

The Object of My Obsession

Excerpt from Act 1: Scene 3

{Warren and Gretchen walking outside, enjoying the night} {Sound effect of crickets in the background}

GRETCHEN: I hope those people didn't bore you.

WARREN: Oh no. It gave me some material.

GRETCHEN: Either way, it was nice having you there.

WARREN: *{Sees bench}* It was nice being there but that's only because I got to sit next to you.

WARREN: Speaking of which, *{Gestures towards bench}* shall we?

GRETCHEN: Yes, we shall. *{Gretchen sits} {Offers Warren a stick of gum}* Gum?

WARREN: Are you trying to tell me something? *{Warren fixes tie and then sits}* I'm just kidding. Sure. *{Takes gum, sits}* The stars are out tonight.

GRETCHEN: They are indeed. *{Looks up, then looks at Warren}* So Warren, do you have a significant other?

WARREN: *{Surprised that she asked her that}* No.

GRETCHEN: Why not?

WARREN: Gretchen, in all honesty, I wouldn't be spending time with you tonight if I had a significant other.

GRETCHEN: Awww. You're very sweet.

WARREN: So are you. I'm not gonna lie to you Gretchen. *{Pause}* I like you.

GRETCHEN: I like you too. *{Plays with Warren's hair}* So one day, I'll turn on the radio and say 'I remember him. Warren Fielding..... *{Pause}*....but I doubt he remembers me.'

WARREN: *{Sits}* I'll remember you. Who knows? I may write a song about you.

GRETCHEN: *{Takes Warren's hand and looks at it, while massaging each finger}* So have you written anything lately?

WARREN: I've had writer's block lately. I haven't been feeling inspired, well, *{Pause}* not until now.

GRETCHEN: How so? *{Plays with his tie}*

WARREN: Just being surrounded by your radiance.

GRETCHEN *{Pivots her body to Warren and puts her arms around him}*: Thanks Warren. So since you're a music lover, what kind of music really gets you going and I mean, really gets you going?

WARREN: *{Turned on}* I like all kinds of music. That's what makes my job at 'Maestro's' tolerable because I also like classical music. I also don't mind a little Barry White now and then.

GRETCHEN: Ooh.

WARREN: However, Rock and Roll is my real bread and butter. I love classic rock and even some stuff from today. I declare myself a rock and roll historian but there's this new band that has this sound that I really dig. .

GRETCHEN: *{Kisses Warren's cheek}* Go ahead. I'm listening.

WARREN: I think I was finished.

GRETCHEN *{Kisses his neck}*: Its okay. Go on. Keep talking.

WARREN: I forget what I was talking about. *{Speaking theatrically}* It must not been that important! *{Grabs Gretchen and gives her a passionate kiss}*