

“WHAT IF...”

James' mother is sitting on the stage sobbing out loud over his body (a double that resembles character) that is lifeless in her arms. About halfway through the skit James' friends walk in and sit to console his mother. The whole time James is up walking around behind them doing his monologue.

James: I know what you're thinking, looks like I got it all together...right?
But you have no idea what's going on inside of me.
Look at me! I finally did it.
No more heart beats, no more breaths. I couldn't take it!
Over the past year, it's been bad day after bad day.
There have been so many bad days, that the good ones, they're just better bad ones.
I have had no hope. Dreams...what dreams? There are no dreams.
I've been out here all by myself...
And Mom, just quit crying. I don't even know right now why you're crying.
For 22 years you just looked past me. You didn't want anything to do with me.
Don't take this moment and try to act like it's all about you.
I finally did it! I showed you!
And Dad, where's he?
My dad, he's good at this, he just doesn't show up.
I just needed him to tell me he was proud of me.
I just needed you to tell me that you loved me!
I just needed to not be all alone.
I needed my friends. Where are my friends at? Where were they?
I'll tell you where they were.
They were waiting on me to crack a joke or be funny...but no...where are they today?

(Ryan and John walk on to the scene and try to console James' mom.)

Ryan, John, I thought that I was all alone. I thought you guys forgot about me.
I thought you just wanted me to be funny. I can't believe you're here.

Mom: My son, my baby.
(Mom is talking to the double lying in her arms, James is walking around behind her.)

James: No, don't call me that now.
(Obviously, mom cannot hear him.)

Mom: Just give me another chance.

James: No.

Mom: Just breathe, just breathe James...I love you!

James: No, don't tell me that now.

(Mom is sobbing pleading for him to come back.)

James: Momma, not this far.
Why didn't you tell me that two weeks ago!?!?
Why...why...this is stupid...no...why?
I thought this would show you. I thought this would make everything better.
I thought that this would pay you guys back!
But I'm realizing in this moment that you guys did love me.
I had people that loved me. I had people that cared about me! I was such an idiot!
I was such a fool to make this happen. Oh, If I could only go back God!
I would just ask for one more chance but I know, there's not one more chance.
I did it. I took the story of my life and I, I didn't allow You to write the chapters.
Because in the end, I wrote the last chapter of my life leaving you, God, no more chapters
left to write.



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