

THE OTHER WOMAN

Kate and Carly sit at the bar. Kate downs two shots.

KATE

So how long have you and my husband been seeing each other?

CARLY

I don't know, couple of months.

KATE

So when did you just start sleeping together?

CARLY

Well, we were gonna try to hold off for prom, but we got carried away. We're adults, we had sex. I really don't think that details matter.

KATE

The details do matter, because there's a difference between having sex one time and having sex ten times.

(watching Carly's reaction)

Oh my god! Did you do it more than ten times?

CARLY

I think specifics are a bad idea.

(beat)

OK, fine, gun to my head... fifty.

KATE

Fifty times? Fifty times? You had sex with my husband fifty times? Don't you have a job or hobbies, what's wrong with you?

Does this mean he's not training for the
marathon?

CARLY
Yeah, no.

KATE

This is not OK. I am part of team King. I
quit my job so he could focus on his job. I
put off having kids because he wasn't ready.
I went to China! Do you have any idea how
far away China is? And it is not all Hong
Kong either.

CARLY

Yeah, and lot's of pollution.

KATE

So what do I do now? So now I am Barb
Melman? Barb Melman got divorced and
now she has cheek implants and lives in a
condo in Norwalk. And has to go on dates. I
am not equipped to go on dates. The last
time I was single I was twenty four and the
dating pool was everyone. And now it's like
a shallow puddle of age-appropriate men,
who are old and gross, and I don't wanna do
that.

CARLY

I know that you think that it's that bad. But
honestly it's a lot worse. You know why?
Because even if you meet a nice guy, and
when I mean nice I mean he's like not an
obvious sociopath, you can't even actually
get excited about it. You know why?
Because it's just a matter of time before
someone gets bored and unhappy and is
saying that it's over. And that's a happy
ending. The shitty ending is that there's lying
and cheating and you ambush prince
Charming's wife.

KATE

So you're saying that I should stay with him?

CARLY

I'm saying that everything fails eventually and monogomy is not natural. If you can live with that, like the French thing, go ahead and stay put, but if you can't then I suggest you get a game plan and you leave.

KATE

What about the people who try to work it out? Maybe that would be an option.

CARLY

Cheaters don't change. And if you work it out, he's just gonna do it again. And you're gonna end up right back where you started, wishing that you had left the first time around. But that's just me. He's your husband, what does your gut tell you?

Kate burps.

CARLY

Jesus Christ!

KATE

That was just a burp.

Kate vomits into her purse.

CARLY

Here, take some napkins?

KATE

That was throw up.

