

We are always / and never

A One-Act Play by Cody Daigle-Orians

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Coretta A drag queen in her 40s. The emcee at Fyre.

Andromeda A drag queen in her 20s. A performer at Fyre.

The Tree A wrecker driver in his 30s. Straight, mostly.

The play takes place one night at Fyre, and in a digital space. Achieve those worlds however you see fit with all the tools in your toolbox.

In scene 7, we see Coretta lip sync “Saving all My Love For You” by Whitney Houston. In movement, we see Andromeda and The Tree meet, and start to dance.

In scene 2, all three performers perform the Craigslist ads. Make sure The Tree performs the one Andromeda answers. In scenes with two voices, the second character listed speaks the lines in bold.

Prologue. Coretta. Saturday night at Fyre.

How y'all doing tonight / Come on / let me hear you / This ain't no library / let me hear you / that's right / there we go / ya'll all know me / Coretta St. Claire / your host and emcee / bringing you fish / bringing you fierceness / bringing you what you came for / ain't that right / we got a great lineup of girls for you tonight / as we do / so make sure you show 'em love / by putting your hands together / and by putting your bills in their titties / you hear that / I know you hear that / Let's get this show going / Coming to the stage / to start us off this evening / the fabulous Miss Lucia Virginity / give it up / give it up motherfuckers / give it up

1. Andromeda.

Bermuda Avenue / on the quick side / a little bar / 1 a.m. / I never asked him his name / six foot two / 245 / soft muscle / his thick left hand on the small of my back / his right pushing back a piece of my wig out of place / *you're beautiful* / smell of bourbon on his breath / *what's your name again* / I tell him / *what's your name again* / I tell him / he kisses me / forceful / I taste his spit and the bourbon / his left hand pulls me in / he's warm / he's strong / he tastes in me what he wants to taste / he wants to taste her / she who left him / she who's out there / she who he talked about for an hour at the bar / it's her he wants to taste / it's me he's getting / *what's your name again* / I make up something this time / Andromeda / like the constellation / he smiles / *don't know what that is, baby, but it's pretty like you* / I have always wanted men like him / broad and tall / thick and solid / tree trunks / oaks / men who root themselves to the ground / men who are the ground / I am something altogether different / something more of the air / sheer and light / floating above / *oh baby you smell so good* / he's talking to me in his sex voice now / *can you feel me baby* / it's pressing against me / *can you feel that* / i can feel it / this tree has roots / and he pushes it into me / exhale of breath / he wants me to be her / he needs me to be her / I am not her / I am not her / I will never be her / I will only be Andromeda / *can you feel that baby* / yes / I can feel that / I can feel that

2. Various Male Voices. Anonymous on Craigslist.

Married white male 49 / nice big hands to massage your body / and get a happy ending at the end / this is free / no charge / you must host / Very discreet and masculine / Texting is quicker than email / please be under 45 / just my preference

If you need a private discreet location / to have fun with someone / you can come to my place / and play /as long as you want / I have a private home in / East Windsor CT / that I would be willing to let you / come over / and have sex with whoever you want / Email me for more details / Everyone is welcome

Blue collar guy / work for a wrecker company / masculine, discreet / Looking for a CD / who wants to be treated like a total woman / Start by making out / and finish with my hot seed / entering your sweet pussyass / Interested? / Write to me

Looking to host a straight guy / who simply wants to rub one out / in front of another guy / Please be in shape / and good looking / Not looking for older / Age stats and pic / in response please

Hot married / young army vet / dl muscular / hot man headed to 24 Wallingford / do work out / Around 3:30 / A lot of other Hot masc muscle dudes there / like me always / u headed to workout there too / Hit me and let's see / if two Hot jocks / can have some after workout fun / Clean masculine muscular dudes only / married here / and dl is a must

3. Andromeda and Coretta.

Blue collar guy / **girl they all say they blue collar** / work for a wrecker company / **all that masc for masc shit on the Internet** / masculine, discreet / **you get 'em and they just some little bitch in a sweater vest or something** / Looking for a CD / **oh shit** / who wants to be treated like a total woman / **trouble baby trouble** / Start by making out / **they don't ever mean that shit** / and finish with my hot seed / **there you go THERE YOU GO** / entering your sweet

pussyass / **pussyass what the fuck is a pussyass lord girl** / Interested? / **hell no** / Write to me / **girl**

This is the sort of shit that gets a girl dead in an alley girl / I've answered ads before
Coretta / **I'm aware** / I can handle myself / **you can handle yourself but if he big like he says
he is / I know / and straight like he seems to think he is / I know / can you handle that if he
decides to backhand your ass / girl / don't girl me if he backhand you or worse / I know /
watch yourself girl / I do**

**You better watch yourself / cause what's in here / baby that's not out there / and you
spend all your time in here / with your people / but out there ain't your people / out there
they'd rather kill you / so you watch yourself / you better watch yourself / you don't know
who's out there on the other side of that ad girl / you don't know what he is / you don't
know girl**

I think he sounds nice / **hot seed in your pussyass ain't nice girl**

4. Coretta

I don't feel like myself / till I put on that wig, girl / till i put on those heels / mama / that's when I
feel like myself / first time I got in drag I was 19 years old / Halloween queen / thought I'd be
cute going out to the club / done up / trick or treat motherfuckers / did my best to be some Miss
Jessica Rabbit / cheap ass red dress / pumps not heels / a shake and go red wig from the
Halloween store / but I put that shit on / girl / it was lightning / I was alive / I was home

You don't think to yourself / when you're 19 / it ain't ever gonna get any better than this / 'cause
if you thought that / at 19 / you'd kill yourself / dead / before your sad sorry ass turned 20 / but
sometimes that's case / that it never gets any better / and the wig on your head / the one that
makes you feel alive / is the same sorry shake and go / you slid on your head at 19 / and you're
now 37 / and this shitty bar is where you work / and you do your number every Saturday / for the
same old faces / and alive don't mean the same thing it did at 19 / it means weeknights at Rite
Aid / cause they don't care you shaved off your eyebrows / and got paint on your nails / it means

your daddy not talking to you / your momma asking you to *tone it down* when you come for supper / it means not being dead / that's all it means

But bitch I'm still fierce / don't get it twisted / I contain what I contain / and what I contain is fabulous / it's shake and go / but the bitch still can go / bitch still can get it / mark it down / remember / you feel me

5. Andromeda and The Tree.

Hey / **hey whos this** / I answered your ad / **oh hey what's up** / nothing much liked your ad / **thanks you got a pic** / sure / **nice you're really beautiful baby** / thanks daddy it's cool to call you that daddy / **it's cool i kinda like it** / cool / **so you free tonight** / yeah you / **yeah was thinking about going to the movies** / cool what movie / **i don't know** / you got a pic I can see daddy / **sure hold on** / damn daddy you a big boy aren't you / **used to call me The Tree in high school** / lol I can see why / **other reasons you can't see in that pic too** / oh yeah / **yeah** / got me interested then / **oh yeah** / yeah / **nice** / sure you wanna see a movie daddy maybe you wanna just come see me / **maybe** / just maybe / **lol maybe** / we could meet for a drink / **that'd be cool** / see if we click / **got a feeling we will** / me too daddy you know where Fyre is on Bermuda / **I can find it** / how bout you meet me there at 8 daddy / **wear what you're wearing in that pic for me baby** / yessir Daddy anything you want / **so fucking beautiful** / thank you daddy / **already got me hard that ok to say** / oh yeah daddy it's okay to say say it more / **you already got me hard baby** / good daddy good / **8 then** / 8 / **good** / good

6. The Tree.

I don't know why / I just loved her / took care of her / I don't know why / I wasn't there a lot / work / but I gotta work / how else we gonna survive / I can't just be there when she wants me to be there / I gotta handle my shit / our shit / shit for us / you'd rather be on that wrecker than home alone with me / bunch of bullshit / who'd rather that / middle of the night / picking up some stranger got themselves stranded / parking lot and the car won't start / side of the highway and ain't got a spare / keep turning the key but nothing is turning over / rather be there my ass /

rather be with her / in our bed / smelling her lotion / smelling like lemon and sugar / rather be there / but she gotta be with her bullshit / she gotta go chase some asshole / got more money than me / got more ambition than me / got more drive than me she says / all I wanted from her was to be there when I got home / don't ask much of her / just be there / just be with me / just see what I'm doing / for her / for us / her pillow still smells like lemon and sugar / and I'm lying there / smelling her / missing her / wanting to smell what she smells like down there / on my fingers / on my lips / on my beard / and I need something else / need something now / something to smell like lemon and sugar / and her down there / for right now / for tonight

Blue collar guy / work for a wrecker company / masculine, discreet / Looking for a CD / who wants to be treated like a total woman / Start by making out / and finish with my hot seed / entering your sweet pussyass / Interested? / Write to me

Hit send / wait / wonder if she's fucking him / wait / wonder if she's saying she loves him / wait / wonder if she's thinking about me / wait / wait / wait

7. One (lip synced) voice. Coretta. In movement, Andromeda and The Tree.

A few stolen moments is all that we share
You've got your family, and they need you there
Though I've tried to resist, being last on your list
But no other man's gonna do
So I'm saving all my love for you

It's not very easy living all alone
My friends try and tell me find a man of my own
But each time I try I just break down and cry
'Cause I'd rather be home feeling blue
So I'm saving all my love for you

You used to tell me we'd run away together
Love gives you the right to be free
You said, "Be patient, just wait a little longer."
But that's just an old fantasy

I've got to get ready
Just a few minutes more
Gonna get that old feeling
When you walk through that door

'Cause tonight is the night for a feeling alright
We'll be making love the whole night through
So I'm saving all my love
Yes, I'm saving all my love
Yes, I'm saving all my love for you

No other woman is gonna love you more
'Cause tonight is the night that I'm feeling alright
We'll be making love the whole night through
So I'm saving all my love
Yeah, I'm saving all my loving
Yes, I'm saving all my love for you
For you, for you

8. Andromeda and The Tree.

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wants to be treated like a total woman / Start by making out / and finish with my hot seed /
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you're beautiful / smell of bourbon on his breath / **what's your name again** / Alexander /
what's your name again / Alexander / he kisses me / forceful / I taste his spit and the bourbon /
his left hand pulls me in / he's warm / he's strong / he tastes in me what he wants to taste / he
wants to taste her / she who left him / she who's out there / she who he talked about for an hour

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at the bar / it's her he wants to taste / it's me he's getting / **what's your name again** /
Andromeda / like the constellation / **don't know what that is, baby, but it's pretty like you** /
Thank you daddy / **oh baby you smell so good** / he's talking to me in his sex voice now / **can**
you feel me baby / it's pressing against me / **can you feel that** / i can feel it / **can you feel that**
baby / yes / I can feel that / I can feel that / **come back with me to my place** / I don't daddy I
don't know / **I want you beautiful I want you so bad** / I can't tell if he sees me or if he sees her
/ **I want to give this to you baby I know you feel it** / If he's too drunk and forgets I'm
Alexander and not Andromeda / will he fuck me or kill me / **I wanna kiss you baby** / will he fuck
me or kill me / **I wanna taste you baby** / will he fuck me or kill me / **I know what you are**

I know what you are baby / I know what you are

he wants me to be her / he needs me to be her / I am not her / I am not her / I will never be her /
I will only be Andromeda / tonight / that's enough /

9. Coretta.

She's young so she goes with him / of course she goes with him / that fine motherfucker / tall
like a fucking tree / I'd go with you, daddy, if you wanted me to

I am blessed with the gift of sight / because I am old / because I am fabulous / because I have
been where she is a thousand times before

She wants to be seen / he will never really see her / she wants tonight to be a beginning /
tonight is all there ever will be / she wants to feel him inside her while they face each other / he
will only fuck her with her face against the pillow / she wants to be his prize / he will only allow
her to be his secret

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That's the gig

We are always / and never / to men like him / to the world

Give it up / give it up / ain't she a fierce bitch / she a fierce bitch / give it up for her / coming up
next / she gonna serve you some face / she gonna serve you some body girl / she gonna serve
you some Rhianna / throw some dollars at this bitch / 'cause she gonna work the house down /
Miss Shenita Del Ray / give it up / give it up

End of Play.