

SHORT SCENES DRAMA
TEENS - EARLY 20s 40s-50s
MALE/MALE

Teen and Principal

[The principal is in his office. There's a knock at the door]

PRINCIPAL: Come in.

[Jess opens the door]

PRINCIPAL: Well, well. Jess Mariano. What a pleasure. Sit down.

JESS: I was just trying to buy prom tickets and they told me to go see you.

PRINCIPAL: Sit down. So, the prom, huh? I wouldn't have taken you for someone who'd wanna go to the prom.

JESS: My girlfriend wants to.

PRINCIPAL: Oh, that's too bad.

JESS: What, why?

PRINCIPAL: Because you flunked out.

JESS: I what?

PRINCIPAL: You're not graduating, Jess. Prom tickets are for graduating seniors only. Guess your girlfriend's outta luck.

JESS: Now wait a minute. I'm just a little behind. I can catch up, no sweat.

PRINCIPAL: You can't, you missed too much.

JESS: It hasn't been that much.

PRINCIPAL: Thirty-one days you've been out. Cutoff's twenty.

JESS: So that's it, just like that?

PRINCIPAL: That's it.

JESS: Thanks for the warning.

PRINCIPAL: You mean the nine warning slips we gave you weren't enough? All the meetings that I tried to set up between you and your guidance counselor, between you and me that you blew off, that wasn't warning enough?

JESS: I can catch up, I'm smarter than anyone here.

PRINCIPAL: And humble, too.

JESS: I can catch up, you'll see.

PRINCIPAL: There's nothing to see, you're out.

JESS: Fine, I'll take summer school if that's what you want.

PRINCIPAL: Good, but it's not enough. You have to take the whole year over.

JESS: The whole year? No way.

PRINCIPAL: Then no diploma.

JESS: At least let me go to the prom, what's the big deal?

PRINCIPAL: We're done here.

JESS: Come on.

PRINCIPAL: You wanna talk about coming back next year, my door's open.

JESS: I'm not gonna miss this place.

PRINCIPAL: Vice versa.