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Summary:

What happens after your older brother eats your cake? In my original, full-length play, Piece of Cake, I explore the relationship between two brothers, Heath and Willis, through this comical and poignant question. What do we do when something that was promised to us is taken? Heath, an aspiring filmmaker, and his tightly wound younger brother, Willis; have a complicated dynamic being the only inheritors of a family business in a small Wyoming town. This delicate balance is disrupted when Willis' soon-to-be fiancé, and an ex-flame of Heath, assumes a new position at their family store. Surface tensions and buried resentments are unearthed after a coveted dessert is carelessly eaten. Piece of Cake asks the question: Is reconciliation possible?