

Girls
Season 1 Episode 3
Elijah and Hannah

Hannah is waiting at the bar, when Elijah shows up to meet her.

HANNAH: Oh my god! Hi.

ELIJAH: Hi. (They embrace)

HANNAH: Hey. Hey.

ELIJAH: Hey.

HANNAH: Hey. You changed your hair, it looks great!

ELIJAH: Oh thank you. Thank you.

HANNAH: Remember that time you grew a beard and then you shaved it and I didn't recognize your face looked like and I cried?

ELIJAH: Yes. That was beautiful.

HANNAH: Do I look the same to you?

ELIJAH: Have you lost weight?

HANNAH: I mean if I have it's only a few pounds. I think people just remember me fatter or something.

ELIJAH: Oh no Hannah. You were never fat. You were soft and round like a dumpling.

HANNAH: Thank you.

ELIJAH: You're welcome.

HANNAH: So how's work? Are you still at the archival footage place?

ELIJAH: Oh no no. Actually I uh, I've taken an exciting new position. I'm an assistant to a curator of dance?

HANNAH: Oh wow.

ELIJAH: Uh yeah, it's unpaid. But it could very well lead to something...But uh what about you? I mean how's the writing?

HANNAH: Well it's great. I'm actually almost done with the book of essays. So.

ELIJAH: That's amazing. Is it titled?

HANNAH: Right now it's "Midnight Snack" That's the title. The working title.

ELIJAH: I mean you know, there's lots of titles. Um. It's really great to hear from you. Really great to hear from you. I mean I've been thinking how much I've wanted to speak with you.

HANNAH: Well, Elijah, I'm really happy to see you too. I don't want to mislead you. I did not bring you here to retread old territory emotionally.

ELIJAH: Okay.

HANNAH: I'm more open to it physically. And I brought you here to talk about something pretty specific. Which is a little bit touchy.

ELIJAH: Alright.

HANNAH: I don't want to assume anything about you and other partners -

ELIJAH: It's true.

HANNAH: It's true?

ELIJAH: And I hate that you found out through the post collegiate rumor mill. But I'm glad that you heard because things with Beau are moving so quickly and I just felt like eventually we were going to either see you -

HANNAH: Beau?

ELIJAH: Well that's his name. Yes.

HANNAH: And Beau is?
ELIJAH: My lover.
HANNAH: Who's male?
ELIJAH: Yes.
HANNAH: I didn't know that.
ELIJAH: Oh.
HANNAH: So...
ELIJAH: Oh...
HANNAH: You're gay?
ELIJAH: OH well I don't um..I don't say "gay." I don't say "straight" either. I'm with a person of my own gender, which essentially means that I am -
HANNAH: Experimenting.
ELIJAH: Um....
HANNAH: Which I love.
ELIJAH: Thank you.
HANNAH: Which I love.
ELIJAH: Thank you. (Seeing Hannah is upset) Oh Hannah. Hannah. Hannah. Hannah. Hannah. Hannah. (Trying to touch her to comfort her)
HANNAH: Don't. Don't.
ELIJAH: Okay. Okay.
HANNAH: I'm fine. What I'm having right now is an inappropriate physical reaction to my total joy for you and your self discovery.
ELIJAH: Well thank you so much. Thank you. And listen I want you to know this exploration was very much inspired by you.
HANNAH: I do explore.
ELIJAH: You do!
HANNAH: I mean right now I'm seeing this guy and uh sometimes I let him hit me on the side of my body so...
ELIJAH: I mean.. that is great that you are seeing someone.
HANNAH: So I am processing this. Does this mean that the whole time we were together you were ...
ELIJAH: I mean are you, are you asking did I always want to have sex with men. (Hannah nods) Yes. Are you asking did I think about it when we were together? (Hannah nods) Yes.
HANNAH: So then how were you able to have sex with me?
ELIJAH: Uh well...there's a...there's a...handsomeness to you..
HANNAH: Oh my god.
ELIJAH: Alright that was...maybe that wasn't the right umm..
HANNAH: Well I am very very happy for you.
ELIJAH: Thank you. That means a lot to me.
HANNAH: But I do wish that maybe you would have figured this out a little bit sooner. Like maybe when we were at liberal arts college because there were a lot of gay men there.
ELIJAH: Okay. Okay. Now I just feel like there is a lot of aggression coming off of you.
HANNAH: And also I want to let you know the reason I brought you here was not to discuss our past relationship but to discuss the fact that I have an STD and I'm pretty fucking sure you gave it to me.
ELIJAH: Why would you think that?
HANNAH: Because I've been having protected sex with my current boyfriend and also he doesn't have HPV.
ELIJAH: HPV?
HANNAH: He was tested and he doesn't have it.
ELIJAH: Oh your boyfriend was tested for HPV?

HANNAH: Yes.

ELIJAH: Well that's absurd.

HANNAH: And why is that absurd?

ELIJAH: Because there is no test for men. There is no way a man can be tested for HPV and your boyfriend would know that had he even taken an intro level to human sexuality workshop.

HANNAH: Okay so you're saying you don't have it?

ELIJAH: No. I'm saying there's no way for me to know. And quite frankly Hannah I resent the accusation. You were...You were always like this!

HANNAH: Okay this is not the time for you to throw stones because I was the one who was lied to!

ELIJAH: By who?

HANNAH: By you for two years.

ELIJAH: Well I think it was Maya Angelou who said "we are only as blind as we want to be."

HANNAH: So you are saying that I was supposed to know you were gay. Because let me tell you something, this fruity little voice you've put on -

ELIJAH: Excuse me!

HANNAH: Is a new thing!

ELIJAH: Fruity little voice. Fruity little voice.

HANNAH: Keep your voice – keep it down.

ELIJAH: Is this about the scarf?

HANNAH: It's not about the scarf. The scarf is not helping the situation. But it's about your tone of voice. It's about your mannerisms. And in my head -

ELIJAH: I'm my authentic self. I am being my authentic self.

HANNAH: If you had been this gay in college I would have known because I have two eye balls, two ears.

ELIJAH: You might wanna take some steps back through your other boyfriends and not for nothing maybe take a look at your dad.

HANNAH: You didn't just....

ELIJAH: I did!

HANNAH: In what way does my father read gay to you?

ELIJAH: Uh well he has a stud in his ear.

HANNAH: He got in on a trip he took with a bunch of his male friends..... I heard what that sounded like -

ELIJAH: Are we hearing ourselves? I don't think we are.

HANNAH: You know what I'm going to do from now on?

ELIJAH: What are you going to do?

HANNAH: Ask people if they're gay before I have sex with them.

ELIJAH: Good luck with that. Good luck with that. And dont be surprised if people ask you if you keep dressing like that.

HANNAH: I'm going to have the last word in this situation.

ELIJAH: It was nice to see you.

HANNAH: No. No.

ELIJAH: Your dad is gay! (Elijah leaves Hannah at the bar)