



MONOLOGUES

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Last Day of School by Ian McWethy

(BRIAN is fed up with his best friend Dave for talking about asking out a girl but never actually doing anything.)

BRIAN

I'm just...I guess I'm just having a hard time Dave. A hard time understanding why you can't understand why I might be a bit skeptical about you, Dave McDonald, asking out Madison Montgomery out on a date. Can you not think of why I might be a tad bit cautious? Hm? Can you really not? ...Dave... I have been listening to you talk about Madison for four years now. Four years Dave! And throughout those four years I supported you. I did. I supported you when, as a freshman, told me your locker was next to the most beautiful girl you'd ever seen and that you wanted to ask her out and that nothing was gonna stop you! Well nothing did stop you but guess what?! You didn't ask her out! And then sophomore year, when you said you were going to ask Madison to homecoming, because it was your destiny! Your destiny you said! But did you ask her out then? No. You didn't. Because you swore that you were coming down with mono! Not that you had any symptoms of mono. No, as far as I could tell the only thing you had was a weird rash on your arm pit. How is an armpit rash mononucleosis! How do you confuse the two! They're not anything alike Dave! You clearly just chickened out!

(BRIAN takes a deep breath.)

Look the point is, it seems like every six months you have some sort of epiphany about how now is the "right time" to ask Madison out. And then every time you go to ask her out, you get scared and make up some excuse. You have piano practice or she's a Gemini or you heard a weird rumor that she "will never date anyone while she's in high school and will only date twenty-year-olds." And now you're telling me that this time...this time you're actually gonna do it. This time it's different?! Is that what you're telling me?! I just can't listen to you do this again! Okay! So! Dave! Yes, I am being a good friend by sitting here and not encouraging you. Because I have two options. I can listen and keep my mouth shut. Or I can take all my frustrated anger and disappointment over the past four years and...just...grab you and shake you until you grow a backbone!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL by Ian McWethy

Length: 75-90 minutes. (A one-act version is also available.)

Cast Size: 4-18 actors (suggested casting: 9F, 9M).

Genre: Dramey

Synopsis: On the final day of classes at Rochester High School, a renegade student takes over the morning announcements and proposes that everyone do something bold. Or unexpected. Or brave. Or stupid. The point is, you may not have another chance, so now's the time to stop being a wallflower and kiss the girl (or guy!). To let your enemies know that you have always hated their guts. Or to do something as simple as climb the rope in gym without throwing up. Through a series of interconnected scenes, misconceptions, grudges, and secret crushes come out into the open in hilarious and surprisingly touching ways. A comedy with a lot of heart, and no regrets.