

Jesse Monologues

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MONOLOGUE 1

JESSE

I don't understand, why do relationships have to be tested beforehand with a series of idiotic guessing games? Why can't I just tell a girl how I feel without feeling like an idiot? How many relationships out there could have been something special but were messed up by the miscommunication of imaginary signals? Everyone is looking for that one relationship, *the one*, but to get there we have to hide our true feelings and intentions with dishonesty in order to not be vulnerable or...or...or understood? Guess what! Love is about putting yourself out there and having some faith! I would risk my sanity, my pride, my dignity, my everything for a chance at love, because what else is there? If you were gonna take a risk on anything in life why wouldn't it be that, this? I would rather be hurt a million times trying to find it instead hiding behind games and playing it safe.

(Beat)

Because what else is there?

## MONOLOGUE 2

JESSE

I think there are a lot of things  
I'm bad at. There's a lot of things  
I don't know how to do. I couldn't  
win a bar fight, I'll never be able  
to sing to you in key or on tempo,  
I'm not a dancer and I can't do  
math beyond an elementary level.

(beat)

I don't know what to say at the end  
of a bad day to make everything  
better and I hate myself because of  
that. And that's a bad thing. I  
live in my head and I over think,  
but...I try. I'm nice? I'd never  
intentionally hurt you. I..I know  
what love is and I'd do whatever it  
took to show it to you, even at the  
risk of being cheesy and cliché.  
Because I like being cheesy, you  
can add that to the bad list, I  
don't care... and that was a lie,  
because I do care. I care so much.  
About what you think of me, about  
how you view me. I care probably  
more than I should. But I have good  
qualities, Jenna, I do and I don't  
think it's a bad thing for me to  
acknowledge that. I have good  
qualities and I just want you to  
know that. I'm honest. For proof,  
ask the stenographer for this  
conversation.

(beat)

I try, Jenna, I really do and I  
think that's worth...

(beat)

Something, isn't it?