

Priorities

Cast: Zachary, Tyler

Setting: An empty room

1 ZACHARY: Tyler, what are you doing in here?
 2 TYLER: I just need to get away for a while.
 3 ZACHARY: You OK?
 4 TYLER: Fine, Zach. I'm fine.
 5 ZACHARY: OK. *(A pause)* You going to stay in here much
 6 longer?
 7 TYLER: I don't know. Just give me a minute or two.
 8 ZACHARY: Buddy, the party's out there. You're bringing us
 9 down.
 10 TYLER: Sorry. I just need some time.
 11 ZACHARY: For what?
 12 TYLER: For nothing. For thinking. I don't know. Just some
 13 time.
 14 ZACHARY: Is this really the occasion for that?
 15 TYLER: It is for me. Judy's here.
 16 ZACHARY: Oh brother. So?
 17 TYLER: She's here with Ryan.
 18 ZACHARY: That's because they are going together.
 19 TYLER: Well, she used to go with me.
 20 ZACHARY: You broke up with her.
 21 TYLER: It was a mistake.
 22 ZACHARY: You should have thought of that when you were
 23 cheating on her.
 24 TYLER: I didn't know what I had.
 25 ZACHARY: Well, this whole thing is your fault.
 26 TYLER: I know that. And thanks for pointing it out again.
 27 Appreciate it.
 28 ZACHARY: So, you're going to stay in here having your own
 29 little pity party?

1 TYLER: Shut up, Zachary.
 2 ZACHARY: Hey, this is my birthday and my party. This is a
 3 great gift, your mood. I'd like to thank you for that.
 4 TYLER: This isn't about you. I lost the one girl I've ever
 5 loved.
 6 ZACHARY: Loved? You're sixteen years old. Get off it. Now
 7 come on. Quit being a big drag.
 8 TYLER: I did love her.
 9 ZACHARY: You loved the idea of her.
 10 TYLER: Nope.
 11 ZACHARY: So, you loved having to call her at least once a
 12 day? You loved getting her little notes in your locker?
 13 You loved having to eat lunch with her every day? You
 14 loved her text messages telling where and when to
 15 meet her after school? You loved having to sit with her
 16 at games rather than with your friends?
 17 TYLER: She cared.
 18 ZACHARY: She smothered.
 19 TYLER: I miss that.
 20 ZACHARY: *(Quickly)* Gun to your head and choose. Your car
 21 and Judy fall off a cliff. Which would you miss the
 22 most? *(Points finger at TYLER's head like a gun.)*
 23 TYLER: *(Quickly)* My car. *(Surprised)* Huh. How about that?
 24 Wow. Am I really that shallow?
 25 ZACHARY: Yes, yes you are. Now you go out to the party and
 26 dance and hook up with some little hottie and have a
 27 great time. It's what adolescence is all about.
 28 TYLER: And I'll make sure that Judy sees me. *(He exits*
 29 *happily.)*
 30 ZACHARY: Grow up!