

Chasing Sarah Jessica Parker

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NOTES

Chasing Sarah Jessica Parker is about the roller-coaster journey of two best friends obsessed with the actress, Sarah Jessica Parker. This comedic play is an excellent choice for Duo Interpretation or Duet Acting and should be performed by two strong females. The drama mask icons are simply visible to show the performers where a potential ‘teaser’ could be placed. The aforementioned ‘obsession’ is not an understatement. These two characters are huge fans of Sarah Jessica Parker, fashion, and anything that involves movies, music and television. They are over-the-top, energetic, fanatical fans! These two girls are committed to their friendship and everything they say to one another. This is a comedy, and the pacing of the scene should be brisk; however, take that one moment at the end of the play (when Sarah Jessica Parker gets in a taxi) and really let the audience sense the disappointment and heartbreak of these two girls. Then, as the two girls recover from their disappointment, let the scene take on its light-heartedness again. The letters in the play may either be performed one at a time, as alternating passages, or simultaneously. That should be a choice made by the performers. Understand that there is not a cookie-cutter pattern for these two characters. Be creative. Make the character choices that are best for the two actresses performing this play. Are they Valley girls? Perhaps they are two incredibly dorky, geeky girls! This is a choice for the two performers to decide. The overall effectiveness of this play will be determined by the believability of the two actresses. The audience should be rooting for the two characters to meet their favorite star and fulfill their dream of opening a museum in her honor!

Characters:

Sarah Jones, an obsessed teenager

Jessica Stuart, another obsessed teenager

Time: The present.

Place: Sarah’s bedroom. Sarah and Jessica’s respective bedrooms. A sidewalk in New York City.

Scene One: Sarah’s bedroom.

Jessica: *Square Pegs* is without a doubt the *best* television series that was ever on TV!

Sarah: Totally. It’s really cool that your parents bought you the DVD of its one and only season, but I thought your mom said she wasn’t buying you any more videos.

Jessica: Well, Mom said she wanted to buy me a *book*, and it was

the only thing listed on my wish list at amazon.com. It's just *another* example of how my parents don't pay attention to details.

Sarah: Sarah Jessica Parker is so great! It's like she knows what makes every teenage girl in America tick. If she went to our school, I would totally want her to hang out with us.

Jessica: Totally. She is so cool. She is like the best actress ever! Why hasn't she won, like, a million Academy Awards, you know? She deserves it!

Sarah: She should have won Best Supporting Actress for *Footloose!*

Jessica: Oh, she was so great in that! I've watched that movie a hundred times, and sometimes I fast forward through the movie just to get to her scenes and then I just keep rewinding and rewinding and watch her scenes over and over and over again!

Sarah: (*Long pause.*) Wow. That's kind of scary...



Sarah: Hey, listen, my mother said that later this year, we're going to redo my bedroom. She said I can redecorate any way I want.

Jessica: Have you got any ideas?

Sarah: (*Slowly easing into it.*) Well, I was thinking. Wouldn't it be really cool to turn my bedroom into the first ever Sarah Jessica Parker Museum? Think about it. There's bound to be thousands of girls just like us! With your help, I'll bet we could make a lot of money too! Visitors could stay in my bedroom as long as they want!

Jessica: Yeah, but what if it turns out that a bunch of creepy older men are part of her mega-huge fan base? Wouldn't your mother be a little freaked out if you have *thirty*— or worse—*forty*-year-old men hanging out in your bedroom? You need to seriously think about this. We couldn't put an age limit on who can and can't enter our popular tourist attraction. There could be lawsuits!

Sarah: I'm sure my mother would be totally cool with it, as long as they didn't stay very long and were truly fans.

Jessica: And what would all of these paying tourists do?

Sarah: Well, they could look at all of our Sarah Jessica Parker memorabilia.

Jessica: What memorabilia? We've got the DVD's of *Square Pegs*, *Hocus Pocus*, *Honeymoon in Vegas*, *The First Wives Club*, *L.A. Story*, *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, and of course, *Footloose*. We've got a dozen or so magazines with her picture on the cover, and a tube of lipstick she supposedly used in an episode of *Sex in the City* that you won on Ebay!

Sarah: Well, when Sarah Jessica hears about what we're doing, I'm *positive* she'll donate all sorts of cool stuff! At a dollar per visitor, we'll practically have college paid for in no time! We could even have the TV set up so that it's constantly playing all of her best movies and TV shows!

Jessica: What about *Sex in the City*? I thought your Mom said you