it.

JOEY (cont'd)

(OFF PHONE BOOK Huh. One of these guys has the same address as me -- (QUICKLY) Yup. Got it. I'm on

BEFORE JOEY CAN DIAL, HE LEARS A BASKETBALL BEING BOUNCED OUTSIDE.

JOEY (cont'd)

(EXCITED) Do you hear that? That's Jake. That's his dribble. Should

I go talk to him?

GINA

Go, Joey. Go grab your rainbow.

JOEY RUSHES OUT.

RESET TO:

TAT. COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

JAKE, AN ATTRACTIVE GUY IN HIS THIRTIES, IS THERE WITH A BASKETBALL. JOEY APPROACHES.

JOEY

(PANICKED) Jake! Jake! Jake! (FORCED CASUAL) Hey, what's up?

JAKE

Joey, right?

JOEY

Well, my friends call me J-Bird.

JOEY SHAKES HIS HEAD "WHY DID I SAY THAT?"



JOEY (cont'd)

Anyway, my roommate and I are having a little party Thursday for everyone in the building.

JAKE

Sure, I'll stop by.

JOEY

Great, you won't be sorry, the J-Bird throws a great party.

JOEY TURNS AWAY AND GRIMACES "WHY DO I KEEP DOING THAT?" HE HEADS INTO THE APARTMENT.

RESET TO:

INT. JOEY'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

GINA IS THERE. JOEY ENTERS.

GINA

Well, how did #t go?

JOEY

(GIDDY) He said yes! He's coming!

What kind of food do you think he

likes?! What should I wear?! (THEN,

LOOKING OUTSIDE) Boy, I hope he

couldn't hear that.

AND WE...

CUT TO:

MICHAEL NODS. MEANWHILE, JOEY HAS BEEN CORNERED BY HOWARD.

HOWARD

... And then when Drake Ramoray walks in and sees them in bed together? That was an amazing scene.

TOEY

(FLATTERED) h yeah? Interesting story about that scene. Originally, Drake wasn't coing to be in it at all. But then, while they were shooting, I walked onto the set because I thought that door was a bathroom. (PROUD) The rest is history.

HOWARD

Well, "Days of Our Lives" has not been the same without you.

JOEY

Between us? I'm surprised they
kept it on the air after I left.

(THEN) I've of some old tapes if
you ever -- (NOTICING) Jake!

ANGLE ON JAKE TALKING TO GINA. JOEY SHOVES HOWARD ASIDE AND MAKES HIS WAY OVER TO THEM. AD-LIB HELLOS.

JAKE

Sorry I'm late. (JOKING) I got lost on the way over here.

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JOEY

(TOO AMUSED) That's great! You live upstairs so it's funny!

JAKE

(TO GINA) So you're a hairdresser.

Would you do anything with my hair?

SHE STROKES IT.

GINA

Let me rub my fingers through it for a couple hours and maybe I can tell you.

JOEY REACTS, DISGUSTED.

JOEY

(PISSED) Please stop rubbing my quests.

JAKE

I don't mind.

JOEY

Gina, maybe Jake would like a drink.

GINA

Then maybe you should get him one.

JOEY

(ELBOWING HER OUT OF THE WAY) Maybe you should get him one.

GINA

(ELBOWING HIM BACK) Maybe you should get him one.

JAKE

You know what? I'll get myself a drink. Can I get the lady anything?

GINA

What a gentleman. Yes, another Everclear and Gatorade.

JAKE CROSSES AWAY.

GINA (cont'd)

What's wrong with you?

JOEY

What's wrong with you? Why are you hogging Jake?

GINA

I like him. You didn't tell me he was so cute.

JOEY

I'm sorry, but that's not something
I notice with guys and yes I did!

GINA

Just let me finish talking to him and he's all yours.

JOEY

No!

GINA

Excuse me?

JOEY

There are other guys here, Gina.

ACT TWO

SCENE J

FADE IN:

INT. JOEY'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER (NIGHT 2)
(Joey, Gina, Michael, Ale, Jake, Molly, Seth, Extras)

JOEY AND GINA ARE PRETTY TUCH AS WE LEFT THEM.

No.

GIRA

It is so adorable that you think you have a chance with Jake. You know what? I'll give you a head start.

JOEY

I don't need your pity. Jake is going to be my friend whether or not you --

GINA

(OFF WATCH) Naty-nine

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JOEY TURNS AND FIGHTS THROUGH THE CROWD TO JAKE WHO HAS GOTTEN A DRINK AT THE BAR. AD-LIB HEYS.

SART

JOEY

(RE: DRINK) Nothing like a cold beer on a warm summer night, am I right?



JAKE

This is apple juice. I'm an alcoholic.

JOEY

(SOMBER) It's a disease.

GINA COMES UP BEHIND JAKE, SIGNALS "FOUR-FIVE".

JOEY (cont'd)

(BLURTING) Basketball! (THEN) I love basketball. What about you?

JAKE

Oh yeah. My company has great Lakers season tickets. Me and my buddies go all the time. We usually have an extra ticket --

JOEY

Really?

JAKE

-- So we scalp it and that pays for our food and drinks.

JOEY

(FROZEN SMILE) So smart.

GINA SIGNALS "TWO-FIVE".

JOEY (cont'd)

Uh... So, this company you work for, what do you do exactly?

JAKE

I'm a market-maker in the energy sector. (OFF HIS BLANK LOOK,

CLARIFYING) I mostly do arbitrage.

JOEY

("NO IDEA") You gotta work with me here, Jake.

GINA STARTS SIGNALING "TEN... NINE..." ETC.

JOEY (cont'd)

(SCRAMBLING) I'm an actor myself.

Not working right now so that's not

interesting. Um, I love video games.

And movies. (PANICKING) I'm an

excellent parallel parker! I once

saw Mr. T in a restaurant!

GINA REACHES "ZERO" AND STEPS UP, AT THE SAME TIME TAKING OFF HER SWEATER TO REVEAL A NO-KIDDING-AROUND TOP.

GINA

(TO JAKE) It's hot in here. You wanna go check out the patio?

JAKE

I love patios. (THEN, TO JOEY)

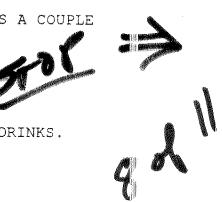
I'll catch you later.

HE AND GINA CROSS OFF. AT A LOSS, JOEY UNDOES A COUPLE BUTTONS ON HIS SHIRT.

JOEY

I'm hot, too!

ACROSS THE ROOM ALEX AND MICHAEL ARE GETTING DRINKS.



SCENE K

INT. JOEY'S APARTMENT - LATER (NIGHT 2)
(Joey, Gina, Michael, Alex, Jake, Molly, Seth, Extras)

THE PARTY IS WINDING DOWN. JAKE CROSSES AWAY FROM GINA. JOEY CROSSES AND PULLS HER ASIDE.

JOEY

C'mon Gina, you've been talking to him forever.

GINA

Lot of good it's doing. All he wants to talk about is how great you are.

JEY

Really?

GINA

(LAUGHING) No

OEY

Will you just give him your phone number and let me have him for like five minutes before he leaves?

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Actually, I already gave him my phone number. And now he's leaving.

JOEY RUSHES OVER AND INTERCEPTS JAKE. JoeyTV.net

JOEY

You're leaving? You can't hang out a little longer?

SEARCHING HIS POCKETS, JAKE PULLS OUT A SLIP OF PAPER AND HIS KEYS. HE LOOKS AT THE PAPER THEN THROWS IT AWAY.

JAKE

I wish. But I've got an early
morning so --

JOEY

Wait. What was that you threw out?

JAKE

Nothing. Just the phone number of that girl I was talking to.

JOEY

(STUNNED) But I thought that was going well with her.

JAKE

I thought so, too. I was counting on getting a little more than a phone number tonight. (THEN) She's got more self-esteem than her outfit would suggest.

JOEY

She wouldn't go home with you, so now you're not gonna call her?

JAKE

You know how it is.

(MORE)

JAKE (cont'd)

She was fine for a slow night but not exactly worth dinner and a movie --

JOEY

For God's sake, stop! That's my sister, Jake!

JAKE

Oh, man. I'm sorry. I don't know what to say.

JOEY

Well I do. This friendship is over.

JAKE

(BEAT) What friendship?

JOEY

Exactly!

JOEY SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND JAKE. SOME BALLOONS ARE IN THE WAY AND THE DOOR JUST BOUNCES BACK. JOEY FUMBLES WITH THE BALLOONS AND FINALLY GETS THE DOOR CLOSED. ACROSS THE ROOM GINA SEES THE VERY END OF THIS.

GINA

What was that?

JOEY

Um... He -- (COVERING) Look, I was trying to make up for lost time with Jake. And I think I came on too strong and creeped him out. He said to tell you he wasn't gonna call as long as your "crazy brother" was around.