

COACHING SAMPLE SCRIPT: Just Friends

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Brian/Becca: (*Teen to adult, male or female, average height and build, any accent.*)

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Amy/Arron: (*Teen to adult, male or female, average height and build, any accent.*)

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Amy/Arron is quickly, but not running, out of a restaurant into the rain while awkward trying to put their coat on. They seem to be sad, mad or disgusted about something that has their attention in their mind.

Brian/Becca, shortly after Amy/Arron gets a little way down the sidewalk, comes out of the same door into the rain with no coat in hand. Seeing Amy/Arron they start off after them with an apologetic look on their face or worried.

BRIAN/BECCA

(Trying to get Amy/Arron's attention.)

HEY!... WAIT!... STOP!

Brian/Becca catches up to Amy/Arron and starts following behind at the same speed trying to talk to them.

AMY/ARRON

(Not turning around and is still walking.)

Look I just want to get home it's late and...

BRIAN/BECCA

(Worried and confused.)

Wait, wait, wait, wait... hold up.

Brian/Becca grabs Amy/Arron lightly on the shoulder to stop them and turn them around.

BRIAN/BECCA (CNT'D)

Wait... are you upset or freaked out because I said I liked you?

AMY/ARRON

(Slightly sad and dismissive)

It's not just that... *gruh*... Look I just don't want to talk about it, it's late, it's raining and I would rather just maybe talk about this... I just want to go, okay?

BRIAN/BECCA

(Slightly apologetic.)

Because... you don't have to like me back.

Amy/Arron looks up at Brian/Becca with a question in her/his eyes.

BRIAN/BECCA (CNT'D)

Look... *sigh*... we are adults. We can like or dislike who every we want. That's the thing about feelings. You don't have to reciprocate them back to me.

Amy/Arron starts to relax a little and has a slight look of sadness on her/his face.

AMY/ARRON

(Slight shakiness in the voice.)

I... (pause) I just don't want to hurt your feelings by not feeling the same for you.

BRIAN/BECCA

(Happy and relaxed.)

Small awkward laugh... I didn't tell you how I felt because I wanted to hold YOUR feelings hostage. I mean I would love it if you felt the same, but you don't have to... *Sigh* I have gone through so many friendships and relationships regretting saying nothing and loosing sleep over what could have been.

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Amy/Arron clearly touched by the statement but still sad.

BRIAN/BECCA (CNT'D)

(Taking time to reply with careful wording.)

That kind of stuff wears you down and haunts you. I just wanted to get it off my chest.
... Staying friends is totally fine... I just hate secrets and bottling things up till they
eat you from the inside... Just can't live like that anymore.