

Script Whiplash, Nicole/Andrew

ROLE: Nicole/Andrew, 19 to mid 20s

INT. - PIZZARIA - NIGHT

NICOLE

This is a nice place.

ANDREW

Yeah, I come here a lot... They have nice music, so I - it's not just the food... This is Artie Shaw, "Begin the Beguine". July 24th, 1938. Cliff Leeman on drums.

NICOLE

Are you trying to impress me?

ANDREW

No - sorry - I didn't mean - They have like - ten songs they loop through. They're always playing the same thing.

NICOLE

And you know the dates to all ten?

ANDREW

...Yeah.

Nicole smiles.

NICOLE

You know every time I saw you in the theater you always had your eyes pointed to the floor.

ANDREW

Really?

NICOLE

Like you were fascinated by the soda stains on the carpet.

ANDREW

My dad tells me I have a problem making eye contact.

1 NICOLE

My parents like to criticize me too. When I was growing up my mom

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1 NICOLE (cont'd)  
told me my chin was too big and  
that that's why guys wouldn't like  
me. Said my dad had cursed me with  
a big chin.

ANDREW  
What?

NICOLE  
Yeah it's - look--

she turns, points her chin up.

NICOLE (CONT'D)  
It's Jay Leno! She keeps asking me  
if I have a boyfriend yet, and then  
blames the chin.

ANDREW  
She sounds insane.

NICOLE  
She wanted to be an actress when  
she was my age.

ANDREW  
And you? What do you do?

NICOLE  
You mean other than serving you  
popcorn?

ANDREW  
What do you want to do with your  
life?

NICOLE  
(a bit taken aback)  
I go to Fordham... I'm not sure.

ANDREW  
What's your major?

NICOLE  
I don't have one yet.

ANDREW  
Right, I mean, what will be your  
major?

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NICOLE  
I don't know yet.

ANDREW  
Well, what did you come here to study?

NICOLE  
I just came for general education.

ANDREW  
Right, but you picked Forham for a reason. Why Fordham?

NICOLE  
I applied to a bunch of schools. Fordham let me in. Why'd you pick Shaffer?

ANDREW  
It's the best music school in the country.

NICOLE  
Well... Forham was... Fordham. I don't love it there, to be honest.

ANDREW  
No?

NICOLE  
I mean - the people there... I don't think they like me. I'm from Arizona and - I don't know, I think they see it in me.

ANDREW  
I don't like the people at Shaffer either. But I think it just takes time. Things change, you know?

NICOLE  
I know. I feel homesick sometimes. You know? I hate how people in college pretend they never feel homesick. Or maybe I'm literally the only one, but... I don't think so.

ANDREW  
I know exactly how you feel. I still go to the movies with my dad.

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Andrew says this playfully, but Nicole can tell he said it to reach out to her.

NICOLE

... I like this song.

ANDREW

Yeah - this part's great - here -  
(listens for a moment) There...

Nicole smiles.