SCENE FIVE

The studio apartment. Later that night.

All of Sam’s boxes have been brought back into the apartment. Sam sleeps on Lindsay’s bed.

Jamie and Lindsay sit on the couch, watching Sam sleep. They’ve opened a bottle of wine.

LINDSAY
He’s gonna be okay?

JAMIE
He will. Eventually.

LINDSAY
I didn’t mean to set him off like that.

JAMIE
Sam has a hard time with any kind of change. Whether big or small. It just...hits him harder than most people.

LINDSAY
So. His weapons? The costumes? It’s all some fantasy or something?

JAMIE
Helps him escape for a while. (beat) It’s actually kind of fun.

LINDSAY
You think we should wake him up?

Jamie motions for Lindsay to wake him up. Lindsay crouches next to Sam.

LINDSAY
Sam?

SAM
Mmm.
LINDSAY

I think I’d like to learn how to...larp.

Sam wakes up.

LINDSAY

That’s what it’s called, right?

SAM

Live action role play. Yeah.

LINDSAY

Could you teach me?

SAM

When? Like now?

LINDSAY

Yeah. I mean, if you’re down.

SAM

So...what does this mean?

LINDSAY

It means I’m sorry. And you can stay. For now.

Jamie smiles at Lindsay.

LINDSAY

So! Larping! What are those small swords?

SAM

Rapiers.

LINDSAY

Can I--?
Let’s start with the basics.

LEARNING ALL OF THIS IS A PROCESS

Here we go.

SOMETHING THAT DOESN’T JUST HAPPEN OVERNIGHT
SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR OF COLLEGE, I’VE DONE MY RESEARCH
ON HOW TO EXECUTE EACH STEP AND FIGHT

Get it? Like execute? Because sometimes you kill people?

It’s like a video game.

But it’s real!

IT’S AMAZING
ONE DAY I’M SHAKESPEARE, THEN A DUCK
CALL ME CRAZY
BUT MY ZOMBIE IS SO COOL

What the fu--

LET ME BE YOUR TEACHER
JEDI MASTER, DUMBLEDORE
OPEN YOUR IMAGINATION WIDE AND JUST...
EXPLORE

FIRST, YOU PICK YOUR SETTING
MEDIEVAL TIMES, APOCALYPSE

SAM
Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings. Narnia’s in there, for you, Linds! Cause you like books!

IT’S AMAZING
ONE DAY HAN SOLO THEN A OPOSSUM
CALL ME CRAZY
BUT MY LIGHTSABER IS AWESOME

JAMIE
That was a stretch...

SAM

LET ME BE YOUR TEACHER
JEDI MASTER, DUMBLEDORE
OPEN YOUR IMAGINATION WIDE AND JUST...
EXPLORE

SAM
Since I am the resident expert, I’ll decide now who is who. I’m a lowly farmer and Jamie is my mule.

JAMIE
You ass.

SAM
Exactly!

BUT NOW I’M ON A QUEST TO WIN BACK MY KINGDOM FROM MY EVIL TWIN BROTHER WHO IS IDENTICAL TO ME BUT ONLY IN PHYSICAL LOOKS BECAUSE HE IS A BUTTHEAD IN PERSONALITY AND IS JEALOUS OF ME SO HE FRAMED ME TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE I SLEPT WITH HIS WIFE AND THEN EXILED ME TO A CHICKEN FARM!
SAM

And Lindsay! You can be my talking cat!

IT’S AMAZING
ONE DAY A WIZARD, THEN A MONKEY
CALL ME CRAZY
BUT MY WAND IS PRETTY FUNKY

JAMIE

Wow.

SAM

LET ME BE YOUR TEACHER
JEDI MASTER, DUMBLEDORE
OPEN YOUR IMAGINATION WIDE AND JUST...
EXPLORE!

*Sam holds Lindsay close. Sam holds out his other arm for Jamie. Jamie reluctantly joins them.*

SAM

You guys ready?

*Lights fade.*

SCENE SIX

*Jamie’s therapy office.*

*Jamie sits at his desk, taking notes. A clock ticks.*

*Susan knocks at the door.*

JAMIE

Come in!

*Susan enters and takes her seat across from Jamie.*

JAMIE

Good morning, Susan.