

LOVER'S IMPROV BY AZIZA STEWART

INT. EMPTY STAGE - NIGHT

PATRICK and PATRICIA walk onstage holding hands.

PATRICK
Hey everyone! It's your favorite
improv couple! I'm Patrick.

PATRICIA
And I'm Patricia! And like always,
we are going to create hilarious
scenes on the spot based off of
your suggestions!

PATRICK
Okay, audience! What's a pet peeve
you have with someone you live
with?

AUDIENCE MEMBER 1
Leaving clothes everywhere!

PATRICK
I heard leaving clothes everywhere!
Let's go babe!

They step back and begin their scene. Patricia takes off
imaginary clothes and steps over them.

PATRICK (CONT'D)
Sweetheart.

PATRICIA
Yes, darling?

PATRICK
Are you gonna pick up your clothes?

PATRICIA
Excuse me?

PATRICK
(very serious)
I said are you gonna pick up your
clothes for once?

PATRICIA
Really? Are you gonna stop being a
child?

PATRICK
If I'm the child, why am I always
cleaning up after you?

PATRICIA
Maybe you have the energy because
you're letting me support you
financially!

They stare at each other for a beat. They then break out of
character and take a bow.

PATRICK
Alright, great scene!

PATRICIA
That was so funny!
(to audience)
Alright, can we get a suggestion
for a location?

AUDIENCE MEMBER 2
Ummm, Disneyland? Also are you guys
okay?

They both laugh.

PATRICIA
Of course we're okay! Every artist
puts their issues into their work.
I heard Disneyland! Let's go babe!

They pantomime eating treats as they look around at the magic
that is Disneyland.

PATRICIA (CONT'D)
(optimistic)
Awww look, that couple just got
engaged.

PATRICK
(genuine)
How sweet! Good for them!

PATRICIA
(muttering)
I wonder when we're gonna set a
date for our wedding...

PATRICK
(angry)
Oh my God, seriously? Can we have
just one day -

PATRICIA We could literally go to Vegas tomorrow and elope. Your mother will disapprove no matter what we do.	PATRICK (CONT'D) This is our wedding, it's not something we should rush. It's not even about my mom -
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PATRICK (CONT'D)

I WANT A BIG WEDDING!

They snap out of their scene and windmill high five each other.

PATRICIA

That was so funny! And the way you yes anded the whole way.

PATRICK

'No' and 'but' are not in this guy's vocabulary!

PATRICIA

Zip zap, STOP. You are killing me!

PATRICK

(to audience)

Alright, let's keep this fun train chugging along!

PATRICIA

Can we get just a word?

AUDIENCE MEMBER 3

Look, we came here from Vancouver to watch a comedy show.

AUDIENCE MEMBER 4

I think you guys need real therapy.

Patrick and Patricia look at each other.

PATRICK

I heard Vancouver! Let's go babe!

They begin doing random unrelated space work. After a beat...

PATRICIA

I don't like your friends.

PATRICK

I don't like your family.

PATRICIA

I always fake it.

PATRICK

So do I.

PATRICIA

(stops space work)

I don't wanna do this anymore,
Patrick.

PATRICK

What do you mean?

PATRICIA

This isn't helping us- this show.
We're just avoiding our problems.
We need to talk for real.

PATRICK

You're serious?

PATRICIA

Yes! This isn't funny, I'm sick of
people laughing at our issues. If
you can only talk to me with an
audience, then I can't -
(sobbing)
I can't -

PATRICK

Baby, I'm so sorry. I thought this
is what we both wanted. I don't
care about this stupid show, I only
care about you. Let's go somewhere
so we can really talk.

PATRICIA

Okay.

They start to walk offstage.

PATRICK

We can get married anytime, any
place you want.

PATRICIA

How about Vancouver?

They break out of their characters.

PATRICK & PATRICIA

And that's our show!

END

HAIKU ROBBER BY AZIZA STEWART

INT. WAREHOUSE

TONI

Welcome back, you buncha rascals.
Sam, Mitch, Lonnie, how the hell
are ya?

MITCH

Aye, Toni, we're thrilled to see
ya. It's been too long since we've
pulled a score together.

SAM

So what's the job, Toni?

TONI

Marc's Jewelers on West 18th. My
intel has it that there's up to 3.6
million dollars worth of diamonds
in the safe.

MITCH

That's what I'm talking about!

TONI

The safe is a NetGrid5000. Best in
the business. Can you crack it,
Lonnie?

LONNIE

Who is Lonnie? Me.
But where do I go? Elsewhere.
And then who is left?

TONI

(beat)

What the hell are you talking
about?

SAM

That sounded like a Haiku.

MITCH

I was gonna say!

TONI

A what?

SAM

It's a Japanese poetic form that consists of three lines - five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third.

MITCH

It's quite sophisticated.

LONNIE

A poetry class.
I took. I loved so much so
No other way speak.

MITCH

That was another Haiku!

TONI

Who cares! We got a job to do,
okay? Alright, the manager of the
jewelry store makes a deposit on
the first of the month. So we gotta
small window to make this happen.
We gotta line up our fence - Sam,
are we good?

SAM

I got my guy, we're golden.

TONI

Perfect. Mitch, you still got that
van from our bank job?

MITCH

Gassed up and ready to go.

TONI

Great.
(sigh)
Lonnie, can you crack the safe, yes
or no?

LONNIE

Yes I am your guy.

TONI

Great -

LONNIE

- but heart is not in it.

TONI

Oh God.

LONNIE
it's with you.

MITCH
(to Sam)
Did he use those interruptions as
syllables?

SAM
I noticed that too.

MITCH
How did he do that?

SAM (CONT'D)
I'm on the edge of my seat.

Sam and Mitch snap for Lonnie 'slam poetry' style.

TONI
Stop it! What the hell, you guys?
This isn't an open mic. We are
thieves, okay? Anyway, I have an
inside man -

Lonnie pulls a single red rose out of the trench coat and
smells it.

LONNIE
But what is a thief?
To work hard but not to earn.
What a life. What life?

SAM
Damn, that one got me.

MITCH
It will be with me for the rest of
my days.

TONI
Aye, Lonnie, I'm losin' my
patience. If you're out, get out. I
know other safe crackers. There's
no time to mess around.

Lonnie pulls a microphone out of the trench coat. SFX: Jazz
music

TONI (CONT'D)
Please, no.

LONNIE
I found myself confused for quite
some time
The type of lost that can fuel some
bad habits

(MORE)

LONNIE (CONT'D)

So I began taking things that
weren't mine
To pretend I was of higher status
But compared to you I'll always be
low
When I see you I feel like a phony
Because if you point somewhere I'll
go
Yo, I wanna make love to you Toni
I see you plotting a heist, I get
hot
I make it wet baby, like a
rainstorm
Tonight's the night, Toni, ready or
not
Roll up the blueprints, we're gonna
brainstorm
Tonight I'm cracking the safe of
those jeans
Zip tie on the door, you know what
I means

MITCH

14 lines, iambic pentameter...
ending with a rhyming couplet.
Shiiiiit, that was a sonnet!

SAM

(tearing up)
I've never cried before.

Mitch and Sam hug.

TONI

(fed up)
Four thieves were meant to plan a
heist.
Toni tried very hard to be nice.
But from your stupid hobby,
My head won't stop throbbing.
Tomorrow three bodies will be on
ice!

The group is silent. Mitch and Sam shake their heads.

MITCH

Was that a limerick, Toni? I
thought you were better than that.

SAM

This is embarrassing for you.

BLACKOUT

LIKE MOTHER LIKE DAUGHTER BY AZIZA STEWART

INT. HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEETING

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

This PTA meeting would not be complete if we didn't mention the newest TikTok trend going around right now - the 'door-kicking challenge'. Apparently teens film themselves violently kicking in people's doors in the middle of the night.

VICE PRINCIPAL PAYNE

As your principals, we urge you parents to make sure your children are aware that this is not a cool trend, but a dangerous action that will have dire consequences.

DON LARSON

Yeah! That kicking nearly scared me to death! This is what the 'cool kids' are doing? I wanna know who did this!

DANA SMITH

Well if we're talking cool, I'm sure my daughter Candance was invited.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

I'm sorry - 'invited'?

DANA SMITH

Ohhhhhh yeah. My daughter is one of the cool kids- just like I was back in the day. Candance has got the whole school bowing down to her, just like her mom.

DON LARSON

Lady- this wasn't cool at all. I'm not sure who Candace is but it couldn't have been her. My camera caught a young man wearing a letterman jacket.

He looks at ROBERT DANIELS.

ROBERT DANIELS

Why are you looking at me, Larson?
My Jordan is a good kid, he would
never do something so stupid. And
Jordan isn't the only kid on campus
with a letterman!

DANA SMITH

Candance must have stolen it! Yes,
after she had sex with Jordan
Daniels- captain of the football
team- she steals his letterman
jacket to frame him for not leaving
his girlfriend! Oh Candance you
little whore- like mother like
daughter. Don't worry, everyone,
I'll talk to her.

ROBERT DANIELS

Jordan is gay. And who is your
daughter, again?

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

Mrs. Smith, you realize that if
your daughter was involved, she
could be facing criminal charges?

DANA SMITH

Criminal charges? Ha!... It's like
looking in a mirror.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

Okay... Well it wasn't Candance.
She's a good kid. She spends her
lunch hour trying to fix the
Chromebooks that were destroyed
during the last TikTok trend.

DANA SMITH

Clearly out of guilt, because she
started that one too! A trend-
setter! Oh Candance, no college for
you! I guess we'll have to get your
onlyfans up and running! I'll
probably have to run it for her
while she's in juvie.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

The Chromebook video was posted on
YouTube. Your daughter was actually
the only student that wasn't in it.

VICE PRINCIPAL PAYNE

Wasn't she in your office polishing hall passes at the time?

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

Yes. But after everyone left, she was able to stop the fire before it got out of hand with the mini homemade fire extinguisher she keeps in her cargo pants pocket.

ROBERT DANIELS

Oh! That's how I know your daughter!

DON LARSON

She's a hero!

DANA SMITH

No! She was the one who pulled the fire alarm. Probably trying to get out of a test or something. Just like I would of done. Classic Candance.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON

She pulled the fire alarm... because there was a fire.

DANA SMITH

But... was there?

VICE PRINCIPAL PAYNE

Yes! Mrs. Smith, your daughter is a good person. It shouldn't matter that she doesn't have many friends right now. She will probably come up with the cure to cancer someday. She works on it in the science lab during school dances.

DANA SMITH

You're wrong! You're all wrong! My daughter is cool and popular! TikTok reaches out all the time for a collab! She is reckless and deviant and sexy, JUST LIKE HER MOTHER! I ruled this school class of '93 and she rules it now!

DON LARSON

Wait, I was class of '93. Who are you again?

DANA SMITH
What? It's Dana. Dana Smith.

DON LARSON
Oh yeah! You're the girl who
singlehandedly cleaned up the
streets after the LA riots.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON
Oh my Gosh. That's
incredible.

ROBERT DANIELS
Your daughter really is like
you.

Enter GRANDMA SMITH.

GRANDMA SMITH
That's not true!

DANA SMITH
Mom?

GRANDMA SMITH
My daughter is no goodie-goodie.
She was always a rebel, just like
her mama. In fact, she probably
STARTED the LA riots. Most likely
to get out of a test or something.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON
She beat up Rodney King?

GRANDMA SMITH
And you, Don Larson- former captain
of the basketball team- I know you
know my daughter because you guys
had popular-kid-rebellion sex while
skipping school and smoking Mary
Jane. Following in my footsteps of
course.

DON LARSON
Ummm, I'm gay. But I remember you
ma'am. You were always very nice to
me.

Enter GREAT-GRANDMA SMITH.

GREAT-GRANDMA SMITH
Not true! My daughter was
responsible for Watergate!

BLACKOUT

Aziza Stewart's Pitches

1. You know how you naturally stop talking when a waiter walks over to your table? What if the waiter got paranoid that you were talking about them? For example, he starts walking over more frequently, trying to hear what you're talking about. *Lots of physical humor.
2. You know how when you work with a personal trainer, there's time in between each exercise when you're resting? What if your personal trainer was extremely awkward with small talk. For example "You're doing great Michelle, 10 more seconds... 3, 2, 1. Nice, now rest... So... What do you think of how the weather... looks?"
3. You know how substitutes have to deal with a lot of annoyances filling in for teachers? What if there were substitutes for superheroes? For example a bad guy will think they are caught because they were expecting Spider-Man, but it's just a sub, "Well you have no authority, so I'm just gonna go ahead and shoot her."
4. You know how salespeople tend to speak off of a script ("What brings you in today" etc.)? What if someone got overly offended hearing a salesperson repeating the same thing to someone else? For example "I thought we were really connecting when you asked if I was satisfied with my current internet provider but now I'm all confused!"
5. You know that awkward scene after a break up when you have to go back and exchange your stuff? What if she is so worried about not letting that happen that she slowly starts taking her stuff back and replacing it with his stuff before she even breaks up with him? For example "Hey babe, what happened to your toothbrush?" "Oh I just thought your Van Halen TV shirt looked good here." (title- Premeditated Breakup)