

Scene 2

SAD AND GLAD

Jimmy appears, sitting alone at a table in a back corner of Almost's local hang-out, the Moose Paddy. He is nursing a couple of Buds. Music fades. Sandrine enters. She is coming from the ladies' room and is cheerily heading back to her friends who are up front. She passes Jimmy. Jimmy sees Sandrine and stops her.

JIMMY. Sandrine!

SANDRINE. Hm? (*Beat. This is a bit awkward — awful, actually. Then, overcompensating:*) Jimmy!

JIMMY. (*A little too excited.*) Hey!

SANDRINE. Hey!

JIMMY. Hey!!

SANDRINE. Hey!! (*Jimmy hugs her. She doesn't really take the hug or hug him back.*)

JIMMY and SANDRINE. Heyyyy!!!

JIMMY. How you doin'?!?

SANDRINE. Doin' pretty good! How are you doin'?!?

JIMMY. I'm doin' good, doin' good! How are you doin'?!?

SANDRINE. I'm good!, Doin' good — great! How are you?

JIMMY. Great, great! How are ya?

SANDRINE. Great, // great!

JIMMY. Oh, that's great!

SANDRINE. Yeah!

JIMMY. That's great!

SANDRINE. Yeah!

JIMMY. That's great!

SANDRINE. Yeah.

JIMMY. That's great!

SANDRINE. Yeah.

JIMMY. You look great!

SANDRINE. Oh ...

JIMMY. You look great.

SANDRINE. Thanks.

JIMMY. You do. You look so great.

SANDRINE. Thanks, Jimmy.

JIMMY. So pretty. So pretty.

SANDRINE. Thaaaaanks. (*Awful beat.*)

JIMMY. Here, have a seat.

SANDRINE. Oh, Jimmy, I can't —

JIMMY. Aw, come on, I haven't seen you in ... well, *months*.

SANDRINE. Yeah.

JIMMY. And months and months and months and months and months and months and *months*. How does that happen? Live in the same town as someone and never see 'em?

SANDRINE. I don't know.

JIMMY. I mean, I haven't seen you since that night before that morning when I woke up and you were just gone.

SANDRINE. Yeah, I, uh ... —

JIMMY. (*Fishing.*) So ... ya here with anybody, or—?

SANDRINE. Yeah, the girls.

JIMMY. Oh.

SANDRINE. We're, uh — ... (*Covering.*) Girls' night! We're in the front. (*Starts to go.*) Actually, I just had to use the ladies' room, so I should get back to // them.

JIMMY. (*Stopping her.*) Aw, but I haven't seen ya! They'll survive without ya for a minute or two! So, what's been — here — (*Offering her a seat.*) — what's been goin' on?, Watcha been up to?

SANDRINE. (*Giving in, sitting.*) Well —

JIMMY. Did you know that I took over Dad's business?

SANDRINE. Yeah, that's great ...

JIMMY. I run it now. >

SANDRINE. I heard that.

JIMMY. I'm runnin' it! >

SANDRINE. Heard that.

JIMMY. Runnin' the business! >

SANDRINE. Congratula >

JIMMY. Runnin' the whole show, >

SANDRINE. tions! Good for you!, Good for you.

JIMMY. the whole shebang — thanks — yeah! We still do heating and cooling, >

SANDRINE. Yeah?

JIMMY. and we've expanded, too: We do rugs now. We shampoo 'em.

SANDRINE. Oh.

JIMMY. It's a lotta work. A lotta work. I'm on call a lot: weekends, holidays, you name it, 'cause, you know, your heat goes, people die — it's serious.