

MR. AND MRS. SMITH'S THERAPY

John and Jane are sitting in a therapist office.

JOHN
Ok, I'll go first...uhm, let me say... we don't really need to be here.

JOHN (cont'd)
You see, we've been married five years--

JANE
Six.

JOHN
Five-six years. And, this is like a check up for us. Chance to poke around the engine, maybe change the oil, replace a seal or two...

JANE
Yeah, that's it.

THERAPIST (O.S.)
Very well then, let's pop the hood... On a scale of one to ten, how happy are you as a couple?--

JANE
Eight.

JOHN
Wait? Ten being perfectly happy and one being totally miserable? Or?

THERAPIST
Just respond instinctively

JOHN
OK!

MR. Smith looks at Mrs. Smith.

JOHN (cont'd)
Ready?

JANE
Ready.

JOHN
Eight.

JANE
Eight.

THERAPIST
How often do you have sex?

JANE
I don't understand the question.

JOHN
Yeah, I'm lost. Is this one to ten thing?

JANE
...Because, is, like, one very little, or is one nothing? Because... You know, technically speaking, the zero would be nothing.

JOHN
That's right, because if we don't know what one is, what's ten?

JANE
...Cause is ten...you know... constant...

JOHN
...Unrelenting...

JANE
Not stopping for like...for anything

JOHN
Not even to eat?

JANE
Like Sting?

JOHN
Exactly. Look at Sting's day job. Who else has sixty hours a week to put aside in the sack?

THERAPIST
This is not a one to ten scenario. It's a straight question. How often do you have sex?

They sit in silence.

THERAPIST (cont'd)
How about this week?

JOHN
Including the weekend?

THERAPIST

Sure.

Still no response.

THERAPIST (cont'd)

Describe how you first met?

JANE

It was in Columbia.

JOHN

Bogota. Five years ago.

JANE

Six.

JOHN

Right, five to six years ago.

THERAPIST

I'm interested to hear what progress you feel you've made, over the past two weeks or so.

John looks at Jane.

JOHN

Uhhhm...doing all right, aren't we? I mean, listen, I'm not gonna lie to you, sometimes there are times, I just wanted to-- kill her... but...

JANE

Likewise...

JOHN

...couldn't take the shot...

THERAPIST

That's a good sign.

JOHN

Who would have thought?

THERAPIST

Sometimes you have to battle through...

JANE

That's marriage, right?

