

MADDIE ARNOLD

MAN UP

1/8/17 (VERSION #2)

CAST

GLENN - EARLY 40s. FATHER. DADDISH. FORCEFUL.

TIM - 11 YRS OLD. SON. HE HASN'T HIT PUBERTY YET. TIMID.

INT. TUX SHOP

GLENN is sitting down, waiting for his son to come out of the dressing room. Tim is offstage. They are trying on tuxes.

GLENN

Come onnnn, Tim. It shouldn't be that hard to tuck in a shirt!

TIM (VOICE)

(Dejectedly)

I don't liiiike it.

GLENN

Well, let me see it.

TIM (VOICE)

Come on, dad, please don't make me show you. Can we just go to Dairy Queen already?

GLENN

Tim, there will be no Dairy Queen if you don't get your scrawny ass out here and show me the tux. Now, get out here and show me your handsome self.

Beat.

GLENN (CONT'D)

Tim...

Beat.

GLENN (CONT'D)

(Through his teeth)

Timmmmmmmmm...

Beat.

GLENN (CONT'D)

TIM!

TIM (VOICE)

(Reluctantly, angsty)

Ugggghh. Fiiiiiine.

Tim emerges from the dressing room feeling insecure.

TIM

Here it is, you saw it, bye

In a fluid motion, without even stopping, Tim turns back around and tries to go back in the dressing room.

GLENN

Oh, no ya don't. Get back here.

Glenn grabs him and yanks him in front of the tri-fold mirror. Glenn is standing behind Tim, looking over his shoulder into the mirror. Tim is still slouching.

GLENN (CONT'D)

Come on, son. Straighten up.
Shoulders back. Head up. Chin out.
.....And how bout a smile?

Tim looks so uncomfortable.

GLENN (CONT'D)

Well, not like that. Come on, Tim.

Glenn slaps his butt. Tim relaxes his body but keeps his head up this time. He rolls his eyes.

TIM

Dad, do you *have* to get married?

GLENN

Wait wait wait, is that what this is about?

Glenn begins adjusting Tim's suit.

TIM

I just miss mom, I guess

GLENN

I know, I miss her too. But remember what I said?

ALL
She would want us to be happy.

GLENN
Exactly! And I really think Jessica does a great job of that. Don't you?

TIM
Yeah. You smile a whole lot when she's around.

GLENN
I do. Because I love her a lot. But I could never love someone as much as I loved your mom. And I think it's really unfair that someone so amazing has to be taken from us so early on in their life. But I can't sit in sadness anymore and I don't want you to either, because you're my boy and I love ya to the ends of the earth, Tim.

Glenn turns Tim's body sideways so they are facing each other. He taps his chin up. Glenn starts to tie Tim's tie.

TIM
Aw, daaad...don't get all blubbery on me. Not in this tux shop.

GLENN
No, I'm serious, Tim. I love you. And if you don't want me to marry Jessica, just say the word. You always come first.

TIM
I don't want you to marry Jessica.

GLENN
What? Why not?

TIM
She smells like old cheese and dances like a limp aglet.

GLENN
What? Where is this coming from? Why have I never smelled this old cheese smell?

TIM

Uggghhh, I'm just kidding, Dad. As much as I don't want to like Jessica and I try to find every possible reason to hate her and I go through her purse whenever she's over to try to find some evidence that she's a gold digger or serial killer or cop, she is perfectly clean....and actually pretty cool.

GLENN

Hahaha, well son, I'm glad you approve.

Glenn finishes tying Tim's tie, dusts off Tim's shoulders, and pats his chest. They both turn back to the mirror.

GLENN (CONT'D)

Well, wouldya look at that? A perfect fit.

TIM

Wow, I guess it's really happening. You're getting married.

GLENN

To a cop.

TIM

I KNEW IT!

BLACKOUT.