

Oh, um, sure. Yeah. Of course.

#4A WHAT CAME FIRST?

(ANNA smiles. ROB turns to the audience and asks...)

ROB

What came first? The music or the misery? People worry about kids playing with guns or watching violent videos, but nobody worries about kids listening to thousands—literally thousands—of songs about heartbreak, rejection and loss. Did I listen to pop music because I was miserable, or was I miserable because I listened to pop music?

(The door is suddenly thrown open, and the lights change. LIZ is here.)

LIZ

I'm not gonna pick sides, Rob. I'm friends with you both.

ROB

(to audience)

My friend—Liz. She shows up whenever I break up with a girl and need a little sympathy.

LIZ

(Re: bag)

I come bearing Danish.

ROB

Finally, a woman who understands me.

LIZ

Okay, what'd you do to her?

ROB

(Beat— a bit surprised/relieved)

She didn't tell you?

LIZ

No, she's being noble.

ROB

I used to love that about her.

LIZ

I'm gonna find out, you know.

ROB

There's nothing to find out. Laura took a wrecking ball to me. What more do you need to know. I'm rubble.

LIZ

(Trying to be sympathetic)

Aww...

ROB

And I'm trying not to blame you, Liz, but I have to say it's a little hard right now.

LIZ

(beat)
I'm sorry?

ROB

Well if you hadn't introduced us none of this would've happened.

LIZ

(stops, fed up)
You know what's interesting? The way you blame everyone but yourself. Has it ever occurred to you that you might be the problem?

ROB

(Beat – turns to audience)
You know, I have to admit, that particular thought has never, in fact, actually occurred to me. Odd, right?

(Back to LIZ)

Uh, you're not here to make me feel worse, Liz, you're here to be helpful, bring me pastry, wipe my tears.

#5 SHE GOES

LIZ

NO OFFENSE BUT YOU WERE LUCKY TO GET HER

ROB

No – none taken.

LIZ

I LIKE YOU BOTH THE SAME – WELL HER A BIT BETTER
Okay, a LOT better.
YOUR MACHO ACT CAN'T HIDE THE FACT YOU ADORE HER
NOW SHE'S GONE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS BEFORE HER

ROB

Okay, it's happened a couple times.

LIZ

NO, 15-20 – THAT'S A FEW
THIS SHIT IS OLD – AND SO ARE YOU

ROB

Jesus, Liz, you're hardly one to talk. How many disastrous relationships have you had?

LIZ

I RELIED ON YOUR SUCCESS TO DIRECT ME
DID YOU EVER ONCE THINK HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT ME?

ROB

Affect you?