

A Rebecca Temptation

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CHARACTERS-

Lemonade- 16, seductive, tough

Rootabega-16, chubby, very jewish and nerdy

SETTING

Teeny Bopper Lesbian roller rink

TIME

now

*Note: the style of the piece is slightly heightened but still should be grounded in reality. All of the characters are desperate and grappling with their own issues. Also the world of the lesbian roller rink is incredibly important. The roller rink is seductive/fun/amazing but also terrifying at the same time. Being at this roller rink is a risk for anyone and especially young teenagers dealing with their own sexualities

(Rootabega wanders around the space uncomfortably, considers skating then decides to head over safely to the cotton candy booth. Lemonade is intrigued by this little jewess)

LEMONADE

Hey! You!

ROOTABEGA

Um hello? Good day um err night. It's night time..um...yes..well then...Good night. Uhh..well not like I'm going to bed or anything..or..or oh god did that sound like a proposition. I didn't mean that or anything like I wanted us to be our night time together like you and me-

LEMONADE

First time here?

ROOTABEGA

Uh yes, I...I actually did not mean to be here at all...I meant to go to the gardening store...yes. Goodbye!

LEMONADE

You're into gardening?

ROOTABEGA

Uhh...yess...Just adore it...all colors and shapes, no discrimination, flowers are our friends, most people forget that, they stomp on them like they were nothing. That upsets me.

LEMONADE

You're not really into gardening are you?

ROOTABEGA

Uhhh...No?

LEMONADE

That was pretty smooth. Like chunky peanut butter. Nice.

ROOTABEGA

Oh god, I...I can't believe I just lied. I cannot believe I just said that. I've never lied before, honest. I'm as honest as a boyscout. I was an honorary member of them. Honest but they wouldn't let me go camping because of my gender.

LEMONADE

Oh don't worry kid. The young are allowed to lie. That's usually most of what they do anyway.

ROOTABEGA

ohh but I'm sixteen. That's not young. I'm really not young. And how old are you? Thirty?

LEMONADE

Ohhh I...I'm sixteen too but I'm pretty street smart, older than my age, deep you know, a deep developed dirty sixteen. So what's your name kid?

ROOTABEGA

Umm Sasha?

LEMONADE

Is it really?

ROOTABEGA

Ok no it's Rootabega god why do I keep doing that! It's really never happened before honest.

LEMONADE

Ha don't worry bout it. I'm Lemonade.

ROOTABEGA

Oh wow that's a splendid name. Really just splendid.

LEMONADE

Thanks. I actually chose it myself to tell you the truth. My birth mother named me Pruntilda but that kinda sounded like a weird fat girl name so I changed it after she kicked me out of the house. She kicked me out two years ago, it sorta blew but I guess I've managed well for myself.

ROOTABEGA

OH NO NO NO THAT'S JUST AWFULLY AWFUL OMIGOD..so you're like a..a tortured..teen...alone on the streets. WOW God what did you do to get you kicked out? Rob a bank? Set fire to a friend?

LEMONADE

Haha god no, do I look that much of a sexy freak show to you. All I did was come out.

ROOTABEGA

Come out? Like you walked out of the house too far. That doesn't seem so bad. God you're parents must have been crazy ocd controlling parents. Are they in a cult or something?

LEMONADE

No like coming out of the closet, coming out party, telling your parents your crazy lesbian desires you've had since you were three.

ROOTABEGA

Oh oh. I get it. Wow Lemonade I am deeply sorry.

LEMONADE

It's ok. I'm over it. They let me sleep here which is nice. Us girls get to live off of cotton candy which is fun too, and weirdly I'm not fat yet.

ROOTABEGA

no...uh not at all.

LEMONADE

So what's your deal.

ROOTABEGA

Hah um my deal? Well I...well it was nice hearing some background information about your life but the truth is I'm incredibly straight and meant to go to...heterosexual bingo at my school. So, nice to meet you and good bye!

LEMONADE

Heterosexual bingo?

ROOTABEGA

iF you win you get to kiss whoever in the room you want, as long as they're the right gender. It is a very nice thing past time on a weekend. My mom loves it when I go.

LEMONADE

Hahah funnn

ROOTABEGA

Uhhh yes, oodles and oodles of it and bye now!

LEMONADE

Wait. Stay.

ROOTABEGA

Why? It is just...this place it's just not for me. You see I'm used to batmitzvah parties and sukkot sleepovers. But it was a real pleasure meeting you, and I do mean it. And you..you really should try to get a more appropriate job, in a place of moral value.

LEMONADE

I swear Rootabega it's not that bad. And it's really morally great. People can go here and be themselves and not worry bout judgment or all that shit.

ROOTABEGA

Um can you not say that word please.

LEMONADE

Ha so mrs. Doris day, what's the name of your boyfriend?

ROOTABEGA

Ohh...I am not at the moment...romantically occupied.

LEMONADE

Why not? You're hot enough.

ROOTABEGA

Hahah uhhh I..have gentleman callers of course. You know, like I kiss certain fellers and things but nothing more. I just...haven't met the right person I think.

LEMONADE

Oh that sounds responsible.

ROOTABEGA

Well, yes, that's what my mother says about me.

LEMONADE

Hmm but at the same time most girls your age have a "feller."

ROOTABEGA

Umm well do you?

LEMONADE

I'm a lesbian. Told ya that. So no.

ROOTABEGA

Ohh wow sorry, selective forgetting, I'm just...not used to talking to girls like you.

LEMONADE

You judging me little Root?

ROOTABEGA

Umm I'd prefer if you refer to me by my full complete name. My parents did not give me a name that is appropriate for nicknames.

LEMONADE

Wow have you always been like this

ROOTABEGA

Like how? Sensible?

LEMONADE

Like uptight

ROOTABEGA

Oh. I...I'm not uptight. I..that's a nasty thing to say.

LEMONADE

Just being honest. Underrated trait.

ROOTABEGA

I hate honesty.

LEMONADE

I thought you said before you liked it. God sorry I'm being a bit harsh with you. Why don't you get some cotton candy. It'll help you feel better. I promise.

ROOTABEGA

Ohhh ummm yes? Thanks Please please this stuff looks...amazing! Wow

LEMONADE

It really is. We make it ourselves. It takes hours but it's totally organic.

ROOTABEGA

Yaa it looks organic.

LEMONADE

Ok so I'll give you the run down. We have twenty flavors: pink lemonade, sour strawberry, whiskey, saphic sunshine, mint chocolate fantasy honeymoon, candied apple, sex on the beach, meringue, demonic orange, sassy straight girl, root tooty rootbeer, coming out caramel, dark dark chocolate, friendship, spearmint, grape, great ass, New York city clubs, bootylicious and cherry.

ROOTABEGA

Hee hee umm (snort) what exact flavor is great...ass? Wow I can't believe I just said that.

LEMONADE

Great choice! It's actually one of my faves. It's a combo of lemongrass and hot chocolate powder.

ROOTABEGA

Hmm that sounds..interesting.

LEMONADE

It's sickly good. Like some chicks have gained thirty pounds on it. They just can't stop. Ha I guess the name is a bit ironic then..if ya ate that much of it.

ROOTABEGA

Ohh hahah yeah..humor...uhh...ya it sounds...yummy...um can you give me a second to choose?

LEMON ADE

So...why are you really here?

ROOTABEGA

I told you..it's an...uh mistake ok. I thought this was a gardening shop.

LEMONADE

Rootabega

ROOTABEGA

Ok fine. I've just been having some weird tingly feelings lately with some girls at my Hebrew school. Especially Rebecca, she has really nice silken brown hair and I love the way she says Baruch. But uhh it's innocent..you know..definitely honorable.I...but my rabbi told me I should come here and see how I felt. Really give it a fair chance. But so far it's just....it's weirding me out a bit..I don't really want to skate. At all. But the cotton candy is very pretty. Hahahahaha um wow God I wish I had a cotton candy flavor named after me. Even if the flavor tasted like Chinese food. I wouldn't care. I would live on it.

LEMONADE

I would make a flavor for you. Rootabega. I'll call it that. It's on the house.

ROOTABEGA

Really..oh god thanks! You're so kind. I didn't know girls who liked girls were that nice.

LEMONADE

We can be.

ROOTABEGA

Oh and Can you get me an extra for my rabbi!

LEMONADE

One condition. Kiss me first.

ROOTABEGA

HA WHAT!? Hahaha umm that's certainly definitely completely not appropriate. Girls don't do that...oh god...everything is wrong...I want men...I want big shoulders and burping...please...just leave me alone..I..I DON'T EVEN WANT COTTON CANDY ANYMORE...I HATE IT. I HATE YOU!

(Lemonade kisses her and at first it is scary and weird and then it becomes slow and passionate and yes yes yes)

LEMONADE

You don't have to lie to me Rootabega. I see you.

ROOTABEGA

I...WHY DID YOU DO THAT!? That was insane! You are MEAN! Yes you are super mean! And..ugly! You should be called uglyaid cause you're ugly!

LEMONADE

Ummm wow never saw this feisty side of you before...sorta hot. (They kiss again)

ROOTABEGA

WHYYYY Do you keep sticking your tongue in my mouth! It tickles!

LEMONADE

Here's your cotton candy. (she brings it out and kisses her again)
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