

Breaking Them Up

Doyle

81.

Start

EXT. CARDINAL ADVENTURES - DAY

Greg puffs on his vape as he sees the class off.

GREG

Don't forget everyone. My place,
tonight at eight. Make sure you wear
your dancing shoes.

DOYLE

Susan's bringing quesadillas, so I
recommend everyone eat beforehand.

Susan playfully slaps him.

End

~~EXT. ROSTAND MIDDLE SCHOOL - NIGHT~~

~~The school marquee says: GUYS AND DOLLS - 7:00.~~

~~INT. ROSTAND MIDDLE SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM - NIGHT~~

~~Damien has trouble getting the curtains open. Someone
dashes over and helps him and they open. It's Lou.~~

~~Damien nods at Lou, appreciative, as the audience applauds
and the play begins.~~

~~LATER~~

~~Phil plays "If I Were a Bell". Laurie clocks his joy.~~

~~LATER~~

~~LEAD ACTRESS~~

~~I wanna have a normal home with
wallpaper and book ends.~~

~~JASON AS SKY MASTERSON~~

~~Well then fall in love with people.
Not with gamblers. Adelaide, my
daddy once told me: no matter who
you get married to, you wake up
married to somebody else. You take
it the way the dice falls.~~

~~On Laurie, those words hitting close to home.~~

~~LATER~~

~~The play is over. Phil takes his bow. Laurie applauds and
smiles. She has an almost guilty look about her.~~

INT. GREG'S CONDO - NIGHT

It's a nice, reasonably big bachelor pad. Tasteful art on the walls, modern electronics/appliances. Nice furnishings. Greg does pretty well for himself.

Everyone from class (minus Damien) is there. They go around the world, doing Cuervo shots. Laurie's having fun.

INT. COUNTRY CLUB - BALLROOM - NIGHT

Damien glances over at Phil, who stands off to the side, all alone. Phil sneaks a look over at Robin, who is still talking with Mr. Paulson. Damien's getting impatient.

INT. GREG'S CONDO - NIGHT

Laurie, getting tipsy, chats with some of the other women. Across the room, Greg chats with some of the men.

Laurie steals a look over at Greg, who looks back at her, and they hold each others look for a moment and smile.

MOMENTS LATER

The living room furniture is pushed to the side, forming a little dance floor in the middle of the room.

Start

Music starts up and the dancing commences. Cheng shocks everyone with her amazing moves. Laurie and Greg dance with each other, they've got good chemistry. Doyle has no rhythm, and accidentally knocks over a lamp, breaking it.

DOYLE

Damn, I'm sorry.

End

~~Greg's dog comes over, holding his leash in his mouth.~~

GREG

You're gonna have to hold it, bud.

LAURIE

You want me to take him?

GREG

He's fine.

~~The dog looks back at them, helpless, pleading.~~