

Welcome back for the Act 2 introduction for King James! This track is 4 minutes 45 seconds long. After intermission, or halftime, we have switched time and place. One sign of this is that the men are both now using smartphones as these quarters are set in 2014 and 2016.

Both of these quarters take place in Armand's, the upholstery and antique store owned by Matt's parents.

In quarter 3, Shawn is working at Armand's, so he wears the uniform shirt. It is bright yellow with dark green buttons and a spiky collar. The shirt has a name tag on one side of his chest, a small logo of an armadillo on the other, and reads "Armand's" across the back, like a sports jersey. It is slightly too big and boxy. Matt on the other hand is very trendy. He wears grey jogger pants, a fitted blue shirt printed with green leaves and oranges, a backwards turquoise and green baseball cap, and pristine low Nike sneakers, also turquoise, with neon orange and navy blue accents.

In quarter 4, there is a reversal of fortunes and it's Matt who works at the store, wearing his own ill-fitting yellow uniform shirt with his joggers and brown shoes. Shawn's glow up has him wearing dark jeans with a long burgundy t shirt, lightweight bomber jacket with a soft blue, cream, and purple drifting design, and black, shiny LeBron high top sneakers with red laces.

In both quarters, the walls of the store again meet at the centre back of the stage. They are a washed out lime green and hung with all sorts of items - framed pictures, sports equipment, taxidermy birds, clocks, and masks.

On the left side of the stage, on an angle, is an L-shaped counter with an old fashioned cash register close to us. Armand the armadillo sits on the counter corner, on a red heart-shaped pillow. Towards the back of the stage, next to the counter, is a wide shelf crowded with assorted objects. Opposite the shelf in the other wall are two windows. Gold writing on them that appears backwards to us reads "Armand's. Oddities, alterations, and re-upholstery."

Below the windows are a large wooden chest and braided rug.

Next to the chest and windows is a glass door with a sign hanging on it - the side facing us reads "closed". There is a small bell next to the door that jingles whenever it is opened. Beside the door is a small settee with its arm half-upholstered, foam escaping its fabric, and a wire wastebasket.

In the corner, next to the shelf, is a large wooden chair with blue velvet cushions. Across the room is a large globe with four legs on casters - the globe bar Matt mentioned in the first act.

Now for some notes on the action. At the start of the third quarter, Shawn is behind the counter, attempting to superglue Armand the armadillo's paw onto its leg. It clicks against the taxidermied body or when dropped on the counter. Shawn is wearing earbuds plugged into his phone as he takes a call. During the scene, Shawn fetches a large box from the back. When Matt unpacks it, he unwraps glass tumblers with a logo etched into them. Later, they wheel the globe towards the counter and open it reveal liquor bottles, and pour themselves drinks into the tumblers. Matt decides he wants to help Shawn practice for an interview, and brings the wooden chair into the right corner, manhandling Shawn into in. Matt stands behind him with hands on Shawn's shoulders, like it's an interrogation.

When news breaks, you'll hear a barrage of updated message alerts from their cell phones: (play sounds)

In the transition between quarters 3 and 4, stagehands wearing Armand's uniform shirts will remove several items from the walls and shelves, leaving the store half empty to signify that it has been sold and pieces are being cleared out.

At the beginning of quarter 4, it's Matt who sits behind the counter with sandwich in a paper bag. He makes a face when he bites into the sandwich. Matt stands up when Shawn's presence is announced by the jingle of the bell at the door.

Later, after their discussion gets heated, Shawn says "I'm trying to explain to you" and pulls a ticket out of his pocket, handing it to Matt. Matt stares at it as they talk about game 7.

Near the end of the quarter, Matt hurls his crumpled sandwich bag towards the garbage but Shawn hits it down mid air and shouts "welcome to my block party". They put the wastebasket on the counter and then play basketball, spinning, weaving, and shouting. At one point Shawn calls Matt for travelling and pulls on his arm, dragging him backwards. The show ends with them frozen mid game, Shawn about to shoot. We hope you enjoy the rest of King James!