

From It's not you, it's me

JENNY

JACK

(JENNY and JACK are at the table in a restaurant. They have water glasses.)

JENNY

It's not you. It's me.

JACK

I've heard that so many times. I think you're just saying that to spare my feelings.

JENNY

No I'm not. It really is only about me.

JACK

Actually, you know what? I think it's me.

JENNY

No I'm pretty sure it's me.

JACK

I'm not a very good boyfriend.

JENNY

You're a great boyfriend.

JACK

I'm terrible.

JENNY

No you're a wonderful boyfriend. I'm simply unable to accept your wonderfulness given my current state.

JACK

I have been slime. I am beneath slime.

JENNY

Honestly, you're terrific. I'm the problem.

JACK

I should have been more considerate of you -

JENNY

I'm really the one who's been inconsiderate here -

JACK

I should have listened more. Why didn't I listen to you?

JENNY

Remember that time I forgot your birthday? That was awful.

JACK

I can't even remember what you say half that time.

JENNY

I never say anything important anyway. I just go on and on – you'd be crazy to listen to me.

JACK

Sometimes I don't even remember your name.

JENNY

You should date somebody with a more memorable name. I mean, what is my name, anyway? Jenny? Who's going to remember that?

JACK

I don't even shower.

JENNY

Stop arguing with me. I am the problem here.

JACK

I'm argumentative – that's another one of my problems.

JENNY

Will you listen to me for one second?

JACK

I don't listen, I'm argumentative -

JENNY

You need to understand –

JACK

Is somebody talking? I don't know because I don't listen to anyone but myself. I should be shot.

JENNY

Why can't you just accept the fact that I am what's wrong with this relationship?

JACK

Because I'm obviously the problem here!

JENNY

You have no idea what the problem is!

JACK

See! I'm clueless about the problem! That's another problem with me!

JENNY

Stop being a moron!

JACK

A ha! So I am the problem!

JENNY

All right fine! The fact that you are a moron is a tiny part of the problem!

JACK

See! See!

JENNY

But I am the vast majority of the problem!

JACK

No! You are perfect and I am garbage!

JENNY

Oh come on! I just admitted that you were a tiny part of the problem, why can't you admit that I'm part of the problem too!

JACK

Because you're not!

JENNY

It's always about winning with you, isn't it? You always gotta win!

JACK

No I always gotta lose because I'm a moron! I can't imagine what you saw in me in the first place!

JENNY

My reasoning is flawed! A ha! So I am part of the problem!

JACK

Fine! The fact that you chose a complete idiot like me to date is a tiny character flaw in you!

JENNY

And from that character flaw sprang our entire misguided, stupid relationship! So I am the root cause of everything that has gone fantastically wrong here! I AM THE PROBLEM! HA!

JACK

Fine.

JENNY

What?

JACK

You are the problem. I am completely innocent here.

JENNY

You're not completely innocent.

JACK

No I am. You're a foul beast. I'm lucky to be rid of you.

JENNY

Excuse me?

JACK

I'm agreeing with you. You are a horrible human being. Thank you for dumping me.

JENNY

Oh really?

JACK

Yeah.

JENNY

You don't even shower.

JACK

That's so I can't smell you.

(JENNY throws her water in JACK'S face. Pause.)

I deserved that.

JENNY

I'm sorry.

JACK

No – really – that was over the line.

JENNY

I shouldn't have gotten violent.

JACK

I'm just too argumentative.

JENNY

No you're not.

JACK

No I'm really argumentative. I just can't help myself. I have to respond to everything.

JENNY

You're not that argumentative.

JACK

I'm terrible.

JENNY

You're not.

JACK

Like when somebody throws water in my face I just have to –
(JACK throws his water in JENNY's face.)

(stunned silence. JENNY tries to think of what to say.)

(the SERVER, listening to a music device and completely unaware of the world, approaches with a pitcher of water. The SERVER rocks out a little while filling up both water glasses.)

(the SERVER leaves.)

(JACK and JENNY look at their newly filled water glasses.)

(they think about it.)

(they splash water in each other's faces simultaneously.)

(lights down.)