

HISTORY

A Ten-Minute Dramatic Duet

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CAST:

SARAH - 20, preppie collegiate
DAVID - 20, "grunge" dress

PLACE: A graveyard.

SET: Empty

TIME: Present day. It is sunny.

(SARAH, is sitting, looking at a gravestone. SHE is somber, in thought. DAVID enters UR.)

["INTRODUCTION"]

DAVID: **(Tentative.)** Hi
SARAH: **(Startled.)** Oh!
DAVID: Sorry!
SARAH: Okay
DAVID: Nice
SARAH: What?
DAVID: Weather
SARAH: Oh
DAVID: Sorry
SARAH: Whatever
DAVID: Do-over
SARAH: Huh?
DAVID: **(Extends hand.)** David
SARAH: **(Doesn't move.)** Okay
DAVID: You?
SARAH: **(Getting a little impatient.)** Sarah
DAVID: Hi
SARAH: Hi

["SARAH'S PARENTS"]

DAVID: **(Pause.)** Him?
SARAH: Father
DAVID: Really?
SARAH: **(Shocked.)** What?
DAVID: **(Confused.)** Him?
SARAH: Yes!
DAVID: **(Surprised)** Oh
SARAH: Lonely
DAVID: You?
SARAH: Yes
DAVID: Mother?
SARAH: California
DAVID: Far
SARAH: Yes
DAVID: Close?
SARAH: No
DAVID: Sorry
SARAH: Yeah

["DEATH OF FATHER"]

DAVID: Him?
SARAH: Close?
DAVID: Yes
SARAH: Very
DAVID: **(Sympathetic.)** Tough
SARAH: **(Slower.)** Very
DAVID: Recent?
SARAH: What?
DAVID: Death
SARAH: Month
DAVID: How?
SARAH: Accident
DAVID: Car?
SARAH: Yes
DAVID: Instant?
SARAH: Nosy!
DAVID: **(Realizes.)** True
SARAH: **(Introspective.)** Lonely

[“SIBLINGS/DAVID’S PARENTS”]

DAVID: **(Points to himself.)** Brotherless.
SARAH: Whatever.
DAVID: **(Points to himself)** Sisterless
SARAH: **(Slightly sympathetic.)** Yeah?
DAVID: You?
SARAH: **(Revelation.)** Same
DAVID: Understand?
SARAH: Understand

(SARAH stands up.)

DAVID: Relate
SARAH: How?
DAVID: Motherless
SARAH: **(Begins to pay attention.)** Sorry
DAVID: Father...
SARAH: Was...
DAVID: Gone
SARAH: Passed?
DAVID: No
SARAH: **(Understands.)** Hmmm

[“DAVID’S HISTORY TO SARAH’S FATHER”]

DAVID: **(Points to the grave.)** Friend
SARAH: What?
DAVID: Friend
SARAH: You?
DAVID: No
SARAH: Father?
DAVID: **(Chuckling lightly.)** No
SARAH: **(Disbelieving.)** Mother?
DAVID: Careful...
SARAH: **(In denial.)** Ancient
DAVID: Slightly
SARAH: You??
DAVID: **(Points to grave to see if HE understands.)** Father?
SARAH: Well?!
DAVID: No

SARAH: (**Calming down.**) Oh
DAVID: (**Reemphasizing.**) No
SARAH: So...

[“DAVID’S MOM/SARAH’S DAD”]

DAVID: What?
SARAH: Here
DAVID: Today?
SARAH: Yes?
DAVID: Curious
SARAH: About?
DAVID: History
SARAH: Why?
DAVID: Attraction
SARAH: Whose?
DAVID: Mom’s
SARAH: But!...
DAVID: (**Reassuring.**) No
SARAH: So...
DAVID: History
SARAH: Yes?
DAVID: Curiosity
SARAH: (**She needs more information**) Repetition
DAVID: Resolution
SARAH: Confused
DAVID: Understand

[“THE ORDER OF HISTORY”]

SARAH: (**Pointing to the grave.**) Dad?
DAVID: Yes
SARAH: (**Points to DAVID.**) Mom?
DAVID: Yes
SARAH: (**Points to herself.**) Before?
DAVID: Yes
SARAH: (**Points to DAVID.**) Before?
DAVID: (**Chuckling.**) Yeees.
SARAH: (**Exhaling in relief.**) Uh.

[“HISTORY OF THE AFFAIR”]

DAVID: Affair
SARAH: Was...
DAVID: Heartfelt
SARAH: Yes
DAVID: Sincere
SARAH: Yes
DAVID: Unrequited
SARAH: Really?
DAVID: Meaningful
SARAH: Sensual?
DAVID: Yes
SARAH: Oh...
DAVID: Unforgotten
SARAH: Dear
BOTH: Love
SARAH: Discovered?

