

SIDE 8 - BEN/LISA, JACKIE, TONY

DISASTER!

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JACKIE'S DRESSING ROOM

JACKIE, an aging but still sexy lounge singer, is in a robe and primping.

TONY (O.S.)

Jackie! You're on in two minutes!

JACKIE

Hey hey!

(NOTE: Every time Jackie says "Hey hey!" she does her signature move of two fun fist-pumps into the air.)

BEN, an 11 year old, enters wearing a feathered mask that looks like a bird's face.

BEN

Mommy, Lisa told me to "Sit on it!"

JACKIE

Ben, take that off.

(HE REMOVES THE MASK)

You and Lisa promised if I let you come you'd get along for one night!

BEN

(calling offstage)

Lisa! Mommy says you look like Horshack!

He runs off.

JACKIE

Ben!

LISA (O.S.)

I do not!

JACKIE

(calling offstage)

You're twins! If she looks like Horshack, then so do you!

LISA enters. It's the same boy actor who plays "Ben", but now wearing a wig.

LISA

We don't look anything alike!

JACKIE

Please stop, Lisa! Tonight's a very important night for us.

LISA

Why?

JACKIE

Because tonight we may finally be a family again!

LISA

Daddy is coming back?

JACKIE

Which daddy?

LISA

The last one.

JACKIE

Barry? No, Barry's gone for good. *And* Max and Steve. They were bullies and cheats. Just like your real Daddy. Now, here's the big news. Tony said that if everything goes perfectly tonight, he will ask me to marry him... *possibly!*

LISA

(excited)

Possibly?

JACKIE

(nodding proudly)

Possibly!

Jackie watches Lisa run off as Tony enters behind her.

TONY

Jackie! You ready?

Tony sees a scuff on his show, and kneels down to wipe it off. Jackie turns and misconstrues -

JACKIE

(ecstatic)

Oh, Tony YES!

He stands up, nonplussed.

TONY

Great. Get out there.

JACKIE

Huh?

Ben enters with a Lite-Brite toy.

BEN
Mr. Delvechio?

JACKIE
Not now, Ben!

BEN
Look what I made with my Lite-Brite!
He holds it up for them to see. It has a colorful image.

TONY
(disinterested)
Ooh.

JACKIE
Oh! It's the Barracuda!

BEN
(pointing)
That's the engine room, that's the chief engineer's office, that's—
SFX: Tremor
They are all momentarily thrown off balance by the tremor. Ben falls to the ground.
Mommy!

JACKIE
(calls offstage)
Lisa! Are you okay?
The actor playing "Ben" has turned his back to the audience and throws his voice—

LISA (O.S.)
Yes, Mommy.

JACKIE
Tony, why did the room just shake?

TONY
Construction on the West Side Highway.

BEN
(crying)
Mom! The Lite-Brite pieces are lost in the shag carpeting.

JACKIE
Ben, don't cry.

TONY

(soothingly)
I'll handle it.

JACKIE

Thank you, Tony.

TONY

(suddenly yells)
Stop crying! If I'd've pulled that kinda junk with my old man he woulda—!
Jackie interrupts Tony before he hits Ben—

JACKIE

(all smiles)
Perfect! Um, Ben, do your homework and forget the Lite-Brite.

BEN

Fine!

Ben picks up a pad of paper and a pencil, and reads aloud what he is writing.
"What I Did This Weekend. I had the absolute *worst* Sa—." Mom, how do you spell "Saturday night"?

JACKIE

Ben! You know how to spell "night", and you can sound out "Sa-tur-day" —

BEN

Just tell me how to spell it!

JACKIE

(to Ben)
S-a-t-u-r-d-a-y... night.

BEN

What?

JACKIE

(in rhythm)
S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y... NIGHT!

TONY

You're on!

END