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JIM

... So then this thing circled round  
and had this, I dont know long  
projectile coming out with velcro or  
something on the end and..

ANNE

Euw. Sounds awful.

JIM

Oh. it was. It had to be the ugliest  
thing I've seen him do and I've seen  
some ugly stuff of his.

ANNE

So what did you say?

JIM

I told him it was great.

ANNE

You didnt.

JIM

Yeah. I have a hard time saying  
negative things to people.

ANNE

That's good.

JIM

Yeah. So, I had a nice time talking to  
you the other night.

ANNE

Me too. It was a fun party.

JIM

Yeah. I'm glad you were there.

ANNE

I don't usually... uh, never mind.

JIM

What?

ANNE

This is a nice restaurant.

JIM  
I've only been here a few times.

ANNE  
It's really nice.

JIM  
Yeah. I like it.

ANNE  
You have good taste in restaurants.

JIM  
Thanks. I have good taste in women,  
too.

ANNE  
What?

JIM  
You look very pretty tonight.

ANNE  
Oh, oh thank you

JIM  
You, know I wanted to call you Sunday  
but I thought...

ANNE  
You could have.

JIM  
Well, we had just met Saturday night  
and...

ANNE  
Did you come here from work?

JIM  
No.

ANNE  
Oh, I saw your briefcase and I thought  
maybe.

JIM  
No I just have it.

ANNE  
Oh.

JIM  
Actually I was hoping to go home with  
you tonight and brought my briefcase  
in case you said yes.

ANNE  
Oh my god.

JIM  
Is sth wrong?

ANNE  
Shit. Jesus.

JIM  
What?

ANNE  
What?

JIM  
What?

ANNE  
I don't know.

JIM  
Me neither.

ANNE  
What?

JIM  
I dont know, what you don't know.

ANNE  
What don't you know?

JIM  
What you don't know.

ANNE  
I dont want to get hurt.

JIM  
Me neither.

ANNE  
I shouldn't have said that.

JIM

Why?

ANNE

I shouldn't have said that either.

JIM

What are we talking about.

ANNE

I'm sorry. It's just... well, you talk more than most men I've been out with and I guess it scares me a little.

JIM

Why?

ANNE

Because you say nice things and you dont really know me.

JIM

I know you well enough to want to get to know you better.

ANNE

Do you really think you're going to do that by sleeping with me on our first date.

JIM

Uh.

ANNE

Typical.

JIM

What?

ANNE

Nothing. I'm sorry... I just... forget it.

JIM

Don't you like me to think you're attractive. Don't you want me to say nice things to you.

ANNE

I guess. its just, well, I've heard them before and well you - I mean men

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say things all the time. You do all this stuff to woo us - women.

JIM

Well, we - men - want you - women - to like us.

ANNE

We would't go out with you if we didnt like you. All that other junk is fluff. Dangerous fluff.

JIM

Why?

ANNE

Well, it's just that you don't give a damn. Not you personally, but men in general. It's like you become infatuated, call all the time, bring little gifts, talk about going away together, etc..., etc..., Then we respond in the way we know how, by calling you or bringing you gifts and whammo. You guys see the old ball and chain and pull back.

JIM

Really.

ANNE

Well I'm sick of it. We're not toys, you know. We're not objects to be conquered and then thrown away. You guys think this is some kind of game. You try to figure out what we like. what we want to hear and then you do those things and say those things you think will work and see how long it takes to get us in bed.

JIM

Check please.

ANNE

This is not a game. Monopoly's a game. Backgammon is a game. Women are not. WOMEN ARE SERIOUS GODDAM BUSINESS.

JIM

Can we get the check?? Waiter.

ANNE

Let me explain. I didnt mean.

JIM

Forget it.

ANNE

I'm such a jerk. We were having... I'm so sorry.

JIM

It's okay. Maybe you're having a bad day. Where's the waiter.

ANNE

No, I'm a jerk. A major jerk. I always do this.

JIM

Oh god. Waiter.

ANNE

Suddenly the conversation shifts to a personal level and I lose it. It's like these sensors go off. Danger, danger, change of status, he wants to get physical, danger, danger, whoop, whoop.

JIM

You're just trying to protect yourself.

ANNE

I'm never going to see you again am I?

JIM

Sure you will.

ANNE

You don't have to lie to me.

JIM

I don't know what to say to you.

ANNE

I guess if I told you I'm not really like this and I've just been burned you wouldn't believe me, would you?

JIM

Sure, I know. We've all been burned.

ANNE

Yeah.

JIM

Look... we're two different people...  
and I had a good time, sort of, but,  
well... neither of us really knows  
if... what I mean is... it was  
interesting... and I learned some  
things but, you know, I don't.. well  
I'll call you.

ANNE

Sure. Lets pay the check / you pay.