

The Scheme

Romantic comedy · Scene for 4 · 3 min · Female role · Young adult · Intermediate

(A wedding hall. Two friends scheming in a corner; two others, at a distance, politely ignoring each other.)

MEG

Right. Lou and Rémi have loved each other for three years and are the only two who don't know it. Tonight, we fix this.

SAM

Plan: we sit them at the same table, we "forget" a chair, they're forced to squeeze together.

(Further off, Lou and Rémi, each with a glass in hand.)

LOU

Funny, there's only one chair for the two of us. Go on, take it.

RÉMI

No, you. I'll stand. I'm perfectly fine standing. For three years, I've been perfectly fine at a distance from you.

LOU

...What did you just say?

RÉMI

Nothing. The buffet. I said something about the buffet.

(Across the room, Meg and Sam watch, motionless, as if at the theatre.)

MEG

He almost did it. He ALMOST did it.

SAM

Patience. It took three years. We can wait until dessert.

What you can do with it

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