

MALE MONOLOGUE

Monologue from "GONE FISHIN'" by Todd McGinnis, Act 1

HARRISON "ON WOMEN AND 'MOTHERING'"

HARRISON: I'm not a freak. I just don't – I don't like being treated like I'm four years old and not allowed to tie my own shoes or cross the street by myself. Sounds to me like she's just showing she cares about you. Oh yeah. Women are great at caring. Unfortunately, it's a very short trip from caring to mothering and most women just love to make that little journey as soon as they can. It's like... you've gone on three dates and all of a sudden they're fussing all over you, fixing stuff that doesn't need fixing just so they can send you the message. The message that it's a good thing they came along to take care of you because clearly there's all this stuff you don't know how to do. Oh, they make it look all cutesy and thoughtful when they straighten your tie – even though it's already straight – or fix your hair – even though it looked just fine before – but what they're really saying is: Look how much fixing up you need. It's a wonder you survived this long without them. That kind of help I don't need. I got enough of that crap from the old man. Look, I don't like people trying to control me, that's all. It's like Amy with her tie-straightening, or Dad always pushing me to join some stupid club or sports team. I hate being mothered, alright? I had a mother. She was nice – even if she was a bit of a hippie-flake – but I don't need to repeat the experience. Now you wanna fish? Let's fish.