

S1 comes on stage

S1 (to 2 and 3) Good evening, do you have your tickets for the concert?

2 Louise Here they are No Reds for the moment, see, you had nothing to worry about.

3 Sean Yeah, you're right... But, it's still early, the concert doesn't start for another 20 minutes.

2 Louise Enough time for a pint then! My round!

4 Musician Hello S1! How are you doing? You got here before me tonight. Nice work!

S1 Hey yeah, no worries, I'm taking care of the tickets. And S2 is in charge of the food and drink.

4 Musician Great stuff, thank you! Oh look, more people are arriving!
(S3, S4, S5, S6 enter)

S1 Hello guys. Have you got your tickets?

S3 Here are our tickets. What time does the concert start?

S1 Not before 9pm. We are doing the soundcheck at the moment.

4 Musician That's right, the musicians are just finishing up the sound check. Everything will be ready soon!

S3 Great, we'll go and have a drink then.

(S3, S4, S5, S6 go towards the bartender S2, 2 Louise and 3 Sean)

1 Saorla Hello Fred. Hi S1. Here you go, you can take my ticket.

S1 Hey Saorla, is your brother not coming tonight?

1 Saorla My brother? Gerald will be here soon. He's just checking out the area, to see if there are any Greens about.

S1 Well, he won't be disappointed then...

1 Saorla Won't be disappointed? Why? Have you seen the Greens? My brother's enemies?

S1 Erm... I'm not that good with faces... I don't really know who they are...

1 Saorla You don't know what they look like, either? You know Gerald always talks about them, but it's all the same for me.

4 Musician Yeah! How can you tell the difference between a Green and a Red? Aren't you all just the same?

S1 Exactly! In any case, if things do end badly, well, you all bleed the same colour!

1 Saorla Yeah, that's definitely what I was talking about - having the same colour blood... Getting into a fight just because of someone's differences! Well, see you S1!

1 / 3 A mint lemonade, please!

1/3 Sorry, no, you first...

S2 Here you go, your lemonades!

1/3 Thanks S2

3 Sean What lady is that, which doth enrich the hand of yonder Fred ?

S2 I know not, sir.

3 Sean O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright! It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night... Did my heart love till now?

S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 and S6 take their seats in the audience as if they were going to go and see the concert.

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2 Kate And just to think, I was starting to get bored... Gerald is in for a big surprise. Our dear Saorla has thrown herself to the lions with that Green. I think there will be some people who would just love to hear about what's going on here...

2 Kate Oh, S3 ! I'm so happy to see you!

S3 Hey Kate Red, what's up?

2 Kate You'll never believe it but, I've got my hands on some explosive information!

S3 Really? You know you do have a habit of exaggerating...

2 Kate Don't be silly, I never exaggerate! I just reveal the truth! You need to go and tell Gerald right away!

S3 Tell him what? That your beauty parlor has closed down?

2 Kate My beauty parlor? No, thank god! it's about Saorla. Saorla and Sean Green.

S3 Saorla Red? Sean Green? What do you mean?

2 Kate Well they seem to be very close...

S3 No way, Saorla is a Red like us! She'd never go near a Green. They wouldn't even be able to talk together.

2 Kate Well listen to this, I saw them! In front of the Mother Redcaps. They were off to play Sudoku together, or something like that.

S3 That doesn't surprise me, Saorla is a gamer like her brother, Gerald!

2 Kate Stop talking crap, Gerald has been a gamer since he was a little kid. But not Saorla! Go and tell Gerald that I need to see him right now! I'll be waiting for him at Phineas' shop, the Freak Film Club.

S3 Ok, ok, but know that I'm only doing this to make you happy!

S3 leaves.

Student 4
Scene 09

S4 Hello Phineas, what good old films have you got?
4 Phineas Hello friend! Good old films? This shelf is fantastic! I have a lot of fabulous films...
S4 Go for it, give me some suggestions! It's for a family film night...
4 Phineas A family fiesta! I'm a fan. Do you fancy a film like Grease?
S4 Ah yeah, a 70s classic. But I already know that one. What else?
4 Phineas Ok, I won't suggest West Side Story then...
S4 Maybe not! It's good but a bit too much love for me! Do you have something a bit more "local"?
4 Phineas Of course! Let me go and fetch « The Commitments” .
S4 Perfect! I'll buy it! I mean, I'll rent it... Thanks, see you Monday!
S4 leaves

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- 1 Saorla** Well great, all alone like an idiot in Dun Laoghaire. Why on earth did I say yes to rock-paper-scissors. What a stupid idea.
- S5 (to S6) Come on, let's go, there's a dance competition going on - I'm sure we'll have a good old laugh at that!
- S6 Oh yes, all those old Irish dances! But, with a bit of luck, we'll meet some great people!
- S5 and S6 pass in front of 1 Saorla, they stop, they look around, then turn towards Saorla.*
- S5 Excuse me, do you know where the dance competition is taking place?
- 1 Saorla** Dance competition? No idea
- S6 Uh oh, I take it not everything is going to plan for you, Miss...
- 1 Saorla** No, "The odds are no longer in my favour" as my brother would say...
- S5 and S6 encourage her to talk about it (looks, gestures...)*
- 1 Saorla** Ok, so, I came here, like an idiot. Phineas left to get some candy floss and is nowhere to be seen. And I have had quite enough of this music!!
- S5 Oh dear, you're not doing too great, are you love? Can we help at all?
- 1 Saorla** Help? No, nothing can change my situation. The person I love is in Dublin, my brother and his friend decided that he wasn't good enough for me!
- S6 And of course you listened to them!
- 1 Saorla** Listened to them? I didn't really have a choice! Otherwise it would have been a war zone at home!
- S5 And so you think it's better to accept this forced destiny rather than following your own mind, your own heart? Typical.
- 1 Saorla** Typical? What do you mean?
- S6 Oh nothing, just that we know the classics too!
- S5 Oh yeah, the classics like Leila and Majnoun, Cathy and Heathcliff...
- S6 Romeo and Juliet.
- S5 After all being a human means we just follow blindly, right?
- 1 Saorla** *tries to get in to the conversation but S5 and S6 keep talking, ignoring her on purpose.*
- S6 That's life! That's just how humans are!
- S5 We just accept what's in front of us without question!
- S6 Yeah and it's obviously just a little crush between this girl and her boy. What's the point in wasting your time on it?
- S5 That's it, just a little crush. *(turns towards Saorla)* What's your name?
- 1 Saorla** Saorla...
- S5 And your boyfriend?
- 1 Saorla** Sean.
- S5 Saorla and Sean. Hardly the stuff of a romance story!
- S6 No. What a pity.
- S5 No one will know that one day there could have been a love story between a Saorla...
- S6 ...and a Sean.
- 1 Saorla** Would you ever stop talking? I've had enough of living my life as if I were reading a book, now is the moment to take action!
- 1 Saorla** leaves. **4 Phineas** enters.
- 4 Phineas** Ermm... you wouldn't have seen a young girl around here...
- S6 No, just a beautiful young woman chasing her destiny! *S5 and S6 leave*

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