

Lauren & Schultz

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Schultz and Lauren stand in the center of the stage, facing each other. Marty, James, and Theresa watch.

SCHULTZ. *(To Marty)*

Five years?

MARTY. Ten years. Ten years from now.

(Schultz takes a deep breath.)

SCHULTZ. Okay.

(Schultz walks away from Lauren, then turns around and feigns surprise.)

SCHULTZ. Lauren?

LAUREN. Yeah?

SCHULTZ. Is that you?!

LAUREN. Yeah. Hi, Schultz.

SCHULTZ. Hey!

(Silence.)

SCHULTZ. What are you doing here in ... Burlington?

LAUREN. Um ... I live here now.

SCHULTZ. Weird. So do I!

(Pause.)

I live here with my wife.

LAUREN. You got married again?

SCHULTZ. Yeah. Yeah. She's fantastic.

LAUREN. That's so cool.

(Pause.)

What's her name?

SCHULTZ. Ah ... Susan.

Yeah.

She's a, uh ...
She's a seamstress.
LAUREN. Wow.

(Silence.)

SCHULTZ. How are you?
LAUREN. I'm, um, I'm okay.
SCHULTZ. How old are you now?
LAUREN. I'm ...

(A pause while she calculates)

... twenty-six.

SCHULTZ. Oh. Man. That's awesome.

(Silence.)

LAUREN. I live here with my boyfriend.
SCHULTZ. Aw. Great.
LAUREN. Todd.
SCHULTZ. That's great.
LAUREN. He's a, um ... he's a doctor. Veterinarian.

We run a veterinary clinic together.

SCHULTZ. What happened to acting?
LAUREN. Oh. Yeah.
SCHULTZ. I thought you wanted to be an actress.
LAUREN. No. I ... I did a lot of acting in college. I was, like ...
I starred in a lot of ... but now I'm a veterinarian.
SCHULTZ. That's great.
LAUREN. I really like it.

(Silence.)

SCHULTZ. So you're happy?
LAUREN. Yeah. I think so.
SCHULTZ. Yeah.
LAUREN. Are you happy?
SCHULTZ. I am. I am. I'm very happy. Susan is just ... she's
changed my life around. And business is going really well.
LAUREN. Are you still making your chairs?
SCHULTZ. Oh yeah. Oh yeah.

(Pause.)

Have you heard from any of the others?

LAUREN. Oh. Um —

SCHULTZ. Do you know how Theresa is doing?

(Marty opens her mouth and starts to step forward to interrupt them, but Theresa stops her.)

LAUREN. Um. Yeah.

(She glances over at Theresa.)

She's like a really successful massage therapist. In Putney.

SCHULTZ. Oh, that's good.

LAUREN. Yeah. And she married this, like, actor. He's kind of famous.

(Theresa giggles.)

LAUREN. I forget his name. He's really good-looking.

SCHULTZ. Huh. That's good.

(Pause.)

Man. She really screwed with my head.

LAUREN. ... Yeah.

SCHULTZ. But ah ... I don't really think about her that much anymore.

LAUREN. Yeah.

SCHULTZ. Have you heard from Marty or James?

(Marty shakes her head. Lauren thinks for a while.)

LAUREN. Um ... yeah. A couple of years ago. I got um ... I got like a Christmas card from Marty.

SCHULTZ. What'd she say?

(Over the next 30 seconds, the lights fade so that Marty, James, and Theresa eventually disappear, and only Lauren and Schultz remain, in a spotlight.)

LAUREN. Oh. She um. She moved to New Mexico.

SCHULTZ. Oh wow.

LAUREN. Yeah. She started some kind of like arts program? For