

FLORIDA MAN - The Musical
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CHARACTERS

Mordy Mendelsohn
Rachel Mendelsohn
Bernadette
Student
Boy 1 / Florida Man 1
Boy 2 / Florida Man 2
Boy 3 / Florida Man 3
Wendy
Alligator
News Reporter

Student Ensemble

SCENE ONE

High School in Boca Raton
Present Day

(MORDY, a seventeen year old boy, addresses the audience.)

MORDY

October 15, 2026.

SONG #1: I HATE FLORIDA

MORDY

My name is Mordy Mendelsohn. I moved here to Boca in Florida two months ago. Left the Upper West Side of Manhattan, everything I know, for this. This “paradise” they call it, where the weather never changes and everyone at school calls me...

STUDENT

Hey everyone it's Mordy from the biiiiiig city.

ENSEMBLE

Goooooon!

MORDY

Welcome to Boca...

WHERE EVERYONE'S GOT A TAN
THAT FAKE FAKE SHEEN
SMELLING LIKE A BIG OL'
BUCKET OF SUNSCREEN
AND THE WEATHER DOESN'T CHANGE
IT'S SUNNY EVERY DAY
SWEATING MY TUCHES OFF
IT MAKES ME GO INSANE

IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE FOR YEARS
I'M LOW-KEY ON THE VERGE OF TEARS
'CAUSE NO ONE ELSE AROUND ME HEARS THAT
I HATE FLORIDA

I HATE FLORIDA
IT MAKES ME WANNA DIE SORTA
DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY CAN'T AFFORD A
BETTER BAGEL SHOP
I HATE FLORIDA
SMELLS LIKE ONE BIG PORTA...

ENSEMBLE

POTTY

MORDY

MAKES ME WANNA TELEPORT-A
BACK TO NYC

So how did I end up in this situation? Well behind every nice Jewish boy is a mother...

(RACHEL appears)

RACHEL

Mordy, bubeleh...

MORDY

My mother, Rachel. Now let me take you back to a few months ago. I'm getting ready to go to camp when my mom tells me...

RACHEL

Sweetie, I have some news. When you get back from NYC, we're moving.

EVERYWHERE I LOOK IN NYC
PEOPLE MARCHING FOR THAT MAMDANI
AND I DON'T LIKE IT SWEETIE
I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL
I CANNOT PUT UP WITH THIS
THERE'S NO TIME TO STALL

SO GUESS WHAT IS NEXT FOR US?
WE'LL JOIN THE JEWISH EXODUS
AND MOVE TO A MAGICAL LAND

MORDY

Israel?

RACHEL

Florida!

GIMME
PALM TREES
OCEAN BREEZE
ALL I NEED

Try it with me Mordy.

(MORDY joins in with no enthusiasm.)

RACHEL & MORDY

GIMME
PALM TREES
OCEAN BREEZE
ALL I NEED

RACHEL

Chorus!

(ENSEMBLE of Florida singers appear and join in.)

MORDY

So as I was saying, my mom packed the car and moved
me here to Boca. And it's not been going great

HERE IS MY IMPRESSION
JUST AN HONEST REAL CONFESSION
BOCA KILLS MY SELF EXPRESSION
TRIGGERS SEASONAL DEPRESSION
THE HEAT IS QUITE OPPRESSIVE
AND THE BUILDINGS UNIMPRESSIVE
EVERYONE HERE IS OBSESSIVE
'BOUT THEIR SPORTS CARS SO AGGRESSIVE

YEAH, I HATE FLORIDA
IT MAKES ME WANNA DIE SORTA
DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY CAN'T AFFORD A
BETTER BAGEL SHOP

I HATE FLORIDA
SMELLS LIKE ONE BIG PORTA...
MAKES ME WANNA TELEPORT-A
BACK TO NYC
BACK TO NYC

(BERNADETTE enters. The boys surround her.)

BOY 1

Hi Bernadette.

BOY 2

Hey Bernadette.

RACHEL & ENS

GIMME
PALM TREES
OCEAN BREEZE
ALL I NEED
GIMME
PALM TREES
OCEAN BREEZE
ALL I NEED
GIMME
PALM TREES
OCEAN BREEZE
ALL I NEED

HE HATES FLORIDA
WANNA DIE SORTA

BETTER BAGEL SHOP
WITH SCALLION CREAM CHEESE
HE HATES FLORIDA
POTTY!

BACK TO NYC
BACK TO NYC

BOY 3

Wanna hang out this weekend?

(BERNADETTE acts like she can't hear them and walks away. They follow.)

MORDY

THAT'S BERNADETTE
THE COOLEST GIRL IN SCHOOL
EVERY BOY WANTS HER
WATCH 'EM ALL DROOL

ENSEMBLE

AND HE'S THE NEW KID
HE AIN'T GOT A SHOT
A LOSER FROM NEW YORK
WHO COULDN'T GET A GIRL THAT HOT

MORDY

BUT IF I COULD GET HER ATTENTION
SEE THE WORLD FROM HER DIMENSION
MAYBE IT WOULD BREAK THE TENSION
AND I'D WANNA STAY

BOY 1

Bernadette have you seen the latest one?

(BOY 1 takes out his phone and plays a video. The BOYS and BERNADETTE watch. A NEWS REPORTER appears enacting the video they are watching.)

NEWS REPORTER

Breaking news from Tampa: A Florida Man who hid in a swamp during a police chase got stuck, was caught, and licked by the policeman's dog. We have the footage now.

BOYS & BERNADETTE

Ewwwwwww!

(MORDY pops his head into the group.)

MORDY

That's so stupid.

BERNADETTE

I think it's kind of awesome.

MORDY

Stupid-awesome I meant to say!

BERNADETTE

I admire those people.

MORDY

So like if someone did that, you'd respect them?

BERNADETTE

Totally. I'd wanna hang out with someone crazy enough to do that. See ya later weirdo.

(BERNADETTE exits)

MORDY

I know what I gotta do. And then after that, everything will change!

MORDY

I WILL LIKE FLORIDA
'CAUSE BERNADETTE WOULD SORTA
GO ON A DATE JUST FOR A
NIGHT WITH ME
YES, I WILL LIKE FLORIDA
BECOME A FLORIDA MAN FOR HER
DO SOMETHING CRAZY MAKE THE WORLD A
BETTER PLACE FOR ME
A BETTER PLACE FOR ME!

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HE WILL LIKE FLORIDA
SHE WOULD SORTA

NIGHT WITH HIM
HE WILL LIKE FLORIDA
FLORIDA MAN FOR HER

BETTER PLACE FOR HIM

HE WILL LIKE FLORIDA!

SCENE TWO

Mordy's Bedroom

Later that day

(MORDY sits on his bed with his laptop.)

MORDY

TIME FOR ME TO MAKE MY STAND
SUCK IT UP DO ALL I CAN
MAKE BERNADETTE MY BIGGEST FAN
GONNA BECOME A FLORIDA MAN

BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THERE ARE SO MANY CHOICES
SPEAK TO ME FLORIDA MEN
LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICES

(MORDY flips open his laptop. A chorus of FLORIDA MEN appears.)

FLORIDA MAN 1

I STOLE A GIANT HAMSTER WHEEL
TO RIDE ACROSS THE OCEAN
DIDN'T THINK I'D SINK
AND THEN CAUSE SUCH A BIG COMMOTION
I'M A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MAN 2

I BROKE INTO A PRISON
JUST TO HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS
DIDN'T HAVE AN EXIT PLAN
SO GUESS HOW THIS ONE ENDS
I'M A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MEN

YOU COULD SAY MY PLAN WAS A FAIL
'CAUSE NOW I'M STUCK HERE IN JAIL
AND I'M TOO POOR TO MAKE MY BAIL

FLORIDA MAN 1

I'M A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MAN 2

I'M A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MAN 1 & 2

I'M A FLORIDA MAN!

FLORIDA MAN 3

I WENT INTO A TARGET
SAW THAT STUPID OLAF DOLL
HE LOOKED AT ME RIGHT FUNNY
AND WE GOT INTO A BRAWL
I'M A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MEN

SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO BOY?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

MORDY

Hmmm, let me think. It needs to be something big. How about?

I RIDE AN ALLIGATOR
THROUGH THE DRIVE THROUGH AT A WENDY'S
I HOLD 'EM UP AT GUNPOINT
'TIL I GET MY CHICKEN TENDIES
IS THAT A FLORIDA MAN?

FLORIDA MAN 1

Heck yeah!

FLORIDA MAN 2

Love it!

FLORIDA MAN 3

Brilliant!

ALL

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE NEWS
LIVE LIKE YOU GOT NOTHING TO LOSE
NOTHING ELSE TO CHOOSE
BUT BE A FLORIDA MAN

MORDY

I'LL BE A FLORIDA MAN

FLORIDA MEN

HE'LL BE A FLORIDA MAN

ALL

A FLORIDA MAN!

SCENE THREE

Mordy's Living Room

Immediately after the previous scene

(MORDY runs into the living room. His mom RACHEL is sitting on the sofa reading.)

RACHEL

Oh hi my little Mordeleh. How was school today?

(He doesn't respond.)

Mordy I'm talking to you.

MORDY

Mom, you know I hate it here.

RACHEL

These things take time. But it only gets better if you take action and make it what you want.

MORDY

Well speaking of that Mom, listen. There is this girl I met, she goes to my school and she's really cool.

RACHEL

Cool? In Boca? She must be a shiksa.

MORDY

Doesn't matter, listen! I've got an idea to get her attention. I'm going to become a Florida Man and that would blow her away.

RACHEL

But you are a Florida Man Mordy. You're a young man... in Florida.

MORDY

That's not what it means Mom.

RACHEL

So what is a Florida Man then?

(He shows her a video on his phone. She reacts in horror and disgust.)

RACHEL

Oy my Mordeleh. You can't do that. In fact, if you do, you're grounded for a month.

MORDY

No Ima stop. Please! You wanted me to like Florida? Well this is my way to fit in. To make friends.

RACHEL

I forbid it. Go to your room and study. Now!

(He starts marching to his room.)

SCENE FOUR

Mordy's Bedroom

Immediately after the previous scene

(MORDY is pacing in his bedroom.)

MORDY

What should I do? Should I even do this anymore?

No! This is my moment! But how do I get out of here without my mom noticing?

(The FLORIDA MEN appear.)

FLORIDA MAN 1

Dude, it's so simple.

FLORIDA MAN 2

Go out the window.

FLORIDA MAN 3

Smart plan.

MORDY

You guys are nuts, but it's the only way.

(He climbs out the window and down the side of the house.)

MORDY

I don't know where to get an alligator and a gun.

(THE FLORIDA MEN magically have an alligator and a gun at the ready. They hand them to MORDY.)

MORDY

Where did you get that from so easily?

FLORIDA MAN 1

Publix.

MORDY

Isn't that a grocery store?

FLORIDA MAN 2

This is Florida.

FLORIDA MAN 3

You can get anything at a grocery store.

MORDY

Awesome. I'm coming Bernadette!

(MORDY gets on the ALLIGATOR and takes out his phone.)

Hey SIRI, take me to the closest Wendy's.

(The ALLIGATOR starts to travel as the FLORIDA MEN and ENSEMBLE sing.)

SONG #3: MORDY RIDING AN ALLIGATOR

ENSEMBLE

MORDY
RIDING
AN ALLI - GATOR
TO WENDY'S
MORDY
RIDING
AN ALLI - GATOR
TO WENDY'S

(MORDY and the ALLIGATOR pull up to a building. WENDY appears.)

WENDY

Welcome to Wendy's. Can I help you sir?

MORDY

Can I have some chicken tenders please? Wait a minute.

(He flinches and pulls out his gun, pointing it at Wendy, who recoils.)

Gimme all your chicken tenders!

WENDY

We only have live chickens here.

MORDY

Isn't that a health code violation?

WENDY

I prefer them alive. I'm a vegetarian.

MORDY

Vegetarian? I thought this was a Wendy's.

WENDY

It is. Wendy's Nature Reserve and Animal Conservation Center. WNRAC for short.

(BERNADETTE enters.)

Hey honey.

BERNADETTE

Hi mom

MORDY

Wait what?

BERNADETTE

Mordy, is that a South Norwegian Long Tailed Alligator?

MORDY

Um... do you want it to be?

BERNADETTE

And you rescued it and brought it here to my mom's conservation center?

MORDY

Um...

BERNADETTE

Out of the kindness of your heart and your love for animals?

MORDY

I did it for you.

(BERNADETTE hugs MORDY.)

BERNADETTE

Oh Mom, this is Mordy. Isn't he amazing!?

WENDY

Such a nice young man. And he knows his way with a firearm. He's a real Florida Man. I like him sweetie.

BERNADETTE

Mordy, you wanna go on a date some time?

MORDY

Yeah!

BERNADETTE

Great, let's meet this weekend at the range.

MORDY

I'll borrow some clubs.

BERNADETTE

No silly, the gun range.

MORDY

Oh...

(NEWS REPORTER enters.)

NEWS REPORTER

Breaking news: A Florida man named Mordy Mendelsohn is a local Boca hero, after rescuing an endangered alligator and delivering it to the nearby animal conservation center.

(RACHEL comes running in and races to Mordy.)

RACHEL

Mordy, I just heard the news. I'm so proud of you. A real Florida mensch!

SONG #4: FINALE

MORDY

I SAVED AN ALLIGATOR
WHEN I DROPPED IT OFF AT WNRAC
GOT A DATE WITH BERNADETTE
IT SEEMS MY LIFE IS ON TRACK
I'M A FLORIDA MENSCH

FLORIDA MEN & RACHEL

IF YOU WANNA MAKE THE NEWS
AND BRING PRIDE TO THE JEWS
SOMEONE BERNADETTE CAN'T REFUSE
BECOME A FLORIDA MENSCH

MORDY

NOW I LIKE FLORIDA
BECAME A FLORIDA MENSCH FOR HER
FOLLOWED MY HEART, MADE THE WORLD A
BETTER PLACE
A BETTER PLACE TO BE
IN FLORIDA!!!!

ENSEMBLE

NOW HE LIKES FLORIDA
A FLORIDA MENSCH FOR HER

BETTER PLACE
BETTER PLACE TO BE
IN FLORIDA!!!!

THE END