

A Roller Rink Temptation

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CHARACTERS-

The loser friendly ones-

Poppy- teen, outsiderish, weird sense of humor.

Rootabega-teen, chubby, very jewish and nerdy.

Bluebell- teen, reclusive, connected to the earth emotionally.

The hipper ones-

Clementine- teen, perky, bit hip, boy crazy.

Salmonella- teen, super outgoing, seductive.

Lemonade- teen, works at Teeny Bopper Lesbian Roller Rink, tough, seductive.

Announcer - like a preacher/circus master/DJ. Wants to get this party started!!!! Also does Rebecca's voice.

Rebecca's voice-nerdy, smart, jew friendly. Like even nerdier than Rootabega

SETTING

Teeny Bopper Lesbian roller rink

TIME

now

*Note: the play can be done on a bare stage with the suggestion of real roller skating or in a more tween explosive rock star roller rink set.

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.

Note: announcer should announce the titles of scenes/sections

ANNOUNCER VOICE

PRELUDE: A WARNING OF THINGS TO COME

(As voice commences the actresses in show go through the aisles throwing cotton candy at people. They look sexy and fun. They all act young and hot. Do not let their individual characteristics explode just yet.)

ANNOUNCER VOICE

Hello everyone and welcome to "A Roller Rink Temptation." This is a play about a roller rink and about a temptation. If you have a fear of intense and amazing fun type issues or fear of girls making out while roller skating issues and feel these issues could flare out if provoked than please feel free to leave at the designated exit areas. Also I hope you all look physically attractive because one of you might have the chance to kiss one of our young and very single stars. Our story starts in an unspecified town at the "Teeny Bopper Roller Rink..." It features six girls. And maybe...there lives would never be the same again, or maybe the next day they all ate French fries and thought about not getting fat and felt perfectly fine and forgot about all of this...You'll just have to see...

PART 1: COTTON CANDY IS YUMMY or The initiation

(We are at a roller rink. Let there be trashy teen romance music playing constantly. All girls are onstage except for CLEMENTINE. POPPY is waiting for CLEMENTINE and experiencing a slight panic attack. She practices speaking which makes her more nervous. ROOTABEGA enters. She 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! Ummm hi!

ROOTABEGA

Greetings
To you.

LEMONADE

You ok?
I can umm tell you where the ladies
Room is, if you want?

(SALMONELLA approaches BLUEBELL.)

ROOTABEGA

No no I don't need to use the
um Ladies restroom.
I am fine,
Yes so fine.

LEMONADE

You can say that again.

ROOTABEGA

What?-

BLUEBELL

Hey, Salmonella? That's your um name right?

SALMONELLA

Ya, so what?

BLUEBELL

I've only seen you at like school pep rallies
Cheering or like winning
Stuff.

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SALMONELLA

Yeah, that happens alot.

BLUEBELL

I'm Bluebell

SALMONELLA

Oh, cool-so why are you Here?

BLUEBELL

I'm only here to get research..

SALMONELLA

Umm yeah right,
What kinda resEARCH?

BLUEBELL

It's for a um saphic frog rendition
Of a civil war um painting.

SALMONELLA

That sounds interesting.

BLUEBELL

Where are all your friends?
I thought you had like 90 of them right
Like I never see you with the
Same person twice.
Like ever.

LEMONADE

Is there anything I can help you with?
I'm Lemonade by the way.

ROOTABEGA

Rootabega is the name
I was given on my day of birth and
hello to you as well?
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-
Oh god I ummm
I...I actually did not
mean to be here at all...I meant to go
to the gardening store...yes
BYEEEEEEE!!!

LEMONADE

What's your name kid?

ROOTABEGA

Rootabega
Is it.
Ummm..but your name is so
Like interesting,
Because
I guess like I have
A very personal connection to it,
I love fruit drinks.

LEMONADE

Um thanks.
So Rootabega
what's your deal.

ROOTABEGA

Hah um my deal?
 I ummm
 Go to um like a jewish school
 And I baby sit the mini jews
 During services and they're soooo cute
 And I umm like
 Kosher Sourdough pretzels and fudge flavored
 "make me jewish branded" hot cocoa
 And waking up really early to see
 The sun and do jewish yoga
 In its honor
 And I'm just like so
 HETERO-sexual as well,
 Hahaha more like happy-sexual,
 Just so happy to be um alive ALL THE TIME
 Oh LIVING WHAT A JOY
 I should gooooo!! BYEEEEEE

LEMONADE

You want to like
 Sit for a second?
 Your face looks a little red?

ROOTABEGA

Yes sitting, that is something
 That sounds nice
 And unique.

LEMONADE

Go for it.

(ROOTABEGA sits. Weird pause. Suddenly
 CLEMENTINE appears. She has a neck brace.)

CLEMENTINE

Hey birthday babeeee-e.

POPPY

Hiiiiii.

CLEMENTINE

HAPPPPPPPY BIRTHDAYYYY!!!!!!!!!!
 Welcome to a hot new age!!!!!!!!!!

POPPY

Yay!!!

CLEMENTINE

(What is this place?)

I like do not know what this is(ew central)

LEMONADE

Sooo uhhh...what did you need at
The gardening shop?

ROOTABEGA

Questions are so um interesting you know,
Like just the concept of questions,
Do you ever like think about that?

POPPY

There's skating here
So that's why I thought it
Would be um fun?

CLEMENTINE

Umm...what the heck Pop?
I told you I wanted to throw
you a super hot sweet sixteen
and invite everyone we have ever met
or seen in
passing.
This place is a tween creeper hotline.

POPPY

But Clem...I...I told you to not go
to all that trouble...I...I
have stuff planned for here...
Don' you think this place
Is like a femme-tastic theme park.
It's...like glorious.

CLEMENTINE

Whatevsssss

LEMONADE

You were talking about the gardening store.

ROOTABEGA

Yup! Of course!
My favorite um topic, yes, so um
What I was going there for,

Well, just to give you some context,
 there is um so much one
 Could want from a gardening shop
 Like sooo much.
 But ummm...ya specifics...
 Sure um anything like specific
 So I thought if I could um go
 And just stare at the um plants and
 Um Kiss them and show them that they are loved
 And that the earth's gifts are
 magic.
 Yes.

LEMONADE

Ok I really don't believe you.
 Why are you really here?
 Here to meet a little lady?

ROOTABEGA

NO AHAH No
 No ladies,
 Only the fellys
 I just love those men.
 And I also
 Like the um gardening?

LEMONADE

Well
 I'll tell you something
 TRUTH-ful about me
 Which is based in cold hard fact.
 I'm a lesbian.

ROOTABEGA

Oh ummm ok.
 (lesbiannnn-
 Lesbo-iannn, you are,
 That is what you are)

BLUEBELL

I-um-like-to-make-paper-sculptures-of
 Frogs?
 Do you
 as well?

SALMONELLA

No.

BLUEBELL

Oh-Cool, well
Yeah, I guess that's kind of like
A niche thing to do, like frog making
Wow I don't know anyone here.

(pause)

Where did your name come from? I never um asked you.

SALMONELLA

Its Brazilian and also attractive.

(pause)

BLUEBELL

Yeeh...

What's your favorite class at school?

SALMONELLA

I dunno.

BLUEBELL

Well I have like a lot of favorite
Classes but like I'll narrow
It down to one...Ahhh I can't, I have a five way TIE:
baseball,Economics for girls, speed dating
post-modern sculpture of the frog
And algebra.
Um well on second thought
I might remove algebra because it's not
Like a mutual favorite class because
I think my math teacher forgets
I am even in his class.

SALMONELLA

Awwwwwww-That's such a weird story.

CLEMENTINE

Well me hanging here with you is
Clearly your present
Cause this place sucks.
(Also no chance of Lego land happening noww.)

POPPY

(NOOOOO)Wait What???!
That's no fair.

CLEMENTINE

Um I think so.
Legos suck and no one likes them.

POPPY

Legos
are for girls, boys, adults, homeless people, ugly people,
aspiring models, newborns,
aspiring baby models-
Are you saying that a broad audience of all types
Of people "sucks"
God Clementine I never know you had
Such a closed mind, like that of a misanthrope.

CLEMENTINE

Whatever.

POPPY

Uhh-Soo how's your
Unpaid Internship at Kmart?

CLEMENTINE

suck000. A cockroach
Like bit my neck brace while I was
Cleaning the cereal shelf.

POPPY

Wow. That sucks.
Do you think in like six months you
Could possibly ask them for a Stipend?

CLEMENTINE

No, it's like part of my three year
Internship contract with them,
but like I know it's going
To like teach me things about like
working
And living and functioning in society
And that's like useful? Rightttt?

POPPY

Wow that's really deep.

CLEMENTINE

Yeah totally.
Ooo but-like one
Good thing, there's this guy

At Kmart who's like 47(!?sooo cool)
 He bought me
 A "Now 34 greatest hits" CD
 during lunch break
 And he helped
 Me learn how to
 Smoke (ha I suck at it though.)

POPPY (*suspicious*)

That's a highly erotic story.

CLEMENTINE

What? NO!
 That's like not how I meant it
 Like at all.

ROOTABEGA

Oh, wow you're a lesbian.

LEMONADE

Are you ok?

ROOTABEGA

Uhhh no, yes
 I'm fine!!!
 Life is rockinnnn!
Wherever you go there's always something JEWISH!!!
You're never alone when you say you're a Jew
So when you're alone and somewhere kinda newish
The thoughts are, don't look far cause they're
Jewish toooo.
 That's a really nice song.
 I should gooooo.

LEMONADE

Wait. Stay.

ROOTABEGA

I ummm,
 I can't.

LEMONADE

You have a nice smile.

ROOTABEGA

Really?

LEMONADE

You should hang around with me
 During my shift
 I get lonely
 all by myself.
 And maybe I'd even give you free cotton
 Candy
 Like if you earned it.

ROOTABEGA

Well um interesting idea
 But just to inform you
 (if you did not know)
 My mom
 Loves it when I get home
 Early cause
 we love to play
 Hide and seek.
 I should go...there.

LEMONADE (*touching her*)

You're staying here tonight.

ROOTABEGA

Um well golly Moses,
 That is a bit aggressive.

BLUEBELL

So have you ever been here before?

SALMONELLA

Um, no, WHY
 What? Huh? Why? Um No.
 Yeah, No.

BLUEBELL

Cool cool.

SALMONELLA

But can I just like kiss you like really fast?
 Like it wouldn't be a big deal.
 Like I just want to see what it
 Would feel like.