

NOBODY'S CHILD

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CAST:

Jubilee- 14
Mikey- 28
Pogo- 19
Skylar- 18
Jazzy- 14
Daryl- 30

Setting: Various locations around San Francisco, Ca.

Time: Now.

Act I

SCENE 1- THE FAMILY

JUBILEE and POGO are on the steps of an apartment building. Pogo's asleep.

JUBILEE

Pogo.- Pogo.- POGO!

POGO

Huh, what. What the fuck? What's up? What's goin' on?

JUBILEE

Wake up.

POGO

Why? What's wrong?

JUBILEE

Talk to me.

POGO

What?

JUBILEE

Talk to me.

POGO

I was sleepin'.

JUBILEE

I want someone to talk to.

POGO

Talk to Skylar.

JUBILEE

Not here.

POGO

Where is he?

JUBILEE

Getting breakfast.

POGO

Isn't Mikey back yet?

JUBILEE

No.

POGO

Damn.

JUBILEE

Yeah.

POGO

God I hope he's not covered in shit again.

JUBILEE

No one said you had to clean him up! If you hate it so much don't help!

POGO

Hey, Jubi. Relax, I was just sayin', that's all.

JUBILEE

I know.

POGO

I love the guy too.

JUBILEE

I know

POGO

I'll do whatever I can, serious.

JUBILEE

I know.

POGO

Mikey'll find him. Don't worry. - How long has doofus been gone?

JUBILEE

About an hour.

POGO

An hour?

JUBILEE

Yeah.

POGO

Dumb-ass probably got lost again.

JUBILEE

Stop.

POGO

I'm just sayin' he gets lost. It's not that big a city, I mean, shit.

JUBILEE

That's enough.

POGO
Probably ran into one of his dudes...

JUBILEE
Shut up!

POGO
Jubi? Why're you so edgy?

JUBILEE
Nothing, just get off Skylar's back.

POGO
I'm not on his back, those dudes who pick him up, they're on his...

JUBILEE
Pogo! Knock it off!

SKYLAR (O.S.)
Whoa! Screaming in the morning, dudes, not good.

JUBILEE
See.

POGO
Finally.

Skylar enters.

SKYLAR
Dudes, breakfast is served.

JUBILEE
Did you get my game pieces?

SKYLAR
Right here Babe.

JUBILEE
Don't call me Babe.

SKYLAR
Sorry Babe.

Jubilee pulls her game board out of her pack and matches the game pieces.

JUBILEE
Shit, I have these already.

POGO
What'd you get us?

SKYLAR
Two for Tuesday, Brah.

POGO
It's Tuesday?

JUBILEE
Yeah.

POGO
I thought it was Sunday.

SKYLAR
Dude, you were gone all day yesterday. You were so fucked up.

POGO
No I wasn't.

JUBILEE
Yes, you were.

POGO
Whatever. What the hell's two for Tuesday?

SKYLAR
Two Big Mac's and two large fries for two bucks. Is that sweet or what?

POGO
How much did we have?

JUBILEE
We had plenty.

POGO
Get some beer later?

JUBILEE
Sure. When Mikey and Dante get back.

SKYLAR
Yeah Dude, this guy I know...

JUBILEE
Skylar, did you get enough for all of us?

SKYLAR
Duh, I'm not stupid.

JUBILEE
Did you get some for Mikey and Dante?

SKYLAR
Dude, are they back?

JUBILEE

No, but they will be.

SKYLAR

Sure, I guess I got enough for 'em. Hey Pogo, guess what?

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

Just guess.

POGO

What?

SKYLAR

Just guess Dude.

POGO

What the fuck is it, Bunghole?

SKYLAR

I scored some serious chronic from Benny, Dude.

POGO

Fuckin' A?

SKYLAR

Fuckin' A Brah.

POGO

I thought Benny got busted.

SKYLAR

No way Dude, Benny's the man. I say we go down to that ballet school and watch those hotties dance around in tights.

POGO

Sounds like a plan to me. You wanna go with, Jubi?

JUBILEE

Why would I want to watch a bunch of rich little bitches dance around in tights?

SKYLAR

'Cause sometimes they got rich little boys dancing around in tights.

POGO

That sounded so wrong man.

SKYLAR

What?

No. JUBILEE

Your loss Babe. SKYLAR

Stop calling me Babe. JUBILEE

Sorry Dude. SKYLAR

MIKEY enters.

Hey. JUBILEE

Hey. MIKEY

Dante? JUBILEE

MIKEY
I went everywhere. I have no idea where the fuck he is.

SKYLAR
Maybe he's just stoned out somewhere. Maybe he met some people and he's like crashed out at their pad.

MIKEY
I doubt it.

SKYLAR
Sure, and they're all like cool and shit, And he's like, "Hey I got these friends you know, they're like my family and shit. And they should like come live here too, you know." And they're all like, "Yeah sure, tell 'em all to come over. They can crash here too." And then we'll all have a house together Dude and...

MIKEY
Shut up!

SKYLAR
Dude?

MIKEY
He's not at anyone's house.

POGO
Maybe he just went home again.

MIKEY

Not without telling me.

JUBILEE

I'm sure he'll be okay sweetie. Skylar just got some breakfast, you hungry?

MIKEY

Yeah.

POGO

Dude, let's go check out those girls.

SKYLAR

Cool. We're goin' Jubes.

JUBILEE

Fine.

SKYLAR

You wanna go Mikey? It'll be awesome. These chicks are sweet.

MIKEY

No.

SKYLAR

You sure, Brah?

JUBILEE

He said no.

SKYLAR

Sorry Dude. Check ya later.

POGO

Later. I'm sure he'll be fine Dude.

MIKEY

Yeah.

POGO and SKYLAR exit.

JUBILEE

I'm sure he'll be okay. You'll find him in an old car or something and we'll clean him up and he'll be fine.

MIKEY

I don't know.

JUBILEE

Sure. He'll be fine, you'll see.

MIKEY

I mean I don't know if I can do this again. He's twenty-five years old and I'm still cleaning shit off 'im. I don't know how much longer I can keep doing this.

JUBILEE

He's our friend, he's our family, and we'll take care of him as long as we have to.

MIKEY

I don't know Jubi, I just don't know.

JUBILEE

Maybe we could go to your Aunt's tonight?

MIKEY

She's up in Mendocino.

JUBILEE

She wouldn't care if we crashed while she was gone.

MIKEY

She didn't give me a key.

JUBILEE

Why don't you just keep one on you?

MIKEY

Because I don't that's why!

JUBILEE

Mikey I just...

MIKEY

Just leave me alone for a fucking minute okay? I need to fucking think.

JUBILEE

I'm as worried as you are but we have...

MIKEY

But nothing! Fuck that Jubi! I've known him a lot longer than you, so don't fucking tell me how worried you are.

JUBILEE

Fuck you too, Mikey! I love that guy as much as anybody. You fucking know that so don't walk around here like you're the fucking man who's hurt and all of us have to walk on eggshells 'cause you're fucking worried.

Mikey gets up and kicks over a trash can.

JUBILEE

Yeah, kick shit. That's gonna' fucking help.

MIKEY

What the fuck am I supposed to do?

JUBILEE

Calm down, take a break and we'll look for him later.

MIKEY

I got a real bad feeling.

JUBILEE

I know you do baby.

MIKEY

What if something really bad happened?

JUBILEE

I'm sure he's fine.

MIKEY

What if he's not?

JUBILEE

Then we deal with it.

MIKEY

You don't think he'd go home without telling me do you?

JUBILEE

No, no he wouldn't do that.

MIKEY

He'd tell me right?

JUBILEE

He always does, sweetie. He always does. Just relax and eat some breakfast. It'll help.

SCENE 2- DARYL DISCOVERS JAZZY

The Park. JAZZY enters. She crosses to a pay phone. She picks up the receiver and dials. Before a connection is made she hangs up. She sits down leaning against the phone booth. She holds a filthy stuffed animal close.

DARYL enters.

DARYL

Hi there.

Jazzy jumps.

JAZZY

Hi.

DARYL

Sorry, didn't mean to scare you

JAZZY

You didn't scare me.

DARYL

You look scared.

JAZZY

I'm not.

DARYL

You know, I got me a real good bullshit detector. And right now it's going off.

JAZZY

Maybe I was a little startled.

DARYL

You look like you haven't been home in awhile. Wont your Mom be worried?

JAZZY

No.

DARYL

I see. How long you been out?

JAZZY

What?

DARYL

How long ago you run away?

JAZZY

Two days.

DARYL

Where you from?

JAZZY

Fresno.

DARYL

Oh, no wonder you ran away.

JAZZY

It's not that bad.

DARYL
Why did you come here?

JAZZY
I've seen the postcards. They're pretty.

DARYL
Let me guess, the one with the six houses and downtown behind them?

JAZZY
Yeah.

DARYL
That park's on the other side of town.

JAZZY
Oh.

DARYL
You got somewhere to go?

JAZZY
No.

DARYL
There's a shelter down on twelfth.

JAZZY
Thanks.

DARYL
You know where twelfth is?

JAZZY
No.

DARYL
It's easy, you just go west here until you get to the park. Then you make a right and... You have no idea what I'm talking about do you?

JAZZY
No.

DARYL
Do you have any money?

JAZZY
No.

DARYL
Here.

Jazzy doesn't move, she just stares at him.

DARYL

It's okay, it's just money. It wont hurt you.

JAZZY

I don't know you.

DARYL

You're a smart girl, but it's just money. I wont hurt you I promise. Have a seat.

Jazzy reluctantly walks over and sits next to Daryl on the bench.

DARYL

See, that's not so bad is it?

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

I'm Daryl.

JAZZY

Hello.

DARYL

You're supposed to tell me your name now.

JAZZY

Jazzy.

DARYL

Jazzy, now that's a cool name. I don't hear many cool names anymore. Most of the girls I meet out here use shit like 'Cinnamon' or 'Star' or 'Mocha', stupid shit like that. If I meet one more 'Angel' I'm gonna throw up. Jazzy, now that's a cool name.

JAZZY

Thanks.

DARYL

How old are you?

JAZZY

Eighteen.

Daryl makes a beeping noise

DARYL

Bullshit detector.

JAZZY

Fourteen.

DARYL

Fourteen, that's a good age to be. I remember when I was fourteen. What's your teddy bears name?

JAZZY

Danny Bear.

DARYL

Danny Bear? Someone named Danny give him to you?

JAZZY

No. When I was little I couldn't say Teddy Bear, it came out Danny Bear so...you know.

DARYL

Very cute.

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

"Thank you", you're one polite little girl. I don't hear too many people saying "thank you" to me anymore. That's nice.

JAZZY

You're welcome.

DARYL

You're awesome you know that Jazzy? I like you.

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

Well, you better get to that shelter, if you're not in line soon enough all the beds fill up. This park's not very safe this time of the night. Lot of creeps walking around.

JAZZY

Okay, on twelfth right?

DARYL

Twelfth, right. It's not hard to find at all.

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

But be careful. Some of the wino's down there are real fucked up, and the people who work there aren't much better. Watch your back.

JAZZY

Really? Is there a safer place I can go?

DARYL

Well if you don't know anyone in town I guess not. I'd give you some more money for a hotel room but I'm a little short right now.

JAZZY

Oh, I wasn't going to ask for any more money. It was really nice of you to give me this.

DARYL

Good night, Jazzy.

JAZZY

Wait.

DARYL

Yeah?

JAZZY

Is there a place I can get something to eat?

DARYL

Yeah, there's a diner right around the corner there. Tell Marlene that Daryl sent you. She'll be real nice.

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

You're welcome.

Daryl pulls a card out of his pocket.

DARYL

Here.

JAZZY

What's this?

DARYL

My number. If you ever need anything call me. If you don't have any change then just call collect, I'll remember your name.

JAZZY

Thank you.

DARYL

Better get out of the park before the weirdo's get here.

Okay.

JAZZY

DARYL exits.

JAZZY huddles up on the bench and holds
Danny Bear close.

SCENE 3- BALLET SCHOOL

SKYLAR and POGO are sitting on the
sidewalk sharing a joint.

POGO
This is some fucking good shit, Dude.

SKYLAR
Benny's the man, Brah.

POGO
Fuckin' A.

SKYLAR
Dude?

POGO
What?

SKYLAR
You think Dante's cool and shit? I mean, it's been like days
and shit.

POGO
It's not the first time.

SKYLAR
Yeah. Dude?

POGO
What?

SKYLAR
What if he's...you know?

POGO
I don't know.

SKYLAR
How would Mikey handle it? I mean they're all tight and shit,
you know?

POGO
I don't know.

SKYLAR
Dude. That would suck.

POGO
Yeah.

SKYLAR
I mean Dante's like cool and shit, you know?

POGO
I know.

SKYLAR
Dude.

POGO
Yeah, Dude.

SKYLAR
He could be alright though, right?

POGO
I'm sure he is.

SKYLAR
Cool Brah. Dude, there she is.

POGO
Which one?

SKYLAR
The one in pink, with the brown socks.

POGO
Pink?

SKYLAR
Dude, the one in pink with brown socks, over there.

POGO
With the pigtails?

SKYLAR
Yeah, Dude.

POGO
Those tights aren't pink, man.

SKYLAR
Yeah they are.

POGO
They're purple. And the socks aren't brown, they're more like, a dark purple.

That's purple? SKYLAR

Yeah. POGO

Really? SKYLAR

Purple. POGO

Dude. I thought that was pink. SKYLAR

You'd think you'd know the difference. POGO

What? SKYLAR

Nothing. So what's so special about this chick? POGO

She likes me Dude. SKYLAR

Yeah, right. POGO

Dude, that chick digs me, I shit you not. SKYLAR

Why would a rich little chick like her like a dude like...you. POGO

Hey, Dude. I'm a sexy mother-fucker. SKYLAR

SKYLAR starts doing a dance like he's Prince. Then after a moment he starts imitating the ballet moves the girls are doing inside.

Okay, you really got to stop doing that. POGO

It's hella fun Brah. SKYLAR

It looks stupid, people'll think you're a fag. And stop calling me a bra. POGO

What? SKYLAR

Nothing. POGO

Whatever you say, Brah. Dude? SKYLAR

What? POGO

She's hot right? SKYLAR

A babe. POGO

Dude? SKYLAR

What? POGO

Can I ask you something? SKYLAR

I don't know, can you? POGO

What? SKYLAR

What do you want to know? POGO

Well...it's that. Well I was wondering if you really...you know? SKYLAR

Clear as mud, Skylar. POGO

What? SKYLAR

What are you trying to ask me? POGO

Well...Sunday Dude? SKYLAR

It was nothing. POGO

SKYLAR

Dude, you were fucked up.

POGO

No I wasn't.

SKYLAR

Are you still...you know?

POGO

I told you I quit didn't I?

SKYLAR

Yeah.

POGO

Then why're you fuckin' askin' me?

SKYLAR

Well...it's just...

POGO

Jubi put you up to this?

SKYLAR

Hell no Dude. She wouldn't do that.

POGO

Yeah, you're right. She wouldn't.

SKYLAR

It's just after Sunday, I was just wonderin'. I mean I know that shit can be hard to break you know?

POGO

Yeah, I know.

SKYLAR

Well, I'm just sayin', if you are...you know, Dude. I understand and shit. Cause you're my Brah, you know?

POGO

You're a deep mother-fucker you know that?

SKYLAR

Sexy too, Brah.

POGO

Just don't dance anymore okay.

SKYLAR

No problema Dude. Look Dude, she's wavin' at me.

She sets her bag down and hesitantly picks up the phone. She dials.

JAZZY

Linda.

JAZZY waits a moment.

JAZZY

Hi, Mom.
 Yeah, it's me.
 I'm fine.
 I'm sorry...
 I didn't mean to scare you...
 I know...
 Mom, calm down...
 I'm okay.
 I can't...
 I can't tell you that right now.
 Because I can't, I just need...
 I can't I need to be away for a while.
 I'll be fine, I got a place to stay.
 With this guy.
 His names Daryl, he's nice...
 It's not like that...
 It's not like that, he's a nice guy. He treats me good.
 He's older.
 I don't know.
 No I'm not doing that...
 Stop it...
 Stop calling me that. Why do you always call me that?
 That's why I left because you're always yelling at me.
 I'm not the one who needs therapy Mom, you are! You and that jerk who lives with you.
 He is! You know he is!
 Why can't you believe me? Why would I lie about that?
 I know, I know you're sorry.
 I can't Mom, not now.
 I'll think about it.
 Goodbye Mom.

SCENE 5- THE OFFER

MIKEY and JUBILEE are making jewelry.

JUBILEE

How do you like this one?

MIKEY

It's good.

JUBILEE

Just good?

MIKEY

It's great, it's beautiful. It's the best necklace you've ever made.

JUBILEE

Stop.

MIKEY

Hand me those red beads.

JUBILEE

Where?

MIKEY

They should be in your bag.

JUBILEE

Oh, we're out.

MIKEY

We're out? Already?

JUBILEE

Yeah, we ran out a few days ago.

MIKEY

I thought we just got those like, last week.

JUBILEE

No, it was longer.

MIKEY

Where'd they go?

JUBILEE

You used 'em on that necklace you made for your Aunt.

MIKEY

Shit. I like red.

JUBILEE

You okay?

MIKEY

Yeah, why?

JUBILEE

You got something on your mind.

MIKEY

My cousin called Aunt Gwen other day.

JUBILEE

Yeah?

MIKEY

He's offered me a job.

JUBILEE

Really? Doing what?

MIKEY

He's into construction now.

JUBILEE

Mikey, that's great.

MIKEY

He wants me to work for him.

JUBILEE

Mikey that's wonderful.

MIKEY

I don't know.

JUBILEE

What don't you know. You can do construction can't you?

MIKEY

I could learn, can't be that hard.

JUBILEE

You're taking it, right?

MIKEY

I don't know.

JUBILEE

What's not to know?

MIKEY

I'm not sure if it's what I want.

JUBILEE

Mikey, this is our chance. We've been talking about getting off the streets for a long time. This is our chance to get a home.

MIKEY

No. You've been talking about getting off the streets, I've just been listening.

JUBILEE

What? The last time we talked about this you said it sounded like a good idea.

MIKEY

It did sound like a good idea, but not a good idea for me. Maybe I don't want to leave, I like it here.

JUBILEE

Don't you want more?

MIKEY

More than what?

JUBILEE

This?

MIKEY

What's wrong with this?

JUBILEE

It's dirty, and cold and the cement gets harder every night. How can you want to stay?

MIKEY

It's good enough for me.

JUBILEE

Well it's not good enough for me.

MIKEY

Then you move to Wyoming and take the job in construction.

JUBILEE

If I could I would.

MIKEY

He'd take you in, he's like that.

JUBILEE

I don't need anyone to take me in. I can make my own way.

MIKEY

Then make it. Make it wherever you want. Do whatever you want. It doesn't matter.

JUBILEE

What the hell are you saying?

MIKEY

I'm saying if you want to stay here then great, I'll be here with you. But if you think you can do better than us then go ahead.

JUBILEE

Better than you? What the fuck does that mean?

MIKEY

Why did you run away?

JUBILEE

We're not talking about that.

MIKEY

You never talk about that.

JUBILEE

I don't have to.

MIKEY

And I don't need you to. But if this is worse then why don't you go back?

JUBILEE

I got no choice. You're the only one with a choice here and you're turning your back on it.

MIKEY

We all have a choice and you made yours when you took off. Now you're here and you think you can do better.

JUBILEE

I know I can do better. I can't do any worse.

MIKEY

What's so wrong with this? Isn't this what you've always wanted? A family?

JUBILEE

I like to think of us as a family sometimes but...

MIKEY

But what? What? Why aren't we a family? We take care of each other, we help each other out. Shit you and I are practically married, we got Pogo and Skylar as our fucking kids, Dante's the crazy Uncle who pops in every now and then and drives us crazy. We're a fucking family. What else do you want? You want a dog? Fine I'll get you a dog. We can get a dog easy.

JUBILEE

I want a home.

MIKEY

This is home.

JUBILEE

I don't feel safe here.

MIKEY

You think a roof is going to keep you safe? You really think a little lock on your door will keep all the bad of the world away?

JUBILEE

It's more than that.

MIKEY

No it's not.

JUBILEE

Mikey, enough. What is it?

MIKEY

If I take that job and get us a home then I'm trapped. I'm trapped in society. I have to pay bills and a mortgage and taxes and report everything and let the government know where I am and what I'm doing. Here, I'm invisible to society and I like that. I belong to no one and no one belongs to me. I'm free. I don't have to give anyone my mother's maiden name or throw away junk mail. I don't have to talk to tele-marketers or fund raisers. No one knows who I am. No one cares.

JUBILEE

I care.

MIKEY

That's not what I meant.

JUBILEE

I can't stay here all my life Mikey. I can't sleep on concrete anymore. I can't panhandle or run from the cops. I'm too young for this life. And before I know it I'll be too old.

MIKEY

You think you wont have worries when you have a home and have kids?

JUBILEE

At least when I have kids they will have a real bed to sleep on. They wont sleep on the sidewalk or in someone's carport when it rains.

MIKEY

Why are you thinking about kids?

JUBILEE

I just do sometimes.

MIKEY

I don't know Jubi. I don't know.

JUBILEE

Neither do I.

SCENE 6- JAZZY PAYS HER WAY

Daryl and Jazzy in the park.

DARYL

He's waiting. Over there in that Cadillac.

JAZZY

Daryl...

DARYL

Don't worry baby, you'll be fine.

JAZZY

I don't want to do this.

DARYL

I know this can be difficult, but you'll get used to it.

JAZZY

Used to it?

DARYL

It's not a big deal.

JAZZY

How can you say that?

DARYL

It's not like you're a virgin, Baby. We do it everyday.

JAZZY

That's different.

DARYL

How?

JAZZY

What do you mean, how?

DARYL

How is it different between having sex with me and having sex with him?

JAZZY

I don't know him.

DARYL

Baby, we did it the first night you moved in, how well did you know me then?

JAZZY
That's different.

DARYL
How?

JAZZY
You were nice to me. You gave me a place to stay and you fed me, you keep me safe.

DARYL
And he'll pay you cash. You sleep with me for food and shelter, you sleep with him for cash that will help you keep that food and shelter. What's the difference?

JAZZY
There's a big difference.

DARYL
What?

JAZZY
I'm not just sleeping with you for a place to live. I care about you.

DARYL
I care about you too baby, that's why I'm giving you to him for your first time out. He's a nice guy I swear. Don't worry about it.

JAZZY
I don't know.

DARYL
We need this Jazzy.

JAZZY
But...

DARYL
Don't forget where you were. Where would you be right now if I hadn't found you?

JAZZY
I don't know.

DARYL
You'd probably be dead.

JAZZY
I know but...

DARYL
You remember the shelter?

JAZZY
Yeah.

DARYL
You made the mistake of not listening to me once.

JAZZY
I know.

DARYL
You want that again?

JAZZY
No.

DARYL
Look, baby, we're not doing so well right now. I need the cash or else we're out on our ass by the end of the week.

JAZZY
Well can't we...

DARYL
I told you about this. You knew you'd have to do your share eventually.

JAZZY
I know but can't we just...

DARYL
What? Do what? There's nothing else to do. It's a quick hundred. It'll be over like that. Just pretend he's me, close your eyes and think about me.

JAZZY
Does that work?

DARYL
Why not?

JAZZY
I guess it wont be so bad.

DARYL
It wont, and if you want offer him extras. He'll pay you more. The dude's loaded.

JAZZY
Extras?

DARYL
Yeah, you know, extras.

JAZZY
What's an extra?

DARYL
Let him suck on your tits or something like that.

JAZZY
Suck on...is that all?

DARYL
Let him cum on your face, he loves that shit.

JAZZY
My face?

DARYL
Yeah.

JAZZY
That's gross.

DARYL
It's not poison, it's just cum.

JAZZY
But that's...

DARYL
Just wipe it off Jazzy, it wont kill you.

JAZZY
I don't know about that.

DARYL
Look, this guy is a regular. I have to take care of him. I need to give him what he likes or he wont come back anymore.

JAZZY
Then let him cum on your face.

Daryl slaps her.

DARYL
Look you little bitch! Stop fucking around with me! This guy wont wait all night and I need the fucking money. So stop fucking around and get in the Goddamned car with him!

JAZZY
Daryl stop, your scaring me.

DARYL
Just do this.

JAZZY
Okay.

DARYL
Whatever he wants.

JAZZY
Okay, whatever he wants. I'm sorry.

DARYL
Don't be sorry, just fucking do it. Will you stop shaking.

JAZZY
I can't.

DARYL
What the hell's wrong?

JAZZY
I'm scared.

DARYL
Here.

Daryl grabs some pills out of his pocket.

DARYL
These will help you relax.

JAZZY
Okay.

DARYL
Go.

JAZZY slowly starts to exit towards the man in the car. DARYL stops her and takes her backpack and Danny Bear.

DARYL
You wont need these, I'll hang on to them for you.

Jazzy slowly walks offstage. Daryl gives the guy a thumbs up and a huge smile.

SCENE 7- DANTE'S GONE HOME

POGO is dreading SKYLAR'S hair.

SKYLAR
Dude, this is gonna look so rad!

POGO

Stay still.

SKYLAR

Wait till the guys see these dreads, they are going to shit, Dude!

POGO

Fucking sit still Doofus. Hand me that bag of shells.

SKYLAR

Take it easy with those shells, Brah. I don't want to look like a fag.

POGO

Too late.

SKYLAR

What?

POGO

You'll look great. Hey, Jubi, I'm sure everything's cool.

JUBILEE

I hope so.

POGO

He'll be back by tonight, I bet you.

JUBILEE

Yeah.

POGO

I'll help you clean him up.

JUBILEE

You don't have to.

POGO

I want to, really.

SKYLAR

Yeah Dude, me too. I'll help.

JUBILEE

You guys don't have to, Mikey and me can handle it.

SKYLAR

No way Dude, Dante and me are tight. I'll help clean the dude up.

JUBILEE

Thanks.

POGO
Thanks Skylar, that was fucking deep.

SKYLAR
No problema Dude.

MIKEY enters.

JUBILEE
Mikey?

MIKEY
Yeah.

JUBILEE
Where is he?

MIKEY
Downtown.

SKYLAR
Jail?

MIKEY
No.

JUBILEE
Oh no.

MIKEY
Yeah.

JUBILEE
Oh Mikey.

MIKEY
They said he fell asleep next on the train tracks.

POGO
Oh man.

SKYLAR
Dude.

JUBILEE
I can't believe this.

MIKEY
Me either.

JUBILEE
Why would he do something like that?

POGO
Yeah, he's not fucking stupid.

SKYLAR
Fucked up, Dude

MIKEY
He was high.

JUBILEE
Are you sure?

MIKEY
They told me he had heroin in his blood.

POGO
He told us he quit.

JUBILEE
I guess he lied.

MIKEY picks up a bottle of beer and walks towards the curb. He pours some of the beer on the sidewalk and goes back to the steps.

SKYLAR
What happens to him?

POGO
What do you mean?

SKYLAR
His body? What are they going to do with it. I mean are they gonna bury him and shit, or what?

MIKEY
I don't know. I guess they'll contact his family and they'll decide.

POGO
What was up with that?

MIKEY
What?

POGO
His family. I mean they loved him and they were really cool, right?

MIKEY
Yeah.

POGO
Didn't you meet 'em?

MIKEY
Just his brother.

POGO
So why was he out here if he had somewhere else to go?

MIKEY
He had reasons.

POGO
Like what?

MIKEY
They were his.

POGO
I guess.

JUBILEE
I can't believe this actually happened.

SKYLAR
This really sucks.

POGO
Yeah.

JUBILEE
I love you Mikey.

MIKEY
I love you too.

SKYLAR
I love you too Mikey.

MIKEY
Thanks Skylar.

SCENE 8- POGO, JAZZY AND DANNY BEAR

JAZZY is lying on a park bench crying.

POGO
Hey.

Jazzy jumps up and scoots to the other side of the bench.

POGO
Hey it's okay. I won't hurt you. I'm Pogo. Who're you?

She says nothing, just continues to stare at him.

POGO

Hey I can't hurt you. Look at me. I couldn't hurt a fly. You could probably kick my ass. Are you gonna tell me your name or do I have to guess... Okay, you asked for it. Is it Stacey? Lorraine? Mary Kay?

On this last one JAZZY laughs a little.

POGO

Was that it? Mary Kay?

JAZZY shakes her head.

POGO

Persephone? She-Ra? Buffy the Vampire Slayer?

JAZZY

No.

POGO

She speaks! What is it?

JAZZY

Jazzy.

POGO

Jazzy? That's a great name. Where'd you get that?

JAZZY

My Dad. He was a musician.

POGO

A Jazz musician?

JAZZY

Yeah. He used to call me his little Jazzy girl.

POGO

Right on. You from around here?

JAZZY

No.

POGO

Where you from?

JAZZY

Fresno.

POGO

Eww.

JAZZY
It's not that bad.

POGO
Yeah it is. That where your Dad is?

JAZZY
No.

POGO
Is he here?
(pointing to her black eye)
He didn't do that did he?

JAZZY
No. He's dead.

POGO
Oh. Let me guess. Your mom remarried a real asshole right?

JAZZY
She didn't marry him, he just moved in. Did that happen to you too?

POGO
No, but it happens a lot. Was he the one who gave you that eye?

JAZZY
No. This guy I'm stayin' with.

POGO
Who?

JAZZY
Some guy I met. He took me in and...nothing.

POGO
Was it G-Dog?

JAZZY
No.

POGO
Who?

JAZZY
Daryl.

POGO
Daryl? That guy's a prick. I can't believe you fell in with Daryl.

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
He makes you work huh?

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
You got to get away from him.

JAZZY
How?

POGO
You're out here now aren't you? Just keep walkin'.

JAZZY
I got nowhere to go.

POGO
There's a shelter on twelfth. Naw, that place sucks.

JAZZY
I been there already.

POGO
Oh. Well...you could hang with us.

JAZZY
Who's us?

POGO
It's me, Jubilee, Mikey, Skylar. We watch out for each other.

JAZZY
I don't know you.

POGO
That's true.

JAZZY
Besides if Daryl found me...

POGO
Don't worry about Daryl. Mikey's a big guy.

JAZZY
He said he would hurt me.

POGO
He's gonna hurt you more if you stay.

JAZZY
I guess.

POGO
Go back to Fresno.

JAZZY
I can't.

POGO
I know the feeling. Where's your stuff? Don't you have any blankets or clothes or anything?

JAZZY
It's at Daryl's.

POGO
Stuff is stuff. You can get new things.

JAZZY
He's got Danny Bear.

POGO
Who's Danny Bear?

JAZZY
My teddy bear, I've had him since I was little.

POGO
Oh.

JAZZY
He make's me feel safe.

POGO
Oh. Well, I got to get back. They're expecting me. You sure you don't want to come down and hang out with us?

JAZZY
I can't, but thank you.

POGO
Well, if you change your mind we're just down in the park. Near the south entrance.

JAZZY
Okay.

POGO
Take care of yourself.

JAZZY
Thanks.

POGO

You better get back to Daryl's if you're gonna stay. He might get pissed. Besides you can't stay here at night, cops'll throw you out.

JAZZY

I'll go in a few minutes.

POGO

Did you make anything today?

JAZZY

Not really.

POGO

Will he get mad?

JAZZY

Yeah. But I think he has a date set up for me tonight.

POGO

Well, see you around.

JAZZY

Bye, Pogo.

SCENE 9- SKYLARS' JOB

Skylar stands on the curb. Offstage a car pulls up and Skylar talk to the driver.

SKYLAR

Hey man, what's up?

Me, nothin'.

Skylar, yours?

Nice to meet you, Peter.

Yeah, I'm available, Dude.

I'm clean Dude, I always wear somethin'. I'm even carryin'.

He pulls a condom out of his back pocket.

Fifty.

Cool, man. Where do you live?

Nice area Dude, let's go.

SCENE 10- SEA LIONS

POGO and SKYLAR hang out on the pier and watch the Sea Lions.

POGO

Who's that one?

SKYLAR
Which one?

POGO
The one with black spots down his back.

SKYLAR
Dude, that's Spot. Duh.

POGO
Silly me.

SKYLAR
See that one?

POGO
Which one?

SKYLAR
The one biting the smaller one.

POGO
Yeah.

SKYLAR
That's Jaws.

POGO
Jaws?

SKYLAR
Yeah, Dude, he's always biting the others.

POGO
You really get into this huh?

SKYLAR
Kills time.

POGO
I guess. You think they know your name?

SKYLAR
Dude, they're Sea Lions. How would they know my name?

POGO
Hey guys! His name's Skylar!

SKYLAR
Hey Dude's!

POGO
I think they heard me.

SKYLAR
Cool Brah.

POGO
You don't think they understood do you?

SKYLAR
You think so? Maybe.

POGO
They're Sea Lions dumbass! Of course they didn't. Numbnuts.

SKYLAR
Dude, Fuck you man. I'm not a dumbass!

POGO
Relax, I was just giving you shit.

SKYLAR
You suck Dude.

POGO
I'm sorry.

SKYLAR
Serious?

POGO
Serious.

SKYLAR
You don't really think I'm a dumbass do you?

POGO
No, I don't.

SKYLAR
'Cause I'm not.

POGO
I just said you weren't.

SKYLAR
Okay Dude. Don't do that again.

POGO
I won't, I promise.

The Sea Lions begin to bark.

SKYLAR
They're laughing at you, Dude.

POGO

Maybe they're laughing at you.

SKYLAR

No way Dude, they're my buds. They know me. They're laughing at your ass.

POGO

You laughing at me? You laughing at me?

SKYLAR

Hell yeah, Brah.

POGO

You better not be laughing at me!

SKYLAR

You tell 'em Brah!

POGO

This is kind of fun.

SKYLAR

Told you.

POGO

That one there.

SKYLAR

Yeah?

POGO

The one with white patches on his feet, or whatever those are.

SKYLAR

Yeah?

POGO

Socks. Socks the Sea Lion.

SKYLAR

Socks the Sea Lion. Sweet Dude.

SCENE 11- JAZZY MADE HER MOVE

Pogo sits on the sidewalk panhandling.
Jazzy enters holding a stuffed animal.

POGO

Hey Jazzy.

JAZZY

Hi.

Pogo. POGO

I remember. JAZZY

Cool, how are you? POGO

Okay, I guess. JAZZY

Is that Danny Bear? POGO

No. His name is Barney. JAZZY

Where did you get him? POGO

I found him in the alley. No one wanted him so I adopted him. JAZZY

He looks cool. POGO

Thanks, but he doesn't make me feel safe though, not like Danny Bear. JAZZY

Oh. POGO

He smells funny. JAZZY

A lot of things smell funny out here. You'll get used to it. POGO

Yeah. JAZZY

I have some stuff for you. POGO

For me? JAZZY

Yeah. I've been carrying it around hoping I would run into you. You didn't stay in the park did you? POGO

JAZZY
No.

POGO
Good. So you just movin' around then?

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
Stayin' away from Daryl?

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
It's just a blanket and a back pack. I got some things in there for you. A toothbrush, some rubber bands for your hair and some food. Just chips and shit like that, not much.

JAZZY
Food? Really?

POGO
Yeah.

Jazzy opens the pack and rips open a bag of chips. She tears into them.

POGO
Hungry?

JAZZY
Yeah. Where did you get all of this?

POGO
A little here a little there.

JAZZY
For me?

POGO
Yeah.

JAZZY
Why?

POGO
Just thought you might need it. How you been makin' out?

JAZZY
Not real good. People yell at me and tell me to go away.

POGO

Fuck 'em. They can't make you do anything.

JAZZY

What if they call the cops?

POGO

Then they call the cops. You wont get arrested 'cause no one wants the hassle.

JAZZY

Oh.

POGO

Worst case scenario they throw you in jail overnight for loitering. Then you got a bed, a shower and breakfast. Not a bad deal all around.

JAZZY

Wont they call my Mom or something?

POGO

If your Mom don't care what will she do?

JAZZY

She might take me back.

POGO

Then you run away again and find me.

JAZZY

Yeah.

POGO

Look, it's not good to be out here on your own.

JAZZY

I know.

POGO

You can still hang with us if you want.

JAZZY

Thanks.

POGO

But you wont will you?

JAZZY

No.

POGO

We wont hurt you.

JAZZY
It's not that.

POGO
Daryl's nothing.

JAZZY
He's dangerous.

POGO
Who told you that? Him? He's just lyin' to keep you scared.

JAZZY
Jill told me.

POGO
Who's Jill?

JAZZY
One of the girls I know. She told me about Donna.

POGO
Who's Donna?

JAZZY
This girl who took off on Daryl. He found her and cut up her face. Jill told me she's a bag lady now.

POGO
Daryl's not gonna cut up your face and you wont become a bag lady.

JAZZY
How do you know?

POGO
'Cause bag lady's are fuckin' nuts. And you ain't nuts.

JAZZY
Maybe.

POGO
You ain't nuts.

JAZZY
I ran away from Daryl didn't I? I'm nuts or retarded.

POGO
You're not either. You're smart for gettin' away from him.

JAZZY
Thank you for the blankets and food.

POGO
Can we get some beer?

JUBILEE
Let me see.

She pulls some cash out of her pocket
and counts it up.

JUBILEE
Yeah, I think we got enough here for a case. What's on sale?

MIKEY
Frank's has Bud on sale for eight bucks a case.

SKYLAR
Dude! Bud sucks!

JUBILEE
Well beggars cant be choosers.

SKYLAR
I choose we buy something other than Bud.

POGO
7-11 has Miller for the same price.

SKYLAR
See! It's Miller Time!

JUBILEE
If you wanna walk the extra six blocks be my guest.

SKYLAR
I'll do it Dude.

POGO
I'll go with.

SKYLAR
Bitchin'!

JAZZY enters.

POGO
Hey.

JAZZY
Hey.

POGO
You decided to hang with us?

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
Cool. Hey guys, this is Jazzy. The girl I told you about.

JUBILEE
Hey, Jazzy.

SKYLAR
What's up?

POGO
I told her she could join us.

JUBILEE
You did?

POGO
Yeah.

JUBILEE
I see.

JAZZY
Is there a problem?

POGO
No, no problem at all. Right Jubi?

JUBILEE
It's just that you didn't tell us about her and this is kind of a surprise. That's all.

JAZZY
Yeah, I get it. I'll just be going. I'm sorry to bother you.

POGO
No. You don't have to go anywhere. Jubi, what the fuck is this?

MIKEY
Hey cool it Pogo.

POGO
What's up Jubi? What is this?

JUBILEE
You invited her to join us without talking to us first.

POGO
I told you about her.

JUBILEE

You told us about some whore working for Daryl that you met.
You never said you invited her to join us.

POGO

Don't call her a whore!

MIKEY

Cool it Pogo.

POGO

Fuck that Mikey! Jubi called her a whore. And if you want to
beat me down for sticking up for her then go right ahead. But
no one calls Jazzy a whore!

JUBILEE

I'm sorry Pogo. I'm sorry Jazzy. I shouldn't have called you
a whore.

JAZZY

It's okay, I am.

POGO

No you're not. Besides, what's the big deal Jubi? I thought
you would like having another chick to hang with.

JUBILEE

That's not the point Pogo. What about Daryl?

POGO

She's not with him anymore.

MIKEY

No one just quits Daryl.

JAZZY

She's right Pogo, I'm probably just putting you guys in
danger.

POGO

Daryl's nothing.

JUBILEE

Wrong! He's something. He's something very bad.

POGO

Well what do we do? Leave her out there alone?

JUBILEE

Can she go home?

POGO

Can you?

JUBILEE

I don't know. What do you think Mikey?

MIKEY

Pogo's right. She can't be out here on her own.

SKYLAR

Dude, you can so handle Daryl.

MIKEY

I don't know. Argyle and Daryl got into it once. I was there. If the cops hadn't shown up I really don't know what would have happened.

SKYLAR

Dude, Argyle can kick your ass.

MIKEY

Not on a good day...but he's plenty tough.

SKYLAR

I'll watch your back Brah.

MIKEY

Thanks Skylar.

JUBILEE

You should have asked us first.

POGO

I know.

JAZZY

I should go.

MIKEY

She should stay Jubi.

JUBILEE

Does everyone feel this way?

SKYLAR

Uh...yeah. It's cool with me Brah. She's cute. We could use another chick around here anyway.

POGO

So?

JUBILEE

All right, you can stay.

POGO

Right on! See, I told you it would be okay.

JAZZY

Thank you. I promise I won't be any trouble. And I can help too, really.

JUBILEE

I know you will. Why don't you go with the boys and get some beer?

JAZZY

Okay.

POGO

Come on. Thanks Jubi. You won't regret this, I promise.

JUBILEE

I know.

JAZZY, POGO and SKYLAR exit.

JUBILEE

Christ, Mikey.

MIKEY

Don't worry.

JUBILEE

I do.

MIKEY

I can handle Daryl.

JUBILEE

What if you can't?

MIKEY

I can, no worries. Okay? No worries.

JUBILEE

No worries.

Mikey wraps his arms around her.

Act II

SCENE 1- LEARNING THE ROPES

JUBILEE and JAZZY sit on the sidewalk.

JUBILEE

Hey man, spare a buck?

JAZZY

Hey man, spare a buck?
Crap.

JUBILEE

It happens, don't sweat it.

JAZZY

Okay.
Hey, spare a buck?

JUBILEE

So how long you been out here?

JAZZY

About three months.

JUBILEE

How long did it take you to fall in with Daryl?

JAZZY

A week.

JUBILEE

That was quick. He can smell a new girl a mile away.

JAZZY

Yeah. I was stupid.

JUBILEE

I'm sure you didn't know any better.
Hey man, spare a buck?
Thanks.
How long were you on your own when Pogo found you?

JAZZY

A few days.

JUBILEE

What'd you do?

JAZZY

I hung out at McDonald's near the park. People throw away so much good food.

JUBILEE

Get busted?

JAZZY

Almost, but I outran 'em.

JUBILEE

Usually can, they never chase you far. They just want you to go away.

JAZZY

What do they care if I eat garbage or not?

JUBILEE

Beat's me, I just think they hate us bein' here.

JAZZY

Daryl...he really was nice to me at first.

JUBILEE

I know, he knows what he's doing. He was nice to me too.

JAZZY

Did you fall in with Daryl too?

JUBILEE

Hell no!

JAZZY

You seemed to know so much about him, I just thought...

JUBILEE

Dante warned me about Daryl before I met him.

JAZZY

Did he try to get you to work too?

JUBILEE

Yeah, but I told him to fuck off.

JAZZY

I should have done that.

JUBILEE

We all mistakes. I've made plenty of 'em. I was just lucky enough to know about Daryl before he got to me that's all.

JAZZY

You're a lot smarter than me.

JUBILEE

I wasn't when I got here.

JAZZY

I thought you were...how old are you?

JUBILEE

I'm old enough to know how to take care of myself, and my friends.

JAZZY

Well, it was better than where I was.
Hey man, spare a buck?

JUBILEE

You sure about that?

JAZZY

He never hit me.

JUBILEE

Where did your black eye come from?

JAZZY

I screwed up, but that was just once.

JUBILEE

It's never just once.

JAZZY

Yeah. How about you? Why are you here?

JUBILEE

Usual story. Couldn't take anymore so I left.

JAZZY

How long have you been out here?

JUBILEE

Three years.

JAZZY

Wow. How long have you and Mikey been together?
Hey man, spare a buck?

JUBILEE

Never ask a suit, they hate us. Ask college kids and shoppers, they're the best.

JAZZY

Okay. How long have you guys been together?

JUBILEE

Almost a year.

JAZZY

Cool. I'd like to have a boyfriend. A real one, I mean, not like Daryl.

JUBILEE

What about Pogo?
Hey man, spare a buck?

JAZZY

Pogo?

JUBILEE

Yeah.

JAZZY

Pogo's really nice. He's cute too.

JUBILEE

Yeah, so?

JAZZY

Do you think he'd go for me? I mean after what I've done?

JUBILEE

He's always known, right?

JAZZY

Yeah.

JUBILEE

Then why would he care?

JAZZY

I guess.

JUBILEE

He's crazy about you.

JAZZY

You think?

JUBILEE

I know.

JAZZY

Yeah?

SCENE 2- BEER MONEY

Mikey, Pogo and Skylar hang out on the steps.

POGO

Here's what I got Dude.

MIKEY
How much?

POGO
Twenty three dollars.

MIKEY
Not bad. What's that?

POGO
Just six bucks.

MIKEY
What's it for?

POGO
I was gonna get a forty of Old E and some Dorito's and take Jazzy up to the Art Institute and hang out.

SKYLAR
Old E, Dude, nice.

MIKEY
Goin' on a date?

POGO
No, just...you know, hangin' out.

MIKEY
Like her huh?

POGO
She's cool.

SKYLAR
Dude's got a crush!

POGO
Shut up Skylar.

MIKEY
Be careful man.

POGO
Daryl doesn't hang out up there. It's not his neighborhood.

MIKEY
I know, but just watch out, he's got friends.

POGO
I know.

SKYLAR
Just use the bat signal Brah. We'll be there.

MIKEY

What the fuck are you talkin' about?

SKYLAR

You know, if he needs help just shine the bat signal and we'll be there to back 'im up.

MIKEY

You have serious issues my friend.

SKYLAR

What?

MIKEY

Nothing.

POGO

We'll be fine. I'll watch out. I know safe places we can hide if shit hits the fan.

MIKEY

Good deal. You need protection?

POGO

Shut up Dude.

MIKEY

Hey, I'm just askin'.

POGO

That ain't gonna happen. Will it?

MIKEY

You never know, Dude. She's cute, you like her, she likes you.

POGO

She likes me?

MIKEY

I don't know, I was just tryin' to help you out.

POGO

Oh. Late.

MIKEY

Late. Have fun.

SKYLAR

Yeah, Brah. Have fun. Don't do anything I wouldn't do.

MIKEY

What wouldn't you do?

SKYLAR

I don't know.

SCENE 3- CONNECTION

Pogo and Jazzy on the roof of the Art
Institute take in the view of the bay.Jazzy takes a swig of Old E and
grimaces.

JAZZY

I don't like this stuff.

POGO

What's wrong with it?

JAZZY

It tastes yucky.

POGO

Yucky? That's Old E, Jazzy. That's the good shit. It's not
everyday we can afford to get a forty of Old E.

JAZZY

Why did you get it now?

POGO

Special occasion.

JAZZY

What special occasion?

POGO

You joining us.

JAZZY

That's not a special occasion.

POGO

Sure it is.

JAZZY

Do the others think so?

POGO

Sure they do.

JAZZY

Does Jubilee think so?

POGO

Of course she does, why wouldn't she?

JAZZY

I just wonder sometimes how much she likes me.

POGO

She likes you.

JAZZY

You sure?

POGO

Sure I'm sure, why wouldn't she? You guys just spent the whole day together.

JAZZY

Yeah, that was cool. But she didn't seem very happy when I showed up.

POGO

That's my fault, I shoulda' told her more about you. I shoulda' told her I invited you. She's mad at me, not you.

JAZZY

You sure?

POGO

Sure I'm sure. Have another sip.

JAZZY

Eww no, that stuff tastes awful.

POGO

It's an acquired taste, you'll like it, trust me.

JAZZY

I could never get used to that.

POGO

After drinking Bud for four weeks straight you'll like this, believe me.

JAZZY

I doubt it. Pogo?

POGO

Yeah?

JAZZY

If this is a special event then where's everyone else?

JAZZY
I think you're neat too.

POGO
Yeah?

JAZZY
Yeah.

POGO
Cool.

JAZZY
Pogo?

POGO
Yeah?

JAZZY
You know about me, right?

POGO
Yeah.

JAZZY
I mean. You know what I did when I was with Daryl, right?

POGO
Yeah, of course. You told me he made you work.

JAZZY
You're cool with that?

POGO
I don't care. I mean I care that he made you do it. I think that totally sucks. But I don't hold it against you. It's not like you wanted to do it, right?

JAZZY
No, of course not.

POGO
Then you didn't do anything bad. As far as I'm concerned.

JAZZY
You don't think I'm a bad person for sleeping with those guys?

POGO
Even if you wanted to do it I don't care. Skylar's my best friend and he does it all the time. I still love the guy.

JAZZY
Yeah, but Skylar doing it is different.

POGO
How?

JAZZY
He's gay. It's different with gay guys. It's not the same.

POGO
Skylar ain't gay.

JAZZY
He's not?

POGO
No, he totally digs girls.

JAZZY
Then why does he have sex with men for money?

POGO
'Cause girls wont pay him for sex.

JAZZY
Does he enjoy it?

POGO
Yeah, I guess he gets off.

JAZZY
But he's not gay?

POGO
No.

JAZZY
I don't understand.

POGO
To be gay you got to be attracted to men. You have to want to date 'em, be able to fall in love with 'em. Skylar would never fall in love with a guy. He'd blow him, but he wouldn't fall in love with him.

JAZZY
Has he ever had sex with a woman?

POGO
That's a good question. I'll have to ask him.

JAZZY
You don't know?

POGO
We never really talked about it. I guess I just assumed it, but I guess I oughta' ask him.

JAZZY
Wow, you guys got one hell of a friendship.

POGO
You have no idea.

JAZZY
Pogo?

POGO
Yeah?

JAZZY
Have you ever had a sex with a girl?

POGO
Sure, lots of 'em.

JAZZY
Really? How many?

POGO
Uh, let's see...none.

JAZZY
Really?

POGO
I hit the street when I was 14, I've always figured girls around wouldn't like me 'cause I'm dirty and I used to do drugs. But not anymore. I'm clean I swear.

JAZZY
That's cool.

POGO
Some of the hookers offer me sex every now and then, but I don't like 'em that much. Not because they're hookers, it's not that. I just don't really like 'em. But I like you. A lot.

JAZZY
I like you too.

POGO
Cool.

JAZZY
Does Jubilee care if we stay out late?

POGO
Jubi ain't our mom, she just acts like it.

JAZZY
Cool. Let's stay here awhile.

POGO
Cool.

SCENE 4- THE CONFRONTATION

The park. Daryl is pacing back and forth. Pogo and Skylar enter.

DARYL
You!

SKYLAR
Who?

DARYL
You little Fucks! Where's Jazzy?

SKYLAR
Who's Jazzy?

DARYL
Don't fuck with me you little bastard. Where the fuck is she?

POGO
We're not tellin' you shit asshole.

DARYL
You'll tell me whatever the fuck I want to know.

POGO
You gonna make me Dickhead?

DARYL
Yeah, I'm gonna fuckin' beat it out of you.

SKYLAR
You gonna take on both of us?

DARYL
Please, I could fuck both of you up with one hand.

POGO
I ain't tellin' you shit.

DARYL
I almost believe you.
(Pulls out a bag of heroin)
Maybe you'll tell me for this.

POGO
Fuck you, you prick!

SKYLAR

Dude, you got any weed?

DARYL

I just want to know where Jazzy is. She belongs with me, I'll take care of her. You little street vermin can't take care of her like I can.

POGO

You call beatin' the shit out of her taking care of her? We can do better than that.

DARYL

You think so.

POGO

I know so. I would never beat her, I would never hurt her like you did.

DARYL

How sweet. You're fallin' for that little whore.

POGO

Shut the fuck up!

DARYL

That's what she is you know. A whore. That's what she did for me. She fucked fat old greasy men for beer money.

POGO

Fuck you!

DARYL

She even let them cum on her face.

POGO

Shut up!

DARYL

Is that who you're falling for? A cum covered whore?

POGO

Fuck you!

Pogo runs at Daryl trying to attack him. Daryl grabs Pogo and throws him to the ground. Pogo tries to get up but Daryl kicks him in the head and Pogo flies back. Skylar tries to come to his defense but Daryl gives him a jab to the gut and Skylar falls to the ground. Daryl turns back to Pogo. He pulls out a knife and approaches Pogo.

DARYL

I'm tired of asking nicely. Where is she?

Mikey enters.

MIKEY

I'm not asking, I'm fucking telling you. Fuck off!

DARYL

What if I don't? What are you gonna do mother-fucker?

Mikey reaches into his jacket and produces a knife considerably bigger than Daryl's.

DARYL

This isn't over Fucker. I want Jazzy back. And I always get what I want.

MIKEY

I look forward to finishing it.

SKYLAR

Yeah asshole, he looks forward to finishing it. Fuck you.

Daryl leaves.

MIKEY

Come on Rocky, lets' get Pogo out of here.

Mikey and Skylar help Pogo up. They exit.

SCENE 5- DARYL'S TOO CLOSE

Pogo sits on the steps, Jazzy mends the cut above his eye.

JUBILEE

I fucking knew this would happen.

MIKEY

It's not a big deal Jubi. I got there in plenty of time.

JUBILEE

What if you hadn't? These two would be dead.

SKYLAR

Whoa, Brah. No one was gonna snuff me. I had him dude, I was ready to Kung Fu his ass.

Skylar does some 'Bruce Lee' moves.

JUBILEE

You didn't take care of anything Mikey. This isn't over. He's coming after us because of her.

MIKEY

Well what do we do? Tell Jazzy to fuck off and let her fend for herself?

JUBILEE

Of course not.

MIKEY

Well what? What do we do?

JAZZY

Look, I can leave if you want.

POGO

You're not going anywhere. You're staying here with us.

JAZZY

I don't want anyone else getting hurt.

POGO

You're not leaving.

MIKEY

He's right Jazzy. We're in this now whether you're with us or not.

POGO

We can take care of you.

SKYLAR

Yeah, Babe. Don't worry about it. Mikey'll kick his punk ass.

MIKEY

That's enough Skylar.

SKYLAR

Dude, you can so take him. He's a pussy.

MIKEY

Skylar! That's enough. I can handle him, but the issue now is we stay together. I can't help you if you're on the other side of town.

JUBILEE

He's right.

MIKEY

From now on we stick together always.

SKYLAR

Twenty four seven, Dude?

MIKEY

Twenty-four seven. I'm assuming Daryl has a gun.

JAZZY

Yeah.

MIKEY

What kind?

JAZZY

I don't know. A big one.

MIKEY

Great.

JUBILEE

Mikey, we need to get away from here.

MIKEY

Where the hell we supposed to go?

JUBILEE

Wyoming.

MIKEY

We talked about this already.

JUBILEE

Well now things are different.

POGO

What are you talkin' about? Wyoming?

MIKEY

Nothing, none of your business.

JUBILEE

It is his business, it's all our business.

MIKEY

No!

POGO

What the fuck are you talkin' about? What's this Wyoming shit?

JUBILEE

Mikey got offered a job in Wyoming.

SKYLAR

Dude, what's in Wyoming?

JUBILEE

A home.

SKYLAR

Sweet, they got pot in Wyoming?

MIKEY

Wyoming's nothing but rednecks and hippies.

SKYLAR

Dude, hippies got sweet weed Brah. Let's go.

POGO

How the hell do we get there?

MIKEY

My cousin will buy me a bus ticket, when I get there and start earning money and get a place I can send you some tickets too.

SKYLAR

I never rode a bus before, they cool?

POGO

They suck, but they're cheap.

SKYLAR

Dude, we could hop a train like Batman and Farmboy did when they went to Mardi Gras.

MIKEY

It's too cold right now to ride a train up there.

SKYLAR

It gets cold up there?

POGO

Yeah, it's north numbnuts.

SKYLAR

How cold Dude? Like here, cold like here?

POGO

Like fifty below zero.

SKYLAR

Dude!

MIKEY

It doesn't get that cold where we're going, only about twenty below.

SKYLAR

Dude!

JUBILEE

We'll have a house Skylar, you wont freeze.

SKYLAR

A house, serious?

JUBILEE

Yeah, a house.

MIKEY

Fine, I'll talk to my Aunt tomorrow. It's been awhile, I don't know if the offer's still open. But I'll call.

JUBILEE

Thank you.

SCENE 6- A LITTLE SKYLAR LOVIN'

POGO and SKYLAR hanging out in front of the ballet school eating McDonald's.

SKYLAR

Dude, there.

POGO

The one in blue?

SKYLAR

Yeah, Dude.

POGO

She's cute.

SKYLAR

She's bitchin' Dude.

POGO

What happened to pink?

SKYLAR

She wouldn't understand me Dude.

POGO

You're totally right. You think blue would?

SKYLAR

Yeah Brah, blue's cool.

POGO

Cool. Hey Skylar?

SKYLAR

Yeah Brah?

POGO
Do you like having sex with guys?

SKYLAR
I guess. Sure, it's cool.

POGO
So, you like guys?

SKYLAR
I like everyone, Dude. I like you, you're my Brah.

POGO
You do know what I'm tryin' to ask you, right?

SKYLAR
Yeah, Dude. You're askin' me if I'm gay and shit.

POGO
Yeah.

SKYLAR
This is how I see it Brah. I pick up the dudes to make money for us. To help us out. I don't mind it too much, sometimes I kinda dig it too. But if we didn't need the dough I wouldn't do it.

POGO
That's what I thought.

SKYLAR
Why're you askin' me?

POGO
I was just curious.

SKYLAR
You need a blow job or somethin'?

POGO
Shut up Dude!

SKYLAR
Jazzy not givin' it up yet?

POGO
Shut the fuck up!

SKYLAR
You want some Skylar lovin' Brah?

POGO
I'm gonna punch you in the face asshole.

SKYLAR
Skylar lovin's the best Dude.

POGO
Look Blue's lookin' at you.

SKYLAR
Dude!

POGO
See, she likes you.

SKYLAR
Dude.

SCENE 7- FOR THE GOOD OF THE FAMILY

Night. Everyone's sleeping under a carport. Skylar lightly snores. Jazzy slowly sits up and looks around. Convinced everyone's asleep she slowly gets out of her sleeping bag she's sharing with Pogo, being careful not to wake him. She grabs her pack and Barney and silently sneaks away.

SCENE 8- JAZZY'S FOUND

Jazzy sits on the park bench. Daryl enters.

DARYL
Hey sweetie.

JAZZY
Daryl!

DARYL
I missed you. How have you been?

JAZZY
Oh my God.

DARYL
I was just walking around and I saw you sitting over here.

JAZZY
Look, Daryl, I...

DARYL
Shhhhh. Don't try and explain yourself.

JAZZY
I didn't mean to sneak out like that, I just...

DARYL

Shhhhh. Don't try to explain yourself. That's beneath you. It's beneath me. It's insulting to me when women try to explain themselves after they hurt me.

JAZZY

I didn't mean to hurt you.

DARYL

You didn't? Really? Then why did you leave like that?

JAZZY

I just had to get away.

DARYL

But why?

JAZZY

I wasn't happy.

DARYL

Why weren't you happy? Wasn't I good to you? Didn't I treat you well?

JAZZY

I didn't like it.

DARYL

Like what? Me? You didn't like me?

JAZZY

I didn't like the other men.

DARYL

So you didn't like doing your part. You didn't like doing your share after I took you in.

JAZZY

I could have done other stuff.

DARYL

Like what?

JAZZY

I can do lots of stuff.

DARYL

Let's not talk about that anymore. It's too late to talk about that. Where are your little friends?

JAZZY

I left. I didn't want you hurting them anymore.

DARYL

Hey baby, he came after me. I was defending myself. Besides, all I want is you.

JAZZY

What are you gonna do to me?

DARYL

What do you mean?

JAZZY

You're gonna hurt me. Just like you did that other girl.

DARYL

What other girl?

JAZZY

Lisa said this other girl left you and you cut her face up. And now she's a bag lady and talks to herself and is crazy.

DARYL

Lisa's a stupid bitch. I never cut up anyone's face.

JAZZY

She said you would.

DARYL

I'm not going to cut up your face.

Daryl walks to the bench and stands behind Jazzy.

JAZZY

You're gonna hurt me?

He pulls out his knife and with the other hand strokes her hair.

DARYL

I'm not going to cut up your face.

SCENE 9- POST JAZZY

JUBILEE, MIKEY, POGO and SKYLAR on the steps.

JUBILEE

This is exactly what I mean Mikey. This is why I want out.

MIKEY

I don't know Jubi.

JUBILEE

Stop saying that! You're going to have to know very soon. You told me you would call your cousin after Daryl almost killed Pogo. Now he got Jazzy and we're not safe anymore.

MIKEY

I know.

POGO

Well that's something you do know.

MIKEY

What?

POGO

I said; there's something you do know.

MIKEY

What are talkin' about?

POGO

You keep saying I don't know, I don't know. The only thing you do know is that Jazzy is fucking dead!

MIKEY

Settle down Dude.

POGO

Don't tell me to fucking settle down!

JUBILEE

Pogo! That's enough!

POGO

You don't tell me when it's enough! None of you give a shit.

JUBILEE

What are you talking about?

POGO

Jazzy. None of you gave a shit about her.

SKYLAR

Dude, we all loved her.

POGO

None of you cared about her the way I did. She's gone and you still can't figure out if you want to get out of here or not!

MIKEY

There's more to it than that Pogo.

POGO

Like what? You fucking tell me what more there is to it!

MIKEY

You got to settle down.

POGO

Fuck you! Stop telling me to fucking settle down. That Fucker just murdered Jazzy. I loved her. I was quitting for her.

MIKEY

Quitting? I thought you stopped before you ever met her.

POGO

I lied. I always lied about quitting. I knew what you'd think.

JUBILEE

And Jazzy?

POGO

She made me want to quit. I was getting clean for her.

SKYLAR

Dude, you always got us.

POGO

What the fuck am I gonna do?

MIKEY

We'll figure it out Dude, we'll figure it out.

POGO

You know what we have to do.

MIKEY

What are you talking about?

POGO

We have to kill him first.

JUBILEE

Are you insane?

POGO

What else are we gonna do?

JUBILEE

All he wanted was Jazzy. Maybe he'll leave us alone.

POGO

I'm not talking about protecting us Goddammit!

MIKEY

You want me to just go up to him and kill him?

POGO

I'll help.

MIKEY

I can't do that.

POGO

Why the fuck not?

MIKEY

Look, I loved Jazzy too, maybe not as much you did but I did love her. I wish to God I could have been around to save her. But...

POGO

But nothing! Let's fucking kill him. Now!

SKYLAR

Yeah Dude. You're tough, you can do it. Daryl's a fucking pussy.

JUBILEE

That's enough! This is not some fucking movie where the good guy always wins. This is real fucking life. If Mikey faces off with Daryl he might not come back and I don't want to see that happen. To any of you. We're leaving here. That's all there is to it.

POGO

You wanna run, then fucking run. I'm not. I owe Jazzy that much. If you want help me then I'll do it myself.

MIKEY

You don't stand a chance and you know it.

SKYLAR

I'll help him Dude.

MIKEY

Sit down Skylar.

SKYLAR

No way Dude. I say we get that douchebag!

MIKEY

Sit down! No one's going after Daryl. Jubilee's right. He's dangerous.

POGO

You faced him off before.

MIKEY

That was different.

POGO

How?

MIKEY

I don't know. I honestly don't know why he split that time. Maybe he wasn't packing, I don't know. But now he'll be ready. He's expecting us to do something.

POGO

What the fuck do I do?

JUBILEE

I don't know, but we'll be here for you. We'll get through this together.

POGO

Fuck you! Fuck all of you!

JUBILEE

Pogo!

Pogo runs offstage.

MIKEY

Let 'im go. He just needs some time. Just give 'im some time.

JUBILEE

What if he does something stupid?

MIKEY

Then we'll do what we can.

JUBILEE

Mikey.

MIKEY

I know. I know.

JUBILEE

Make the call.

SCENE 10- TAKIN CARE OF BUSINESS

DARYL sits on a bench, drunk. POGO enters behind him.

DARYL

What do you want little man?

POGO

You.

DARYL

Sorry kid, I'm not into boys. Talk to your little stoner friend if you're in the mood for dick.

POGO

I'm here for you, you Fuck.

DARYL

Watch yourself boy.

POGO

Why?

DARYL

You'll get yourself in trouble.

POGO

You should die.

DARYL

You don't want my trouble kid.

POGO

You killed her.

DARYL

I took care of business. That's all.

POGO

You killed my Jazzy.

DARYL

Oh, she became yours did she? Funny, I don't remember selling her to you. That's what you do with a whore you know. You sell her.

POGO

You sick Fuck!

DARYL

I'm in a good mood today, that's why I haven't killed you yet. But don't push your luck you little fag.

POGO

I'm gonna kill you.

DARYL

With what? You gonna poke me with one of your AIDS infected needles? You little homo. Get the fuck outa here, you're startin' to bother me.

POGO

I got better than a needle.

POGO stabs DARYL in the back with his knife. Daryl tries to get up but the knife hit his spine, he collapses to his knees.

DARYL
WHAT THE FUCK? WHAT DID YOU DO? YOU SHIT!

POGO
Shoulda' done that a long time ago!

DARYL
JESUS CHRIST!

DARYL dies. POGO walks off.

SCENE 11- BUS STOP

MIKEY
Where are they?

JUBILEE
They'll be here, we just gotta' wait.

MIKEY
Those little shits, I told them ten am sharp.

JUBILEE
They'll be here. Skylar can find Pogo, they'll be here.

MIKEY
If they don't...

JUBILEE
Mikey, don't say that.

MIKEY
We can't miss this bus Jubi.

JUBILEE
I know, but we just gotta be patient.

MIKEY
The bus is coming.

JUBILEE
Already?

MIKEY
It's on time.

JUBILEE
Now it's on time of all days. Shit!

MIKEY
We can't miss this bus.

JUBILEE
But the boys?

MIKEY
Jubilee.

JUBILEE
Mikey?

MIKEY
I know, I know.

JUBILEE
What'll they do?

MIKEY
They got each other, and we got each other. They'll be fine.

JUBILEE
We can't just leave them.

MIKEY
They'll be fine. They know where we are, they can follow later.

Jubilee hesitantly follows Mikey to the bus.

SCENE 12- POGO'S BACK

A public bathroom. Pogo enters and goes to the sink. He pulls out a spoon, matches, a syringe and a bag of heroin. He cooks the heroin and fills the syringe. He exposes his neck, locates a vein and shoots up. He sits down on the floor and leans back against the sink. After a minute he passes out. Skylar enters a moment later and sees Pogo on the ground. He quietly picks up all the equipment and packs it into Pogo's bag. He then sits on the floor next to Pogo and holds him trying to comfort him. Pogo quietly mumbles to himself.

THE END