

SARAFael

A Play in Four Scenes

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Cast of Characters

<u>Sara:</u>	An understandably enraged and intelligent woman. Also plays "Host." Early 20s.
<u>Rafael:</u>	A stubborn, emotional party boy. Ari's sibling. Also plays "Interviewer." Early 20s.
<u>Ari:</u>	A strong-willed sister and friend questioning her memory. Rafael's sibling. Mid 20s.
<u>David Ando:</u>	A crazed man investigating the truth. 20s – 30s.

Scene

An empty room with a table and two chairs representing an ethereal plane and several locations (Scenes 1-3).

A radio broadcast studio (Scene 4).

Time

Now-ish.

Notes

"/" represents the start of the following line.

"-" represents a sudden stop.

All characters are people of color (BIPOC).

Sara and David are of the same race; Rafael and Ari are siblings.

Sara, Rafael, and Ari are in their twenties.

At times, characters speak stage directions.

*An empty room with and a table
and some chairs.*

ARI enters and stands.

ARI

Sara told me...

SARA

(enters and sits)

Make sure he doesn't see you.

*Ari steps to the side to watch
Rafael and Sara.*

ARI

She sat at a table trying to calm down. Then,
um...

RAFAEL

(enters)

Hey you!

SARA

Hello.

ARI

Rafael tried to kiss her when he sat down,
but Sara pulled away.

RAFAEL

Um... you want anything / to drink-

SARA

I'm not hungry.

RAFAEL

This is a coffee shop.

SARA

I'm not thirsty.

RAFAEL

... Everything okay?

SARA

A little sick.

RAFAEL

Do you need some tea or something?

SARA

No.

RAFAEL

Okay. ...what did you wanna talk about?

SARA

What do you remember about the other night?

RAFAEL

Well, I had a good time. You were fun/

SARA

No, really.

RAFAEL

I was wearing a condom if that's what you /
mean-

SARA

Did you ask me if I- umm...

RAFAEL

Did you ask me?

SARA

I shouldn't have to!

RAFAEL

You didn't ask me. I didn't ask you.

SARA

Did I say "no"? Or "stop"?

RAFAEL

No! We were kissing, and you asked if I had a
condom, and I did. / So I-

SARA

Wait, so you do remember?

Not much.

RAFAEL

Well I don't remember anything.

SARA

What?

RAFAEL

I remember... I remember having a shot with you in the kitchen, and then I remember you on top of me. Nothing... in between.

SARA

What are you saying?

RAFAEL

I don't know.

SARA

You don't know what?

RAFAEL

I don't know what happened.

SARA

Are you accusing me of something?

RAFAEL

I don't know.

SARA

You don't know?

RAFAEL

That's what I said, asshole!

SARA

Lower. Your. Voice/

RAFAEL

Shut up.

SARA

ARI

They stopped talking for a sec. Then, Rafael reached for her, but Sara/

SARA

(Stands)

Donttouchmedonteverfuckingtouchmeagain. Thank
you.

RAFAEL

Oh.

SARA

Oh? Fuck you.

RAFAEL

Fine.

SARA

What?

RAFAEL

Fine.

(stands)

I'll take it. Whatever you have to say. If
you wanna hit me, hurt me... I'll take it.

SARA

So you did/

RAFAEL

No, I didn't.

SARA

Then why are you apologizing?

RAFAEL

I don't know!

(beat)

What do you want?

SARA

(sits)

I want you- I want you to pay.

RAFAEL

(sits)

For what?

SARA
You were awake.

RAFAEL
You were awake.

SARA
I didn't know what was happening!

RAFAEL
Well, I guess I didn't either.

SARA
It's not the same.

RAFAEL
I know! That's why I'm apologizing!

SARA
You can't get out / of this-

RAFAEL
Do you think I wanted to rape anybody?!

SARA
Lower your voice.

ARI
They stopped talking again. They didn't look
at each other.

RAFAEL
We probably shouldn't... talk again.

SARA
We should not.

RAFAEL
(stands)
... okay.

SARA
Why'd you do it?

RAFAEL
I didn't.

SARA
You didn't or you didn't know you did?

RAFAEL
Both. Either. I dunno.

SARA
Goodbye Rafael.

RAFAEL
(exits)
Bye Sara.

ARI
(sits)
And he left. She looked like she was gonna
cry but/

SARA
(exits)
Asshole.

ARI
Then she left too.

*While taking notes, DAVID ANDO
enters and sits.*

ANDO
And why were you at the coffee shop watching
them?

ARI
Sara asked me to come. But I had to hide.

ANDO
You didn't want him to see you?

ARI
He's my brother...

ANDO
So you didn't want to you confront him?

ARI
I mean, I was there for Sara.

So you believed her?

ANDO

I- um... I think I/

ARI

When was the last time you talked to Sara?

ANDO

A few weeks ago.

ARI

What did you discuss?

ANDO

She asked me...

ARI

Sara enters.

What are they saying about me?

SARA

Did Rafael ask you something similar?

ANDO

Yes.

ARI

Rafael enters.

Do you believe them?

RAFAEL

What did other people say?

ANDO

Sara and Rafael act out the timeline of events from the party as Ari speaks. It looks like a dance.

ARI

(imitating other people)
They were making out... a lot. She's not a slut. I mean "slut" doesn't mean anything now, but you know what I mean. He slapped her. No, she slapped him! She slept with

Bruno's cousin. She didn't even know him. That doesn't matter, he slept with Tamiko. He was breaking bottles and literally. Howled! Like a wolf. I think that was a dare. But it's Ari's little brother; he's not gonna do anything. And she was kind of dancing on him but like... badly. He took three shots at the top of the party. She's crazy but she's not a liar! Did you know Rafael can do cartwheels? He has a temper. And she finished that off with beer, wine, and then tequila. They were betting each other who could stand on their head longer. I don't know her, but I don't trust him. I left around 1, and he was like doing a fake strip tease while she was sitting on the floor. Maybe they were just too drunk. Maybe she was too drunk. I left at 2 because nothing good happens after 2. Isn't she underage? Well she's 21, and he's 22 -- still kids. No, weren't they just chilling and talking for a long time? I thought that they looked cute. Really? I thought they stopped drinking at like midnight. They were blacked out by then. Did you see them go to a bedroom?

Sara and Rafael exit together.

ANDO

Did you?

ARI

What?

ANDO

Did you see them go into a bedroom?

ARI

No.

ANDO

Really?

ARI

Yeah.

Really? ANDO

Yes. ARI

Okay. I'm going to ask you a few more specific questions about that night. ANDO

Okay... ARI

Take a deep breath. ANDO

(breathes) ARI

Okay. ANDO

Thank you. Did you attend a party at 2085 56th Street in Oakland, California on [ENTER DATE OF FIRST PERFORMANCE IN RUN]? ANDO

Yes. ARI

How did you get to the party? ANDO

I drove. ARI

What is the make and model of your car? ANDO

I have a 2003 Toyota Sienna. ARI

That's a big car. You drove Sara to the party, correct? ANDO

Yes. ARI

ANDO
Did you drive anyone else?

ARI
My friends Tamiko and Ty.

ANDO
What time did you arrive?

ARI
9:30 or 9:45.

ANDO
Did you have anything to drink that night?

ARI
Yes.

ANDO
What exactly?

ARI
A few beers. Some shots and a mixed drink with tequila or something.

ANDO
When?

ARI
What?

ANDO
When did you have those drinks?

ARI
Umm... I had a beer at 10. Another beer at 10:45 or.. 11? A mixed something at 11:30. Another shot at midnight. And a beer at maybe 1. But I didn't finish it.

ANDO
Shot or shots?

ARI
One. Only one.