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INT-DINER-DAY

Maya and Ollie are at a booth. She interviews him.

MAYA

So question one. How often do you rent adult movies?

OLLIE

Do I really have to do this?

MAYA

I don't think you have anything to be ashamed about. Interest in adult film can be healthy, as long as it's habitual. C'mon, how often?

OLLIE

Three or four times a week.

MAYA

Okay, maybe I was wrong. You should be ashamed.

OLLIE

You have a real talent for making the subject feel open and comfortable in a safe environment.

MAYA

So, you're renting it presumably to masturbate, right?

OLLIE

Good God!

MAYA

Come on, don't be such a tight ass. We're all adults here.

OLLIE

I know I'm an adult. How old are you, exactly?

MAYA

I'll be twenty-six in March.

OLLIE

Twenty-six, and you still haven't learned that some things aren't polite to talk about in public?

MAYA

If it makes you feel any better, I do it like twice a day.

OLLIE

Good God.

MAYA

What can I say, I get bored easily.

OLLIE

You're gonna get carpal tunnel syndrome.

MAYA

Don't get all judgmental with me, you're no slouch yourself. I just have a healthy sexual appetite.

OLLIE

Why don't you just go out and get yourself a boyfriend?

MAYA

Why don't you go out and get yourself a girlfriend?

OLLIE

I work all day, I hang out with my kid at night.

MAYA

You would rather hang out with your kid than get laid?

OLLIE

Yeah.

MAYA

Aw. That's kinda sweet. I'm kinda crushin' on you right now, Trinke.

OLLIE

Okay. Can I go home now?

MAYA

No. When was the last time you had sex?

OLLIE

I would rather not disclose that information.

MAYA

Oh come on, don't clam up on me now. You're gonna remain anonymous in my paper.

OLLIE

Anonymity doesn't concern me. Embarrassment does.

MAYA

Why would you be embarrassed?

OLLIE

Because it's been a long time.

MAYA

How long?

OLLIE

A long time.

MAYA

C'mon, champ! Just own it! Just put it out there! I promise I won't make any editorial cracks about it. Not in front of you at least.

OLLIE

Seven years.

MAYA

Seven years.

OLLIE

Since my wife died, yeah.

MAYA

Wow.

OLLIE

You know, a dumbfounded, mouth agape look of shock might be construed by some as an editorial crack.

MAYA

I'm so sorry.

OLLIE

It's fine.

MAYA

No, it's not. I mean, it's not, at all! With all due respect to your wife, you gotta get back on the horse, man.

OLLIE

No, I don't, actually.

MAYA

Yes. You do.

OLLIE

No, I don't!

MAYA

Yes you... get up. *(She gets up.)*

OLLIE

Are we done?

MAYA

With this, for now. But come with me. *(She pulls him by the hand toward the exit.)*

OLLIE

Where are we going?

MAYA

To your place. We're going to have some sex. *(Ollie stops in his tracks.)* What, did you forget something?

OLLIE

No. Look, I appreciate the offer, and I'm very flattered, but I can't do this.

MAYA

What's the matter? Don't you think I'm cute?

OLLIE

Of course I think you're cute.

MAYA

Well then?

OLLIE

Look, I'm not just celibate because of my daughter. There are a lot of emotional issues too. My wife may be dead, but I'm still very much in love with her.

MAYA

Hey, I respect that. I mean look, I'm not telling you to fall in love with me here, and I'm not trying to replace your wife. I'm just talking about two consensual adults having some casual sex. Probably some really short casual sex, with you being out of practice.

OLLIE

I can't do it. I'm sorry.

MAYA

What are you, a monk? God! Let's look at this logically. You rent porn and touch yourself, right?

OLLIE

Would you lower your voice?

MAYA

Well, if you're not sweating how your wife would feel about porn, then you shouldn't be sweating what I'm proposing.

It's the same thing, only someone else is doing the touching, and you're saving a four-dollar rental fee. (Beat.) C'mon, stud. Man can not live on porn alone. (He gives as she drags him out).