FADE IN:

1 EXT. WOODS OUT BY A HOUSE - DAY

Two 10-year old boys, 10 BRIAN, skinny and nervous, and 10 FRANK, short and floppy-haired, look at each other's penises behind a shed. TIM bathes a cow in the background.

10 BRIAN Why does yours have more hair Frank? I'm older than you, I'm 11 in two months.

10 FRANK Maybe my dad's got a lot of hair.

10 BRIAN You should ask him.

10 FRANK

We never talk about wieners in my house. It's a rule. Yours is all pale and wormy.

10 BRIAN

Can I see if yours tickles in the same spot mine does?

10 FRANK

No, don't touch it! I've never spermed before and I don't want you to make me sperm for the first time because then I'll be gay...forever.

10 BRIAN ...does this make us gay?

10 FRANK Oh I'm not gay. I wish you were a girl right now so bad.

FEMALE VOICE (0.S.) Guys, lunch! What are you doing behind the shed?

The boys quickly pull their pants up and run out from the back of the shed. Brian tackles Frank to the ground. Frank laughs.

CENTER TITLE: AND NOW FOR A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO SEXUAL INSECURITY.

INT. SCHOOL BUS - DAY

Frank and Brian sit in the same seat. They wear matching plaid shirts and hold matching yellow lunchboxes. A little fat punk, JAY, gets Frank's attention.

JAY

'Ay, Brian says you guys touched dicks. What do you like men kid?

10 FRANK

(turns sharply to Brian) We didn't touch dicks, that's gay! Brian was afraid his wiener was too small so he begged to show it to me!

10 BRIAN

(meek) Not uh, Frank showed me his penis and it was all hairy too.

JAY Oh my god, you guys showed dicks!

10 FRANK Jay, listen. Brian's a loser. This kid sucks and his house smells. He's a fucking liar.

JAY

Then why do you guys dress the same and carry around the same lunch boxes?

10 FRANK ... I'm making fun of him.

Brian is crying a little. He's trying everything to hold it back.

JAY

'Ay, he is a gay! Kid, being gay is the worst thing you can be.

EXT. COUNTY FAIR - DUSK

A smoking, pregnant young lady pushes a baby in a stroller with a young man beside her.

SUBTITLE: Brian: 6 Years Later.

A TWEEN MALE bumps into Brian's girlfriend while running by.

PREGNANT CHICK Fuckin' faggot!

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The tween male turns around.

TWEEN MALE Hey retard! Don't you know to never fuck a girl without a future?

16 BRIAN Shut the fuck up!

4 INT. 90'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

SUBTITLE: Frank: 14 Years Old

Frank glances out the blinds of the bay window. The faint sound of canned laughter on television is heard in the background. He takes a deep breath and unzips his pants.

A dog barks in the background. Frank quickly zips his pants back up and grabs the remote to the TV. After a moment, he reexamines the outside and unzips his pants again.

INT. 90'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Frank lays on his stomach watching TV. He speaks into a cordless phone.

> 14 FRANK (on phone) No, Neil...Neil, I think...I think I've found a way to have sex without having sex. (beat) What? No, not like jacking off, that's gross. It's just sorta having sex, with your hand. (beat) No, NOT like jacking off. You just think really hard about sex for it to work. It's the best feeling, it's like having a boner, and then getting a second boner on top of the first boner.

INT. 14 FRANK'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Frank and Neil lay awake at a sleep over.

14 FRANK How come you never wanna talk about sex stuff Neil?

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14 NEIL Because I don't have anything to say.

14 FRANK

You know Tamara at school? She's got a nice ass, I want to touch it. Don't you ever think about stuff like that?

14 NEIL Gah - I - I don't know. I don't have anything. I...yeah, Tamara's got a nice ass, that's what I'll say.

14 FRANK You suck. I'm going to sleep.

Frank turns over. The room is silent for a while.

14 NEIL All right! All right! You want to know! Fine! I want to fuck Christine DeMello. I want to eat her, with ketchup and mustard. I just want her thighs in my face like a pile of spicey buffalo wings!

Frank suppresses a big laugh but stays silent.

14 NEIL (CONT'D)

Frank?

Frank pretends to snore.

14 NEIL (CONT'D) You're fucking awake right now.

Frank's dad calls up from downstairs.

FRANK'S DAD (V.O.) 'Ay, I don't wanna hear a couple of little girls up there, giggling!

14 NEIL (very nervous) Your dad heard that? Do you think he heard the whole Christine thing?

Frank pretends to snore.

14 NEIL (CONT'D) (whispering) You're not asleep asshole! (beat) You better not bring this up again. Neil turns over. The two lay in silence for a few beats.

FRANK'S DAD 'Ay Frank, ask Neil if he clogged this toilet!

14 FRANK (beat) Did you clog the toilet Neil?

14 NEIL (so embarassed) I had to go so bad after your mom's hot dogs.

14 FRANK (yelling down) Yeah, he did!

FRANK'S DAD (yelling up) Oh...well what's he gonna do about it?

EXT. MALL - DUSK

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Young Frank sits outside a mall. He takes out his little wallet and counts his cash. Along the curb, a young lady of his age is dropped off by her parents.

JESS, quirkily dressed, waves friendly at Frank as they enter the mall together.

14 FRANK So I know it looks friggin' retarded, but do you want to see Battlefield Earth?

14 JESS (smiling) Absolutely. It looks good in some ways.

14 FRANK Okay, I should have enough for both our tickets.

14 JESS No no, I'll pay for myself. Maybe after the movie we can ride the escalators?

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INT. MALL - PRESENT DAY

FADE IN:

Present day Frank and Jess ride down an escalator.

FRANK

This mall's gotten shitty.

JESS

Better than studying.

FRANK

You don't have to be here to put off studying, we can do that at home.

JESS If I was home I wouldn't have an excuse.

FRANK Fuckin' Tetris gets me.

JESS From what, writing?

FRANK

From fuckin'...life. So okay, worst case scenario, you don't get into a women's health rotation THIS semester...?

JESS

Well until I could apply again, I'd have to become a full time RN, find some kind of affordable health care since I won't be a student...

FRANK

You're a fucking nurse, you can't find health care?

JESS

Isn't that shit? We get boned.

FRANK

Could always just marry me.

JESS What, for health insurance?

FRANK

Sure. Just go down to town hall, get a beach sticker, a lollipop, and a marriage license. Instant health insurance. (laughs) Sounds like a plan.

FRANK

Whatever - you'll get in, make all the money, and as long as we don't have kids we'll be rich.

JESS

You don't have to sell me on the kids thing.

FRANK

Oh, I don't know. Everyone insists that you're some kind of sleeper agent and will eventually click on and start launching children.

JESS

Just makes me want 'em less. Who wants kids? I need your full attention.

EXT. MALL - CONTINUOUS

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Frank and Jess exit the mall and walk through the rows of cars.

FRANK

Do me a favor and tell people that. They can't seem to grasp that perhaps the girl doesn't want the weddings or kids.

JESS Who's "they" anyway?

FRANK I don't know. Everyone.

JESS

(laughs) Okay.

FRANK

People just don't want to hear me say "never." "Well you can't say you'll NEVER want kids."

JESS What if you said "I'll never not want kids."

FRANK Oh that'd be fine, obviously.

Jess laughs.

FRANK (CONT'D) (laughs) Women's health and you're antibaby.

JESS Anti-ME baby. And there's a lot more to women's health than babies.

Frank pulls out his phone.

FRANK Speaking of which...

JESS Who are you texting?

FRANK

A pussy.

10 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - DAY

Neil sits in his towel, freshly showered. He blankly reads news sites and manages a few IMs. His phone vibrates loudly on his desk. He ignores it.

He minimizes the IMs and looks at the status of some porn downloads (files are named things like "cunt suck to SQUEEZE her little cream pie free ringtone fuck! Hottttest bitch 13 years old with dad and aunt!!!). They're all at least 20 minutes away from completing.

He tries to stream another video but a few seconds in, it stops on a cock. He tries to seek ahead in the video but it's just precariously frozen on the penis. He has to force quit the browser.

He goes into his porn folder (which is hidden under layers and layers of sub folders and hidden folders) and starts opening and seeking through them rapidly. He's sighing in frustration.

Neil returns to his peer to peer program. One video is done. He opens it and his computer crashes with virus notifications. Defeated, he shuts off his monitor and retires to his bed.

Neil lays down, pulls his pants down and shirt up. His cat immediately hops onto his belly and relaxes. He sits up and the cat runs off. He lies back and closes his eyes.

11 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - FANTASY

A gorgeous RED HEAD in an elegant white dress lays on Neil's bed. Neil sits at the edge of the bed and looks at her.

RED HEAD (thick Irish accent) You know I haven't been with a man since I left home.

NEIL Hope you don't mind all this chest hair.

RED HEAD In my village, a man with a thick chest carries sexual pride and a masculine thrust.

NEIL Ughh, you're driving me nuts.

The red head picks up a violin and plays a soft, noble tune. Neil massages and explores her shoulders. The octaves raise beautifully as he gently but firmly works her neck and shoulders, making his way up the back of her hair and on to her scalp.

He takes a thick handful of red hair and buries his face in it. What a fantasy.

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INT. NEIL'S ROOM - REALITY

Neil is really getting into his self-fuck.

13 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - FANTASY

Neil continues his massage.

RED HEAD (sharply) Shit, do I look a little like Mom?

The red head instantly changes to some NEW RED HEAD in a bra.

NEW RED HEAD Mmm, Neil. Remember me? I'm the bra model from Target.

Neil bites into her neck.

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14 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - REALITY

Neil's pace has quickened. His cat continues to rub against his leg. He keeps kicking the cat away.

Finally he grabs for a tissue, cums for a few seconds, and frowns once, quickly.

He lets out a soft belch, sits for a moment, and finally gets around to picking up his pants (still unzipped). But with his shirt still hiked:

A KNOCK at the door. Without waiting for a response, DAN, attractive and dark haired, walks in.

DAN

Hey.

Neil convulses, startled, but doesn't have time to undo his state as Dan plops down at Neil's computer and starts checking his mail.

> DAN (CONT'D) What's happenin'?

Neil, pants still unzipped, shirt still hiked up, and spoodge tissue still in hand, stares blankly at Dan.

DAN (CONT'D) (still not looking at him) Just masturbating?

NEIL

(sarcastic) Nope.

Dan turns to Neil and sees him in his vulnerable state. Unaffected, Dan turns back to the computer.

> DAN Did you know your computer is totally fucked?

NEIL Yeah. Had to use my imagination. Kinda sucks, I used to be better at it.

DAN Sometimes you have to do it in bed. Even if that means no porn.

NEIL

You ever download a small piece of porn so you can get it fast, and then it turns out to be a virus? DAN No. I'm not an idiot.

NEIL It was like, a meg and a half. Could've been like, a 10 second clip of a blowjob.

DAN And that's all you need? What are you, new to this?

NEIL It's not all I need. But I'm retarded when I'm horny. And if she was a red head, yeah, that's probably all I'd need.

Dan meditates on this for a moment.

DAN

I love porn, but it needs to be awesome. Lots of cum.

NEIL (despondent) Ugh. I never watch the cum shot.

DAN

Too gay?

NEIL Well it's not hot to see the girl with like, cum in her eyes and mouth wide open.

DAN That's why you're a 23 year old virgin Neil.

Neil rolls his eyes, genuinely pissed that Dan went there.

DAN (CONT'D) (antagonistic) What?

NEIL Because I don't want to cum in a girl's eyes?

DAN No, because you DO but want to seem like the kinda guy who wouldn't. You're so afraid you're going to come off sleazy.

NEIL

(quite frustrated) I DON'T want cum on a face. And how many times do we have to talk about this?

DAN

Where's your laptop?

CUT TO:

15 INT. SANDWICH SHOP - DAY

Dan, Neil, and Dan's boyfriend MATT (attractive, early 20s - conservatively dressed) sit at the table. While holding Matt's hand, Dan has the laptop propped open.

NEIL

I don't know what's wrong with the profile I already have.

DAN It's too reserved, it made you seem like you were in the closet.

NEIL

(confused) What's gay about it?

DAN

Well it's not explicitly gay, but like, look, you left the orientation field blank.

NEIL Because I don't need to announce that.

DAN I think you might have to.

MATT

When I was in the closet, my profile looked just like this.

DAN And you've got like, poetry on it.

NEIL I wrote those in high school.

MATT

Take them down, they make you sound all conflicted. And confused about yourself.

Neil pauses and glares at the two of them. He smiles. NEIL I think you guys just think everyone's gay. Frank enters the shop, backpack in tow. MATT Mr. Frank. DAN (still looking down) What's happening? FRANK (looks at laptop) Neil's profile? God, it makes him look gay. NEIL (holding back laughter) Fucking...why?! FRANK Here for: Friendship and Networking? Now tell the truth Neil, are you looking for "friendship?" NEIL (thinks) Yeah, I need new friends. DAN We're trying to help you. MATT Look less gay. DAN (to Frank) Where's Jess? FRANK Work. DAN Till when? FRANK Like, midnight. Neil, why didn't you answer my text? DAN

He was milking himself.

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FRANK

I knew it.

NEIL You did? That's creepy.

FRANK

I've been holding back today, in case Jess gets in tonight and is up for it. She texted earlier, alluded to it.

DAN Think it'll actually happen?

FRANK

After work, she's usually revolted by the idea. She's tired, she's been in a nursing home all night...

NEIL

(utmost sincerity) I wouldn't let anything stop me from sex. Not even if I had just been swimming in shit.

FRANK You're a guy. We're all the same way.

MATT

Not Dan.

FRANK

Seriously?

DAN (smiling nervously) Sometimes after work, it's like, don't touch me. I've been at a nursing home all night.

MATT

You know you can't touch his nipples at all? What kind of gay guy doesn't like -

Matt goes to touch Dan's nipple but Dan punches him on the arm, hard. Matt looks shocked at Dan, while Dan smiles back.

DAN I'm telling ya, you can't touch 'em. How many times do I have to say it?

MATT Neil, do you think he's a top or a bottom? NEIL I want to go home.

FRANK Okay, I just wanted to drop these off.

Frank hands out a few scripts.

DAN

Another sketch? For what, online?

FRANK

Yep. I want notes. Neil, that doesn't mean "yeah it's good. Fine."

NEIL What the fuck do you want from me?

MATT

I'm going too. I've got to at least pretend I'm working on my paper.

Frank and Matt exit, leaving Neil and Dan. A waitress comes over.

WAITRESS

And a tiramisu...you guys want two spoons?

NEIL

No -

DAN Two please, yes. But you tell this one to be good and leave some for me!

Neil looks down, frustrated and sort of intense for such a trite joke. Dan laughs hysterically.

16 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

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Frank eats a giant bowl of macaroni and cheese (with hot dogs cut up in it) in bed. P-BO and GAMBIT, their little dachshunds puppies, sit patiently for a bite. He shares the fork with them as he stabs the meat and pasta.

The door opens off camera and the dogs try to rush to Jess, yipping loudly. Frank picks up P-Bo with one hand - she barks in place. He finally lets her go as Jess makes her way past the bedroom.

JESS (tired) Hey dollface. You didn't have to stay up.

Jess enters the bathroom. She leaves the door open.

FRANK The night is young. And I was promised nookie.

JESS Ohhh, don't say I promised.

FRANK Then don't text me with your wild and horny thoughts.

JESS (sighs) This is why I don't like planning for it. You hold me to it and then I feel like I have to.

FRANK Stop, we don't have to. Get comfy and just come lie down.

JESS No no, we can, just give me a minute.

17 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S HOUSE – CONTINUOUS

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Jess, in cute pajama pants and a polo shirt, brushes her teeth from the other room. Frank calls to her, still in bed.

FRANK So how was it tonight?

Jess spits.

JESS Gross. Long. My fucking feet are blistering and I have to go back tomorrow.

FRANK It's not permanent.

JESS It just sucks, when everyone you went to school with works in a hospital and you're trying to get into fucking grad school... Jess keeps talking. Frank stares into Gambit's eyes.

FRANK (quietly) I'm gonna try to get something going here in a minute, so you just stay out of my way.

Frank scratches Gambit's chin and he kicks his leg.

JESS

... so it's just, shitty.

FRANK You're gonna get in. And then you can leave all those old people to die.

Jess laughs lightly and gets in bed. She turns over, away from Frank. The dogs sit between the two, segregating them. Frank's confused. Jess lights a candle by her side.

> JESS This bed smells like sweat. I have to change the sheets at some point.

The two sit in silence for a moment. Frank finally attempts to cuddle her, but is obscured by P-Bo.

JESS (CONT'D) P-Bo's under there, be careful.

Frank kisses the back of Jess's neck, but she collapses her head on that side.

JESS (CONT'D) (trying to come off as playful) Ah ah ah, that tickles.

FRANK

Sorry.

Under the blanket, P-Bo sneezes.

JESS (sighs) I've got to let them out.

FRANK She sneezed! How does that mean they want to go out?

JESS

You guys wanna go outside?

The dogs jump out of bed and dart out of the bedroom. Jess follows suit.

FRANK (calling out of the room) They're easily swayed! (beat) I bet that would work right after they come in too! Long beat. Frank sighs, defeated. FRANK (CONT'D) (loud) So are we fucking tonight? JESS (0.S.) (unable to hear) What? Jess comes back up. JESS (CONT'D) What's up? FRANK Just, are we doing this? JESS Uh, okay. Let me just put in my retainer. Frank looks genuinely worried. Jess returns. FRANK (disgusted) You've been wearing that thing for ten years. Think you can skip a night? JESS (getting pissed) My teeth are still shifting. FRANK Okay, are the puppies inside? JESS No, but we can do it before they get back in. FRANK God, it's okay if you don't want to! JESS No, let's just do it quick. I don't want sweaty sex. Frank goes to kiss her on the mouth, but can't because of the

retainer. He goes for the neck again.

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A dog barks off screen.

JESS (CONT'D) Oop, P-Bo's at the door.

Jess jumps out of bed to attend. Frank stares ahead, cold and impatient.

The dogs run back into the room and jump on the bed. They take up half the space. Jess follows them and doesn't know what to do.

FRANK Just move them.

JESS No, they look comfortable, I'll just come around to your side.

Jess walks all the way around the bed and climbs in, practically hanging off the edge.

JESS (CONT'D) (sighs) Let's do this thing.

The two start whispering when they speak. Frank tries to take her shirt off.

JESS (CONT'D) No, too cold.

FRANK Okay. Sex with our shirts on. Why not?

Awkwardly, Frank goes in for another kiss. Jess gives him one long closed mouth kiss. She smiles and cuddles up to him and closes her eyes.

Her hand rests on his stomach. Getting fed up, he pushes it down to his crotch. Tiredly, she fiddles with his penis. He closes his eyes and tries to get into it.

But then, eyes closed and on the brink of falling asleep, she starts to mutter...

JESS Work sucked so bad tonight...

FRANK (eyes closed) I'm really sorry, that sucks. JESS

Hey - when I was an aid we had to wash old man penis, but they're all like, pushed way back like this...

Frank opens his eyes as Jess illustrates her points on his penis. We see the outline of her hand under the sheet.

JESS (CONT'D) And we have to wash in here, because they get this disgusting bacteria build up...

FRANK Oh come on Jess, what the fuck?

Jess laughs and hugs him. He turns over, away from her.

FRANK (CONT'D) Puppies, move.

Frank places them at the edge of the bed and takes up more room.

JESS Don't be mean to me, I had such a rough night.

FRANK You always have a rough night.

Long pause.

JESS (hurt) Good night.

Jess drapes a blanket on the puppies, turns over, and tries to go to sleep.

Long beat.

FRANK Now you're not gonna be able to go to sleep, right?

JESS Probably not.

FRANK (exasperated) Fuck.

JESS Why "fuck?" FRANK Because I don't think I'm gonna have a problem and that makes me seem like a dick.

JESS No it won't.

Pause.

FRANK Because I already seem like a dick?

JESS Just go to sleep.

Frank gets out of bed and exits the room.

FRANK I have to jack off first.

18 INT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE - DAY

Neil stares at a computer screen with one headphone in one ear, writing code. Muffin-topped and dumpy JUNE, 29, passes his cube with a big mug of coffee (with the slogan "I NEED MY COFFEE!" and a picture of a sad squirrel).

June can be described in three words: oblivious, loud, and transparent.

JUNE (whizzing by) Oh hey Neil!

NEIL (apathetic) Hey.

She passes back by the cube.

JUNE Forgot to get some water for my tea...

Neil returns to his work. June approaches the cube again, but this time slowly with a giant grin. She stops and stands there, just waiting for some kind of attention.

Neil VERY slowly turns in his chair as he notices she's still there.

JUNE (CONT'D) (sighing, as if overworked) Hey Neil.

NEIL Hey June...? What's up?

JUNE Eh, not much. Got a new couch. Oh, and a little blender!

NEIL

Okay, cool.

JUNE

Yeah...it's awesome.

Huge awkward pause. Neil returns to his work. She's still standing there.

JUNE (CONT'D) I got a new shirt.

June hugs the shirt tighter to her already plump upper body, and even hikes it up a little so you can see her pale-as-hell mid-rift. Neil notices and his eyes jump to something else right away.

He tries to inspect the shirt. It's of a crazed robot doing some sort of disco dance. The shirt is bright orange.

NEIL I see that your shirt contains...a robot...of some kind...having...what appears to be...an excellent time.

JUNE It's from cyber-monkey-agogo.com.

NEIL (fake laughs) Heh, cool. I've never been to that site.

JUNE

...wait...you've never been to cyber-monkey-agogo.com?

NEIL

Um...

JUNE (getting too loud for the office) YOU'VE NEVER BEEN to cyber-monkeyagogo.com?

NEIL June, I'm sorry, but I haven't, okay? Go to it right now.

Neil sighs and tries to act like he wants to do this. He types in the URL and gets a 404: Page Cannot be Returned error.

JUNE (CONT'D) What, it didn't go through? Did you spell it right?

NEIL I don't know, are there any dashes or anything?

JUNE (having a revelation) You know what, just Google it.

June leans in - her oversized boobs are now practically collapsed on his head. Neil clicks his Google bookmark and starts typing.

JUNE (CONT'D) You know you can just use the Google search bar at the top right?

NEIL Oh yeah, I know, but I'm already there, so...

JUNE So just use the toolbar then!

NEIL No, I'm already done typing.

JUNE But just use the toolbar -(Neil clicks Search) Oh.

Neil scrolls through.

NEIL I don't see anything, are you sure it's as popular as -

JUNE Let me drive.

June grabs the mouse from Neil and bends over that much further, with no regard for how much of her boobs and flab come into contact with him.

> JUNE (CONT'D) Oh, you know what, I think it's only if we do an image search...

NEIL June, I can really only afford another second to look for this before...

There it is, oh there it is.

June clicks to display the most retarded web comic Neil's ever seen.

JUNE (CONT'D) Isn't that hilarious?

NEIL That's...that's pretty good.

JUNE Uh oh, you don't think it's that funny!

NEIL Well, it's just...

JUNE That's okay, sometimes I forget how quirky and cute my sense of humor can be. Well I've gotta go to the ladies room.

NEIL Okay, cool, have fun.

JUNE

Yeah...

...she's still standing there. Long pause. June looks down at her belly and pokes it with both index fingers.

JUNE (CONT'D) (takes down volume) It'll be like, the seventh shit I've taken today.

Neil looks away and grimaces in digust.

An older gentlemen TIM (43) walks into the cube space. He shares a cube with Neil.

TIM

Neil. (looks and nods to June) June, how are we?

June stands frozen in place (mid belly poke) and looks at Tim like he just grabbed her inappropriately. Having gotten no response, Tim turns to his computer and begins work.

NEIL (unvoiced) What?

at her, totally confused.

June covers her hand as she points to Tim, and mouths, "CREEPY." She then scuttles off.

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INT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

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Matt futzes around his kitchen, cooking some ground meat in a pan. His cell buzzes up and he answers.

MATT Hey Frank. How's the brain trust? (beat) Oh he's not there yet? The fucking loser, always late. (beat. Matt laughs) Oh no, you can't tell him that either, he goes friggin' mental. You call him? (beat) Here, let me try him, he'll pick up for me. (beat) No, hey, nothing to be sorry about, it's how I contribute. I'm the Dan wrangler. (laughs) All right, later.

Matt hangs up and dials. He waits a moment before hearing a loud buzzing on the kitchen table. Matt hangs up angrily and goes to hang up Dan's phone.

MATT (CONT'D) God, that kid's parents did a number on him.

Matt picks up Dan's phone, ignores the missed call he just left, and then notices 6 unread text messages. He frowns in curiosity and presses enter.

They're all from "Brendan" and read the following, from oldest message to newest:

"you need to call me"

"plz give me a ring when you get in"

"i don't wanna creep you out i've just been really lonely"

"whre r you?"

"sry last one i swear: i'm clubbing on saturday u should go"

Matt stares at the phone speechless. After an awkwardly long time, the door bursts open. It's Dan. Matt quickly shuts the phone. Frazzled, Dan blows by Matt.

DAN Forgot my fucking phone again.

Matt puts the phone back on the table and goes back to cooking. Dan marches back out.

DAN (CONT'D) You haven't seen it have you?

MATT Is that it on the table?

Dan grabs the phone and kisses Matt on the way out.

MATT (CONT'D) (playful) Loser.

DAN (leaving) I'll try to be back by 10.

MATT Want to take some of this?

DAN (off camera) Taco night.

20 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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Neil, Dan, and Frank unwrap tacos as they all read through scripts.

DAN When you were in college, did you ever meet other kids that wrote stuff like this?

FRANK No, it's why I have to go to you guys when I want to make things. Everyone was too intellectual for my retarded stuff.

NEIL I don't think I could stand art school. JESS

Did you tell them about that sound composition class?

FRANK

What, "get baked with the teacher and felate ourselves class?" This thing like, summed up my art school experience.

21 INT. SOUND COMPOSITION CLASS - DAY

Frank sits in a class of bearded and highly expressive looking art students.

SOUND PROFESSOR So how might an integrated form be evolved that offers both conceptual methodologies and a more formalist construction?

Silence for a little while. Then a DOUCHEY KID in the front row (who looks like he just woke up) sloppily raises his hand and starts speaking loudly, but at a snail's pace.

DOUCHEY KID

Well...hmm. Maybe like, it's soothing to us, because, we. Hmm. Like, because we're animals, and we come from the ocean...we can't help but identify with. Hmm. How can I put this? We connect with the texture of...the organization of a piece is dependent on...like, the experiences we bring, and...

SOUND PROFESSOR I like that you said texture. What can we say about texture?

Silence for a moment. GERMAN STUDENT in the back row pipes up.

GERMAN STUDENT

Like sand?

SOUND PROFESSOR It is like sand. How is it like sand?

Silence. BEARD AND GLASSES gives it a shot.

BEARD AND GLASSES It's like, that's the promise you make. You know? There's a promise inside nature.

Reveal Frank - his face says it all. Disillusionment, frustration, financial straights, sleep depravation.

He's playing a rigorous game of Tetris on his laptop.

FRANK (V.O.) Remember, the course was called Sound Composition: but we weren't allowed to create conventional music.

22 INT. FRANK'S COMPUTER ROOM

Frank sits at a keyboard in his bedroom.

FRANK (V.O.)

So I banged on a keyboard. Threw in some gratuitous pans and sustains. The assignment was to make a five minute piece. It took me about seven minutes to create it.

23 INT. SOUND COMPOSITION CLASS - DIFFERENT DAY

The class intently listens to the god awful, noisy, unartistic, and unpleasant sounding audio. It ends abruptly.

SOUND PROFESSOR (smiling) Okay...tell us about it.

FRANK (convincing bullshit) Well let me ask you guys, did you hear all my transitions and hierarchies? I was really going for something there.

SOUND PROFESSOR Oh absolutely, I think we did.

The class nods and mumbles yeah.

SOUND PROFESSOR (CONT'D) Do we have any feedback for Frank?

Silence.

DOUCHEY KID I heard like, conflict, but also catharsis. 22

SOUND PROFESSOR This is sophisticated work Frank, really.

24 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

They all eat tacos.

NEIL All that tuition just to get a job at a community theater. And now you're trying to get internet famous.

Neil bites hard into a taco. It all falls out on the table and he burns his mouth.

NEIL (CONT'D) (mouth full) Ah, it's fucking hot!

Dan, script in hand, watches him out of the corner of his eye and cackles.

DAN Idiot. You suck.

Neil giggles as he reads the script.

FRANK So what do you guys think?

DAN (more interested in taco) It's funny.

FRANK

Neil?

NEIL It's just weird to me that it's like, autobiographical.

FRANK How is it autobiographical?

NEIL You took this right out of a conversation we had.

25 INT. TOYS R US PARKING LOT - DAY

The group laughs hysterically.

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JESS (laughing) So how much to have just straightforward oral?

FRANK Giving or receiving?

JESS I don't know -

DAN

Giving.

FRANK We're talking about with a guy?

DAN

Why not?

FRANK

To blow a guy...let's say for 4 minutes...does he cum in my mouth or can I point it away?

DAN Um...I want to see how cheap you'll

get. He doesn't cum in your mouth.

FRANK

Oh well shit. One hundred and fifty bucks.

They crack up.

DAN But he's a profuse pre-cummer.

FRANK I can handle that.

NEIL I think I have a hundred and fifty bucks.

DAN What about receiving oral from a guy?

FRANK Fuck, I don't know...seventy bucks?

Laughter.

FRANK Seems unfair to charge any more. That's work HE'S putting in.

DAN You're a fair man.

NEIL What about receiving anal? From like, a huge guy?

FRANK Mmm...I'm gonna quote it at three grand.

Jess laughs, confused. Neil shoots a look at him.

NEIL Are you serious?

FRANK

Neil, I mean, three grand, in your hand. A little butt soreness. That's like, skip five weeks of work.

NEIL (dead serious) NEVER.

FRANK

Come on, think of easier things. How much do you think I'd charge to like, I don't know, stick my toe up someone's butthole?

DAN (confused) You'd charge them to put YOUR toe up their butt?

FRANK Whatever, just ask me.

JESS (laughing) How much?

FRANK

Ten bucks.

Big laugh.

FRANK (CONT'D) Just for my troubles. On a good day I may do that one for free.

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Back to the meeting.

NEIL Who are you gonna get to have butt toe sex?

FRANK I probably wouldn't shoot it for real. Just imply it.

NEIL Still degrading.

DAN I think you should shoot it for real.

JESS I second.

FRANK I met this actress, Sarah, at the playhouse. She thinks I'm funny, I think she'll do it.

NEIL (suppressing a smile) It's a...stupid idea.

FRANK Then why are you laughing?

NEIL (breaking) Because all I can picture is this hot girl with your toe up her butt, it's fucking...

FRANK It's hilarious!

NEIL (cracking up) It's fucking stupid!

27 INT. DAN AND MATT'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

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Matt lays shirtless in bed, clearly wide awake. Dan sits on the computer with large head phones, typing away at an IM.

MATT

Who are you talking to?

No response. Matt gets up and goes to the computer, looking over Dan's shoulder.

MATT (CONT'D) You're talking to Brendan?

Dan still hasn't noticed Matt. Matt starts reading the IM aloud, arms crossed, slightly chilly. Growing frustrated.

MATT (CONT'D) "Even a year later I think about you everyday. Remember Xena nights?"

Dan finally notices Matt behind him.

DAN What the fuck?

Still in a realm of playfulness.

MATT

You're fucking unbelievable.

DAN

What?

MATT

I'm getting ignored over here so you can talk to your ex about how much he still loves you?

DAN

He's acting all depressive, I'm just afraid he'll get dramatic and kill himself or something.

MATT Oh come on, he's not gonna kill himself. You're not worth it.

DAN

(playful) Of course I am.

MATT

You know he called me all drunk last week to ask if I wanted to have a threesome with him. Who does that?

DAN Sounds like Brendan. What'd you say?

MATT Get a boyfriend. Looks like he got one. DAN

(laughs)
He was a good first boyfriend for
me. Basically just a sex slave. But
come on, you're the guy I always
needed in my life.

MATT

This guy's personality is just...gay. Does he ever do anything not as a gay guy? Does he ever like, eat a sandwich, and there's nothing gay about it?

DAN Alright, go to bed, I'll be there in another few minutes.

MATT I've been laying here, waiting for you to get in all night.

DAN You shouldn't wait up, you have to get up early.

Matt stands in silence, insecure. He goes to the bed.

DAN (CONT'D) Come on, don't be mad.

Dan climbs into bed with Matt. The IM is left lonely: "halo?" "u ther?"

MATT No one else would be okay with this.

DAN

What?

MATT Just being ignored to talk to an ex. Who does that?

Their cat, MS. PORKESCH, climbs in between them, obscuring their view of one another and being altogether distracting.

DAN People are fragile. Especially someone like Brendan.

MATT

I don't wanna hear it.

Matt turns from Dan. Dan goes to play with the back of his hair.

DAN Matt, this is... MATT Don't touch me right now. DAN Oh so now you're gonna be ridiculous? MATT I don't wanna be touched. I'm pissed off. DAN Okay DJ Tanner, easy with the melodrama. The cat's tail is starting to get absurd. MATT Right, because perfect Dan's never just not wanted to be touched. Oh except all the times I've been shot down for sex. DAN Listen, sex can be exhausting sometimes. MATT You're fucking exhausting. DAN Get this god damn cat off the bed -Dan shoves the cat off the bed. Matt turns back to Dan sharply. MATT

You want to touch?

Matt gives Dan a dead arm.

DAN What the FUCK!?

MATT Don't shove around the cats!

DAN All right, you are being ABSURD. Next time I'll throw that thing out of a window -

Matt gives Dan another dead arm. Dan responds by wrestling with Matt hard, full contact. After an aggressive struggle, Matt holds Dan into a lock.

MATT (sweating) You gonna stop?

No response. Matt lets Dan go. Dan lunges back at Matt, knocking him hard into the wall. Something big falls off the bedside table. No one cares. Matt is eventually able to get Dan into a head lock, smothering his face.

> MATT (CONT'D) You hit me one more time, I'm breaking up with you.

DAN (highly muffled) You're fucking ridiculous.

MATT You think I'm joking?

Matt lets Dan go. They're both out of breath. They stare at one another for a moment. Matt looks as though a settlement has been reached. And then:

Dan slaps Matt lightly across the face, testing him. He chuckles a little, nervously. Matt promptly leaves the room.

28 INT. NURSING HOME - NIGHT

Jess finishes a quiet phone conversation.

JESS So just hanging out with Neil?

FRANK (O.S.) Yeah, he's here, looking all child molesty as usual. Freaking out the dogs.

JESS (laughs) Okay sweetie. Tell the puppies they smell funny.

FRANK (O.S.) Miss you.

JESS Miss you. Bye.

Jess pulls out study material. MICHELLE, middle-aged with a smoker's body, stops in front of the nurse's station and tries to boot up a conversation.

JESS (caught off guard) Hm? Oh, yeah. MICHELLE What does he do? JESS

Oh, he -

CUT TO:

29 INT. PLAYHOUSE - DAY

Frank sets up lights, makes calls, picks at dead paint in the wall.

30 INT. NURSING HOME - NIGHT

JESS - is a marine biologist.

MICHELLE How long has that been going on?

JESS The marine biology?

MICHELLE No, how long you guys been seeing each other?

JESS Man...it'll be ten years soon.

MICHELLE Ten years? WOW. So when you guys gonna get married?

JESS I don't know, we're not big on marriage. But maybe when we buy something big.

MICHELLE Yeah, when you buy a home or something -

JESS Right, or a TV. Or a cake.

Michelle laughs. She then has a revelation.

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MICHELLE Wait aren't you like, 23?

JESS I know, I'm a young RN, but I mean, undergrad's four years...

MICHELLE No I mean, doesn't that mean you guys were 14 when you met?

JESS Yeah. Practically pre-pubescent.

Call light goes off.

OLD WOMAN (V.O.) HEY! EXCUSE ME!

Michelle ignores.

MICHELLE So he's the only boyfriend you've ever had?

OLD WOMAN (O.S.) She's NAKED! SHE'S NAKED!

JESS Should probably...check on Florence, huh?

MICHELLE (exasperated) Fine, I'll check.

Michelle stomps off.

MICHELLE (O.S.) (CONT'D) But you'll meet plenty of people, you're still young!

Jess sits, amused but confused.

JESS (to herself) You JUST wanted me to marry him.

Dan approaches, in scrubs.

DAN

Hey.

JESS (smiles) How's Alzheimer's?

DAN The closest thing we have to zombies. FLORENCE (O.S.) These aren't eye drops, they're POOP DROPS! That's what they are! Poop drops! Dan laughs loudly in the direction of that noise. Jess laughs with him. EXT. NURSING HOME - NIGHT Jess and Dan, chilly, walk out to their cars, lit by the parking lot lights. JESS Well say hi to Matt for me. DAN (hesitant) I think he and I are on a break right now, actually. JESS Oh no, what happened? DAN He's obviously one of these absurd animal people, because I shoved the cat off the bed and he went mental. CUT TO: INT. JESS AND FRANK'S BEDROOM - NIGHT Frank tries to place P-Bo someplace else. JESS Leave her alone, she's comfortable!

33 EXT. NURSING HOME - NIGHT

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JESS And this led to a break up?

DAN

I have no idea why.

Jess cocks an eyebrow.

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JESS Sounds like you're gonna go home tonight and it will be like it never happened. DAN Man I hope so. I mean what the hell did I do? Jess half smiles, speechless. DAN (CONT'D) I'll never throw the cat off the bed again. He won that fight at least. Jess laughs. INT. PLAYHOUSE - DAY

Frank types as he holds the phone between his shoulder and ear.

FRANK Yes sir, it is sold out for Valentine's Day weekend, but there will be mezzanine seating for seniors on the -

Frank is hung up on.

FRANK (CONT'D)

– okay.

Frank hangs up.

ON COMPUTER

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Frank browses through a website akin to YouTube or Vimeo. He clicks "My Videos." Frank scrolls through a list of his videos - the hit count ranges from 3 on one video, 18 on another, 13 on another...

He clicks one and scrolls to the comments. There's only one. It reads:

'sucks imo. too long.'

Frank quickly clicks out of the site and grabs a ring of keys. He walks through the theater as rehearsals carry on.

SARAH acts with a thick, Jew New York accent. She also wears obnoxiously large, black framed glasses.

SARAH'S CHARACTER (projecting) Of course my corn's are blistering and I've had gas for the past twelve hours.

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS (southern accent) Well for heaven's sake Clarice, keep that to yourself when the gentlemen callers arrive!

SARAH'S CHARACTER Are you pulling my leg? It'll be the first thing I tell them! If he's worth a damn, a little foot massage and a couple of beanos will be a recipe for love!

The douchey director watching in the front row bursts with laughter, applauding softly to himself. Frank looks on, confused, amused, and slightly disgusted.

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS Honestly Clarice, sometimes I wonder if I'll ever have grandchildren!

SARAH'S CHARACTER Oh really Ma, I don't know what it is with you and grandchildren.

The director fills in for a missing "Ding dong" sound effect.

DIRECTOR

Ding dong!

SARAH'S CHARACTER Oh heaven's that's them! I'm so nervous I could have a baby!

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS Go with that instinct!

The director cracks up.

DIRECTOR (to self) Oh they're gonna love it...

The play breaks into a musical number.

SARAH'S CHARACTER (talk-singing) Oh mother help me... OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS (singing) Relax darling, just be yourself.

SARAH'S CHARACTER (singing) Oh mother, why me?

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS (talk-singing) Hush darling, he's right outside!

GENTLEMAN CALLER (singing) Ding dong! Ding dong!

SARAH'S CHARACTER

Whaaa!!!

Sarah's character retreats offstage. The music continues.

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS Good afternoon, Clarice is just freshening up, won't you step in?

GENTLEMAN CALLER Kindly.

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS The name is?

GENTLEMAN CALLER (singing loudly) TONY!

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS (aside to audience) With a voice like that he ought to win one.

She winks. The director laughs.

OLDER WOMAN ACTRESS (CONT'D) (singing) Well thanks so much for visiting -

SARAH'S CHARACTER (singing) But damn! This corn's still blistering!

GENTLEMAN CALLER Did someone say something about a unicorn?

Frank stares frozen at this play. His soul is officially gone. He exits emotionless.

35 EXT. PLAYHOUSE - DAY

Sarah and Frank sit on steps outside the playhouse, having lunch. Sarah enjoys a cigarette and reads Frank's script. Frank tries to be subtle as he looks for laughs, smiles, smirks, anything.

> SARAH (laughs) Oh my god, this is twisted.

FRANK Yeah. It's kinda retarded.

Sarah laughs hard.

SARAH Nah, it's hilarious. So I guess I'm playing "hot blond?"

FRANK

(sarcastic) No, you're playing Miguel, the 42 year old Mexican child molester.

SARAH

(smiles, fake cries) I'm always playing "hot blond" though. I'm so typecast.

FRANK

And what, you think I don't get typecast? I'm always cast as like, a drag queen or...actually, you know what I always get cast as? These D&D kids always want me to play like, mystical fantasy men from the forest in their fan films.

SARAH

But you're not pursuing an actual career in acting.

FRANK

And if you really are, maybe "Ass to Toe" shouldn't be on your reel.

SARAH

(laughs) No! This is actually more the kinda thing I want to do. I want to show that I can play all types, that I can be gross and crazy and...funny, especially, I want to be funny. That's why I'm doing "Going for a Tony."

Frank looks back at her.

Frank doesn't respond, just subtly shrugs.

SARAH (CONT'D) You think it's awful.

FRANK

(beat) Look, I wrote "Ass to Toe," I have no business...

SARAH Oh come on, it's funny! ...parts are funny! Jack wrote it, he's been wanting to make it for years. It's like a throwback to "The Importance of..."

FRANK ...shitty plays. Where everyone's either cockney or southern, probably because actors like doing accents.

Sarah smiles but looks a little ashamed, like she knows it sucks but feels bad making fun of it.

SARAH Let's talk about YOUR script. And this awful line.

FRANK

What?

Sarah points at the paper.

SARAH I can't even say it out loud.

FRANK

(reads)
"Hot blond: But I don't want to
sneeze my vagina boogers on your
leg"?

SARAH Oh my god, that is so gross.

FRANK

Really? Jess thought it was hilarious. She actually added the verb 'sneeze', originally it was just "get my vagina boogers on your leg." SARAH She must be great, I don't know how she puts up with you.

FRANK

(laughs) Nah, she likes my bullshit.

SARAH

So you guys are a lot alike?

FRANK She added the word "sneeze!" I'M grossed out by that.

SARAH

(laughs) You're great. You should come over sometime, I'll make dinner. Bring Jess.

FRANK

Sounds awesome. And just so you know, Jess doesn't have to come for it to be cool.

SARAH

Yeah but, that wouldn't be weird for her?

FRANK

That's what shitty girlfriends do. Jess isn't a shitty girlfriend.

SARAH

It'd be weird if my boyfriend...

FRANK

Hung out with a hot chick? Should we cast you as a "funny" chick that night? Give you large glasses and make you speak with a cockney accent. It'll really display your range.

SARAH

(playful nudge) Shut up. Okay, I gotta get back.

Sarah exits back inside.

FRANK

(calling after her)
So we're shooting, when, next
Saturday?

SARAH

Uh, yeah.

FRANK

(cockney accent) And in the meanwhile you're just gonna see who's at da door love? My my, what a mishap this is!

SARAH (calling back) The play is not like that!

FRANK (calling back) That's like, direct dialogue from the last scene!

Pause.

SARAH (laughing) Fuck you, you're right!

FRANK (to self) Yeah, fuck me.

36 INT. TIM'S LIVING ROOM

A home video camera points out at a living room. Someone fiddles with it. After a moment, Tim sits in front of the frame.

TIM This is my interpretation of Khachaturian's Sabre Dance.

The classical piece plays loudly, and Tim (with lots of style and comedy) interprets the piece physically. The occasional dog walks through the frame.

37 INT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE - DAY

Tim and Neil code in their cubes, one head phone jack connected to each of them as they work. The smoking hot red headed intern, KIM, pokes her head into their cube, just enough that her tits get an awe-inspiring display. Her voice and general air has less of a hotness and more of a cuteness.

> KIM Hey boys - we're doing the office order, do you need anything?

> > NEIL (fake laughing a little, to be nice)

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NEIL (CONT'D) Uh, I think...unless you guys were gonna get more blank CDs or something?

KIM So more blank CDs?

NEIL Well only if it was already part of the order.

Kim smiles but is confused - his formality is unnecessary.

RED HEAD We'll getcha more CDs Neil. You good Tim?

Tim was a little zoned in his music. Shaken, he whips around fast in his chair (a little awkwardly) and accidentally stares right at her tits. He freezes there for a moment, but catches himself.

TIM

Hello!

RED HEAD (a little annoyed) Anything for the office?

TIM (pretends to think about it) ...all good.

Kim walks off, high heels clacking. Neil is clearly shaken by her hotness, as is Tim. They both turn back to their work.

Neil's cell phone buzzes up in his pocket. He whips it out. From: June. The text: "OMG TIM WTF"

Neil texts back: "What do you mean?"

June: "CREEPY!!11!"

Neil looks totally annoyed and confused. He looks down the hall and sees her - she was able to see the cube from a blind angle. She gestures with her hands and mouthes "CREEPY!"

Neil doesn't gesture any kind of agreement. He looks back at Tim, who's minding his own business. Neil takes his cell back out.

Texts: "I know ha ha what a skeeze"

He closes his cell phone loudly, still annoyed and altogether shaken and puts it back in his pocket. Tim turns his head slightly in Neil's general direction.

TIM (CONT'D) (whispering) Oh man, how hot was Kim just then?

Neil breaks a smile and turns a little red as Tim turns back to his work. He then remembers: he inches out from behind his cube and sees that June heard and saw that, and is now really making a big physical show out of how creeped out she is.

INT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Dan lays across his couch, watching TV in the living room. He has cleaned the place thoroughly.

Matt walks in, smiles meekly at Dan, and JAKE (young, semiattractive) enters behind. Dan's expression goes from tentative to pissed.

> MATT Dan, this is Jake.

JAKE (gayer than these guys) Hey, I'm Jake.

Operating without shame, Dan squints hard at Jake and doesn't respond.

> MATT Jake's just here to look at the extra room, go in on the rent.

Dan gets up, begrudgingly, bringing a bowl to the sink.

DAN It just sucks that the first quy you go out with after me is the kind of gay kid I went to high school with. (addressing Jake) You know, you're why I didn't come out until college.

Matt suppresses a laugh - very uncomfortable.

JAKE Matt...who's this ass?

MATT (to Dan) What are you talking about?

DAN The like, autistic gay guys. The ones with constant Rosacea. (MORE)

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DAN (CONT'D) Sure, they're gay, but that's the least of their problems. JAKE Excuse ME! DAN I don't know what it is about the gays and Rosacea. But I don't think I'm making it up, I think a lot of them have it - there's a connection there. Matt's really suppressing his laugh. MATT Whatever Dan, you're gay enough for three people. JAKE I don't know, right now he's reminding me of a lot of straight bigots I know! The toilet flushes off camera. Neil yells from the bathroom as the sink runs. NEIL (O.S.) Did Frank tell you about how he beats off with two hands? It's fucking dumb, it's like trying to handle a TV remote with two hands. Neil turns off the light and notices all the people. NEIL (CONT'D) (awkward) Hey, I'm Neil. JAKE Well Matt, I see your ex has moved on too. NEIL Oh, I'm straight. DAN Allegedly. JAKE (stand-offish but confused) Okay...so do you and all your straight friends discuss your masturbation techniques with each

other?

MATT (confirming) Yeah, they all do.

JAKE I'm fucking outta here.

Jake exits, sucking a lollipop on his way out.

MATT

It was just for rent you retard. We've been looking for a roommate.

DAN (ignoring) You have no idea how to pick up guys.

MATT Well you better not think you can ever bring Brendan here.

Neil stands in the middle, head down, badly wishing he wasn't there.

DAN Oh, it's not a problem, I called him earlier today, I'm gonna stay with him.

MATT (disbelief, amused) Stay with him? For how long?

DAN For as long as you're bringing home pink cheeked faggots.

MATT Real nice. You know if you'd -

Dan exits to his room and slams the door.

DAN (calling behind) You want to break up? Let's break up. Fag.

Matt stares into space, angry, hurt, and finding a new level of stress.

NEIL (softly) Is fag like the N word? Do you have to be gay to use it?

MATT (quietly) I guess not, you just said it. NEIL Oh I'm sorry. More awkward silence. NEIL (CONT'D) (whispering) Is the XBox hooked up? Matt starts to well up a little. He nods. NEIL (CONT'D) (softly) Okay, I don't have to play that right now. Silence. NEIL (CONT'D)

I'm gonna go back to the bathroom.

And that's where he goes.

39 INT. GYM - NIGHT

Jess sweats on the stair climber (those gym machines that are ACTUALLY giant revolving steps). She has ten minutes left - she lifts her water bottle and drinks half of it.

South and directly left of the stair climber sits a recumbent bike. Michelle (from the nursing home) approaches with a woman's magazine - she does some pointless stretching, plops on, and starts peddling while reading.

Jess notices her and faces down as much as possible. She picks some headphones out of her pocket and puts them in. So they don't dangle (attached to nothing) she sticks the jack down her pants.

Michelle gets bored of her magazine and starts looking around with a dopey grin. She finally loudly notices Jess.

MICHELLE

Oh, hey kid!

Jess tries to commit to her deflective gaze. Michelle rolls up her magazine, reaches out, and whacks the stair climber. Loud metallic clangs ring out. She can't ignore that.

> JESS (good act) Michelle, hey!

Jess removes her headphones from her ears, but they fall through her pants and get caught in the revolving steps of hell. They're done for.

> MICHELLE Whoa, your headphones! Hey, where did it connect? Why was it down your pants? Is that where you put your iPod?

Jess gives it a moment.

JESS (breathy) I was listening to my vagina.

MICHELLE (no laugh) You're shittin' me.

JESS

Well my pulse really, through the vagina. Except this isn't the ideal machine to do it on. It'd be better for a machine like yours where you can leave your legs open a bit.

Michelle looks back, chewing bubble gum. She is so confused. Jess feels bad.

JESS (CONT'D) I'm just...kidding around.

Michelle slowly breaks into an obnoxious laugh.

MICHELLE (glancing back at her magazine) You're crazy Jess. Shit, you look tired. Working too much?

JESS I'm always tired.

MICHELLE

(turns a page) I feel great. I do this for my ass. Even though my husband likes it big, I wanna get it tight.

JESS (loss of words) Frank likes big asses too.

MICHELLE I suggest Doritos. An old woman walking on a treadmill in front of them turns around sternly.

JESS Oh, excuse our language.

The old woman takes out a headphone.

OLD WOMAN Must be new. Men didn't care for that when I was going.

She turns back to her treadmill. Jess and Michelle actually share a laugh.

MICHELLE

So how's, who is it, Frank? How's he doing with his marine career?

JESS

Good, good. He doesn't get to talk about it much, some of it's government work.

MICHELLE

Yeah, that makes sense. Deep sea divers are the same as them astronauts when you get down to it. Weren't you guys getting married soon?

JESS

Don't remember saying that.

MICHELLE When you do, what colors are you gonna have?

JESS

I don't know, whatever we wear that day. Honestly Michelle, when we get married it'll take place in an office.

MICHELLE Oh, you say that now, but...

Jess has heard this a thousand times.

JESS You think I'll change my mind, huh?

MICHELLE

With Bill and I, I said, I'm not gonna spend a bunch of money, it'll just be me and a few close friends and relatives and cousins, and it'll be like a little thing on the beach, no big deal...

JESS

See, right there - your idea of a small wedding is far and above anything I've ever wanted.

MICHELLE Okay. Well don't let him talk you out of something you want though.

JESS Why are you so convinced that this is something I want?

Another voice off camera answers with Michelle.

MICHELLE AND VOICE Because all women do!

Jess looks to her right. On an elliptical...is June.

JUNE

(false sheepishness) Sorry to butt in...but yeah, I mean, we all want that.

MICHELLE It's your day. A day all about you.

JUNE Where you can just dress up and dress everyone else up and just be a girl.

MICHELLE And that's what's great, is it's just all about you.

JESS I don't need a day "all about me." If anything I'd want it to be about us.

JUNE

Well...

MICHELLE Weddings are all about the girl, it's true.

JUNE

Plus I mean...you know...church weddings are good because, you know, you want God on your side...

JESS

Oh, all of our friends are gay, I'm pretty sure God's not on our side.

MICHELLE

Well you could invite your queer friends to the stuff outside the church, like the reception and stuff.

JUNE

I'd give my guests an option of chicken ala king or stuffed crab.

MICHELLE

See...no. My guests got either grilled steaks or Shepard's pie, but done up with tomatoes and garlic and stuff. I had what I'm talking about in Maine, it was unreal.

JUNE Oh, and I want brown tuxes.

MICHELLE

Ew, no.

JUNE You wouldn't like brown?

MICHELLE It's just easy to mix up guests with the caterers. Go with maybe a deep blue.

These two twats continue talking with Jess in the middle. She finishes the last steps and slowly dismounts. Frank makes his way over, a bit sweaty.

FRANK

All set?

JESS (cutely) Can we go and get a big water from 7/11?

FRANK And some oreos?

JESS (cutely) And some oreos?

Frank tickles her mid section. She deflects and tries to tickle back.

JESS (CONT'D) Okay, meet me out by the desk?

Jess walks off. Michelle stops Frank.

MICHELLE

Frank.

Frank turns to June and Michelle.

FRANK

Oh, hello.

MICHELLE

Don't listen to her. Just throw her the biggest wedding she could ever want.

FRANK

Oh, ha ha, yeah, she's not into any of that. I guess I'd do it if she wanted, but, not really my thing either. Plus all our friends are gay. There's this one named Neil -

JUNE But she's telling you she DOESN'T want it so that you DO it. It's what we women do.

FRANK

...no.

Frank walks away.

JUNE She could do a lot better.

40 EXT. VIDEO SHOOT - DAY

Sarah sits in the driver's seat of a parked car. Frank sets up a camera aimed at Sarah. He brings her a lapel mic and opens the car door. Jess sits on the grass doing homework.

Okay, so...

FRANK

So, yeah, I just have to pull this mic all up the way up your shirt and under your bra, and I might have to pinch a nipple...

Sarah laughs uncomfortably. Jess glances up and laughs genuinely.

SARAH Uh, I think Jess would kill you.

Jess laughs.

JESS Sure, why not?

Sarah's a little confused, but laughs.

JESS (CONT'D) You make our actresses feel so at ease Frank, act totally creepy.

Dan and Neil pull up and park off to the side.

FRANK Speaking of creepy, here's Neil.

Dan approaches with a coffee, Neil with green poster board. Sarah goes over her lines in the car.

> FRANK (CONT'D) I take it Matt's not coming?

DAN Are you a pink cheeked faggot?

FRANK (laughs) I don't think so.

DAN Then he's not interested in spending time with you.

Neil speaks aside with Frank.

NEIL (softly) Hey, can only gay guys use fag as an insult? Is that the rule?

FRANK Hey Dan. You're a faggot.

DAN Yeah, and you're a cock goblin. Go eat a bag of butt chips. FRANK Okay, I'm ready to go as soon as Neil gets behind the other window.

Neil obscures the driver side window with the green poster board. Frank sits in the passenger seat and talks aside with Sarah. Neil interrupts.

> NEIL Frank, what are you gonna put here in place of the green?

> > FRANK

(distracted) Uh, they're supposed to be driving so...

DAN Penises. Flying penises swooping by the camera and landing in your face.

NEIL (pissed) I was wondering because I didn't know if...

DAN (mocking) ...if giant penises were supposed to fall from the sky.

NEIL (overwhelmed) Oh my god you're such a douche.

DAN They're supposed to be driving, it's just whooshy background visuals, what the fuck do you think?

NEIL I could just go home.

DAN Yeah, just lock yourself in your room, that's the best place to find a girlfriend.

Sarah still looks on, concerned that people are actually fighting here.

SARAH Oh my God, should I let you guys...?

FRANK Don't - it's...we're all friends. This is normal.

NEIL Fuck you Dan, you do this every time I open my mouth.

SARAH (breaking tension) I think Jess and I are the only sane ones here!

Jess stands at the back of the car with one of her text books on the trunk.

JESS (projecting) Seriously Neil, flying penises this big!

Jess, Neil, and Dan argue and laugh and make a lot of noise at once until...

FRANK

Okay, action.

Silence. Jess rocks the car, Neil gets in place, and Frank launches right into his line.

FRANK'S CHARACTER Man, I wouldn't take it in the ass for all the money in the world.

Sarah's a bit frozen. She tries to get her line off.

SARAH'S CHARACTER (not well acted) Uh...really? I've had...anal sex...

FRANK

(breaks) You wanna start over again? Or do you want to just do a few runs first?

SARAH

No, sorry, I'm good, I was just thrown off because there was all this yelling and then a second later we were supposed to be doing the scene.

FRANK

Oh. Sorry.

Frank sticks his head out the window.

FRANK (CONT'D) Hey faggots! Let's give our actress some lead-in time!

Neil looks at Dan.

NEIL You're really okay with that?

DAN Frank's gay enough, it's fine.

41 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

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Time passes. They're ready to shoot the big scene.

FRANK'S CHARACTER You're right, hot blond prostitute. Without emotion, sex is just sex, and it should be used for financial profit.

SARAH'S CHARACTER Let us complete your training. I will pay you five bucks if you stick your toe up my butt.

Frank aggressively bends Sarah over and raises his foot to her ass. She starts laughing.

FRANK (laughing) Cut.

Frank turns to Sarah.

FRANK (CONT'D) Alright, so...I suck.

SARAH

What?

FRANK So I'd kinda really like to get an actual shot of a toe going into your ass.

SARAH

Um. What?

FRANK I know, I totally should've talked to you about it. SARAH Are you fucking serious? FRANK (sighs) You don't have to. Really. But oh my god Sarah, if you did, people would lose it. SARAH (fake cries) Oh my god...whose toe, yours? FRANK (laughs) It could be Neil's if you want. DAN It'll be the closest thing he's had to sex. NEIL I'll fucking leave Dan. DAN No you won't. NEIL No I won't. FRANK Maybe we could...I'm just trying to think... JESS I mean, I'll do it. This catches Sarah's attention. FRANK (distracted) What's that sweetie? JESS (doing homework) It's just a close up of an ass, right? Mine's available. FRANK

Um, that could work I guess...?

Jess instantly pulls her ass out.

SARAH

No, you know what? This is the whole reason I'm doing this stupid sketch. Not that it's stupid...it's just, I wanted to be funny and crazy. So let's be funny and crazy.

DAN

(texting on his phone) Let's do it, let's get nuts!

Neil laughs.

SARAH

(to Frank, aside) Can they just not be here? Can we do like a closed set?

FRANK ...sure...so just me, you and Jess?

SARAH (gesturing back and forth) Or just...?

FRANK

Just us?

Sarah nods. She notices Jess.

SARAH

It's, honestly, I'm just really self conscious.

Jess smiles.

JESS So who's doing boom?

FRANK Don't need audio. Okay, everyone out. It'll only take a second.

They exit, leaving Frank and Sarah alone. Frank attends the camera.

FRANK (CONT'D) Stand where you're going to stand.

She does.

FRANK (CONT'D) Alright, so just bend over, kinda seductively.

She does. It's hot.

FRANK (CONT'D) So we're going to shoot my hand pulling up the skirt, and then I'm just gonna do it, I'm just gonna stick it in.

SARAH

(softly) Okay.

FRANK (pushes button) Alright, we're recording.

Frank flips the LCD, moves into position, and makes sure he's in frame. We see the very hot first person perspective of Frank standing behind a bent-over Sarah.

FRANK (CONT'D)

Okay.

He takes hold of her skirt and pulls it up, revealing a tight ass in satin lingerie panties. He's nervous. He grips her panties and pulls them down.

Frank pauses.

SARAH (bracing self) Okay, just go, just go.

Frank picks his foot up and quickly realizes it needs support. He grabs it with both hands and...

STICKS HIS BIG TOE RIGHT INTO HER ASSHOLE.

Sarah tries to hold it together. Frank's other foot hops, searching for balance.

FRANK We have to cut, I'm gonna fall.

SARAH

(wincing) Pull out slow, watch your toenail.

FRANK Ooh, shit, good thought.

Frank tries his best to gently pull his toe out. He's fairly graceful. Sarah looks a little out of breath and lost.

FRANK (CONT'D) (breaking tension) I'll be good to go again in like, 15 minutes.

Sarah laughs and slaps him playfully.

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42 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - MINUTES LATER

Everyone's huddled around the camera LCD monitor. They watch as the shot comes off perfectly. Everyone cracks up. Dan gives Sarah a high five.

SARAH

Honestly, I'm really glad I did it, it's gonna be so funny. It was good for me, just to act shamelessly for once.

FRANK

Oh, well, if you liked it that much, we can do a sequel. Where you shit.

NEIL (to Dan) Girls shitting isn't funny.

DAN

Agreed.

FRANK So can I bring an edit over to your place sometime this week?

SARAH Yeah, and Jess, you're welcome to come over too.

JESS Yeah, cool, I'll have to see what's going on.

SARAH Okay, I'm taking off, bye guys.

Everyone says bye. Once she's gone, Frank turns to Jess.

FRANK The shot's awesome, right?

JESS

So good.

FRANK You gonna go over there with me?

JESS Nah. She was great for the sketch, just not sure I want to hang.

FRANK

Sure you don't mind me going by myself? Sarah's awfully concerned about you.

JESS (laughs) Fuck off.

43 INT. BRENDAN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

BRENDAN sits on his futon in a giant, white puffy robe. He rests his head on CASSIE, his best friend. Dan eats pizza and watches TV with them.

BRENDAN I miss Xena nights. We should put one in.

DAN Do you still have the tapes?

A blanket is draped over the futon. Brendan flips it up to reveal a ton of "Xena: Warrior Princess" VHS tapes.

CASSIE So you're why he has these?

DAN We saw them at a yard sale and thought they were funny. It was like, ten bucks for the whole series on VHS.

BRENDAN And then we fell in love with Lucy.

DAN Big-jaw-Lawless.

BRENDAN Shu-up, she's a goddess.

DAN So put one in.

Brendan stares at Cassie.

BRENDAN

(whiny) Cassie...

CASSIE

I'm comfy.

BRENDAN Come on...you need the exercise.

Cassie slaps him hard. He smiles back mischievously. She sits up and pulls down on her way-too-tight top that shows off her fatty tits.

CASSIE I look good you loser.

DAN Do you want my last slice Cassie?

CASSIE (faking hesitation) Hmm...okay.

She gets up, grabs for the slice, folds it up and eats it.

BRENDAN You were half way to the TV you tub!

CASSIE (trying to swallow) Fuck you, I'm leaving.

Cassie leaves.

BRENDAN Fuck that bitch, I've got fag hags lined up around the block.

DAN They're rabid, those fag hags.

Dan moves up to the futon with Brendan.

BRENDAN This folds out, is that gonna be okay?

DAN Yeah, I don't give a shit.

BRENDAN I'm sorry Matt's an asshole.

Dan doesn't respond. The two sit in silence for a moment.

BRENDAN (CONT'D) Oh, I need your opinion on something.

Brendan leaves, dropping his robe in his wake and comes back in a G-string and electronic bunny ears. He strikes a theatrical pose.

> DAN Cool. They glow.

BRENDAN But what do you think? Is this how I should go? I've got a closet full of options. DAN Should go to what? Trick or treating?

BRENDAN No retard, for Saturday.

DAN Saturday...clubbing? Dancing?

BRENDAN (defeated) Oh shit. You really have no idea. It's June, sooo?

DAN ...fucking spit it out!

BRENDAN

Pride.

DAN (underwhelmed) Oh. Right. Pink elephants on parade.

BRENDAN Can't believe you forgot. Best day of the year. Aging queens, gym teachers, kinky fucks like me...

DAN Christmas is the best day of the year.

Brendan plops down next to Dan.

BRENDAN ... you're bad at being gay.

DAN I'll work on it.

BRENDAN So do you get the bunny ears now?

DAN It's an appropriate look.

Brendan speaks quieter and closer to Dan.

BRENDAN I'm making you come.

No response.

BRENDAN (CONT'D) What would it take?

DAN

(looks up, pondering)
I'll go if I can dress up like a
vampire.

Brendan bursts into laughter. Dan suppresses a laugh.

DAN (CONT'D)

And not like, kinky, sexy, I'm gonna fuck you and suck you kind of a vampire, I mean like an old, Dracula style, 1930s vampire.

BRENDAN

(laughs) That's awesome. Are you seriously gonna go like that?

DAN I'm not fucking around. Let's go to the thrift store tomorrow.

Brendan cracks up.

INTERNET VIDEO

Tim conducts another internet video. He casts a shadow on a piece of canvas and paints over it. He turns and addresses the camera.

TIM (with great innocence) So this is how to paint your shadow.

A dog barks in the distance.

TIM (CONT'D) Tippy! Please.

Tim laughs.

TIM (CONT'D) I think Tippy wants to paint her shadow too.

44 INT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE - DAY

Neil and Tim sit quietly in their cube as usual, headphones firmly in place. Sitting, June rolls her chair into their cube and lands right next to Neil's work space. She cocks her head back against the wall and sighs. Neil notices her in his peripheral but plays it off like he doesn't see her. She smiles widely while looking at her feet/shoes and kicks them around like a child.

NEIL'S P.O.V.

Neil tries to concentrate on a few things at once, opening more windows on his machine to seem really engaged. He turns slowly to see if she still requires attention but she's poking her belly nonsensically. He quickly turns back to the computer, but she noticed his attention at the last second. He slowly turns back and, deafened by his headphones, just sees her lips moving.

BACK TO NORMAL

Neil removes his head phones politely, but very reluctantly.

JUNE ...but now my cacti are all potted and the counter tops don't smell like cat which is just super.

Neil nods like a zombie and puts his headphones back on and returns to his work. June grabs his attention once more. He removes the headphones.

She mimes eating a hamburger.

NEIL (growing impatient) What?

She mimes more.

NEIL (CONT'D) June, what?

JUNE

Lunch!

NEIL

(reaching for phone) You want me to call in the order?

JUNE

No, let's actually go out and have lunch! We can go to the caf, I think I have enough points left in the day, I only had a bag of raisinettes and two rice crispy treats. Which reminds me, I'm really backed up, I should get some coffee in me...

NEIL Um. Hm. Okay.

Neil glances over at Tim.

NEIL (CONT'D) Want to meet me down there? I just need to wrap up an e-mail.

JUNE

(pats stomach) Excellent. That'll give me time to purge this sucker before rush hour at the ladies room. I hate when everyone knows that smell is coming from me.

June scuttles off. Neil rolls over to Tim.

NEIL

Hey uh, Tim?

Tim removes his headphones.

TIM

You caught me at a good time, More Than a Feeling was next in the playlist. I would've killed you.

NEIL (smiles) We're ahead on our deadline aren't we? Let's grab some lunch at the caf.

45 INT. CAFETERIA – DAY

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June walks over with a tray of food to Neil's table - Tim is already seated. She's disgusted and neutralized.

The three sit in awkward silence for a few moments.

NEIL So June, you've been having irregular bowel movements have you?

She lights up.

JUNE Yeah, it's a serious rumbly in my tumbly. Can't seem to get on top of it. I'm either all clogged or I'm just a running sewage tank.

She takes a big bite of salad.

TIM So that's why I can never get a hold of you. You poor girl, you're always on the throne.

JUNE

(sharp/scared) Why would you want to get a hold of me?

TIM

(mouth full) Well, for work.. The usual stuff. But it's a shame we only know each other through work. But hey, lunches like this are good, now I know June's bathroom schedule.

Tim chuckles. Neil smiles.

JUNE

(suppressed anger) There is no SCHEDULE, that's the point, I have irregular pooeys.

TIM

You know, this might be a little too much information at the lunch table, but I have irritable bowel syndrome myself. But it's never an issue. Turns out a lot of people have it. Stay away from the caffeine and take in a lot of fiber, that's all I can say.

Silence. Neil stares forward.

TIM (CONT'D) Ha ha, look at poor Neil, he's like "Can we please stop talking about poop?" All I can say is, I hope you don't get it friend!

Tim slaps Neil playfully on the shoulder. June sees no difference between that playful slap and rape.

TIM (CONT'D)

Oh! I bet this place has a soft serve machine. I shouldn't, but I've just gotta get a chocolate vanilla twist. To be continued June!

Tim leaves the table. When the coast is clear, she turns frantically to Neil.

JUNE You invited him?!

NEIL He kinda invited himself, he overheard you...

JUNE

Oh my god I feel so violated...can you believe he got right in my face and wanted to know all about my bathroom habits? Probably so he can videotape me while I'm on the toilet! UGH, SO CREEPY!

NEIL

That word.

JUNE

What?

Beat.

NEIL You call him creepy a lot.

JUNE

Uh, yeah!

NEIL

Well it's just that when I think of creepy, I think of like, Halloween, Vincent Price, Luigi's Mansion. What makes him so creepy?

JUNE

Do you need anymore evidence? (unfair representation) "It's a shame we don't know each other outside of work." "Chocolate vanilla twist is my faaaavorite."

NEIL

(totally confused) He probably just feels bad that the only thing he can talk to you about is work, he acknowledges that there's more to your life than technical documents and cubes.

JUNE

Socoo creepy. Remember when he was like, "Oh, how hot was Kim just then?

NEIL

Well, she -

He notices June's tentative expression.

NEIL (CONT'D) Yeah, I don't know. JUNE Fine, you want another word? Skeezy. (clutching at breasts) I feel exposed whenever he looks at me.

NEIL

I...I don't know. He's dopey and kinda stupid, but...I just wonder if you'd say the same things about him if he was 27 and attractive.

JUNE Ew, here he comes with that ice cream, I've got to get out of here, if I see his creepy tongue I'm gonna scream.

June runs off.

NEIL (out of all earshot) Or shit.

Tim sits back down with his ice cream.

TIM She had to run back?

NEIL Nature called.

TIM

Ah.

Beat.

TIM (CONT'D) This was fun.

46 INT. NURSING SCHOOL - LATE AFTERNOON

46

Jess stands in the back of a tour group at a school. She texts Frank:

"Should be home by 8. I want a donut. Lve you."

47 INT. SARAH'S APARTMENT – LATE AFTERNOON 47

Sarah's apartment is messy - lots of clothes scattered about in large piles. The kitchen is filled with dishes. There are ash trays and half bottles of wine all over. Lame abstract art posters with meaningless poems on them. "sorry, o button's being a bitch"

He laughs.

Frank struggles with connecting his camera to the back of her TV. The TV is a boxy CRT and sits on a small table that can barely hold its weight. We hear Sarah pee in the background.

She emerges in sweat pants and a tank top (and no makeup). She looks substantially more homely than we've seen her. She makes a lame attempt at picking up some of the mess.

> SARAH You didn't think girls could be this messy did you?

FRANK Well I figured the artsy ones could be.

SARAH Really? You think I'm artsy?

FRANK Did I say that? Nope. Just hot. Nothing more to you than that.

Sarah chucks clothes at him. He picks up a thong.

FRANK (CONT'D) Oh man Sarah, these fucking skid marks are unsightly.

SARAH (pouty, grabbing back thong) Take it back.

FRANK All right, all right, you don't have skid marks.

SARAH The other thing -

FRANK (sits on edge of the bed) Fuck man, of course I'm joking. There's a lot more to you, and I think this sketch proves it.

Sarah lays on her stomach across the bed, closely to Frank.

SARAH Is it ready? Can we see it? Can we see it?

48

Frank reaches over to the camera. He stops.

FRANK I warn you, it has foul language.

SARAH (laughs) Fuck off!

She leans across Frank's lap to hit the play button. Could be interpreted as pretty touchy.

48 INT. NURSING SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Jess sits at a seminar while a women's health professional, holding a screaming child, goes through a PowerPoint about the school.

49 INT. SARAH'S APARTMENT – CONTINUOUS 49

The sketch ends as the toe goes up the ass. Sarah cups her mouth and screams a little in horror.

FRANK'S CHARACTER Now. That'll be five dollars ma'am.

A Looney Tunes-esque theme plays out the sketch.

The two don't speak for a moment as Sarah gets out spurts of laughter and confusion.

SARAH

So wrong.

FRANK At least you laughed.

SARAH You know I think it's hilarious.

Sarah sits for a moment, looking as though she has a possible criticism.

FRANK

Uh oh, what?

SARAH

No no, just a question, actually. So this sketch is some kind of twisted statement on sexual insecurity, we all take it too seriously, blah blah blah... FRANK

It's about a toe going in your ass.

SARAH Yeah yeah yeah. But here you are, being really sexually liberal and open and frank, and...you're not that sexually experienced.

Frank looks confused.

FRANK I've had sex, on average, like, three times a week since I was 17.

SARAH Right. With the same girl.

FRANK

Okay?

SARAH

(laughs nervously) I guess I'm just wondering why you subscribe to monogamy like a fucking born-again. And then make stuff like this video, which is all about open sexuality.

Frank's a bit speechless. Sarah's a little nervous.

SARAH (CONT'D) I just don't think I could do it.

FRANK

What, be monogamous?

SARAH

Well, go my whole life only ever having sex with one person.

FRANK

I'm not dead yet.

SARAH But you guys don't look ready to break up anytime soon.

FRANK We never promised to only have sex with one another until we die.

SARAH Isn't that the implied agreement?

FRANK Next time you see Jess, ask her what she thinks of marriage.

SARAH

You're avoiding. If it works for you, great, but it makes sense to experience lots of people before settling down with one.

FRANK

I'm sure it does.

SARAH

How do you even have a developed taste in women at 14?

FRANK

I like what I like. What's your favorite food?

SARAH

I don't know - either steak or lobster I guess.

FRANK

Mine's mac and cheese. I like what I like.

SARAH But unless you can compare it to a wider palette, how do you know it's your favorite?

FRANK

Because my dick gets hard.

SARAH But how do you know there's not something better out there?

Frank leans in.

FRANK I think that's how people get into trouble.

SARAH

Well good for you. Your relationship is perfect.

Long pause. Frank is speechless. She laughs and lies down on her back and plays with the strings on her sweat pants. She tilts her head up at Frank.

> SARAH (CONT'D) Can't be that perfect.

No response from Frank.

SARAH (CONT'D) You sure she doesn't mind you being here?

FRANK If my clothes smell like cigarettes, she might.

SARAH She must mind a little. I'm hot.

Beat.

SARAH (CONT'D) You told her you think so.

FRANK It's fine.

Beat.

FRANK (CONT'D) Believe me, it's fine.

Beat.

FRANK (CONT'D) What about your boyfriend missy? Where's he at?

SARAH (dismissive) I didn't tell him you were coming.

FRANK Interesting.

SARAH But then I'm not the crazy monogamist you are.

FRANK Ah. Might as well cheat on him then.

SARAH Can't say I never have.

Long beat.

FRANK Really now? Would you again?

Sarah shrugs.

SARAH I'd try not to. Uncomfortable silence. Frank packs his camera up.

SARAH (CONT'D) You outta here?

FRANK Yeah, I better. I'm putting this on the internet. Do I have your permission?

SARAH That was the deal.

FRANK (cautious) Do you have the release?

Sarah looks around the apartment.

SARAH

It's around here somewhere. If you give me like, ten minutes, I can probably dig it up...

FRANK (nervous) It's cool, I'll pick it up next time I see you.

SARAH

Sure.

FRANK

Talk to you!

Frank exits. Sarah stands in her messy room for a moment. Frank busts back in.

FRANK (CONT'D) Your ass. My toe. On the internet. Anyone can see it. Siblings, cousins, parents, ex-boyfriends...

SARAH

(smiles) Do you want me to change my mind?

Frank pauses before closing the door and running.

50 INT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE

Neil sits in his cube. Tim's chair is empty. June swings her annoying ass into the cube.

She notices no Tim.

JUNE (CONT'D) Is he out today?

NEIL Oh. Yeah, called out this morning.

June exhales an obnoxious sigh of relief.

NEIL (CONT'D) (irritated. No eye contact) Is it that relieving? You barely interact with him.

JUNE Right, but now I don't have to actively avoid him.

NEIL

Man, you're rough on the guy. I mean, we share a cube, he's fine. He minds his own business. Just, what is it exactly?

JUNE What is it?!

NEIL (takes out both head phones) Yeah, honestly, please.

He gestures to Tim's empty chair.

NEIL (CONT'D) Take a seat.

JUNE (recoils) Ew, no way I'm sitting there.

Neil's blood boils.

NEIL Yeah, you know what? You're...unfair. No one deserves this kind of treatment.

Neil puts his head phones back on.

JUNE

Tim does.

Neil turns back around aggressively.

NEIL (somewhat loud) Why?! JUNE

(gritting teeth) Because he's a registered sex offender, hello!

That blind sided Neil. He's speechless. June makes animated faces at him, as though he should now feel exactly about him as she does.

NEIL

Wow. Okay, wow.

JUNE

Here, come outside with me for a second, I have a meeting in the Baker building anyway.

NEIL

Okay. Wow.

Neil exits.

51 EXT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE

The two stand outside.

NEIL So how do you know this?

JUNE I can't believe you don't. It's posted at the public schools and it's online.

NEIL Sorry I've...never just started investigating random people on the internet.

JUNE Well he's a registered sex offender in like 5 states. He's changed his name a bunch of times too.

NEIL

Holy crap.

JUNE Now do you see why I'm so creeped out by him?

June laughs in relief. She playfully slaps him.

JUNE And you just thought I was all judgemental and shitty.

Neil fake laughs to appease her. She starts returning to her obnoxious, self-amused personality.

JUNE (CONT'D) And all this time I thought you knew! And I was like, Neil, he's a sex offender. He has sex with children. You don't wanna defend someone like that do you? But you didn't know! You didn't know.

Neil nods and nervously smiles.

NEIL Well you have a meeting to get to.

JUNE Yep. See you later on?

NEIL

Sure.

June takes one step away.

NEIL (CONT'D) (eyes closed in disbelief) So wait, he had sex with children?

JUNE Yeah. Probably something scummy like that. Meeting! Bye bye!

52 INT. SARAH'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Sarah reads a magazine on her bed. Her phone buzzes up. It's from Frank.

"Hey go online."

Sarah looks genuinely nervous and disturbed. She pulls her laptop from the bedside table over to her.

An IM pops up from Frank with the link. She clicks on it. It's the video. Sarah looks at the view count. Already 362. One comment has been posted.

"the grl is fucking fly. she needs a cock jammed up her mouth." Sarah sighs. She's very nervous and put off by the whole thing. She responds to Frank's IM. "Cool. thx." She shuts her laptop and goes back to her magazine. INT. 90'S LIVING ROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK) 53 Young Jess and Young Frank sit on opposite ends of a couch, watching TV and eating popcorn. An adult voice calls off screen. ADULT VOICE (O.S.) Okay guys, we left money for pizza, have fun. The door closes. Silence for a moment. 14 JESS They're not gonna be home for like 2 hours... 14 FRANK The house is ours? Young Jess nods slowly and lays her feet on Frank's lap. After a moment... 14 JESS Fuck! 14 FRANK Penis! 14 JESS Vagina! 14 FRANK Ass fuck dick shit! 14 JESS Damn hell shit ass bitch!

54 INT. FRANK'S KITCHEN - NIGHT

Jess writes notes and flips through a text at the kitchen table. Frank sits on the living room couch and scrolls through some comments on the laptop.

"nice!"

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"This is really GREAT :) lots of fun :)"

"I don't get it"

"lolwut"

Frank smiles.

FRANK People are digging it.

JESS (absorbed in homework) How many hits now?

FRANK 800 in the last hour.

JESS

Holy Moses.

Frank gets up and goes to the fridge, past Jess. He cracks open a soda.

FRANK I really hope something comes of this.

Jess continues her work.

FRANK (CONT'D) I mean imagine if we get like, a few hundred thousand? Man, if I knew I made a hundred thousand people laugh, maybe I could stand going to that fucking job everyday.

Jess continues silently.

FRANK (CONT'D) I'm not bugging you am I?

JESS

Sorry, I'm just overwhelmed. The open house was so scary. It's...gonna be much harder to get in than I thought.

FRANK Hm. Shit. The 800 hits thing is pretty cool though, right?

JESS

(nods) Mhmm. FRANK I sent it to Sarah. Didn't get much of a reaction.

JESS

Well, I mean...she did it for her resume, didn't she?

FRANK

Yeah, but I thought she was genuinely proud of it. Thought it was funny.

Jess laughs quietly.

FRANK (CONT'D)

What?

JESS I'm sorry sweetie, I don't mean to laugh. But that girl didn't understand that script.

Frank crosses back to the living room.

FRANK I think you think you know Sarah better than you do.

JESS (sarcastic) Yeah, maybe.

Silence.

FRANK She'd probably love to be your friend.

JESS Oh that reminds me, where's her release? I want to put it someplace safe.

FRANK I'm getting it from her next time I see her.

Jess looks up from her homework.

JESS And yet it's already on the internet?

FRANK She said it was cool.

Jess looks back at Frank like he's retarded.

FRANK (CONT'D) I asked for it, but she couldn't find it right away, and I kinda wanted to get out of there.

JESS (back to homework) Why?

FRANK

I don't know, she was asking a lot of questions about our relationship and it made me uncomfortable.

JESS Welcome to my world.

Beat.

JESS (CONT'D) What kind of questions?

FRANK Basically like, why are we so committed to each other?

JESS

(beat) What'd you say?

FRANK

Apparently I said that our relationship was perfect.

Jess laughs.

JESS You tell her about the other night when I got in from work?

FRANK Retainer night?

JESS You were being such an asshole.

FRANK (smiles) YOU were being such an asshole.

Beat.

FRANK (CONT'D) Want to do it tonight?

JESS In a perfect relationship... He looks at the hit count. 1,298.

55 INT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Matt lays on the couch in his PJs and lazily goes through mail on the coffee table. He opens the rent bill. \$1100.

MATT

Oh right. Rent.

Matt picks up his cell phone and dials.

MATT (CONT'D) (muttering to self) Thanks, Dan, for all the extra space. I'll just pay for it.

Neil answers the phone.

NEIL (V.O.) Hey, what's up?

MATT Nothing - when are you going to see Dan next?

Beat.

NEIL

Why?

MATT (throws the evelope) Could you just ask him what his plan was with the rent? Because I don't know what the deal is.

NEIL Um, I don't know if I'll be able to do that.

MATT (totally confused) You guys hang out, like, every fucking day.

NEIL Yeah but it's weird, being in the middle of you two.

MATT (exhausted with Neil) It's good relationship experience for you.

NEIL Well now I don't feel bad.

MATT Okay, well if I call do you think he'll pick up?

NEIL I don't know. Probably. I think he was going to the Pride parade tonight though.

MATT (scoffs) The fucking pride parade? Oh my god.

NEIL Hey, I'm busy right now. Can I talk to you later?

MATT Make sure to cum at an especially erotic moment.

NEIL I'm not jacking off, ass.

MATT

Bye.

NEIL

Bye.

Matt haphazardly drops his phone back on the coffee table.

56 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - NIGHT

Neil picks his pants back up. A small pile of tissues sits on the computer desk.

Neil navigates to the National Sex Offenders public website and searches for "Timothy Powell." His profile comes right up, picture and all. Neil leans in and glares. He shakes his head in disbelief.

NEIL

Holy shit.

He reviews the crime. Neil mutters it aloud to himself.

NEIL (CONT'D) Commits Sexual Battery; Victim 12 Or Older And In Process Uses Physical Force Not Likely To Cause Serious Personal Injury.

He frowns.

NEIL (CONT'D) 12 or OLDER? Soco...?

Neil scrolls a bit frantically through the site.

NEIL (CONT'D) (laughs) What did he do?

Neil performs a Google search for Timothy Powell. A YouTube channel pops up as the first link. He follows it and finds:

Pages and pages of videos made by Tim. Neil's mind is completely blown. He clicks one at random.

57 INT. TIM'S LIVING ROOM

Tim's dog jumps on him. Tim laughs.

TIM

Okay. Daddy's gotta do a song. Daddy's gotta do a song.

Loud Italian music plays. Playing it hilariously straight, Tim lip syncs while slowly tying a tie.

58 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Neil stares blankly in awe at the video. After a good 30 seconds of this (cutting back and forth from Neil and the video), Neil breaks into a laughing fit.

59 INT. CHINESE RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Frank and Neil sit opposite at a table.

FRANK I think I know who you're talking about. He's been famous for a while, the internet loves him. He's so fucking creepy.

NEIL I sit in a cube with the man EVERY DAY.

FRANK Ho-ly shit. 59

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NEIL But now I have to wonder, what the fuck did he do?

FRANK All the comments are like, this guy's a punk ass pedophile who likes little boy penis!

NEIL But that's like, everyone on the internet.

Faintly, someone's singing karaoke in the bar behind the restaurant. Badly.

FRANK God, shut up. I'm trying to eat... (Frank looks at his saucy heap of noodles) ...my three dollar feast.

The singing continues. Frank gets up and peers around the bar to see her. He returns.

FRANK (CONT'D) Neil, this girl is like, your wet dream.

Neil frowns and jumps up to catch a peak. He notices who it is: Kim, the intern from the office. He runs back to the table and looks down.

> NEIL (quietly) I know her.

Frank turns back around, looks at the girl, and then Neil.

FRANK From what, porn?

NEIL She's the intern at work.

The song stops and Kim sits down at her table with an older woman. Frank gets up and looks again.

NEIL (CONT'D) Frank, stop it.

FRANK She's not here with a guy. I think she's with her mom.

NEIL We should just...get these crab rangoons wrapped up and go. FRANK If you don't at least try to talk to her, I will never feel bad for you again.

NEIL I don't want you to feel bad for me.

FRANK Come on Neil, I know you.

NEIL I'm sure you think you do.

FRANK You have been so fucking afraid of coming off as creepy to girls since, forever. And I get it, they're quick to make us feel like fucking deviants.

Neil's avoiding eye contact, getting nervous.

FRANK (CONT'D) But don't let them make you feel like trying to get laid is always some form of statutory rape.

NEIL Kim's really cool, I'd rather get to know her then just have sex with her anyway.

Frank looks at Neil like he's a shithead.

FRANK You would've never noticed her if she didn't have red hair.

Neil breaks into a laugh.

60 INT. CHINESE RESTAURANT - CONTINUOUS

Neil walks awkwardly to Kim's table. They're turned away from him. He doesn't know how to get their attention. He turns back to Frank. Frank just stares at him like he hates him.

> NEIL (a little too loudly) Kim, hey!

Kim and her mom leap a little, startled. Kim turns to Neil, scared.

KIM Oh, Neil, hey, sorry, you scared me.

NEIL

I'm sorry, I can leave you alone, maybe I'll see you Monday.

Frank shakes his head and leaves the restaurant, fed up.

KIM'S MOM Do you work with Kim?

Neil about-faces and extends his hand.

NEIL Yes, I'm Neil.

KIM Neil's one of the computer code guys. Am I describing it right?

NEIL

Perfectly.

KIM'S MOM

Well it's great running into you. We were just talking about how great it'd be if Kim could get a paid position over there. Think there's any chance of that happening?

KIM

Mom...

NEIL You know, I pretty much have headphones on all day, I wish I could give you the insider's scoop, but...

KIM Yeah, Mom, they kinda keep these guys in their cave all day.

NEIL It's not like, a "creepy" cave though. It's a normal cubicle.

KIM (smiling) Well, Tim's a little creepy.

NEIL Sure is. I feel like the only notcreepy guy sometimes in that whole cube. KIM'S MOM You know what? You guys talk. If Neil doesn't mind bringing you home, I'm gonna get going.

NEIL I - I mean, my car is clean.

KIM

Um, okay.

Kim's mom leans down to get her pocket book and whispers quickly to Kim on the way back up.

KIM'S MOM Network - I'll betcha this guy can get you a job. (to Neil) Neil, take care. Sweetie, be safe.

Kim's mom exits. Kim mocks her.

KIM "Sweetie, be safe." I love her, but come on. I'm a fucking adult.

Neil smiles awkwardly.

KIM (CONT'D)

Neil?

She allows her index finger to graze his wrist.

KIM (CONT'D) I have been dying for a scorpion bowl all night.

61 EXT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Rent bill in hand, Matt climbs into his car and slams the door. He goes to start the ignition, but pauses and pulls out his cell phone. He dials Dan.

62 INT. BRENDAN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT 62 Dan's phone rings in an empty apartment.

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63 INT. MATT'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Matt hangs up after a few rings. He starts the car and backs out of his spot.

MATT Kid's parents did a number on him.

64 EXT. I-195 - NIGHT

Matt merges onto 95 to Providence.

65 INT. BRENDAN'S CAR - NIGHT

Dan sits shotgun in Brendan's car, with Cassie in the backseat. Brendan has his pink bunny ears, a tiny pink Tshirt, and a pink speedo. Cassie is just overly accessorized with bracelets, stick-on tattoos, and a whole lot of bullshit. Dan...is dressed as Dracula.

> DAN What do you do, just park at the mall?

BRENDAN Seems a safe bet.

Cassie spots a group of attractive gay guys getting out of their car in the parking garage.

CASSIE OMG, look at these guys. I fuckin' love Pride.

DAN Why, 'cause they're hot?

CASSIE

So hot.

DAN And completely unavailable to you? That's a turn on?

CASSIE

(sassy) I look at hot models all the time. Most of them are gay. Doesn't make them less hot to me.

DAN

Completely unobtainable.

CASSIE Totally happy just looking.

BRENDAN She's so full of shit.

Brendan pulls into a spot and they all get out.

BRENDAN (CONT'D) No guy will date her, so she "innocently" befriends gay guys so she can whip out her G-cups or grab his junk and be all like "oh, it's totally fine, he's gay, we can do this, it's safe!"

CASSIE It IS safe if he's gay!

DAN

So when was the last time you and a girlfriend started flashing one another for no reason?

BRENDAN Please, I'm this bitch's only friend.

CASSIE (pushes Brendan) And you show your junk to me all the time you queer.

BRENDAN I show my junk to everybody.

66 EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - NIGHT

The three approach the fair ground. It's usual fare - food vendors, silly string, light sticks, live concert, etc. The Rhode Island State capital building, lit in decorative rainbow coloring, overlooks the fair.

DAN Fucking loud.

BRENDAN It's Pride! What should it be, quiet?

DAN It's kinda hilarious - it honestly looks like Halloween. I think I fit right in. Look at that guy. In the distance, an older man (50s) of about 5'2 stands in sweaty pink clothing with pink-dyed braids weaved into the little hair he has left. He stands by himself, unsure of where to go or what to do.

> DAN (CONT'D) He's a super villain.

BRENDAN

The Flame.

DAN

He was found after a botched lobotomy, and weaved by the government into an entity of the gayest proportions.

BRENDAN Oh fuck. You know what I don't have?

DAN

Pants?

BRENDAN

Cash.

DAN You don't think Pride is "accepting" of cards?

BRENDAN Can I borrow money?

DAN I'd have to go to an ATM.

BRENDAN ...could you? Come on, I let you stay at my place...

DAN

(muttering) Yeah, sleeping on Cassie's fupa.

67 EXT. ATM - CONTINUOUS

Matt withdraws cash from the ATM. Dan futzes with his wallet to get out card, and when he finally looks up, he notices that it's Matt at the ATM. He turns around and subtly tries to leave.

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EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - CONTINUOUS

Dan meets back up with Brendan.

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DAN So how long are we going to stay?

BRENDAN Well the parade's in an hour. Why?

DAN

I just saw Matt at the ATM.

BRENDAN (earnest) So you didn't get money?

DAN Fuck off, this sucks.

BRENDAN

It doesn't suck - he SHOULD meet guys. And look. A ton of gay guys.

DAN I don't want him dating any of these guys.

BRENDAN

Uh, A., Fuck what you want, he's single, and B., this is a pretty good representation of the gay community.

DAN Yeah, call it like it is Brendan, we're all kinky and deviant vampires.

BRENDAN

(eyeing Dan) Truth be told. Most of us are. Not such a bad thing really.

CASSIE So has Matt never slept with another guy?

Dan turns to Cassie who's trying to blow up a balloon, barely conscious of the world around her.

DAN (trying to be non-chalant) No.

CASSIE That's probably why he broke up with you.

BRENDAN

Thanks dump-truck for assuming it must be the most obvious and shallow reason.

Cassie looks appalled and pops the balloon in Brendan's face.

CASSIE Suck my twat you fucking queen!

BRENDAN I'm gonna smack that assy mouth.

Cassie squeals in delight and Brendan runs after her. Dan's left to ponder, squinting in disbelief.

69 INT. CHINESE RESTAURANT - NIGHT

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Kim is on her third scorpion bowl. No one is left in the restaurant.

KIM

(drunk) It's just shitty, because Tanya will be like, REALLY nice to you to your face, and laugh at all your jokes and stuff, like big fake laughs and I HATE her fake laughs, but then like, I make the guys at work laugh and I get attention without even trying, and she just wants to sabotage me. It's...all these damn games.

NEIL Do...do I know Tanya?

KIM

(big swig) One of the other interns. We all want the same position so it's getting really bitchy. But I'm the cute red head, so I get picked on.

NEIL (loss of words) You could come in like, unshowered. Or dye your hair black.

Kim cracks up.

KIM Are you kidding? Being the cute red head is what's gonna get me this job! I just want everyone to like me, I guess. The two pause in silence.

KIM I mean, if anything, maybe I'm not cute enough.

Neil doesn't respond.

KIM (CONT'D) (flirty) What do you think? Aren't I cute?

Neil's very nervous. He nods and half smiles. Kim beams a tired, drunk, but very honest smile back.

She suddenly starts to bend over in nausea.

KIM (CONT'D) Ugh, number three was the mistake.

NEIL Hey, let's get out of their way here, let them clean up.

Neil goes to her side of the table.

NEIL (CONT'D) Need help getting up? I won't touch you if you want, I'll just pull the chair out.

70 INT. NEIL'S CAR - NIGHT

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Kim sits half asleep in the passenger's seat while Neil makes his way into the driver's seat. He puts his key in the ignition when:

Kim drops her head on his shoulder. Seconds later, she throws an arm over his lap to get comfortable.

Neil is piss-pants nervous. He closes his eyes and sighs.

The two sit in affectionate silence. Neil settles into the comfort of the surprise.

Kim's hand starts to move back toward her body slowly, but stops off at his fly. VERY SLOWLY, she unzips him.

He opens his eyes and glances down. His brow shakes in fear. With her soft, feminine fingers, Kim reaches under Neil's underwear and pulls out his cock. Neil closes his eyes again and embraces the first few strokes of his first-ever sexual experience. BAM BAM BAM.

Kim's mom. Outside the driver's side. Witnessing the hand job.

KIM'S MOM OPEN THIS DOOR RIGHT NOW YOU SICKO!

Neil struggles to push off Kim and put his junk away. Kim wakes suddenly and vomits in the car violently. Some tears escape the corners of her eyes. Kim's mom rushes to open the passenger door and help her daughter.

NEIL

Ma'am, I am so sorry -

Kim's mom interrupts Neil with the phone conversation already in progress.

KIM'S MOM Yes hi, I have a sexual predator here at the Oriental Pearl, caught during an act of sexual assault with my daughter.

NEIL

(freaked) Wait! No, she may have been drinking but she initiated -

KIM'S MOM My daughter is 16 years old, the predator is a 20 something, 5'7, overweight.

71 EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - NIGHT

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As the parade starts to gear up, Cassie, Brendan, and Dan can barely see anything over a group of young lesbians.

DAN We're getting les-boxed.

One of the girls turns around and addresses Dan loudly.

GIRL ISN'T PRIDE THE BEST DAY OF THE FUCKING YEAR?!

BRENDAN

YES!

DAN No, Christmas. GIRL (couldn't hear) What?

DAN Christmas is the best day of the year!

The girl fake laughs, confused, and returns to her friends.

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EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - CONTINUOUS

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Matt walks along the crowded line, looking for Dan.

VOICE

Matt!

Matt turns to find the voice, but the voice still grabs him from behind. It's Jake, the "rosacea" guy. He gives Matt a big unwanted hug.

MATT

Jake, hey, nice to see you! I thought my asshole ex scared you out of the country.

JAKE What brought you out? I'm so glad to see you away from that guy!

Matt smiles nervously and embarrassed. He reluctantly responds.

MATT I'm actually looking for him, he's here somewhere.

JAKE (deflates)

Fuck off.

MATT

BECAUSE the douchebag left me to pay our entire rent after bunking up at his ex's.

JAKE

(skeptical) You're not looking for a poetic make-up in front of a rainbow highlighted state house?

MATT

Oh yeah, look at that. That's kinda cool of them. Does Rhode Island allow gay marriage yet? JAKE

No.

MATT Oh, then fuck them.

JAKE Come on, forget your ex. Let's watch the parade from up there.

MATT You didn't come with anyone?

JAKE (joking) I have rosacea Matt!

Matt laughs.

MATT Just don't give it to me.

73 INT. CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Young Neil (14) takes notes. A YOUNG GIRL sits beside him accidentally drops her pencil. Young Neil bends down and picks it up. He hands it to her. The girl recoils.

14 GIRL Ew, that's okay, you keep it.

74 EXT. CHINESE RESTAURANT - NIGHT

With police lights flashing, a police cruiser sits parked outside the Chinese restaurant. Drunken Kim lays in her mom's arms while they speak with the officer. Neil leans against his car, crying. Chinese workers inspect from behind the entrance.

> OFFICER At which time you left your daughter unattended?

KIM'S MOM With the understanding that this man would bring her home tonight. They work together, I was trying to encourage a relationship that might get her a promotion.

The officer looks up from his report and quickly glances at her like she's an idiot.

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Your 16 year old daughter, in a bar on a Saturday night with a man you just met?

KIM'S MOM I didn't know I couldn't trust anyone anymore.

OFFICER And when you returned three hours later, you witnessed the sexual misconduct.

KIM'S MOM She was giving him an HJ, groping his penis, intoxicated.

OFFICER Kim, do you have a driver's license?

KIM'S MOM She has a permit. Come on sweetie.

Kim's mom helps her locate the permit in her purse. The officer inspects quickly.

OFFICER Well ma'am, age of consent is sixteen years of age in Massachusetts.

KIM'S MOM This is date rape. He supplied alcohol to a minor.

OFFICER

And he will be cited for the alcohol. Now you're certainly welcome to bring this to court, since the alcohol hints at inducement of sex under 18.

KIM Mom, let's just go home.

KIM'S MOM This is ridiculous.

The officer makes his way to Neil.

OFFICER

ID please.

NEIL I had no idea she was so young.

OFFICER

(writing) We're going to leave it at a fifteen hundred dollar citation for supplying alcohol to a minor for now, you may be getting a court call, instructions are on the back of the citation.

NEIL

I, in no way initiated the sex, she was drunk and reached over...

OFFICER If you paid for the favor in question or any other favors of a sexual nature, now would be a good time to let me know, you don't want that coming out later.

Neil shakes his head, frowning, tears down his eyes. The officer never looked up to see his gesture.

OFFICER (CONT'D) Hello? Is that a no?

NEIL

I didn't.

OFFICER

We'll be in contact in the next several days if your appearance is necessary.

75 EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - NIGHT

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Dan looks on behind his excited friends and lesbians. The parade is in full flamboyant swing. Dan's underwhelmed. Brendan turns to Dan.

BRENDAN Come on, this is awesome! Just think - you could be home, missing out!

DAN I told you man, all the best guys are at home.

CASSIE (turns) Then go home Dan! Ugh!

LESBIAN (turns) Yeah, go have Christmas!

Dan searches his pocket but doesn't find his phone. He sees Cassie's sitting in her pocketbook. He steals it quietly and makes a call.

76 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Neil lays flat out on his bed, eyes wide open and filled with stress and exhaustion. His phone vibrates loudly on his bedside. He doesn't react.

It continues for a while and finally stops.

77 EXT. PROVIDENCE PRIDE PARADE - CONTINUOUS

Dan grimaces at the phone.

DAN Fucking dickhead. Up playing video games all night.

He dials again.

78 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

> The phone vibrates all over again. Neil finally reacts a little and doesn't recognize the number. Anxiety hits and he finally decides to answer the phone with great reluctance.

> > NEIL

Hello?

do you want?

DAN Why don't you answer your phone? Ever? Acting like a fucking hermit.

NEIL (very quietly) Didn't recognize the number. What

DAN Ugh. I saw Matt here. And this parade is gueer. I need a ride home, Brendan will be here all night.

NEIL (still quiet) I'm in for the night Dan. I really can't drive right now.

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DAN

(loud) Oh god dammit Neil, it's like a half hour. How about you quit being a fag, get the fuck out of your room for once -

NEIL You're a fag.

Neil hangs up.

DAN

Neil? Idiot.

Dan distances himself from the crowd of onlookers. He dials Neil again. No answer. He continues making the call to no avail, and while he gets closer to the capital building, he spots it:

Jake and Matt watching the parade together. Jake rests his head on Matt's shoulder.

Dan turns around to avoid being seen and dials Neil again.

79 INT. NEIL'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Neil finally, with a long angry grunt, picks up.

NEIL

What?

DAN (sobbing a little) Um. I need you to come pick me up Neil. Right now you're the only person I feel comfortable talking to.

NEIL Did you call Frank?

DAN Frank's too happy with his life. You sound miserable.

NEIL

I am.

Neil let's out a long sigh.

NEIL (CONT'D) I'll be there in a half hour.

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80 INT. NEIL'S CAR - NIGHT

Neil and Dan drive. Neil is shirtless and wears pajama pants. Dan remains in his Dracula get up, and on the brink of tears.

DAN

I don't know how this shit all went down inside of like, a week. Do you think he just wants to hook up with another guy? Like, he has a hang up about only ever being with me?

NEIL I don't know. It never seemed like that.

DAN So what, do you think it's like subconscious?

NEIL I have no idea. I don't know a lot about relationships.

Long silence. Dan chuckles a little, amidst the tears.

DAN Did you ever fix up that profile?

Neil tears up and begins sobbing heavily. His eyes fill up completely and he can't contain himself.

DAN (CONT'D) Dude, watch...watch the road.

Neil just continues to cry, shirtless and pathetic. He pulls over. Dan looks out the window and tries to ignore it. And then: his eyes fill up and he starts to cry profusely. The two trade dialogue while crying hard, as highway drivers pass them at high speeds.

> DAN (CONT'D) What the fuck are you crying about?

NEIL I'm fine, just don't be a dick about the profile thing or the virgin thing.

DAN I'm not trying to be, I just want you to have sex.

NEIL (crying hard) Well you should've gotten me some! (MORE) NEIL (CONT'D) You should've been my gay wing man and hooked me up! But now I'm a fucking creep show.

DAN

I always wanted to hook you up but you told me not to!

NEIL

Because you and Frank would make fun of me about it the whole time!

DAN Yeah, because we love you!

NEIL

(crying angrily) Oh come on, you put me down, shit on me, and embarrass me constantly because you love me?

DAN

Yes!

Neil continues to cry, as does Dan. After some time, and locating tissues in his car, he finally responds.

NEIL

Thanks.

Neil pulls back onto the highway.

81 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S BEDROOM - MORNING 81

Frank and Jess are inside a pile of blankets and comforters with the dogs in bed. A stressful alarm starts blaring.

82 EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - MORNING

Frank jogs with his MP3 player. He listens to a spoken word podcast.

HOST We're gonna get to your sex advice calls in a minute, but first I just wanted to EXPOSE, and point out an interesting little corner of the internet that's been getting a little buzz - foot to ass fetishists.

Frank stops dead in the road with a look of bewilderment. He listens on with a flood of emotions - amusement, surprise, interest, confusion, etc.

HOST (CONT'D) There's apparently a little video floatin' around, on all your perverted computers, it's a narrative apparently, I wish I'd seen it, I'd tell you all about it. But yeah. Chick takes a toe in the keester. Hey, the foot fetishists have to go somewhere! Right? BDSM gets a little more hardcore every year, and the foot fetishists...find new places to stick their dirty digits. And I'm sure this isn't the first time this has ever happened, I guess I just wanted to point it out because, it fascinates me, and it should fascinate you, how fetishists get spikes of press. There is a fashion world to sex, there's no doubt about it - some shit's in, and some shit's out. Oh and we won't even go there, let's get to the calls.

83 INT. FRANK'S COMPUTER ROOM - MORNING

> Sweaty Frank frantically searches for "toe to ass." 9,000,000 hits pop up. He clicks the top one.

His video loads on a porn site. He starts cracking up to himself.

> FRANK (to himself) Oh my god, they think it's porn ...

84 INT. FRANK'S KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS 84 Frank gets a bowl of pudding from the fridge.

The DOORBELL sounds. The dogs go berserk. Jess doesn't move.

85 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS 85

> Frank, with pudding, answers the door. There stands a tall, handsome, jocky dude, in clothes a douche like this might consider professional. He's somewhat stern.

GUY

Oh, hey, Frank right?

The guy takes a big, obtrusive step forward and puts out his massive hand. Frank shakes it.

GUY (CONT'D) Hey man, I'm Justin, you know my girlfriend Sarah?

FRANK

(waking up) Oh, yeah. Cool - I didn't even know she had a boyfriend actually.

JUSTIN

Yeah, yeah, been about a year now, me and the Sar. Hey you mind if I come in and bounce something off you real quick? Maybe you could get a cup of coffee going for me?

FRANK

Jess and I don't really drink coffee.

JUSTIN Cool, well how about just a power bar or something?

FRANK

Uh, I think we have yogurt.

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INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Justin puts down his 5th cup of yogurt.

JUSTIN

So what we have here is a situation in which, heck dude, I like to laugh, but I think we can meet half way in saying that a young lady like Sarah might've been taken advantage of.

FRANK

She wanted to do it man, we dissected the consequences up and down.

JUSTIN

Right, but it's the toe in the - ah hell, there's no ladies around, I'll just say it - "ass" shot that's really like, whoa. How'd we get here? Suddenly my fiance's in a pornogaphic film.

FRANK Wait a minute, you guys are engaged?

JUSTIN

Well just give me a week - I've got my proposal all planned out. And that's part of it, you know? She's upset about this video being online, I need her to be in the right mindset, plus, I'm not sure how I feel about a married woman being exploited quite like this.

Jess walks past the guys and out the door, half asleep.

JUSTIN (CONT'D) (discreet) I mean look, you wouldn't want guys around the world squeezing off to your best girl online, would you?

FRANK She's got a profile online.

JUSTIN

Yeah, so?

FRANK So they already are.

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EXT. JESS AND FRANK'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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Jess, in a sleepy stupor, goes out and gets the mail. She notices Justin's parked car - and notices that Sarah is ducking down in the passenger's seat.

Jess perks up artificially and approaches the car.

JESS Sarah, hey! What's up? You didn't come in!

88 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Justin prattles on.

JUSTIN

The truth is man, I'm a total nerd like you, you know? I like Wii tennis and funny websites and everything. But with this thing with the toe - you're gonna have to give it the ax bro.

FRANK

What?

JUSTIN

It's gotta come down dude. I don't like it, but that's the deal, that comes down from up high.

FRANK

I...don't have to do anything.

JUSTIN

Hey, look, I'm not a legal guy, I'm actually a marketing guy, I'm going into marketing, but she said you sent her a release and she never signed it, so I guess that means you can't put it out there without her say so. And you know how the ladies get, we have to be like, whatever you say honey! You know how it is.

FRANK

(deflated) She really never signed the release?

JUSTIN Mmm, no. She didn't.

89 EXT. JESS AND FRANK'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

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Jess and Sarah converse.

JESS

Really? I remember you saying it was cool.

SARAH

Um, well yeah, it's just the one shot actually, the toe going in...I felt kinda rushed into it. And does it really need to be in there for it to be funny?

JESS

Oh, totally.

Sarah's at a loss of words.

SARAH

I just, I'm sorry Jess, I've just been freaking out, all these skeezy guys jacking off to me online -

JESS

So we'll swap out the one shot with my ass and re-post the video.

SARAH

I don't really...

JESS

They won't be masturbating to you anymore, it'll be someone else.

SARAH Um...that's okay.

Long silence. Finally:

JESS Sarah...this isn't that big of a deal. And for the record, not everyone gets the opportunity to be sexualized.

Sarah sits there, uncomfortable.

SARAH Do you think Frank is faithful?

JESS (confused) Mhmm.

Silence.

SARAH I think he might want to sleep with me.

Silence.

JESS I'm sure he does. Did he?

Sarah doesn't respond.

JESS (CONT'D) Come on Sarah. Grow a pair. You're funny in that video.

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90 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S HOUSE - MORNING

Justin and Frank continue their conversation as Jess comes back through the door.

FRANK So Sarah will be the last girl you ever have sex with?

JUSTIN (proud of himself) Yeah man, I guess that's right.

FRANK Is she good in the sack?

JUSTIN (leans forward) The best dude.

FRANK Oh, so you've had sex with every woman ever?

JUSTIN (laughs) Well the best I've ever had.

FRANK (beat) How do you know you couldn't have better?

Justin looks like his mind has been blown. Jess walks past him and back out the door with a piece of paper in her hand.

> JUSTIN I guess I never thought of it like that.

FRANK Good meeting you Justin.

Frank walks Justin out and shuts the door.

91 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S LIVING ROOM - DAY 91

We see Sarah's car leave from the living room bay window.

92 EXT. JESS AND FRANKS'S DECK - DAY

Frank sits with his pudding on the back deck steps. Jess sits next to him and sorts mail.

JESS I know. That's hilarious.

FRANK Wanna know who that was?

JESS

Who?

FRANK Sarah's boyfriend. Well, fiance? Who gives a shit.

JESS (gestures to the pudding) Can I have a bite?

Frank hands her the bowl.

FRANK Fucking Sarah sent him to tell me we have to take down the video.

JESS I told you to get that release.

FRANK Jess, seriously, please, don't rub it in my face.

Jess takes an envelope and slaps Frank in the face with it.

Frank sternly grabs it and opens it. It's a cast release. Sarah's signature in blue ink.

Frank blinks.

JESS Bitch face was out in the car. We talked.

FRANK (shocked and glowing) How the hell did this happen?

JESS

We're BFFs.

Frank continuously stares at the release and Jess, in shock and enthusiasm.

Jess picks up and frowns at a piece of mail. She lights up subtly.

Holy shit, I got into my program.

Frank stands, speechless.

FRANK I...I'm gonna puke.

JESS (laughs) Oh no, don't puke!

Frank hangs over the deck railing.

Jess looks through the package and picks out another form and reads it.

JESS (CONT'D) Oh fuck off.

FRANK

What?

Jess hands Frank the paper. He inspects it.

FRANK (CONT'D) (shocked) This is what they're giving you for health care?

JESS Didn't I tell you we get boned?

93 INT. NEIL'S WORKPLACE - MORNING

June walks right by Neil and Tim's cube without acknowledgment. A MANAGER intercepts her.

MANAGER June, do you have a couple minutes?

94 INT. MANAGER'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

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June and the Manager are seated.

JUNE Okay, can we finally talk about the Kim and Neil thing? Isn't that crazy? I'm not surprised she didn't show up this morning.

MANAGER

Whoa, hey, this is not about Neil and Kim and I'm going to ask that we not spread rumors or make any assumptions about that.

JUNE

(confused) Okay.

MANAGER

Um, this is actually about the quarterly review. And um...well, every department was actually asked to terminate a position.

95 INT. NEIL AND TIM'S CUBE - MORNING

The two sit in silence. Neil's still pretty shell shocked. After a long silence, Tim breaks it. He spins slowly in his chair to face Neil.

> TIM You know they took my home computer away?

Neil turns to him. He's very cautious.

NEIL

Really?

TIM Not allowed to have one apparently.

Silence.

TIM (CONT'D) 20 years ago, someone I had consensual sex with accused me of assaulting them. And now I've got a damn sign with my face xeroxed all over town, and am not allowed to use a computer.

Silence.

TIM (CONT'D) Murderers are allowed to have computers.

Tim returns to his work. Neil sits in contemplation. After enough time, he returns to his work.

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96 INT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - MORNING 96

Matt unlocks the door to his apartment and enters.

97 INT. DAN AND MATT'S APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

There he finds Dan, asleep on the couch. After many moments of contemplation, he sits on the floor next to Dan and caresses his arm. Dan turns to him.

DAN

Hey.

MATT

Hey.

DAN I saw you with that rosacea kid.

Beat.

MATT (nervous) Yeah.

DAN Well? Did you fuck him?

MATT He got really drunk and blew me.

DAN That's awesome, congratulations.

Beat.

DAN (CONT'D) Don't tell me anymore about it.

Matt caresses Dan's arm as Dan drifts back to sleep.

98 INT. CITY HALL - DAY

Frank and Jess are addressed by a town clerk. They are dressed in street clothes. Jess reaches for a lollipop in a basket. Michelle stands behind them decked out in a deep blue bridesmaid's gown and flowers in her hair.

CLERK

So I just need photocopies of your driver's licenses and twenty five dollars. Oh, and your witness's ID.

MICHELLE I'm the maid of honor. So what, they don't need blood tests?

CLERK

Nah, that was repealed years ago.

They all stand around and wait while the clerk processes the paper work.

MICHELLE Jess, you are a beautiful bride. Remember, this day is all about you.

JESS (laughs) This day's about health insurance.

Beat.

MICHELLE

You don't forget that either Frank. I know you're all untraditional and everything but don't forget, this is what we women live for.

Jess cracks up.

Neil, Dan, and Matt walk in as a group with backpacks and sunglasses.

DAN Hey, holy shit.

Frank, Jess, and Michelle turn around.

FRANK (smiles) Hey.

DAN Are you guys...getting married?

FRANK

Oh. Yeah.

Silence.

DAN Sweet. We're getting beach stickers.

MICHELLE Wait, are these your queer friends? How many of you are queer? Matt and Dan raise their hands. Dan raises Neil's hand for him. Matt puts his hand down and raises Dan's other hand for him.

99 INT. AUDITION ROOM - DAY

A DIRECTOR and a female CASTING DIRECTOR sit behind a table with a digital camera on a tripod. Sarah stands in front of them with a script.

> DIRECTOR Just say your name and the part you're auditioning for.

CAMERA POV

Sarah looks into the camera and smiles sweetly.

SARAH

Hi, I'm Sarah, and I'm auditioning for the part of Florence in "Finding Me Again."

Sarah looks off camera. She slams down the script and points off camera.

SARAH (CONT'D) (in character) WHY do I keep letting you do this to me? I swore to myself I wouldn't and here I am, begging for more! Don't think I don't know what happened, I know DAMN WELL, what happened...

The director stares at Sarah.

100 INT. DIRECTOR'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

The director plays Sarah's audition tape on his big screen TV and masturbates on his couch.

101 INT. 90'S LIVING ROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK) 101

Young Frank watches TV with Young Jess. Continuous with the last flashback with these two.

Young Jess has her feet propped on Young Frank's lap.

14 FRANK Why do you like me?

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14 JESS (shrugs) I like what I like.

102 INT. JESS AND FRANK'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Sarah's signed release hangs framed on the wall. Mission accomplished.

Frank sighs and rests his head on Jess after having sex. She lets out a sigh too, and reaches for a glass of water with a straw and takes a sip. She pats his head.

JESS

Well done.

He rolls off and she goes to the bathroom. Frank turns on the TV. He flips through for a moment but finds nothing but special reports or hour long specials on child predators. He turns it off and calls to Jess, who's off screen.

FRANK So honestly, what do you do now, do you pee out the cum?

JESS Uh, no, I just pee.

FRANK Fuck man, that vagina. So multipurpose.

JESS Why? What else does it do besides have sex and launch kids?

FRANK

Well, pees...

JESS No it doesn't.

FRANK Well obviously there's a urethra but it comes out the same place.

JESS No it doesn't.

FRANK ...so you're telling me that it comes out of literally a different hole?

Yes.

FRANK So you have two holes?

JESS Yes! Because I'm female.

FRANK How come I've never noticed?

JESS

It's tough to find. That's why it's so difficult to start catheters on women.

FRANK Well don't think I'm too stupid. The penis pretty much does everything and all you've got is one hole.

JESS And testicles, and scrotum, and...

FRANK Yeah but, it's all just...dick!

Jess laughs and returns to bed. She turns on the TV.

FRANK (CONT'D) You didn't cum, right?

JESS

Nah.

FRANK Sorry. Getcha next time.

JESS Don't get me wrong, I loved it.

Long pause.

FRANK You hear about how Neil's a sex predator?

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