

You Deserve It  
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Characters: Joe Davids - Doctor Wonder - Nurses - Nina Rott - Matt - Jodey Blake - David Farmer - Amanda Davids - Jacob Davids - Cassie Davids

Act 1.1 - Forgetting

A hospital room, a man(Joe Davids) sits on a hospital bed with a monitor beeping in the background. A nurse is writing something on a clipboard when the monitor beeping speeds up.

Nurse A almost drops her clipboard in surprise, before rushing out.

Joe begins to stir, slowly blinking. The bright lights hurt his eyes and he squints as he sits up.

Joe:  
Where-

A bunch of nurses rush in. The nurses start bombarding him with questions.

Nurse A:  
Where does it-

Nurse B:  
What is you-

Nurse C:  
Are you-

Nurse D:  
Do you belie-

Nurse E:  
Do you have-

Joe can't focus, he's confused and dazed.

A doctor(Doctor Wonder) sweeps into the room.

Doctor Wonder:  
Nurses! Please, please, calm down. I'm sure the patient would appreciate the space.

The nurses all part, a dreamy look in their eyes. They give a longing sigh.

Joe sighs in relief, but is very confused. This shows. He has no idea what is going on, who he is, or why he is here.

Joe:  
Thank you.

Doctor Wonder takes the clipboard from a nurse and looks through it

Doctor Wonder:  
You have been in a coma for twelve and a half hours. It looks like you sustained severe head trauma. What do you remember?

Joe:  
I-I can't remember. What happened to me? Where am I?

Doctor Wonder:  
You're at a hospital. You were found passed out in a parking lot. Tests are still coming back from the labs, however we suspect a heart problem. If you remember anything at all, any small detail please don't hesitate to tell us.

Joe:  
No, I'm sorry I don't think so. I-I can't even remember my own name.

Nurse B:  
Your name is Joe Davids, dear.

Doctor Wonder nods:  
Not surprising. We're going to keep you here for a few more days for observation, however you will be allowed visitors. Not that you will remember them of course, but they might with the recovery process.

Joe:  
Thank you, Doctor.

Fade out.

#### Act 2.1 - Frua Rott

Fade in.

Joe sits fiddling his hospital sheet.

There is a knock at the door and he perks up.

Nurse:

You have a visitor, Mr.Davids. Do you want her to come in?

Joe shouts loudly:

Please!

He shifts awkwardly, clearing his throat awkwardly.

Joe:

Yes, sorry, yes please. I'd like that.

The Nurse smiles before exiting again, shutting the door behind her. A few seconds later a beautiful woman(Nina) with bright red lipstick enters the room.

Joe is caught off guard, and wonders who this beautiful woman(Nina) is. She throws herself on him.

Nina:

Bei mir bist du Schöne! Ich liebe dich, Herr Davids.

Nina sighs dramatically, kissing his lips which rubs off on him.

Nina continued:

Joe!

Joe:

What?

Nina pushes off him dramatically, turning away from him.

Nina:

Ich bin wartig. Ich kenne du bist die Vater nicht.

Nina:

Herr Anderson ist der Vater, und ihr habe liebe für mich.

Joe, confused:

I..don't understand you. What?

Nina kisses him deeply again before pushing off him and slapping his face. Her lipstick is smeared on his face.

Nina:

Ich auch, ich auch.

Wir kann rennt, aber du bist nicht mein und ich bin nicht dir Mädchen.

Joe:  
I'm sorry, I think-

Nina:  
Nein! Ich habe ein Hochzeit im Juni. Ich kann nicht rennt, Joe! Ich liebe ihn. Meine liebbling, ich kann nicht rennt mit du. Ich habe keine lieb und meine arbeit ist kaputt. Dir kinder sind okay. Ich gehe muss.

Joe, more confused:  
What? It's okay you can't rent. Why are you crying? NURSE!

Nina slaps him again, angrily.

Joe, shocked:  
AH! Why did you do that?!

Nina:  
Ich liebe dich, jeden tag und jeden nachten, aber wir kann nicht.  
Neine. Vergessen mir nicht!

Nina kisses him passionately one last time before dramatically walking away.

Nina:  
Danke schoen, Joe.

Nina exits, leaving Joe confused and covered in lipstick.

Fade Out.

## Act 2.2 - Who the hell was that?

Joe sits in a hospital bed, confused and trying to understand what just happened to him. This goes on for a few seconds.

Doctor Wonder enters, smiling.

Doctor:  
Hello, Mr.Davids! Did Miss Rott's visit stir anything at all?

Joe:  
I couldn't even understand her! Who the hell was she?!

Doctor Wonder, looking at his sheets:  
Her name is Nina Rott, an employee of yours. Though it looks like you were more.

The joke falls flat.

Joe:

She didn't even speak english! The entire time she just shouted at me in Spanish!

Doctor Wonder frowns writing.

Doctor:

No progress then.

Joe:

I'm more confused than I ever was.

Doctor Wonder:

If she visits again we'll get see if one of the nurses can speak Spanish.

Joe:

Thanks.

Doctor Wonder hands Joe a wet napkin, smiling.

Joe feels embarrassed as he remembers the lipstick on his face and starts to wipe it away.

Doctor:

Some test results came back today. It looks like you may have suffered a minor heart attack and fallen the wrong way, however we don't have them all back just yet.

Fade out.

### Act 2.3 - Joe Money

Joe is waiting anxiously in his hospital bed. There is a vase of flowers and some water near his bedside.

Nurse knocks on door before opening it.

Nurse:

You have a visitor. A man this time.

Hopefully, Joe asks:

Does this one speak english?

Nurse:

I believe so. I'll let him in.

A buff, heavily tattooed man (MATT) walks in. He does not look happy.  
Joe gulps.

Joe, nervously:

Ummm, hi.

Matt slams the door shut, walking over with a strut and slamming the vase onto the floor, shattering it.

Joe gulps.

Matt grabs him by the hospital gown.

Matt:

Do you have my money yet?

Joe:

Your money?

Matt slams him down and grabs a pillow. He turns away and starts to walk slowly about the room.

Matt (spinning pillow in his hands):

Ten million dollars, Davids. Your due date is today, or did you conveniently forget?

Joe:

I-I'm sorry? I don't know what you're talking about.

Matt turns, gripping pillow angrily.

Matt:

You don't think guys like you have tried that before?

Mockingly Matt continues:

Oh, what debt? I paid you last time! Oh I can't, I've been hospitalized.

Matt rushes forward, putting pillow over Joe's face and beginning to suffocate him.

Joe struggles against him for a few seconds before Matt finally takes the pillow off and throws it to the side.

Matt:

I'll give you two more days. If you don't have my money by then, you'll wish whatever got you in here had killed you.

Matt exits, leaving a dishevelled Joe sitting in bed in shock.

#### Act 2.4 - Oh BABY

The Nurse knocks on the door once more before opening it and peaking in.

Nurse:

Great news! Just as your friend was leaving, someone else came to visit and I think you will just love to see her.

Jody from offstage:

Is my baby okay!?!

Joe blinks, stuttering out half formed words.

Nurse:

I just think it is wonderful you have so many wonderful friends coming to visit. I'll just let her in.

Nurse opens door wider and a small, blind woman with a walking stick enters the room.

Jody:

Oh baby, I was so worried about you!

Joe:

Oh, umm okay. Great, I'm-

Jody struggles to find him in the room, eventually dropping walkingstick and just flailing her arms around outwardly

Jody:

Where are you?! I need to touch your beautiful face. Did they have to amputate anything?

Joe:

What? Umm no, but I was wondering-

Jody finally finds bed and flings herself onto him, muffling his voice.

Nurse, giggling:  
I'll leave you two to it!

Joe:  
Wai-

Jody, grabbing face:  
Oh BABY! I was so WORRIED!! I thought you HATED ME!! You didn't text back!! OH BABY, is everything still there!

Jody begins to feel around and Joe stops her.

Joe:  
Umm yeah, everything is the same. I think. Listen who-

Jody:  
Whatever is wrong with you, Daddy will get you the best Doctor money can buy to fix it! Oh Baby, tell it to me straight. How much time do you have left?

Joe:  
What? I don't-

Jody breaks down crying, slowly slipping off the bed.

Jody:  
Oh baby! It ain't long is it? Listen, I'll have my Daddy draw up the marriage papers, we can get married in two days! It'll be perfect. We'll have a priest and I'll be in a pretty dress and....OH GOD WHHY?

Jody is sobbing over him now, and Joe awkwardly rubs her back.

Joe:  
It's okay, ugh please-

Jody, still crying:  
You're right. We'll get married, have the doctor freeze your sperm so we can still have kids together, even when you're gone, and-and I'll start a foundation! Oh BABY, I'll make sure your death means something.

Jody slowly stands, wiping away the tears from under her glasses.

Joe:  
I-



Jody puts her arm out and tries to put a finger over his mouth but just ends up on stabbing his nose with one of her fake nails.

Jody, sniffing:

Shh, don't speak. You need your strength. I'll be here for you BABY.

Joe:

Right, thanks but-

Jody breaks out crying loudly again.

Jody:

I'm sorry Joey, but I can't pretend everything's okay. I have to go. I-I'll see you in two days for our wedding. I love you.

Jody struggles to leave the room before finally reaching the door when a nurse opens it. As she exits the door is left open, and outside it is a handsome man(David) with flowers standing there with the nurse.

Joe is a mess, and doesn't even notice the man(David) until he enters the room.

David enters, but does not close the door behind him. Joe flinches.

David:

Who was she?

Joe:

I don't know! I have no goddamn idea! I DON'T KNOW WHO ANY OF YOU ARE!

David:

Right, you don't know. You're marrying this woman you don't know. I suppose you don't remember me either.

Joe:

NO! Who are you!?

David:

Right, so you have amnesia now. You have amnesia now? Is that it?

Joe:

YES!

David:

How convenient. How convenient for YOU!

Joe:  
Not really!

David ignores this.

David:  
How long has this been going on? Does she know? Huh? How many others are there?! Or do you conveniently not remember!!

Joe, desperately:  
She just showed up here! I barely know who I even am, let alone who you people are.

David:  
Right. So this is just one of those "self discovery" things. I'm just a little experiment to you. It isn't cheating because he's not a woman, right? Did you feel ANYTHING for ME?!

Joe:  
I don't know! I can't remember!

David slaps him.

David:  
You bastard. I gave EVERYTHING to you, and you do THIS to me. I'm done with you.

David slams the flowers on his chest.

David:  
Oh and I brought you flowers. Let me get some water to put them in.

David grabs the cup of water on the little dresser and throws it on him.

David:  
Have a nice life, you son of a bitch. We're over.

As David goes towards door, group of nurses listening scatter.

David exits, slamming door behind him.

Fade out.

Act 2.5 - A Complication

Joe is sopping wet, hair disheveled, flowers are in disarray all over him.

There is a knock at the door.

Joe says desperately:  
No more visitors today, please!

The door opens to reveal Doctor Wonder.

Doctor Wonder:  
I suppose visits didn't go all that well today?

Doctor Wonder enters room, casually closing door behind him. He appears casual about everything.

Joe:  
I've been threatened, cried on, slapped, told I was getting married, and dumped. I don't know anything about any of these people, and I can't for the life of me remember who they are!!

Doctor nods, jotting something down.

Doctor:  
It will come back in time. This process can be very stressful.

Doctor Wonder smiles up at him.

Doctor:  
This especially can be the case for men actively participating in affairs.

Joe:  
How is this possible?

Doctor laughs kindly.

Doctor:  
You'd be surprised. Would you like to know what they listed under relationship?

Joe:  
I have a vague idea, but sure.

Doctor:  
Mr. John Doe.

Doctor Wonder sighs, shaking head.

Doctor:

Guess the Secretary didn't do a good job making sure these were real names. He listed himself as a coworker.

Joe, under his breath:

I sure as hell hope that psycho isn't. He tried to suffocate me.

Doctor clears throat, clearly ignoring that.

Doctor:

Jody Blake, fiance. Congratulations.

Joe, sarcastically:

Thanks.

Doctor:

And Mr. David Farmer. Boyfriend. Though, I hear from the nurses that he is now your ex-boyfriend.

Joe, sighing:

Doctor, I don't recognize any of these names.

Doctor:

You just need a little more time. We're sure you'll remember something soon.

Joe:

Hopefully before three days are up.

Doctor:

We can only hope.

Joe, bitterly:

Yeah.

Fade out.

### Act 3.1. - A Happy Family

The hospital room is cleaned up. David's flowers are in a vase near the bedside and Joe sits nervously.

There is a knock on the door, and Joe lets out a soft shriek, falling off the bed.

The Nurse opens the door.

Nurse:

You have some visitor-erm, Mr.Davids?

Joe sits up, climbing back on the bed.

Joe, sarcastically and nervously:

Yaaay...

Nurse:

I'll just let them in.

Loudly,Nurse:

You can come in now Mrs.Davids!

Joe is shocked as an average looking woman with two children enters.

Joe:

Umm, hi.

Cassie and John:

Daddy!

The children run up to him, before hugging him.

Joe, in realization:

These are mine.

The woman(Amanda) laughs softly.

Amanda:

Of course they are.

Joe:

Right, sorry. I umm, I...

Amanda presses palm to his face before softly kissing him.

Amanda:

It's okay, sweetie.

Joe:  
You're...my wife?

Amanda grips his hand now.

Amanda:  
Yeah.

Cassie:  
Daddy! Daddy I drew you a picture!

Cassie shows him a cute drawing.

Joe:  
Oh, that's...wonderful.

Amanda:  
Cassie worked very hard on it. I'm sorry we couldn't visit sooner.

Joe:  
It-it's fine.

John:  
Nanny Rott quit!

John freezes.

Amanda:  
Yes, sweetie. She did. Rather suddenly too. That's the main reason it took so long for me to be able to visit, with work and all.

Joe, nervously:  
Wow, must have been tough without some help.

Amanda smiles foundly:  
It really was.

She turns to their two kids while taking out some money from her purse.

Amanda:  
Why don't you two go get Daddy a snack so he'll feel better?

John and Cassie take the money.

John & Cassie:  
Kay!

John and Cassie exit.

Fade out.

Act 3.2 - Remembering

Amanda and Joe are alone in the hospital room.

Amanda kisses Joe passionately. Joe is tense during the kiss.

Amanda:  
I should have appreciated you more.

Joe, nervously:  
N-no no, I'm sure I haven't been that great to you.

Amanda:  
You really have. You are such a great father,

Kiss.

Amanda:  
And husband,

Kiss.

Amanda:  
And man. I'm so lucky to have you.

Joe:  
I...Amanda. Your name is Amanda.

Amanda laughs a little, kissing him again.

Amanda:  
We've only been married for fifteen years. Took you long enough to learn my name.

Joe:  
Sorry, it's just that-

Doctor Wonder knocks and enters the room.

Amanda puts a bit more distance between herself and Joe, however holds his hand still.

Doctor:  
You must be Mrs.Davids.

Doctor Wonder smiles at her, reaching out a hand for a handshake.

Amanda shakes the hand.

Amanda:  
Pleasure, you must be my husband's doctor?

Doctor Wonder nods.

Doctor:  
That is correct. I wanted you to know, Mr.Davids, the test results have come back.

Amanda squeezes Joe's hand.

Doctor:  
Your husband has suffered a minor heart attack, which is fine. He just needs to cut down on the cholesterol.

Amanda:  
That's...great. Thank you.

Doctor:  
There's more. We found a benign cancer that is becoming active, heart cancer. It's not fatal yet and still in the first stages, we can discuss treatment options in my office, if you'd like.

Amanda:  
That'd be wonderful Doctor, thank you.

Doctor:  
Of course.

Doctor Wonder nods before opening the door.

Doctor:  
Right this way.

Amanda squeezes Joe's hand one last time.

Amanda:  
I'll be right back.

Doctor Wonder and Amanda exit.



Fade out.

### Act 3.3 - A Condition of the Heart

Joe slowly gets out of his hospital bed and talks to the audience.

Joe:  
I'm remembering now.

Everything around him goes dark. A spotlight shines on him.

Joe:  
My name is Joe Davids.

He begins to walk.

Joe:  
I have two children. Cassie and John.

Two lights shine in background on the two kids that are playing together.

Joe passes them.

Joe:  
When John was born my friend suggested we hire a Nanny. He told us his girlfriend from germany was looking for a job.

Light shines on Nina Rott in the background, she's acting seductively.

Joe:  
I started having an affair with her soon after. I couldn't understand a word she said, but you don't need words to have sex.

Joe passes Nina.

Joe:  
With the Nanny I had time to do more. I took up high stakes gambling. And I usually won too. Usually. That's how I ended up meeting Matt.

Light hits Matt, who is cracking his knuckles.

Joe:

Matt is a debt collector. When someone can't pay off a bet, or refuses to, you call Matt. Needless to say I've had several close calls.

Joe passes Matt.

Joe:

Besides accumulating debt, I also had time to work more. And I use that term loosely. I'm vying for CEO of my company. My boss has a daughter, Jody Blake.

Light hits Jody Blake, feeling around trying to get wedding dress on.

Joe:

I conveniently met her at a bar one night, and we hit it off immediately. She was blind, so I didn't even need to take off my wedding ring when we talked. Pretty soon after, I was getting promotion after promotion.

Joe passes Jody.

Joe:

Once you get high enough in the company chain, you get paid for practically nothing. Golf, company retreats....business dinners. I was uptown at one of these business dinners when the waiter caught my eye.

Light hits David who is taking orders at a table.

Joe:

David was a cute waiter, and he was just too cute to resist. He quickly became my third lover that wasn't my wife. I strung him along for years, promising we'd marry one day. Promising I'd move in one day.

Joe passes David and stops in front of Doctor Wonder's door.

Joe:

But I'm not going to do that anymore.  
I'm not going to cheat on Amanda ever again, she doesn't deserve that. I got Amanda pregnant in college, and we got married before the baby was due. She had to drop out of college for a short while because the pain of carrying a baby was too much..

David reaches for door knob.

Joe:

The baby died during birth. And we ended up stuck with each other.

But she always saw the best in things. Got her degree, supported me,  
and even when I was a huge dick to her, she never rose her voice at  
me.  
She deserves better.

Joe opens the door.

Act 3.4 - You Deserve It.

Joe opens the door and enters to reveal Amanda having sex with Doctor  
Wonder on his desk.

Joe freezes upon seeing this. Doctor Wonder and Amanda freeze upon  
seeing this.

Amanda:  
Joe!

Joe collapses, reaching for his chest.

Doctor Wonder and Amanda rush over to him.

Doctor Wonder:  
GET A NURSE!

The lights start to go down and there is a heart monitor sound that is  
slowing down to a flatline.

Fade Out.

FIN.