

Lesson 1. Playwriting: Going Beyond The “Insult”

II. The scene is the basic unit of the play

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“It’s Okay”

Bobby: Nakakaantok minsan mag-aral dito sa Starbucks
Lisa: Hmm...
Bobby: Oh, sorry, I didn’t mean to bother you.
Lisa: No it’s okay.
Bobby: Andami kasing readings. Tapos bukas madadagdagan naman.
Lisa: Oh, I meant, it was okay that you bothered me, but I didn’t mean you can continue.
Bobby: Oh, okay. Sorry, ulit.
Lisa: (Smiles and looks away)

A few seconds later.

Lisa: Ah, shit.
Bobby: (Looks at her but immediately looks away)
Lisa: Hi, sorry. Would you happen to have an outlet near you?
Bobby: Oh. Yeah.
Lisa: Would you mind, if I ask to have my extension cord plugged there?
Bobby: Oh, puno na eh. Pero you can have the outlet. I’m fifty percent na naman na, so okay na ako.
Lisa: Well, you can finish charging on my extension, if you want.
Bobby: Sige, kung okay lang.
Lisa: Yeah, no problem.
Bobby: Okay.
Lisa: So, what are you reading?