

Sleeping With Other People
First "Date"

JAKE

Matthew Sobvechik? The guy had all the charm of a broken Etch-a-Sketch.

LAINY

It feels so freeing to tell someone about it who actually knows him.

JAKE

Okay, you're going to have to explain this to me. I mean, is he packing? Huh? Is that what's going on? Does it tip in hundreds? Read you the Polar Express before bedtime?

LAINY

You know, it's pretty average actually.

JAKE

Ah, goddammit! Even his junk is boring. God damn boring dick! That's so weird, and you're a catch! It's true. you know, I'm serious. You've got a strong vocabulary. You look dynamite in a tank top. It's just - what gives?

LAINY

I guess... I guess, I just thought eventually he'd choose me. And so I always chose him. If he texted I'd think of an excuse. I'd lie, I'd...

JAKE

That's psychotic.

LAINY

Thanks.

JAKE

Well, I mean it's not your fault. You know, little girls are told someday they'll find The One. What they don't tell you guys is that The One might be a complete fucking dickhead with a boring heroin penis that turns you all into a sex addict.

LAINY

I'm not a sex addict.

JAKE

Oh yeah. Yeah. Me neither.

LAINY

I went to a few meetings because my therapist suggested that I go, that it might help. But it didn't, so I stopped.

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JAKE

Okay.

LAINY

What's your excuse?

JAKE

Me?

LAINY

Yeah.

JAKE

My girlfriend said if I didn't go she'd break up with me. So I went to a meeting. She broke up with me anyway. I'm cured.

LAINY

Well why did she want you to go?

JAKE

She... some have suggested that I have a little bit of a problem staying faithful... for long periods of time... or possibly at all. I guess.

LAINY

And it all comes out.

JAKE

Look, once I come to the realization that I'm with- the wrong girl, I don't know how to end it.

LAINY

So you sabotage it by sleeping with other people.

JAKE

Yes. Exactly, yeah. Obviously they get upset, but then comes the big old rigmarole of like 'you're afraid to commit' and it's like 'no, I just don't want to commit to you.' But I can't say that, because that's like mean on top of mean. So it's no, no, no. It's not you, it's me. I don't like you. You know, like that.

LAINY

- Yeah, that's harsh.

JAKE

That's harsh, right. You can't say that. So instead I'd rather just say something like: 'I fucked your sister.' –

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LAINY

Much better.

JAKE

Well, it's honest. You have to fuck the sister in order for it to work. It's like I'd rather -

LAINY

Be the bad guy than tell the truth.

JAKE

See. You get it.

LAINY

Yeah. But I'm psychotic.

JAKE

But like an approachable psychotic. That's the thing I don't think I mentioned earlier.

LAINY

You like it?

JAKE

Yeah, it's Like Ted Bundy. You can't get into a van by just being a jerk. You've got to have a certain way about you....

LAINY

So I'm probably going to hit the road.

JAKE

Yeah.

LAINY

Jake, thank you.

JAKE

We did it.

LAINY

This was a good date.

JAKE

We did the date. I think it was the first I think it might have been the first date I've ever been on so I don't really have much to compare it to, but it seemed solid.

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LAINY

Good. Okay.

JAKE

Shit...

LAINY

What?

JAKE

I- I want to fuck you.

LAINY

What? That's so...

JAKE

I know...

LAINY

No!

JAKE

What do you mean no?

LAINY

What did I do? Stop wanting to!

JAKE

It's kinda hard. I mean, look at you. I mean, you're so pretty and you're vulnerable and it's just like you might as well be wearing a sign that says: Solve my problems with your penis!

LAINY

Jake, we just spent the entire evening talking about how we screw up every sexual relationship we've ever have.

JAKE

I know, right. And yet here I am, wanting...

LAINY

So maybe we gotta just be friends.

JAKE

Yes. That is the mature, responsible thing to do for each other and ourselves, yes I

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agree. Okay, but we've got to come up with a system, if we're gonna be friends, and I want to be good friends...

LAINY

It's fair. So maybe we come up with a safe word for if we're having sexual tension and then we'll stop whatever...

JAKE

If you're doing something sexy or I'm doing something sexy.

LAINY

Feeling attracted.

JAKE

It's mutual? So it is mutual? You're saying it's mutual?

LAINY

It could be mutual.

JAKE

That's a yes.

LAINY

I may or may not have to use the word. We'll have to see.

JAKE

Okay, alright.

LAINY

Yeah.

JAKE

Anything. I'll do anything. You pick it, and yes.

LAINY

It's Avocado.

JAKE

No. Can't do that.

LAINY

No. It's an immediate veto?

JAKE

I mean, it's too sexual.

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LAINY

It's too sexual. Avocado is too sexual?

JAKE

Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. I mean, you've got to see the way I eat an avocado and you'll be like that's you know, do that to me.

LAINY

Guam.

JAKE

Guam, like the country Guam No! No. I knew a girl whose father was from Guam and she literally had one of the best natural bodies I've ever seen in my life.

LAINY

Noodle salad.

JAKE

Noodle salad? That's a sex thing.

LAINY

What?

JAKE

That's a bunch of guys putting flaccid dicks into someone's mouth. That is called a noodle salad.

LAINY

That is not a thing.

JAKE

I mean it absolutely is a thing. I know it's a thing. Go to noodlesalad.org

LAINY

Now I feel like you're just trying to find problems.

JAKE

I would make the argument that you are just suggesting only things that can only be perceived as sexual.

LAINY

Okay, so it needs to be more violent.

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JAKE
Yeah.

LAINY
Dick in a Mousetrap!

JAKE
Yikes! What is that?

LAINY
Oh!

JAKE
That's awful!

LAINY
You don't like it?

JAKE
No!

LAINY
That's the one.

JAKE
What?

LAINY
We'll shorten it to Mousetrap. Thank you. Goodbye.

JAKE
Mousetrap?

LAINY
Alright.

JAKE
Goodbye.

LAINY
I'm going. I'm going for it.

JAKE
Yeah. Live on the edge.

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LAINY
Goodnight.

JAKE
Careful. Bye.

LAINY
Bye.