over to Hazel.

LEVI: So I've seen you around the rugby fields and I hear you're quite good with maneuvering balls. Why don't you come over to my place and play some foosball?

HAZEL: Um...

LEVI: Or we could watch a movie, you know, Netflix...

WYATT: And chill?

LEVI: Well I mean...

WYATT: He didn't say no Hazel, this guy's trouble

HAZEL: Umm

WYATT: Say no! Say no!

HAZEL: What exactly do you mean by Netflix and chill?

Hazel looks to Wyatt, he is gesturing to show Hazel that Levi is up to no good.

LEVI: I mean, you know, Popcorn, M&Ms... Netflix...

WYATT (To H): Don't forget the chill! He said chill!

LEVI (to W): I didn't say chill, Just Netflix Hazel, don't worry!

HAZEL: Well in that case...sure!

WYATT: But...

LEVI: Really? Well here's my number, text me your address and I'll pick you up at 8 tonight...doll face!

He winks at Hazel, Wyatt groans from disgust, Levi walks back to Elliot who has her palm pressed against her forehead.

ELLIOT: Did you really just call her doll face? That would never work again in a billion years!

LEVI: I don't need it to Elliot, don't need it too.

Levi and Elliot Exit and while they exit the song "Low" by Flo Rida plays.

Scene 4

Back at the apartment, the foosball table is setup and so is a candle lit dinner for two, Levi sets it up then takes a swig from his drink.

LEVI: Voila, welcome to my humble abode!

HAZEL: It looks very...comfortable...

LEVI: Believe it or not, Elliot's the messy one.

HAZEL: I believe it...

Hazel picks up a bra stained in pizza in a pizza box on the floor

Awkward silence, Hazel takes a bite of the pizza on the table, crust end first, Levi looks at her with a disgusted look.

LEVI: That's a...interesting way to eat pizza?

HAZEL: The crust is my favorite part.

LEVI: I see.

Levi takes a swig from his drink.

HAZEL: Is there a problem?

Levi takes another swig.

LEVI: It's just...how do you eat pizza like that?

HAZEL: Very happily, thank you very much!

LEVI: I mean, it's kind of a weird way to eat pizza,

Levi takes a sip from his drink.

HAZEL: I notice you drink a lot?

LEVI: Yeah, so?

Brings Flask to his lips.

HAZEL: Don't you think that's a disgusting habit?

LEVI: Not really.

HAZEL: Well that's all it is.

LEVI: What?

HAZEL: Drinking is a disgusting habit!

LEVI: Huh, I didn't know you felt that way...

Levi attempts to close his flask and spills his drink on his pants, He starts trying to wipe his pants.

LEVI: It's not coming out!

Hazel grabs a napkin.

HAZEL: Do you need help?

LEVI: No. I'm perfectly capable, thank you!

Levi covers the stain.

LEVI: You know, why dont I go change into some other...Levis!

Hazel awkwardly laughs, Levi runs off stage, disappointed at his corny joke. Hazel goes on her phone and begins to text. Elliot notices that this is her chance, she sneakily rises from under the couch and tip toes out. Elliot accidentally steps on pop can and Hazel turns around. Elliot quickly tries to think of a reason why she's there.

ELLIOT: Oh there's my bra (beat) the bra I came in here to get...

HAZEL: Oh that's yours?

ELLIOT: Yep, so you must be Hazel,

Elliot stretches out her hand to shake Hazels hand but Hazel ignores it.

ELLIOT: I'm Elliot; you're on a date with Levi?

HAZEL: Yes, I am.

ELLIOT: So, How's it going?

HAZEL: I don't think that's really any of your business.

ELLIOT: *(Trying to talk girly)* Come on you can trust me just let me know the deets girlfriend. You know Girl to girl.

HAZEL: Right. *(Awkward beat)* Since you're so desperate to know, it's going fantastic. He's basically lovestruck.

Elliot chuckles a little.

HAZEL: What? You don't believe me? Well it's true.

ELLIOT: Yes of course, Sorry...

HAZEL: So you live with Levi?

ELLIOT: Yeah, we've been best friends for a while now.

HAZEL: and that's all?

ELLIOT: What is?

HAZEL: You guys are just friends?

ELLIOT: Oh god yes.

HAZEL: Nothing more?

ELLIOT: Nope.

HAZEL: Good, cause I wouldn't want you getting hurt. As Levi does like me and not you.

ELLIOT: How can you be so sure?

HAZEL: Excuse me?

ELLIOT: I said how can you be so sure?

HAZEL: Well he asked me out on a date. Did he ask you on a date?

ELLIOT: No, I already told you. We're Just Friends. Him asking you out isn't the only step to falling in love

HAZEL: How do you know?

ELLIOT: Because he's my best friend. I know him; you don't, Don't pretend you do by assuming that everyone likes you.

HAZEL: *(yelling)* Everybody does like me!

ELLIOT: Do they? Do they really?

HAZEL: Yes! They do. I have nothing to worry about, but you do. Do you think Levis going to like you with your frat boy shirt that looks like someone barfed tacky all over it? Do you think he enjoys your disgusting eating habits and inability to speak like a girl? I don't think so. Now if you don't mind I'd like to get back to my date. Levi should be back soon and I don't think he'd appreciate you being here.

Elliot looks extremely upset she starts to walk away then gains the courage and walks back.

ELLIOT: No, I'm not taking this. Its girls like you that have treated me like shit since middle school. I am who I am and if you don't like it then shut up and keep it to yourself. I may be a little bit too boyish, but I'm a beautiful boyish girl for sure.

Levi enters with another pair of jeans on.

LEVI: I'm back with a fresh pair of pants, No spillage!

Notices Elliot.

LEVI: Hey Elliot

Looks at Hazel who looks furious.

LEVI: What's going on here?

ELLIOT: Nothing, have fun on your date.

Levi sits; Elliot pretends to leave but turns around and hides under the couch.

LEVI: Do you want to watch a movie?

HAZEL: Sure, whatever's fine.

LEVI: Is she ok?

HAZEL: Who?

LEVI: Elliot.

HAZEL: I'm sure she's fine, let's just drop it.

LEVI: Oh um alright, Do you want to sit?

HAZEL: Depends, are these seats sanitary?

LEVI: Of course!

Hazel sits on the chair.

LEVI: Except for when it's Elliot's 'time of the month', I assume the seats get pretty messy then.

Hazel stands up extremely disturbed.

HAZEL: How are you comfortable with that?!

LEVI: She's my best friend, nothing surprises me anymore.

HAZEL: How long have you two been friends?

LEVI: As long as I can remember, it's actually kind of funny because I thought she was a boy for the longest time.

HAZEL: Really?

LEVI: Yeah, she had this short boy cut and terrible body odor. She wasn't like the other girls, she didn't like Barbie's or Polly pockets, she was more into wrestling and baseball. With a name like Elliot, who would have known?

HAZEL: When did you find out she was a girl?

LEVI: When I was 11. It was a...certain wrestling incident. Let's just say I grabbed something I wasn't supposed to grab...

HAZEL: Ok...Ew!

LEVI: Yeah, can you believe I took that long to realize she was a girl?

HAZEL: I believe it!

LEVI: Excuse me?

HAZEL: 'C'mon, she definitely isn't a pretty girl.

LEVI: Well she isn't pretty...

Hazel starts laughing; Elliot stands up looking extremely upset with what Levi said.

LEVI: She's beautiful.

HAZEL & ELLIOT: What?!

Levi and Hazel look around, wondering where the sound came from.

LEVI: You heard me, Elliot Is beautiful.

HAZEL: I'm sorry, who are you on a date with?

LEVI: I don't know, but it's definitely not you.

HAZEL: Excuse me.

LEVI: You insulted my friend and that doesn't fly well with me.

HAZEL: Are you seriously choosing her over me?

LEVI: I'm not choosing anyone, just what's right and wrong, and what you said just there was in no way right.

HAZEL: You're making a mistake Levi; you're never going to find someone like me again.

LEVI: Good! Now Go!

Hazel flips her hair then storms out, Levi exits into his bedroom; Elliot comes out from under the couch, Walks to center stage smiling, then she exits. Blackout.

Scene 5

Bar opens up to on half of the stage Elliot sits down, Wyatt is sitting down.

ELLIOT (*To Bartender*): One beer please.

WYATT (*To Bartender*): I'll take some scotch.

Wyatt starts to cry.

BARTENDER: Jesus buddy, are you ok?

WYATT: No.

BARTENDER: What's wrong?

WYATT: Everything.

BARTENDER: I'm going to need you to be a little more specific.

WYATT: The love of my life is dating a pair of jeans.

Elliot turns her attention to Wyatt.

ELLIOT: Pardon?

WYATT: She's going on a date with some guy named Levi.

ELLIOT: Is her name Hazel?

WYATT: Yeah, how did you know?

ELLIOT: Because that pair of jeans is my best friend.

WYATT: Then no offense, but I kind of hate your best friend.

ELLIOT: Well I'm not too fond of yours either!

WYATT: It's because you're jealous of her.

ELLIOT: I am not!

WYATT: I'm telling you, you're jealous.

ELLIOT: Jealous of what?

WYATT: I'm assuming you want to be with Levi and have been trapped in the friend zoned just like me!

ELLIOT: But that's where I want to be, the friend zone.

WYATT: Really? You never imagined you and Levi ending up together?

ELLIOT: No...well...of course I have, but that was my teen years and my hormones were hella strong.

WYATT: I still think you're jealous

ELLIOT: Are you even listening to me? I don't have feelings for Levi!

WYATT: (*Sarcastic*) Sure you don't.

ELLIOT: Can you please leave me alone?

WYATT: Look, all I'm saying, is you have a chance.

Elliot thinks for a second.

ELLIOT: And so do you.

WYATT: What?

ELLIOT: I was there to see the end of their date, he kicked her out.

Wyatt thinks for a second, Then starts running off stage.

WYATT: *(Yelling)* Hazel!

Scene 6

Back in the apartment, Elliot enters, Levi is sitting down drinking.

ELLIOT: Hey...uh...where's Hazel.

LEVI: I kicked her out.

ELLIOT: Oh, really? Well...it's alright. She was a jerk anyways

LEVI: Very nice Elliot, I'm glad you can be so sympathetic *(sarcastic tone)*

Levi gets up, about to leave.

ELLIOT: Wait, I'm sorry.

Levi sits back down.

LEVI: I thought everything would be fine, I had my liquid courage to help me out and I still managed to mess things up.

ELLIOT: I gave you apple juice.

LEVI: What?

ELLIOT: Instead of vodka I uh...gave you apple juice

LEVI: Why?

ELLIOT: To give you confidence to talk to girls.

LEVI: Your little trick didn't work Elliot; I still don't have the confidence to talk to girls.

ELLIOT: You're talking to me.

LEVI: That doesn't count.

ELLIOT: Why not?

LEVI: Because you're my best friend.

ELLIOT: You know I'm a girl right?

LEVI: Barely, you don't act, eat or dress like a girl.

ELLIOT: But I am a girl.

LEVI: You're basically a boy.

ELLIOT: Excuse me?

LEVI: I said you're basically a boy, I thought that's what you wanted to hear, and you never were a girly girl.

ELLIOT: You know that hurts, I am a girl it doesn't matter whether or not I act like one.

Elliot turns away from Levi.

LEVI: Why are you acting like this?

Elliot looks back at Levi, she hesitates then kisses him.

LEVI: Have I ever told you I've questioned my sexuality before?

ELLIOT: *(In shock)* No but what does that have to do with anything?!

LEVI: I was 5 *(Beat)* and I was confused, because there was this one boy I had a crush on, while all the other boys liked Sally, or Becky. But no *(Beat)* I had a crush on this one boy, this boy named Elliot...

ELLIOT: What!

LEVI: I don't know how I never knew...there's no way a boy could be that beautiful.

Elliot stares blankly at Levi.

LEVI: You know that I'm talking about you right? Like you're Elliot...and I think you're beautiful, you got that right?

ELLIOT: Yes Levi I'm not stupid.

LEVI: Sure you aren't.

Levi nudges Elliot.

ELLIOT: I'm just confused. If you like me...then why did you ask out Hazel?

LEVI: Oh don't get me wrong, Hazel's pretty. But she's not you, and she'll never be you, and what I've realized is I need...you.

Levi awkwardly puts his arm around Elliot.

LEVI: You know something; you don't kiss like a boy.

ELLIOT: How would you know?

LEVI: Never mind.

SCENE 7

Lights switch to the other side of the stage where the Bartender is working and Wyatt is sitting.

HAZEL: Worst date ever.

WYATT: Oh that's terrible...but you know...there's other fish in the sea.

HAZEL: I hate fish.

WYATT: Some fish are better than others.

HAZEL: Oh, sure.

WYATT: I could be your fish.

HAZEL: What?

WYATT: I can be your cuddle fish.

HAZEL: Ew.

WYATT: I can make you like fish if you know what I mean.

HAZEL: I know what you mean, I'm just not interested.

WYATT: Why not?

HAZEL: Because I'm just not interested in you!

WYATT: Is there something wrong with me?

HAZEL: Honestly...yes.

WYATT: Well what is it?

HAZEL: You...smell weird.

WYATT: Pardon?

HAZEL: You always smell like cheese and gravel!

WYATT: That's my natural musk.

HAZEL: Well your natural musk stinks!

WYATT: Is my odor the only reason you don't like me?

HAZEL: I like you Wyatt, but just as a friend.

WYATT: Well maybe that's not good enough for me!

HAZEL: I can't believe you're being so selfish!

WYATT: I'm being selfish? I think you're being selfish, stringing me along these past couple year, making me think that somethings going to happen when it really never does. No, I'm done being your lost puppy.

Wyatt turns away from Hazel, waits a few seconds then gets on his knees and begs.

WYATT: Please, please, please go on a date with me! Pretty please, with a cherry on top!

HAZEL: No! I'm not going on a date with you. Goodbye Wyatt.

Hazel turns around and hesitates to give him a second chance. Wyatt is crying and he sneezes.

HAZEL: Gross

Hazel leaves with the Bartender, lights go on to Levi and Elliot, and they're still frozen.

WYATT: Damn it.

Elliot and Levi unfreeze.

ELLIOT: You want to go to the bar?

LEVI: Real liquor? Let's go!

SCENE 8

Elliot and Levi leave the apartment, The Left stage switches back to the bar Bartender is working at the bar and Wyatt is drinking, "Low" starts playing and Levi starts dancing Elliot sits down next to Wyatt.

ELLIOT: Hey kiddo, how are things?

Wyatt starts crying.

ELLIOT: Oh not so good? Well I just had the best night.

WYATT: Uh huh?

ELLIOT: Yeah guess who's the new "It Couple."

WYATT: Not Wyatt and Hazel.

ELLIOT: Oh really? Dude, listen to me, she's a jerk, you deserve much better than her.

WYATT: I do?

ELLIOT: Yeah, look at you, you're smoking hot.

WYATT: I am?

Wyatt wipes his tears.

ELLIOT: Yeah! And you're such a sweet guy, so forget about Hazel!

Wyatt cries and screams.

WYATT: (*Screaming*) Hazel! (*Calm*) No I'm ok, I'm ok.

Wyatt wipes his tears again.

ELLIOT: Hey buddy, you win some, you lose some.

WYATT: I didn't win anything and you didn't lose anything.

ELLIOT: You won freedom from that terrible person. I haven't lost anything yet, but I'm positive I'm going to lose my virginity tonight.

WYATT: Really? With who?

ELLIOT: Levi.

WYATT: Nice, you know now that I think about it, he's not half bad...maybe we could all have a drink sometime.

ELLIOT: I'd like that.

Wyatt walks off stage; Levi stops dancing and walks toward Elliot.

LEVI: Hey girl, do you want to...come with me to my room, don't worry, I'll change the no girls allowed rule.

ELLIOT: I knew I'd lose something!

Levi drags Elliot off stage, blackout, and "Still The One" by The Orleans plays for curtain call.

The End

