

KARATE HOTTIE

A feisty full length play

CHARACTERS-

Dart-16, female, feisty chick who doesn't listen to nobody, karate student.

John-37, male, runs "John's House of Pain" karate school for kids, gruff but also secretly a little nerdy/childish.

Meredith-35, female, engaged to John, loves knitting, quirky, repressed, you prob wouldn't wanna hangout with her.

Shalom-16, female, Dart's bff, repressed, Jew friendly and a bit awkward, a bit innocent, occasional karate student.

SETTING

Various places near Amish country, PA

TIME

Nowwww

Note:

()=When a line is in parentheses it means it is quieter, hushed, smaller than a normal line

Emoticons= inject the line with the spirit of the emoticon or just inject it at the end of the line

*Note: the play should be done with one set: a karate studio. Change of location can be shown in creative barebones sketchy ways.

Scene 1: Sleeping Arrangements are Hard to Make!

(We are in a sketchy hotel room. DART and JOHN stand awkwardly and stare at it.)

DART

Wow! It's so beige, this is really fucking cool! You know I only stayed in a hotel room once with my family, cause like our car broke down and we got kicked out of the woods, cause we tried to sleep there.

JOHN

Really? Didn't know that.

DART

I have lots of fun facts, all the fun facts.

JOHN

I can see that...

DART

You probably like stay in hotel rooms all the time right? You probably go to the fanciest, manliest hotels and get the biggest rooms and stuff and are just so happy.

JOHN

Ha Meredith and I sometimes go for romantic get-aways or um we get one when we're visiting my grandfather in New Jersey.

DART (punching him)

Get ittt!

JOHN

Can be kinda romantic, having so much space. Being with someone you care about. Hey, it's pretty weird that they didn't have that extra room. I called them like a month ago to reserve the room.

DART

Weird.

JOHN

You know maybe I should go downstairs and ask again if we can request another room, you probably need your space, gotta prep for your big tournament tomorrow.

DART

No, no it's fine, don't worry. It's probs cheaper having one room anyway.

JOHN

But you probably have your own night routine and stuff, chicks have those right? Like with lots of cream and crying and stuff and you put like flowers on your face. Don't think one's karate instructor should see that.

DART

I don't know, I don't do that stuff, my face rocks (doesn't need help), also I think having you here in the room will be lucky or something, like you are my coach.

JOHN

Well think on it, ok.

DART

Yeah, sure, whatever.

JOHN

Ha we do always need more money. That mud-wrestling-themed Valentine's Day karate party we did last month kinda blew out our budget.

DART

This room is really nice, like perfect and shit, like I could live here you know, like start a life here and shit.

JOHN

Meredith more prefers a good sleep in her own bed but I'm a fan.

DART

Sounds really interesting.

JOHN

Uh huh...

DART

So you excited I'm here, like that you picked me for the tournament? ;)

JOHN

Of course, I love traveling with students, and you have been showing a lot of vigor in karate class lately so I think you deserve it.

DART

Cool.

JOHN

Yup.

Any student?
DART

Yup. Anyone.
JOHN

Kkkk.
DART

You trying to ask me something?
JOHN

No whatever never-mind.
DART

Oh ok, yeah, I'm seeing what's going on here?? You need a good old ego boost don't ya Dart!
JOHN

...uh huh.
DART

Of course I'm happy you're here. I really think you have a lot of talent and I really think tomorrow you're gonna beat all those other random chicks. You're gonna be the "Karate Hottie" cause you have good technique and present yourself in an attractive manner and you are gonna winnn that modeling contract and week of free karate lessons in Switzerland or I'll be damned!
JOHN

Thanks coach.
DART

No prob. Here hit me!
JOHN

(DART hits JOHN. She means well but kinda hurts JOHN.)

Come on Dart, remember what we talk about in class: Karate is a spiritual art form. It's about two people connecting, fighting for something more important than either of them could ever want, but just remember, one false move and you could fricking DIE!
JOHN

Waaaa! Diee!
DART

But I know you can do it ok, so just try not to die ok or hit anyone too hard, you don't wanna go back to anger management summer school again. Great, so that review sesh make you Feel better?
JOHN

DART

I guess. Also I'm done unpacking.

JOHN

You didn't pack a lot.

DART

I travel light. I don't need a lot of shit, most girls bring like all the purple makeup that has ever existed but that's not really me.

JOHN

Very practical Dart. I don't like to pack a lot either, cause then I'll just lose it or whatever.

DART

Yeah, I hate losing shit, I don't want to lose anything worth having ever, ya know. One of my life goals, I have a lot.

JOHN

Really now?

DART

Yup. One of them is I want to get a black belt, another one is I want to see Star Wars 7 times in a row without sleeping, ALSO I want to be roomies at Bryn Mawr with my bffffff Shalom, ALSO I want to force feed Shalom 20 heart shaped marshmallows in a row cause I think that would be funny and finally I want to lose 15 pounds.

JOHN

That's a lot of goals.

DART

I have a lot of ambitions.

JOHN

I can see that. But um you don't need to lose 15 pounds, you look just fine as you are.

DART

Thanks, that's kind and untrue, do you need help unpacking your stuff?

JOHN

I think I'm good.

DART

You sure? My mom was a maid in college, to like pay for it and shit, so I'm pretty good at folding.

JOHN

If you really wanna, then you should go for it!

(DART starts folding. She is so good that JOHN does not know what to do. It is super hot.)

DART

If I can't pay for college, I'll probably be a part-time maid also. But I think my uncle might die soon and he promised to give all his inheritance to me so I can go wherever the fuck I want; so that would be nice.

JOHN

You don't have to unpack the... you know...

DART

It's cool.

JOHN

Ok... if you don't mind.

DART

So what are we going to do about the sleeping arrangements?

JOHN

Well there's two beds, 2 people so...

DART

Which one do you want?

JOHN

Ready put some of my stuff on the right one... so thought that would imply...

DART

Well I like the right one also, so...

JOHN

So...

DART

Why are you being so annoying?

JOHN

I like being closer to the bathroom.

DART

Well I just like anything on the right.

JOHN

I think we're at an impasse.

DART

I can see that as well. Wanna thumby war for it?

JOHN

Ha that's really how you want to figure this out?

DART

Yup.

JOHN

Well if it's gotta be that way, then fine.

(They thumbby war. JOHN wins.)

JOHN

Take THAT!!! Boom chockachocka-lackaaa(whose on top nowww).

DART

Hah what the fuck does that even mean?

JOHN

It's a celebratory popular cheer my bros and I did all the time in high school!

DART

Ok then, well that was like 90 years ago and things have changed, sooo... When Shalom and I are happy about something we usually just scream and hug and throw things, that's way cooler!

JOHN

I wasn't in high school that long ago.

DART

Sure ;) Ugh you cheated!

JOHN

You can't cheat at a thumbby war. I guess with age, you get better at shit.

DART

You're being fucking cocky.

JOHN

Have fun on the left suckaaa! The left of no returnnnnnn.

DART

Welllll I don't wanna be on the left, so maybe we should get two rooms.

JOHN

Like we can try but... We had two rooms but they screwed up...

DART

Well maybe we should go to another hotel so I can get my own room with two beds and then I can sleep on the right. I have some extra cash, I sold some of my bras on ebay. They were vintage power ranger ones, so I got a pretty penny for em.

JOHN

I didn't know you could sell undergarments on ebay... Is that legal?

DART

I'm googling hotels in the area... Oo there's one called "Jersey fun Times", they have a pool shaped like the state of New Jersey! That sounds nice!

JOHN

Come on Dart, you are not doing that. It's just not responsible, it's already past your bedtime-

DART

It's past your bed time! My bed time is fricking 3 in the morning.

JOHN

Listen, I'm sorry, ok, I'm just messing wit ya, sleep wherever you want but just shut up, I promised I'd call Meredith at 10.

DART

Aw you're gunna call your girl-friendddd, wa wa wa, I'm so happy and in love with a girl who wears flowers on her shirts, wa wa, happiness.

JOHN

Just finish unpacking my clothes, and I'll be done in a second.

DART

I am way too nice to you. Also she talks a lot, so sure you won't be.

JOHN

DART! WHAT! Calm it down. She does not talk a lot, she talks an appropriate amount for a woman of her age.

DART

Uh sureeeee (cough not).

JOHN

Now shut up, I'm dialing.

DART

Cough she's old.

JOHN

35 is not old. I'm 37 and you don't think I'm old.

DART

Hee hee no I do.

JOHN

Well that's rude.

(MEREDITH picks up. She appears onstage facing the audience.)

MEREDITH

Hi honey! How's the trip so far?

JOHN

Oh fine, we just got to the hotel.

MEREDITH

The rooms work out ok?

JOHN

Oh yesss, Dart loves her room, it's super big, we um sort of blew our budget on that, but she's a mature little lady and I wanted to make sure she had space to relax and get ready for the tournament.

MEREDITH

Well that sounds delightful! I'm sure she'll have herself a time.

JOHN

It's a really nice hotel.

MEREDITH

Good! And tell Dart good luck on the tournament!

JOHN

Thanks, will do. She's um asleep by now, so will have to be tomorrow, but will do. How's your day going?

MEREDITH

God, long, been working on this new blanket and it has all these little yellow sheep on the bottom dancing a jig and I always thought sheep would be easy to sew, but surprisingly they are pretty difficult.

JOHN

I know you can do it honey, sure you can sew those sheep.

DART

(Gag.)

JOHN

Now I'm sorry Merby but I can't talk too long, I have a very big day tomorrow and gotta rest it up!

MEREDITH

Oh. Ok. Well will you send me some videos on your phone of the tournament and of you getting ready for the tournament and of the drive home? And you'll call me?

JOHN

Yes yes and yes, yeah, all of that, all of the things I will do.

DART

JOHN! CAN YOU HELP ME FOLD!

JOHN

Dart, shhhh!

MEREDITH

That's Dart right? I thought you said she was asleep.

JOHN

Weird, I guess she um woke up and came into my room and started folding. She's a um dutiful one, always looking to raise a helpful hand.

MEREDITH

She's in your room? This late?

JOHN

Yeah, she um has some separation anxiety issues from her mother, you know cause her dad is like you know, out of the picture, so she's been like crying and stuff, but good thing I'm great with kids.

MEREDITH

You're the best with kids Johnsie! Yes you are!

JOHN

Oh yeah!

MEREDITH

Well don't let her stay up too late, she gotta represent for your studio and WIN!

JOHN

Oh yeah! Well good night Merby!!

MEREDITH

Hmm it's weird, I forgot how Dart's voice always sounds just a little bit annoying?

JOHN

Yup, her voice can sometimes be a little hard on the ear.

DART

(You suckkkkk, what are you saying about meeee?)

JOHN

Well I should let you go, but sleep well honey, ok. Miss you already.

MEREDITH

Same. I named one of the sheep "John" after you, it is a pleasure sewing him.

JOHN

Ha Meredith, what are you implying?

DART

(Gag!)

JOHN

Well I should head out. Gotta get Dart back to her room. Call ya tomorrow ok <3

MEREDITH

Cannot wait. Bye Johnsie! <3 <3

JOHN

Bye Merby! Kisses!

(JOHN hangs up.)

DART

Merby! Didn't know that side of you John.

JOHN

That's cause you don't get to.

DART

Uh huh, wait why didn't you tell her we were in one room? It's no bigs, the hotel is just dumb as nails and screwed shit up.

JOHN

Yes, but I wouldn't want to worry her. Serious relationships can get a little complicated so..

DART

Ha okkkk.

JOHN

So you need help folding?

DART

Hahaha Merby! Sounds like furby, but uglier.

JOHN

Shut up! It's a romantic nickname; lovers give each other them. Now let's try to focus more on folding and then getting ready to go to sleep. You have a long day tomorrow.

I've never gotten one.

DART

What?

JOHN

A lovers nickname.

DART

Well maybe that's cause you're 10 years old and have probably never even Kissed A Boy.

JOHN

Woah! I'm 16 and I've done more than kissed boys. Boy's fricking eat me up.

DART

Hah ok then.

JOHN

If anyone makes up a nickname like that for me, I'd probably vom on them and their family.

DART

It's a privilege to be in love Dart, maybe one day you'll experience it.

JOHN

...Yeah...

DART

I'm sure one day you will though, so don't worry too much; probably better you haven't yet. Adults can experience it more fully cause we're more together, ya know. When you're young and you care about someone like that it just makes you fucking burn out and do stupid shit, like you usually can't deal with all the feelings, like or it's just all too much or something..

JOHN

Uh ok. You have something you want to shareeee?

DART

No, Dart. I'm good.

JOHN

You sure?

DART

Don't want to make you feel uncomfortable with my wild stories of youth.

JOHN

DART

No, do make me feel uncomfortable with wild stories of youth-that
sounds rad-I want THAT!