

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS:

Manu:

Male, 15/16 years-old, of Maori heritage. Dressed in casual attire.

Good hearted, but it is often overruled by his oblivion. Slightly self centered - unintentionally.

A little socially clueless about girls and how to interact with them - which is why he treats Harper as another 'bro'.

Harper:

Female, 15/16 years-old, of no specific heritage. Dressed in smart-casual attire.

Strong willed and minded. Also good hearted, but is very aware unlike Manu. She is confident, which sometimes morphs into sarcasm.

James:

Male, 18 (and up) years-old, of no specific heritage. Dressed in smart-casual attire.

Intelligent, assertive, and socially confident. Also good hearted. Calm, collected and cool - but not in an ignorant or cocky way.

McDonalds Operator:

Dressed in McDonalds uniform. No specific age (maybe mid 20's?), gender or ethnicity.

Character #1:

Dressed casually. No specific age (maybe mid 30's?), gender, ethnicity.

KEY:

LS - Long shot

MS - Mid shot.

CS - Close up shot.

SFX - Sound effects.

SR - Stage right.

SL - Stage left.

SCENE 1:

At McDonalds GIRL is standing alone in front of the operator at the counter.

CAMERA - LS

SFX:

Voice over (written as internal dialogue)

CUSTOMER enters upstage SR

(SFX) HARPER: Fish fingers? No. Hm what about the McFish? Nah not feelin' it. Oh, wait - they have the Filet-o-Fish today? Ok, in that case I'm definitely getting the Filet-o-

MANU enters upstage SR

CAMERA: - CS - Switching between the characters delivering dialogue.

MANU: Aye, sup.

HARPER: *coughs, looks at her watch*

MANU: Soz bro - man - I mean... girl? I didn't check the time.

CUSTOMER #1 moves upstage and sits at a table.

CAMERA - Zooms out into a MS focusing on OPERATOR, BOY and GIRL.

OPERATOR: Welcome to McDonalds, may I take your order?

HARPER: I'd like the F-

MANU: I'll have The Boss and she'll have a Big Mac.

HARPER opens her bag to pay, but MANU reaches into his pockets and pulls out a load of change.

HARPER and MANU awkwardly await their order.

MANU opens up his food, starts eating as he moves upstage to a table. HARPER follows.

MANU: Mmmmm she's a beaut in't she! This'll do. *Gestures towards the table in front of them.*

MANU sits down before HARPER even gets there.

MANU: She's not too bad aye. *Nodding to the weather outside.*

HARPER stares blankly at MANU

MANU: Oh yeah, right, *Mutters* Sorry. How are you?

HARPER: How am I?

MANU: You know. I'm good, or fine, or-

HARPER: I know what "how are you means."

MANU continues to eat food.

MANU nods at a passing customer.

HARPER gives him a look.

MANU turns to face her.

MANU: Oh come on babe, don't give me that look.

HARPER continues to give him 'that look.'

MANU: What?

Pause

MANU: What did I do?!

HARPER: **Mutters.** What didn't you do.

MANU: What didn't I do?! I ordered your food, got you a table... PAID!

HARPER: You didn't ask me once out of your genuine self how I was, what I wanted to eat, where I wanted to sit. Whether I'd like to pay or not -

MANU: I paid for you, that's what the man does -

HARPER: Was I enjoying my food? That *you* ordered for *me*. You didn't even apologise for being late, let alone care about our date. How did you not even know what the time was, I texted you like 5 times!

Camera switches back to the JAMES and the OPERATOR, who is passing over the customer's large fries.

CONSENT CUSTOMER: Make that three please.

Camera follows JAMES' eyes and focuses on a long shot of MANU and HARPER..

HARPER CONT: I didn't hear you once say please nor thank you, do you even have any respect for anyone else other than your 'high almighty' self? Or are you just so wound up in your 'manly' world that, no one gets to say no to you?!

Meanwhile

Camera switches back to the JAMES who is carrying his order, to the table where MANU and HARPER are still arguing. Camera follows the CONSENT CUSTOMER.

MANU takes some of her food and chews it with his mouth open.

HARPER: Ugh! Did you even ask?!

MANU looks up at her and shrugs.

MANU slurps from his drink throughout, making noises as HARPER says her next line.

HARPER: What am I, an object to you? Is everything I say irrelevant to the decisions you make for me? Do I even get a choice? What happens if I change my mind? Have you even noticed I haven't taken one bite out of my food because I'm a friggen PESCATERIAN?! Hm? Oh, no you didn't know? You wouldn't have known if I was unconscious, unresponsive or passive either now would you? BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T EVEN ASK?

JAMES: Fries.

MANU: **Exhales exasperated.** Thank God.

HARPER:: **Ignoring BOY** I'm sorry, what?!

JAMES: Fries. Freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, specific. Fries.

HARPER gives JAMES a look as if to say "what?"

JAMES CONT: It's an analogy I learned at school through this mean as programme called Mate and Dates. It's all about learning about gender, healthy relationships, consent, being able to respect yourself and your values as well as others.

HARPER: Sounds like someone over here could benefit from that. When can I sign him up?

JAMES: Ah, now here is where consent comes in.

MANU: Consent?

JAMES: Yes means yes. Consent is a voluntary agreement to another's proposition.

HARPER: So I just have to get him to say yes right?

JAMES: No, not exactly. You see, this is where FRIES comes into it.

JAMES passes MANU and HARPER a box of large fries.

JAMES: Both parties, have to freely give their decision, let it be reversable at any point in time, informed and knowledgeable about the situation and what is going to happen, enthusiastic about their own decision - so they have to show in their tone, face and body that yes means yes and specific about their decision.

HARPER and MANU: Ohhhhh.

HARPER: Okay!

MANU: But why? What's the point? If you know what you want, and you know what they want. Why do you need to ask?

JAMES: You might know what you want, but that doesn't mean you know what they want.

MANU: What?

HARPER: So like when you ordered for me - without asking!

MANU: I didn't ask you.

JAMES: Let's say you and your friend -

HARPER: **Cough** I'm not his friend.

JAMES CONT: - have a lot of things in common - that's great! But it doesn't mean you have everything in common. You can never assume your friend always wants to eat a burger on a Wednesday - even if that is what they ordered last week. Instead, this week, they might want chicken nuggets. If this Wednesday they order chicken nuggets instead of a burger, don't make them order and eat a burger instead. It's their stomach - not yours. But you won't know unless you ask.

Pause

JAMES: Go on, try it! **Pushes both boxes of chips towards them.**

MANU: Sweet as!

JAMES: Remember - FRIES.

HARPER and MANU both take chip.

MANU and HARPER: FRIESSS

*MANU, HARPER and JAMES get up and leave McDonalds, with general goodbye.
Outside in the carpark.*

MANU: So if I wanted to.....

*Dialogue continues, but decreases in volume as the camera tilts upwards to the sky.
Digital Images and Graphics are displayed on the screen as the SFX (voice over) is played.*

(SFX) MANU, HARPER AND JAMES: FRIES freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic,
specific.

CONSENT CUSTOMER: Fries before guys, kids!

END OF SCENE 1