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Act One

Scene One - KACL, Frasier's show.

Audrey has called in.

Audrey: [v.o.] So, Dr Crane, I don't see why I should fix the dumb

dress when my sister can't even fit into it anymore.

Frasier: Audrey, you borrowed the dress, you tore it. As an old Greek

haberdasher once said: "Euripedes, Eumenides." [laughs]

Audrey: What?

Frasier: It's just a little joke on the ancient dramatist Euripedes and

the mythological Furies.

Audrey: Huh?

Frasier: Just fix the dress. [line off] We'll be back after the weather.

He goes off the air. Roz comes in, Frasier fishes out a gift box.

Frasier: Uh Roz, Noel gave me this to give to you.

Roz: [taking gift] Oh God, Noel. He's been acting so weird lately.

Frasier: Lately? May I remind you this is the man required by law to

stay at least 100 yards away from William Shatner?

Roz: No, I bumped into him at Nervosa about a month ago, there were no other free tables so we sat together and ever since then

he's been acting like we're some kind of a couple.

Frasier: Oh come on, Roz. I'm sure he knows that you're not interested

in him.

Roz: [showing Frasier the gift tag] "Happy Monthaversary."

Frasier: Oh, Lord. [Roz goes back to her booth] We're on. [on air]

And we're back, let's get straight to the phones. I'm

listening.

Woody: [v.o.] Dr Crane? It's Woody. I'm in Seattle and I'm a little

lost.

Frasier: Well Woody, in today's fast-paced, high-pressure society

that's not uncommon. Just why exactly do you feel lost?

Woody: Well, I've been driving around for about an hour, I can't

seem to get out of the airport.

Frasier: [the penny drops] Oh, Woody Woody. Oh well, listeners, this is an old friend of mine from back in Boston. Well, how you

doin' there, you old cowpoke?

Woody: I was doing okay, but all this talk about today's fast-paced, high-pressure world's starting to get me down.

Frasier: Yes, well I have just the cure for that. How about dinner?

Woody: Sounds great. I'm in town all week.

Frasier: And I'm free all week. How's tonight?

Woody: That'd be great. So I hear you're on the radio?

Frasier: Yes I am, Woody. And so are you.

Woody: No, no, no. I'm still tending bar at Cheers. How do these rumors get started?

Frasier: Believe it or not, listeners, Woody and I are picking up right where we left off.

While Frasier gets on with the show, Noel Shempsky comes into Roz's booth.

Noel: Knock knock?

Roz: Noel...

Noel: Oh, I haven't seen that outfit before, set your phasers on stunning.

Roz: Listen, I need to talk to you. I can not accept anniversary gifts.

Noel: Oh, I know that. I was just making a little joke. I know we're just friends. I saw this and it made me think of you.

Roz: Okay. Thanks.

Noel: [as he leaves] Oh, if you're not going to open it for a while, you might want to move the the ribbon. It's blocking the air holes.

Roz very quickly puts the box down.

FADE OUT

Scene Two - Frasier's Apartment.

Martin is at the table looking at Eddie, who is sitting on The Chair with his head resting on the side table. Daphne enters from the kitchen.

Daphne: Here. I made you some lamb stew.

Martin: I'm telling you, there's something weird about Eddie.

Daphne: Oh, for the love of God, not this again.

Martin: You never should have taken him to those dog groomers.

Daphne: I had to bring him. His toenails were like Howard Hughes's and his breath smelled like an autopsy.

Martin: Well, look at him. They did something to him. The sparkle's gone from his eyes.

Daphne: Yes, and so are those gooey green bits.

Frasier enters from the bedroom as the front door bing-bongs. He's dressed in sweatshirt and jeans.

Niles: [entering] Hello, Frasier. I know this is impromptu, but I'm going to an oboe recital and I thought you might want to join me.

Frasier: Well, I'm sorry, Niles. An old friend of mine came in from

out of town, I invited him to come over this evening.

Niles: Well, have him join us. I'm sure we can get three seats together.

Frasier: Ah well, I'm not sure an oboe recital's what I had in mind, I was thinking of something a little more raucous.

Niles: Well, if it's raucous you're looking for, we could go and get a nightcap at the piano bar at the Mayflower Hotel - It's Jerome Kern night! Last time people were shouting out requests without raising their hands!

Frasier: No, I'm afraid we'll have to pass. You see, my friend Woody is an old bar chum from back at Cheers. [the doorbell bing bongs. Frasier goes to answer it] What I had in mind was really more of a beer-swillin', back-slappin' kind of night, if you know what I mean? You're certainly welcome to join us if you like.

Niles: It sounds interesting.

Frasier: All right. [opens door to -] Woody?

Woody: Hey, Dr Crane! [they hug]

Frasier: Good to see ya.
 Woody: You look great.

Frasier: Well thank you, thanks. You too.

Woody: Aah, this place is awesome.

Frasier: Thank you.

Woody: [indicating Daphne, Martin and Niles] I'm not surprised you need all these roommates to help you pay for it.

Frasier: Er, they're not really roommates, Woody. They're... they're more like boarders actually. That's my father, Martin.

Woody: Well, hi. I remember hearing about you, you were a policeman, right?

Martin: That's right.

Frasier: And that's my brother right there, Niles. He's a psychiatrist too.

Niles: Hello.
Woody: Oh, wow!

Frasier: And this is Daphne Moon, my father's home health-care worker.

Daphne: It's nice to meet you.

Woody: Oh hi. I like your accent. Aah, you're from England, right?

Daphne: Manchester.

Woody: Darn! I'm usually pretty good at that. [Eddie bounces in] Oh hey, who's this little guy?

Martin: I'm not sure I even know anymore.

Woody: [to Frasier, confidentially] My dad's getting the same way.

Frasier: So Woody, can I get you a beer?

Woody: That's funny, huh? Y'know, all those years I was waiting on you, and now you're getting me a beer.

Frasier: Yes well, life's like that sometimes, isn't it? Daphne, get us a couple of beers, will ya? [Daphne goes to kitchen, not happily] So, what brings you to Seattle?

Woody: My cousin's getting married.

Frasier: Really?

Niles: Which is your cousin, the bride or the groom?

Woody: Actually, both are.

Niles: I assume they're kissing cousins?

Woody: Ho, they're doing a lot more than that! That's why they have to get married.

Frasier: So, is Kelly with you?

Woody: No no, she's visiting her mom with the kids, but she sends her love.

Frasier: And how's the old gang?

Woody: Oh well, they haven't changed much. Sam's doing great,
Carla's terrific... oh, y'know, we almost had a wedding. Mr.
Clavin got himself one of those Eastern European mail-order
brides, but ah, they lived together for a couple of days,

and decided to call it off.

Frasier: Oh, gosh. I'm so sorry for Cliff.

Woody: Yeah. She said she was homesick. That Bosnia must be a beautiful place.

[N.B. Woody Harrelson appeared in the film, "Welcome to Sarajevo."]

Daphne comes back with a tray of beers.

Daphne: Here we are.

Frasier: Oh thank you, Daphne.

Daphne: That's one for you, one for you, and [opens can and heads towards Martin. Sits down] one for me.

Frasier: Well Woody, I thought tonight we would just maybe stay in, y'know, order some pizza?

Woody: Sounds good by me.

Frasier: Okay, great. I'll just call the place around the corner.
Niles you uh, gonna join us?

Niles: Well, why not? It'll be fun to drink some beer and have some pizza with a couple of rapscallions.

Woody: Oh hey, if you don't mind, could we make that half rapscallions, half pepperoni?

FADE TO:

Scene Three - Frasier's Apartment, later that night. Frasier and Woody are reminiscing, moderately drunk, and can barely speak for laughing.

Woody: That wasn't the best prank we played. You remember that time with Mr. Clavin?

Frasier: Oh yes. And the ferret! [more laughter; Daphne and Martin look on, obviously not understanding.]

Woody: [explaining] He was about to go on his round and we shoved an angry ferret into his mailbag.

Niles: Oh, my. Exactly, ahh, how do you make a ferret angry?

Woody: Well, for starters, you shove him into a mailbag.

Frasier: God, that was funny. Do you remember the expression on his face?

Woody: Y'know, I never saw his face. I was too busy looking at Mr. Clavin.

Frasier: Woody, let me get you another cold one.

Woody: Oh, thanks.

Frasier: My god. I tell ya, this has just been the best evening. My God, it's like re-living all my old days at Cheers, only without Lilith. Boy, that's a trip to Bountiful, let me tell ya. [goes into kitchen]

Martin: [quietly, to Daphne] These guys are really getting through the beers, aren't they?

Daphne: Oh, yes. If this keeps up, you may have to fish out that emergency can you keep in the toilet tank.

Frasier comes back with more cans.

Frasier: There you are, Woods.

Woody: Well, y'know what, on second thought I think I'm gonna pass. I'm feeling a little bit jet-lagged.

Frasier: Well, all right, you want to call it a night?

Woody: You know, I probably should. But this was so much fun. I'd really like to do it again.

Frasier: Well, all right, how about lunch tomorrow?

Woody: Oh yeah, that sounds great.

Frasier: Okay.

Woody: Hey, goodbye y'all, nice to meet you.

Martin: Oh hey, you too. Come back.

Frasier: You know what, Woody? There's a new gourmet Mexican restaurant over near your hotel I'd love to try. It's

called "Dos Burros." It sounds muy delicioso.

Woody: I didn't know you speak Spanish?

Frasier: Ohh, it's nothing.

Woody: I know ahh, "dos" means two, what does "burro" mean?

Frasier: Same as in English, Jackass.
Woody: [leaves] Sorry, just asking.

FADE TO:

THE LONG GOODBYE

Scene Four - Frasier's Apartment, next day. He and Woody are back from lunch.

Martin: Hey guys, how was lunch?

Woody: Oh, great. We told one old story, we told a hundred.

[to Eddie] Hey, how you doin', little guy?

Martin: His name's Eddie.

Woody: Hey, good for you, Mr Crane. [to Frasier, confidentially] They

have good days, and they have bad days.

Frasier: Woody, here's that Seattle guidebook I was telling you about,

right here.

Woody: Oh, thanks.

Frasier: Take a loan of that, huh?

Woody: [looking at picture in book] Wow, look at that view, you can

see the whole city.

Frasier: Woody, turn around, it's even better.

Woody turns to face the window, but is still looking at the book.

Woody: Gosh. You're right, this is better.

Frasier: No, no Woody, look up.

Woody: [finally seeing the panorama outside the window] OHH.

[indicating balcony] You mind if I go out there?

Frasier: No, no. You go ahead.

Woody: Remember the time we went out on the balcony of Melville's and

threw pudding?

Frasier: [laughing] I don't think I laughed harder in my entire life!

Woody goes onto the balcony. Frasier goes into the kitchen. The laughter stops.

Frasier: Put a bullet in my head.

Martin: What's going on?

Frasier: My God. I have absolutely nothing in common with this man,

except things that happened ten years ago.

Martin: But I thought you had a fun time last night.

Frasier: Oh well, yes. We had exactly the same time this afternoon, it wasn't nearly as fun. The same stories, and variations

thereof, being forced to laugh over and over. I swear, if I never get another shoulder noogie I will die a happy man.

Martin: Oh, don't feel bad. You've been a good friend and you've shown him a nice time, and now all that's left is for you to go in there and tell him goodbye.

Frasier: Yes, I guess when all this is over I'll have learned a valuable lesson. Sometimes you can have too much of a good thing. You have to know when to say "When." The past is just that, the past. You can never go home again. Less is

more.

Martin: Wish you had started with that last one.

Frasier: [goes into lounge area, where Woody is sitting] Well, Woods? It's been great seeing you.

Woody: Oh yeah, hey.

Frasier: C'mon, gimme a good hug, ah? [they hug] Now you gotta promise me you're gonna give my love to everybody back at the bar.

Woody: Oh, I will.

Frasier: Oh, and give that beautiful wife of yours and those two kids a kiss from Uncle Frasier.

Woody: You got it.

Frasier: Now don't be a stranger, okay?

Woody: No, I won't, I won't. [they hug again] So, [sitting down] where are we going for dinner tonight?

End of Act One.

Act Two.

Scene Five - Café Nervosa.

Frasier enters and meets Niles.

Frasier: Niles.

Niles: Frasier. Odd to see you without Woody in tow. He off teasing ferrets?

Frasier: Niles, listen, uh, I've been having such a great time with Woody, I was wondering, y'know, maybe tonight you'd like to join us? We've planned to go out...

Niles: [interrupting] You can save it. Dad brought me up to speed with your reunion of the damned.

Frasier: Oh, God.

Niles: I would love to help, I'm sorry, you're on your own.

Frasier: No, no, no, please, Niles, really, I'm desperate. Do you have any idea how difficult it is to feign interest in the same old stories over and over again?

Niles: And you call yourself a psychiatrist? You wouldn't last a week in private practice.

Frasier: Ooh.

Niles: Speaking of which, my six o'clock is waiting.

Waiter: [handing Niles a coffee carton] Triple espresso to go.

Niles: Thank you. [leaves]

Frasier: Niles? Please? Please, I need you. It's going to be an excruciating journey into... Ohh... [notices Roz is standing beside him] Roz! Hey, you know what, are you up for a night on the town?

Roz: This wouldn't be the invitation that Niles just blew off,
 would it?

Frasier: Oh, all right! Here, please. [they sit] My old friend Woody is dragging me out again tonight. I could really use a buffer.

He's taking me to some God-awful karaoke bar.

Roz: Are you gonna sing?

Frasier: No!

Roz: Okay, I'll go.

Frasier: Really, you will?

Roz: I had a babysitter tonight, my plans fell through, karaoke might be fun.

Gil Chesterton walks into the cafe, just in time to hear the word-

Gil: Karaoke? Tonight? Oh, I'd love to.

Frasier: Well Gil, I'm not sure you'd enjoy this.

Gil: Oh nonsense. If we're going to the one on Pike, I keep a

locker there where I store my own microphone and show jackets.

[N.B. Notice Edward Hibbert's tan; he has just returned from shooting the pilot for the short-lived remake of "Fantasy Island."]

Noel enters.

Noel: Hey, guys. Hi, Roz.

Frasier: Hi, Noel.

Noel: [to Roz] I see you're at... our table.

Gil: "Our table"? Ooh, is there an office romance brewing?

Roz: No, Gil. We're just friends, right Noel?

Noel: [fingers crossed] So far.

Gil: [to Noel] Well, who knows what the night has in store?
We're all going for karaoke. Why don't you join us?

Noel: Count me in.

Roz: [panicking] Is that my beeper?

Frasier: [knowing she's about to bail on him] I didn't hear anything.

Roz: Oh my God!

Frasier: Roz!

Roz: It's the babysitter, she only calls in an emergency. I have to go, bye! [she exits, quickly] TAXI!!

Frasier: Roz, wait!
Noel: Roz, wait!

Gil: Well, looks as it's just us boys.

Frasier tries to smile through the tears.

FADE TO:

CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 3012.4

MR. SPOCK INFORMS ME THERE IS NO KLINGON WORD FOR "FEEL"

Scene Six - Frasier's Apartment.

Daphne, Martin and Niles have just finished watching a movie. Music is playing over the credits.

Daphne: Oh, that was beautiful.

Martin: Yeah. You know Niles, that was the first movie I ever took your mother to see. I deliberately picked a tear jerker so I'd be there to comfort her. At the first sniffle, I was on her like an octopus.

Daphne: You men. You always find a way to make us more vulnerable to your clumsy advances. Ooh, that wine went straight to my head.

Niles: [refilling her glass] Let's kill off the bottle, shall we? [he keeps on pouring until it's full to the brim]

Frasier enters, or rather, stumbles in.

Martin: Hey, Fras.

Frasier: Turn off the music.

Martin: Oh. Well, we were just...

Frasier: Dad. I never want to hear music again.

Martin turns the TV off.

Niles: Oh. I take it you had a whizz-bang time at the karaoke bar?

Frasier: For starters, Woody sang "What Kind Of Fool Am I?" Quickly turned into an audience participation number. Then Gil and

Noel did a charming duet with "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better." They were both wrong. I guess the highlight of the evening was when Gil, after one too many Que Royales, performed a haunting rendition of "I Feel Pretty," during the latter verses of which Noel joined him on the apron of the stage and translated... into Klingon. [he buries his head in his hands] Well, I think I'm just gonna go off to bed so I can get up bright and early for my harbour cruise with Woody tomorrow.

Martin: What?! You're seeing him again? Why don't you tell the guy you're busy for once?

Frasier: Dad, he knows that I'm not. Besides, I'd hate to hurt his feelings, I'd hate to have him think I've outgrown him.

Niles: But you have.

Frasier: Well, that's the problem. I've moved on to bigger and better things in my life, he's still pouring drinks back in the same bar he's been at for the last fifteen years. Don't you think that's kinda sad?

Martin: If I were you I'd just lie to him. Tell him you have to work, or you met a pretty girl.

Daphne, having almost worked her way through her full glass of wine, suddenly bursts into song.

Daphne: Who's that pretty girl in the mirror there?

What mirror, where?

Who could that attractive girl be?

Which, what, where, who?

Who?

Martin: Daphne?
Daphne: Who?
Martin: Daphne?
Daphne: Wh...

Frasier: DAPHNE!!!
Martin: Bedtime.

Daphne: I used to be with a light opera works.

Frasier: Yes, fine, and I used to be a fan dancer! Get out. Go to bed!

Daphne leaves.

[N.B. Daphne's song is from "West Side Story."]

Niles: She uh, seems a little wobbly, [moves to follow her] perhaps I should...

Frasier: Niles.

The doorbell bing-bongs. Niles looks through the peephole.

Niles: Ooh, surprise, guess who?

Frasier: Dear God! I just left him. What moonlit berry-picking expedition does he have planned for me now?

Niles: [worried that Woody might hear him] Shhh.

Frasier: I can't take this anymore. All right, all right fine. I'm just going to have to lie to him. [opens door] Woody!

Woody: Hey, Dr Crane. Hey, everybody. Listen, I... when I

got back to my hotel I called Kelly to say goodnight, and uh... it turns out our little girl has an ear infection, so I'm taking the Redeye right now and my cab is waiting

for me downstairs.

Frasier: [concerned] Oh well, Woody. I guess this means goodbye, then.

Woody: Yeah, I'm afraid so.

Frasier: All right then, give me a hug. You remember to give my love to the folks back at Cheers.

Woody: Oh, will do.

Frasier: Okay. I hope that little girl of yours gets better real soon.

Woody: Thank you. It was great spending time with you.

Frasier: Well, it was great seeing you too, Woody.

Woody: Yeah.

Frasier: It's a shame we have to cut it short.

Woody: It sure is. Well, goodbye. [leaves as the others say farewell] Frasier: Goodbye, Wood. [closes door] God bless the virus that invaded

that little girl's ear canal.

Niles: Congratulations. I'll be off.

Frasier: Oh no. Niles, I'll tell you what, to celebrate my newfound freedom, why don't we go over to that little cantina I mentioned to you earlier, and I'll buy you a late supper? We'll have a margarita.

Niles: Thank you, Frasier.

Niles: Well hey, big spender.

Frasier: [cringing] Ohh...

Niles: Is everything all right?

Frasier: The last time I heard that phrase, Gil was belting it out while sitting on the lap of a Japanese businessman. Let's get that margarita. [they leave]

FADE TO:

Scene Seven - Dos Burros, a Mexican restaurant. Frasier and Niles have just been seated. The waiter gives them their menus.

Niles: Thank you.

Frasier: I think you'll like this place.

Niles: Well, I do already. N.M.B.

Frasier: N.M.B?

Niles: No Mariachi Band.

Frasier: [seeing a certain someone seated at the bar] Oh dear God.

Quick, hide your face with your menu. Woody's over there.

If he sees us he'll know I lied.

Niles: When did you lie?

 $\textbf{Frasier:}\ \textbf{I}\ \text{told him I}\ \text{was going out of town.}$

 ${\tt Niles:}$ No, you didn't. He told you he was going out of town.

Frasier: That's right. He lied. He should be hiding. [calls] Woody? Woody?

Woody picks up a menu to hide behind, and furtively walks into the restroom.

Frasier: For God's sake. Stay here. [he goes over to the restroom door only to find it locked] Woody. Come out of there, please.

Woody: [from behind the door] No hablo ingles.

Frasier: I don't understand this.

Woody: It means I don't speak English.

Frasier: Will you just come out here? [Woody comes out] Woody? What
 is going on?

Woody: I can't even look at you. I'm so ashamed. I... I lied to you, Dr. Crane.

Frasier: Why did you do that?

Woody: Well, I guess I didn't want you to know it was me in the bathroom.

Frasier: No, Woody. Earlier this evening you told me you were going back to Boston.

Woody: Oh, well. I feel terrible saying this but, I just couldn't face another day of us hanging out together.

Frasier: What, you weren't enjoying our time together?

Woody: No, I... I had a great time that first night, but after that, I don't know, you were still having a good time, but ahhh, it was less and less fun for me.

Frasier: [laughing] This is too funny.

Woody: See, you're still having a good time and I'm miserable.

Frasier: Why didn't you say something?

Woody: Well, I don't know, I didn't want to hurt your feelings.

To tell you the truth, I felt kinda bad for ya.

Frasier: You felt bad for me?

Woody: Well no offense, but look at your life. You live with your dad, you hang out with your brother, you have no plans. And let's face it, those karaoke friends of yours, I wouldn't want to be stranded on a desert island with them. Well,

maybe that English guy, he's a good entertainer.

Frasier: Really Woody, there's nothing to worry about. I know my life may seem rather dreary to you but ah, it's really quite enjoyable. In fact, it's even a lot of fun. I love my life now, honestly. You know what, I wouldn't trade my years at Cheers for anything, but I am very happy with my life the

way it is today.

Woody: [incredulous] You mean it?

Frasier: Yes. That's what makes this conversation so ironic. You see, you see my life as some sort of middle-aged compromise and, well just the other day I was thinking about your life. And

all I could think was...

Woody: What?

Frasier pauses, knowing that telling Woody exactly what he thinks won't help anyone. He then realizes another truth.

Frasier: How lucky you are. You see, you've found where you belong and you've made your home there. I guess for some of us it just takes longer than others.

Woody: [relaxing] I just stopped in for a beer...

Woody: That'd be nice.

Frasier: Okay. Barkeep, a couple of beers here, please?

Woody: You know, I meant what I said. I had a great time hanging out with you. That first night.

Frasier: Yeah.

Woody: Maybe we could do it again, in five or ten years.

Frasier: Absolutely. Ten years it is.

Woody clinks his mug against Frasier's.

Woody: Cheers. Frasier: Cheers.

End of Act Two.

Credits:

Gil and Noel are on stage, going through their "Anything You Can Do" routine.

Guest Appearances

Special Guest Star

WOODY HARRELSON as Woody Boyd

Guest Starring

EDWARD HIBBERT as Gil Chesterton PATRICK KERR as Noel Shempsky ROGER FAN as Waiter

Guest Callers

BEVERLY D'ANGELO as Audrey

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