

THE PERFECT FIT

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EXT. MANLY BANDS HQ

Drone shot of Manly Hands HQ sign.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - DOOR

Closeup of a bell ringing as the door opens.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - LOBBY

Inside the store there are customers being helped by sales people at different parts of the store. Most customers are dressed in normal clothes but one customer is dressed like an astronaut while another is dressed like The Joker. We don't focus on any of these customers just yet, but we don't hide them from the frame.

ELIJAH, a disheveled and exhausted man, enters the retail store and moves to a ring display. He is looks like he has the weight of the world on his shoulders. In his hand he has his cell phone where we are listening to half of the conversation.

ELIJAH

I'm here, which one did you want me to get Grandpa for his birthday? The Patriot. OK. And what was his ring size? Got it. Thanks.

ELIJAH hangs up his phone.

CHARLA, a polished sales woman wearing a Manly Bands t-shirt enters from off screen.

CHARLA

Welcome to Manly Bands. Let me know if there is anything I can help you with.

ELIJAH

(exhausted)
Thanks.

ELIJAH is looking around at the rings and gets a text message. He lifts up the phone and a graphic pops up from his girlfriend FELICITTI.

Graphic: I'll meet you the ring store at 4:20 and we can go across the street to dinner. I am so excited for you to meet my parents tonight. They are going to love you!

ELIJAH has a half smile. His expression shows he is happy but also nervous.

As he is putting the phone away he gets another text message. This time from an unknown phone number confirming his job interview.

Graphic: 555-867-5309 This message is to confirm your interview at Paper Street Soap Company tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

ELIJAH gives an exhausted sigh.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

CHARLA walks up to ELIJAH from the other side of the ring display case.

CHARLA

Are you on the hunt for anything specific or explore all of your options?

ELIJAH

Hugh? OH! The rings right. Um, I'm looking for something called The Parrot...

CHARLA

The Patriot?

ELIJAH

That sounds right.

CHARLA

Oh good. That would have gotten weird pretty fast.

They both laugh but ELIJAH has no idea why that was funny.

CHARLA (CONT'D)

Do you know the size?

ELIJAH

10

CHARLA

Be right back.

CHARLA walks off screen.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CU SALES COUNTER

ELIJAH starts to look closer at the rings and the names next to them. He see's rings like The Cowboy, The Rockstar, The Rocketman, The Dark Knight.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

CHARLA returns with a little bag with the ring case inside it.

CHARLA

Here you go. Anything else I can help you with?

ELIJAH

Not unless you have something in the back that can help with stress and anxiety.

CHARLA

We probably do?

ELIJAH

(Looking around nervously)
Like drugs?

CHARLA

(Laughs)
No. We don't really sell those here. But have you tried out our selection before?

ELIJAH

The rings?

CHARLA

Yeah.

ELIJAH

No

CHARLA gets a big grin on her face.

ELIJAH (CONT'D)

(unaware of the twist)
What?

CHARLA points across the store to ARCHIE dressed as a regular customer trying on a ring.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - ARCHIE SALES COUNTER

ARCHIE puts on a ring from the other side of the store. A magical light and sound trigger and ARCHIE is magically transformed from a regular customer into a knight complete with armor and sword.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

ELIJAH blinks

ELIJAH
(Surprised)
Ah...what!?

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - ARCHIE SALES COUNTER

SIR ARCHIE
For Gondor!

EXT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - PARKING LOT

ARCHIE runs out of the store with his sword raised and jumps on a real HORSE that is randomly outside.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

CHARLA then points to another customer. RICARDO puts on a ring and transform into a cowboy.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - RICHARDO SALES COUNTER

RICARDO puts on a ring and transform into a cowboy.

COWBOY RICARDO
(Yelling and running out
of the store)
Hey!

EXT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - PARKING LOT

COWBOY RICARDO
Get off my horse!

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - BOB ROSS COUNTER

Another guest magically transforms next to Elijah into Bob Ross working on a painting on an easel. He is holding a paint brush & pallet.

BOB ROSS

You can do anything you want. This is your world. We don't make mistakes, we just have happy accidents.

Elijah is wide eyed at Bob Ross.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

CHARLA

We do things a little differently than most jewelers. Instead of selling boring rings, we work with enchanters and artisans to infuse our rings with something a bit more magical.

Elijah's gaze drifts past her, his mind reeling. He overhears other customers, still in their regular clothes, speaking with employees.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - TIMID SALES COUNTER

A TIMID CUSTOMER speaks quietly to EMPLOYEE 2 wearing a Manly Bands t-shirt.

TIMID CUSTOMER - ALEX

I have to give a best man speech on Saturday. Do you have a ring that's... witty? But not, like, too witty? Just... confident witty?

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - AMBITIOUS SALES COUNTER

A few feet away, an AMBITIOUS CUSTOMER points emphatically at a ring in a display case for EMPLOYEE 3 also wearing the Manly Bands t-shirt.

AMBITIOUS CUSTOMER

I'm tired of spreadsheets. I want something that says 'I wrestle sharks and navigate by the stars.' Show me 'The Mariner.'

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

ELIJAH looks around and notices the astronaut and Joker.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - ASTRONAUT COUNTER

ASTRONAUT
(V.O., as if over a comm)
Houston, we have a perfect fit.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - JOKER COUNTER

The JOKER leans conspiratorially toward EMPLOYEE 1, holding up a simple band.

JOKER RODNEY
(With a gleeful, unhinged smile)
I'm looking for something that says, "stylish, but also... society is a joke." Does this come in purple?

EMPLOYEE 1 just nods nervously.

EMPLOYEE 1 - KINDRA
I'll go check in the back.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

ELIJAH
So...does that mean, the names of these rings...

CHARLA
Yep. Full magical conversion, well, at least while you are wearing the ring.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - FIREMAN COUNTER

Another customer transforms into a fireman on the other side of Elijah drawing his attention.

EMPLOYEE 2 - KATHY
How does that feel?

FIREMAN
This will definitely pass inspection.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - VIKING COUNTER

Another customer transforms into a Viking.

VIKING LOGAN
Fight me! Either here or at a
Factory, Valhalla awaits!

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

Charla is amused by Elijah's amazement with the magic.

CHARLA
Do you have anything specific in
mind you want to try out?

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - VIKING COUNTER

In the background, the VIKING slams a fist on the counter.

VIKING LOGAN (O.S.)
A raid is not 'excessive wear and
tear'!

EMPLOYEE 3 (O.S.)
Sir, the policy is clear!

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - REGULAR CUSTOMER COUNTER

A REGULAR FEMALE CUSTOMER, in her 30s, watches the VIKING.
She casually turns to EMPLOYEE 3.

FEMALE CUSTOMER ANGIE
(Nodding towards the
Viking)
I don't need the ring... but can I
get him gift-wrapped?

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

Clearing his head, Elijah turns his focus back to Charla.

ELIJAH
I have a lot going on. I'm meeting
my girlfriend's parents for the
first time, I have a job interview
coming up I'm not suppose to talk
about.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - T-REX SALES COUNTER

Elijah looks around the room at a customer transforming into a T-Rex.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA SALES COUNTER

ELIJAH

Do you have anything that can help me with... I dunno... more confidence.

CHARLA

Lets see what works best for you. How about we start off with this one.

Charla pulls out a mirror and walks around the other side of the sales counter.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CHARLA + MIRROR IN LOBBY

CHARLA pulls out the various rings and ELIJAH transforms with mixed results. Each ring transforms him physically, vocally as well as his wardrobe. Each character will have a single line as to object to this look.

SCIENTIST MUSA

I feel smarter, but the kind of smart that could configure a nuclear reactor or map the human genome.

KING

This one makes me want to conquer France and ban Mondays.

SAILOR

I suddenly crave canned tuna.

FISHERMAN

I've got worms in my pocket and I'm weirdly okay with it.

ROCKSTAR

My pants are too tight to hit the high notes.

The man in the INFLATABLE T-REX costume waddles helplessly behind and past Elijah.

HUNTER
 (Pointing at the T-Rex)
 That T-Rex is gonna look great
 mounted on my wall.

The Human T-Rex lets out a muffled, slightly pathetic ROAR
 from inside the suit.

NASCAR DRIVER - LINCOLN
 (Wearing a full racing
 suit)
 Feels fast. Real fast. I gotta go
 make a few hundred left turns.

REFEREE
 (Wearing stripes, blows a
 whistle)
 Unsportsmanlike conduct! Trying on
 too many rings!

His latest ring, The CEO, transforms ELIJAH into JOHN, the
 CEO of Manly Bands.

JOHN
 I need a full Q4 analysis on the
 P&L of the soap division! No,
 wait... what am I talking about?

CHARLA
 Rings....

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

JOHN
 I don't think any of these are
 going to work.
 (looking at his latest
 body)
 This isn't me. I don't want to be
 someone else. I just want to
 feel... capable. Like I'm enough.

CHARLA
 That's not something we carry in
 our collection.

JOHN is disappointed. and tries to take off the ring.

Charla puts down the mirror.

JOHN

(Sighs, looks at his hand)
Right. Well, I'd like to be myself
again, please.

(He tries to pull the ring
off. It doesn't budge.)
It's stuck.

CHARLA

Sorry?

JOHN

The Ring. It's too small and I
can't take it off.

A pop up reminds ELIJAH that FELICITTI will be arriving at
4:20.

JOHN looks at a clock on the wall and it says 4:15.

JOHN (CONT'D)

FELICITTI is going to be here any
minute! You have to help me get
this off!

EXT. MANLY BANDS PARKING LOT

We see FELICITTI pull up in her car in the parking lot

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

CHARLA tries squiring some soap on the ring but it doesn't
work. It is stuck.

EXT. MANLY BANDS PARKING LOT

FELICITTI is getting out of her car.

CHARLA

Sometimes it doesn't want to let
go. The ring resists when the fit
isn't right. We have a...
"disenchanted tool" for this.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY DOOR

Korey, a Manly Bands employee, comes out with a sledge
hammer.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

JOHN
Oh come on...

EXT. MANLY BANDS PARKING LOT

FELICITTI is walking to the front of the store.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

KOREY
Don't worry. I've never hurt myself
smashing someone else's hand.

JOHN
(Panicking)
What!?

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CLOSEUP DOOR

Closeup of a bell ringing as the door opens.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

Korey swings the hammer connecting with the ring on the first try cracking the ring and returning ELIJAH to his normal appearance.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS DOOR

FELICITTI walks into the retail store, spots ELIJAH and walks over to him and gives him a hug.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - MANLY BANDS LOBBY

FELICITTI
Did you find what you were looking
for?

CHARLA
We also make custom rings. They
don't turn you into a Viking or a
CEO.

ELIJAH
What do they do?

CHARLA

(Smiling)

Nothing. They're just a reminder.
That you don't need to be someone
else to be confident. You just need
to be the best version of you.

ELIJAH smiles

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - LOBBY + MIRROR

CHARLA hands him a simple, elegant ring. Not magical, just a ring. Elijah slips it on. He looks at his reflection in the mirror.

For a moment, nothing happens. He's still the same disheveled Elijah. Felicitti is watching him.

Then, inspired by the ring and the realization, Elijah takes action himself. He straightens his posture. Charla hands him a comb. He smooths down his hair. He tucks in his shirt. The change isn't a magical poof, but a conscious decision. He becomes the well-groomed man through his own actions.

FELICITTI

You clean up nice!

ELIJAH

(Looking at himself, then
at her taking her hand)
It's a perfect fit.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CLOSE UP HAND

He glances down at the simple, non-magical ring on his finger.

INT. MANLY BANDS RETAIL STORE - CU ELIJAH'S FACE

A genuine, confident smile spreads across his face.