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About Cherry

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Hey, slow down.

People see you working
this hard,
they're gonna expect me
to work hard,
and that's not gonna happen.

It's fine, Mom. It's fine.

Oh, there's nothing left.

What the fuck happened here?

Po, I made a little mess.

Po...

Po, we've got this.

Everything's fine, all right?

No, not everything's fine,

Angelina!

I work all day for this shit!

Hey.

Thanks for picking me up.

Yeah, well,

it isn't a Cadillac, but...

Bobby drives a Ford.

Bobby drives a Ford...

Put your seat belt on.

Okay, let's rock and roll.

Andrew, did you wear

this shirt yesterday?

Well, yeah.

Let's do laundry on Saturday.

- What?

- Yeah.

Okay, let's do it.

Sorry.

Hey, watch the furniture,

will you?

What are you...

You're too cute.

Here, take this. I got to go.

Thanks for the ride.

Drive careful.

Hey, I'll have

what she's having...

with whiskey.

Sure.

You're, like, the prettiest
girl in the world.

- Come on.

- Yeah.

Yeah, okay.

Good night, Sheila.

Good night, kids.

Man, look at you...

Your skin, your waist.

You're so beautiful.

You don't even know.

You wouldn't possibly
understand.

You should take pictures.

What?

I'm serious.

You're serious about what?

You meet Vaughn last night?

He owns the studio

my band played in.

He's shooting some girls

for a new website.

What are you talking about?

You could do a shoot with him.

If Vaughn's looking for girls,
what does that have to do
with you?

No, never mind.

I'm sorry I even brought it up.

Then why did you bring it up?

There's not...

Look...

Spark me.

\$500.

It's an awful lot of money
for running around
in your underwear.

I mean, are you gonna wash
other people's laundry forever?

And toss half your money
to your drunk-ass mom?

Babe, you leaving?

No, this is what I look like
when I'm staying.

Well, it's not like nobody's
ever seen you naked before.
Fuck you.
Most people answer quick
in remembering my own brief...
Hey!
Jo, it's too loud,
and you're sitting too close.
Oh, what if I sit over here?
Okay.
Ann frankly,
I don't like where it's going.
I don't like it one little bit.
Did you eat yet?
I'll make something.
Want half a sandwich?
No, I'm good.
I'm gonna eat later.
We're all eating later.
If you always wait
till the next meal,
you'll starve to death.
Okay.
Hey, do you know
where I can find Vaughn?
Okay, thank you.
Vaughn?
Hi. I'm Angelina.
Thanks for coming in today.
Yeah, no time like the present.
Bobby told me you were
the most beautiful girl
he's ever seen.
Yeah, well,
Bobby likes to say that
when he doesn't know
what else to say...
Or when he's done
something wrong.
You're 18, right?
Last I looked.
Please.
Okay.
It's pretty simple

what we do here,
just some photographs,
which we load behind a pay wall.
Okay.
You sure you want to do this?
Yeah.
Yes.
Why?
Because we want you to do this.
We pay \$300 for the first shoot,
but since you're new,
you could do five shoots
your first week, you know.
Nobody's seen you yet.
Okay, that's not enough.
That's what we pay.
Well,
what are you paying Bobby?
He gets a referral.
A referral's \$100.
You can get one too
if you bring somebody in.
No, I need \$500.
So come shoot again tomorrow,
and you'll have \$600,
\$300 a day.
Well, I don't know
that I'm gonna want
to come again tomorrow.
Do you know something I don't?
In advance.
People tell you
you're difficult?
I bet you hear that
all the time.
Yeah?
That's nice.
That's nice, but, like,
confident, more confident.
Open your legs a little bit.
Gorgeous.
Gorgeous.
I like that little bit
right there.

Hey, baby.
Quiet on the fucking set, dude.
Cuddle time is later, okay?
Fuck.
Relax.
So you're just, you know...
you're just lying around
at home, you know.
Lean back.
Watching television,
killing time.
Okay, now without the shirt.
Please
Time
Yeah, use the fur. Use the fur.
I like you.
Smile at me.
Smile at me like you want it.
Please
Yo, man, what's up, dude?
Time
Now cover... cover your tits
a little bit.
Beautiful.
I don't want you taking
pictures with Vaughn anymore.
You should make up your mind.
Angel...
Come here.
I don't think so, Bobby.
You know, you don't
have to come with me.
My dad hasn't been home
in three days.
Nobody will notice.
Good.
Rining bikes
ann I'm seeking thrills
Popping Mike ann Ikes
like prescription pills
There's my girl.
Good morning, Mom.
My angel in the morning.
I have a test today,

English Lit.
Well, you're gonna do great.
You're the smartest person
I know.
I'm so proud of you.
You turned out so great
in spite of everything.
You make everything okay.
I got to go, Mom.
I got to go.
"Got to go. I got to go.
School's calling."
You're gonna do great.
I love you.
All right, on our way.
That's all you brought?
Yeah.
What do you think
San Francisco's gonna be like?
Different.
Yeah, me too.
Different.
So I found an ad on craigslist
for a guy who had
a room available.
Right? Yeah?
Yeah, so I emailed him,
and he said that we could
come by tomorrow morning.
How much is he asking for?
Well, he didn't say,
but he said that
it was super cheap.
Right on, yeah.
Yeah, so, I mean,
I guess we could go
check it out.
Yeah, yeah, we could, yeah.
Comfortable?
Yeah, I'm fine.
This is okay.
Yeah.
Thanks for coming with me.
What else was I gonna do?

What time is it?

It's 9:

- All right, well, we're supposed to be there at 8:30, so come on.

- Wait...

- No, it's 24th.

It's right here.

It's on this side.

Andrew, come on.

It's not that heavy.

It's not that heavy.

It's not that heavy.

Here we are, right here.

Hello?

Paco!

I'm glad you guys could make it.

My roommate left, but I can't tell my landlord, 'cause I need to hold on to my rent control, so this is all under the table.

Yeah, of course.

You guys can set your stuff right there if you want.

Oh, thanks.

Cool place.

- Thank you.

- I like your pillows.

Oh, thanks.

My sister made them.

- Really?

- Yeah.

Oh, I like them.

It's great you guys are a couple.

You're gonna save a lot of money that way.

This city is expensive.

There is only one bed.

We're not a couple.

But this is perfect.

- Yeah?
- Yeah, of course.
It's great, right?
- Okay.
- It's amazing.
- Really?
- Yeah.
Yeah, exactly what we need.
Thank you.
Okay. Hi.
Yeah.
Okay, perfect. This is great.
Good to... all right, guys.
This is perfect.
All right, let's unpack, yeah?
Can you believe it?
Oh, man.
That's not fair. Come on.
I do. I...
That's just stupid.
That's not...
Yes, I am, okay?
Yes, legally, I am old enough.
Mom, just put JoJo
on the phone.
What do you mean,
she doesn't want to talk to me?
Don't say that.
Don't say that, Mom.
That's not true,
and you know it.
Please put JoJo on the phone.
Why do you think
that I'm upset?
Will you please stop yelling
at me, okay?
I'm calling you because I want
to see how you guys are.
Mom, please put JoJo
on the phone.
Mom.
You're, like, invincible.
You're... 50 bytes.
No.

Hey, hey, hey, what's wrong?
Nothing.
I'm good.
Hey.
Hey, come here.
What's wrong?
JoJo won't talk to me.
It's okay.
By the dawn's early light
Pencil marks
And his shirt on my chair
Beware your symptoms
Dressed so nicely
Here we are
And now everyone
has a question
All the girls in the club
looking good
Let me see you
turn that ass around
Won't you just shake it?
Come on
Come on, shake it
They call me Joe Montana
of the N-Y-C
How much for a dance
in the booth?
I'll send someone over
to answer that question.
Well, why don't you answer it?
Table four, private show.
Okay.
Hey.
Looking nice.
Thank you.
All right.
Here you go.
Do you want singles?
No, that's a tip.
All the girls in the club
looking good
Let me see you
turn that ass around
Hey.

That guy just gave me
a really good tip.
On a good day,
a man will give away everything
just for a few hours of tease.
Hey, Dara, can you put this
in my bank for me?
- Yeah.
- You know what?
- What?
- You should dance.
You know,
you'd make more money.
I don't know.
I think I'd feel weird about it.
About being naked?
With your legs?
Can I get a glass of water?
Well, I did do pictures once.
Really?
Before I moved up here.
If you're okay
with taking pictures,
you should hook up with BOD.
They pay their girls
\$800 a day.
\$800 a day?
Just for pictures?
Well, it depends
on what you do, but...
Well, why haven't you done it?
I have a lot of cousins
that watch too much porn,
and they think
I'm a social worker.
Oh, nice.
That's really nice.
Yeah.
Hey, I think someone might
have brought party favors.
Come on. Let's go check it out.
Come on.
Come on. Let's go check it out.
Because it's time

after time
You step out of line
It's so noisy in here.
How can anyone talk in here?
No, thanks. I don't...
Okay.
I'm new at this...
Yo, Paco!
- Hi.
- Your turn.
Oh, well, actually,
I think my friend could use
a little attention.
I'm getting married tomorrow.
He is, so...
So I'm never gonna be
happy again.
It's his last night...
Last night of happiness.
Where am I?
Where did you take me, Francis?
Just enjoy it.
Hi.
Your turn.
Easy, cowboy Easy there.
- It's okay.
- All right, hey.
Just... all right. Stop that.
That's enough.
Just get your hands off of me.
Stop it.
- Hey, hey.
- I said get off of me.
All right, let's go. Let's go.
Come on, man.
- I got to go.
- I'm not done with you.
I know. I just...
I got to go. I'm sorry.
Hey, sorry about that.
You better go catch up
with your friend,
or you're not gonna have
anyone to play with.

Right.
There is nowhere like this
in Long Beach.
Of course there is.
You just have to know
where to look.
You don't have to look here.
That's true.
Here, if you stand still,
the thing will find you.
Yo, Paco.
Come on.
Oh, they're getting away.
Bye, boys.
Good night.
We could walk.
Hello!
Show some leg.
I'm corrupted.
I'm happy, man.
Careful.
Hey, did you have fun?
Sorry.
I didn't mean to wake you.
No, you didn't.
Okay, maybe you did.
Paco... is a lot of fun.
You know, someday you're
gonna meet the perfect person,
and they're gonna be wondering
where you've been hiding
all this time.
Why do you say that?
Because I believe it.
What if I find
the perfect person,
and she doesn't find me back?
What's your rate
for strap-on D.P.?
Okay, well...
Just email me your availability
for April, okay?
- Hi.
- Hi, you must be Cherry.

Yeah, hi. How are you?

Jake. We spoke on the phone.

Oh, yeah.

Your pictures are incredible.

- Oh, thank you.

- Yeah.

So the first question
that I always ask everyone,
and there's no right
or wrong answer, is,
why do you want to do porn,
and why do you want to do it
with BOD?

Okay, well, I just...

I like to try new things,
and it seems like it's a better
schedule than the clubs.

Those are good reasons.

Yeah, we can definitely give you
new things.

Good.

So you saw our website,
and you know generally
what it is that we do here.

Did any of it look fun?

Yeah, the fucking machine site.

Looked really, like,
interesting.

What was interesting
about them?

It just looked exciting.

It looked like
a really intense experience.

Fucking machines
is more about performance.

Are you into performance?

I guess so.

Okay.

So a lot of what we do here
is fetish.

Fetish is not about sex.

It's about power play.

So would you feel comfortable
playing a top or bottom?

Well, I haven't really done
any of that before,
so I don't know.
Well, if you decided to,
then you would generally
start out as a bottom,
and that means you would be
the one being tied up,
and then you can be a top,
but everybody has
their own preferences, so...
Okay, well, that's something
I can think about.
Okay, I just have
a few more questions,
and I don't want to make you
feel uncomfortable.
It's just good to get
all this stuff out of the way.
Yeah.
So how do you feel about girls?
I like them.
Have you ever had sex
with a girl?
Oh, you move really fast.
We can take as long
as you'd like, so...
Okay.
Would you feel comfortable
with a girl touching your chest?
Yeah, sure.
But no guy-girl penetration.
Not on camera, I don't think.
What about transgender?
What about them?
Okay.
We have you down
for a solo masturbation scene
and a striptease.
Yeah.
And your rate is \$500.
Yeah.
Okay, great.
Okay, so the first one

is just a consent form.

I just need you
to initial the boxes
saying that you know
what you're doing here
and consenting to what
we just talked about.

Okay.

The second form
is just your 2257,
and just make sure
you fill out your name
exactly as it appears
on your driver's license.
We've all heard that one
before.

Right, which is how
it starts with them, you know?
As you soon as you start
doing boy-girl,
that's when they start to have
a problem with it.

You got to decide for yourself
what you want to do.

Looks like someone's
getting paddled today.

Got that right.

Can you believe that dick-face
Robbie is still calling me?

Who else is he gonna call?

You know nobody's ever
rocked his world that hard.

He wants to own me.

I'm into Cynthia now.

Oh, who's Cynthia?

This totally hot chick

I met at Cock-Block.

She's kind of

a preacher's daughter.

Speak of the devil.

Are you nervous, sweetie?

I'm okay.

Okay, actually, I'm...

I'm a little bit nervous.

I've done this before, though.
Well, you have nothing
to worry about.
You're working
with Margaret today.
She's the best,
and everyone loves her.
Oh, good.
Okay, cool.
Who you worked for?
A company down south,
So-Cal Hotties.
- Vaughn.
- Yeah.
Vaughn is a douche bag.
He's always trying to fuck
the new girls with their rates.
I hope you got paid.
Yeah, I got paid.
Well, this place
is much better.
You should do
a Girls Club shoot.
Pays \$800,
takes the same time as a solo.
We could do it together.
She hasn't even
gotten naked yet.
You're already hitting on her?
No.
All right, check yourself out.
Hi, cutie.
You stopping by on your way home
from school?
Well, you can stay with us
until your parents
come pick you up.
Is this your first time
shooting for BOD?
Yeah.
You're so sweet, such a sweet,
innocent little girl.
Why don't you introduce yourself
to everyone watching?

Hi, I'm Cherry.
Cherry...
You're gonna lose
your cherry today.
How exciting.
A little birdie told me
you like to be watched.
I don't mind.
Of course you don't mind.
You're a beautiful, hot,
gorgeous girl,
and you like attention, right?
A little bit.
Oh, yeah.
Otherwise, you wouldn't be
looking at us like that.
Why don't you spread your legs,
give us something to look at
while we talk?
You're a naughty girl.
I think you're trying
to get us turned on.
Give me a close-up.
Why don't you touch yourself?
You know you want to.
Okay, go wide.
Oh, you can't help yourself?
You're so fucking hot.
I know that feels good,
doesn't it?
We're not gonna let you cum yet,
though, not yet.
There's still plenty of time
until you have to go
do your homework.
We want to see you strip.
Just do it really slow.
Entertain us, and then
maybe we'll let you cum.
You're so hot.
Look at your sexy bra,
naughty little schoolgirl.
Oh, my God.
You're so beautiful.

Your ass is so hot.
The anticipation.
Oh, my God.
You're a work of art.
And cut.
Thank you.
Nice.
Thanks.
That was beautiful.
It was really good.
Thank you.
Really.
Thank you.
You live around here?
Yeah, I don't live
too far away.
Well, I hope we get to work
together again.
Me too.
It was a lot of fun. Thank you.
Hey.
What are you reading?
Just a magazine.
Oh, arts.
Geisha exhibit
over at the Banks.
Do you come here
looking for girls who read?
No, I just wanted to apologize
for the other night.
Don't worry about it.
You're not the first group
of frat guys to come in
and make asses
out of yourselves.
I'm a little old to be
a frat guy.
Apparently not.
Are you gonna have a drink?
There's a minimum.
Sure, your choice.
Yeah?
My choice.
So you should really go see

that exhibit.
It's great in person.
It's just a magazine
that somebody left lying around.
Yeah, but you can read.
Yeah, I can read.
Nice.
Do you want another one?
I won't spit in it this time.
Oh, sure.
I thought we were going
to the movie tonight.
I told you. I'm sorry, okay.
I forgot.
But I'm just gonna be gone
for a couple of hours, okay?
Let's just do something
tomorrow.
I'm working at the bookstore
tomorrow.
Well, we can plan something
for when you finish.
Okay?
I'll be waiting for you
like a damsel in distress.
We'll can go to a movie,
or you can finish telling me
about Anna Karen-nina.
Ka-ren-in-nah?
Ka-rin...
I'm tired.
Someone's got a date.
Yeah, I'm going to a party.
I don't really know
how to dress for it,
so I borrowed this
from somebody at work.
Well, bring me the leftovers.
I will.
Hey, your mom left a message
last night

at, like, 2:
and she said

she wants to visit.

I'm sorry.

Oh, no. No, it's fine with me.

I mean, I'll take her dancing.

No, you don't need to do that.

Well, have a great night.

Thank you.

You too.

- Okay, bye, guys.

- Bye.

Well, you said

that it was a party,

but you didn't say

it was this kind of a party.

Well, some people only have

this kind of a party.

Francis.

My baby's finally arrived.

The parties

I've thrown for him...

He's finally shown up

to one of mine.

You must be Angelina.

Yeah, hi.

Yeah, hi.

This is Mrs. Larchmont,

the chairwoman

of the acquisitions committee

and the proud sponsor

of this exhibition.

Oh, cool.

And proud mother

of this handsome boy.

You didn't tell me that.

Well, it's really something.

Where did it all come from?

Well, this is the most

expensive exhibition

in the history of the museum,

cost three husbands.

Francis says that you work

at a strip club.

Oh, you've got to be

kidding me.

Well, actually, I'm working
somewhere else now.

That's right.

Well, I better head over
to the Rodin court.

The mayor's stopping by
to pick up a check.

Okay, good to meet you.

I'm sorry.

About what?

That I told her
where you worked.

I... I liked it.

What, that I told her that
you worked at a strip club?

Well, you know,
you didn't hide me.

All right, come on.

I didn't bring you here
to introduce you to my mom.

I want to show you something.

Does this look familiar?

From the magazine.

This one's my favorite.

It's about ambition.

Did you ever hear
about the butterfly
who fluttered its wings
in Tunisia
and caused a tsunami
on the other side of the world?

Yeah, I've heard that.

Well, here's some
butterfly wings.

Okay.

All right.

So yeah, just after the war,
the Japanese artists embraced
the pop movement of the West,
but then in the '70s,
they started reverting back
to more traditional techniques,
like...

Well, as if they were searching

for some connection to the past
that had been lost
before, you know,
the whole world invaded.
How do you know so much
about this stuff?
Biography.
And I studied art history.
I...
Studied painting for a bit,
but I wasn't any good,
so I quit.
Oh, I'm sure
that you were just fine.
Well, that's what
my mother said.
She wished that she could just
hang me up on walls.
Well, why did you
stop painting?
Well, I had a teacher,
who said that
if you want to be an artist,
you have to struggle,
face criticism,
knock on doors
for about ten years
to know if you even had
any talent,
and that's if talent
even existed.
Maybe it was just persistence.
So I decided to go into law.
I think that's sad.
It's good to know your strengths
and your limitations,
'cause if you know
your limitations,
then you can work within them.
So juries love me.
Yeah, I don't think I could
ever make a decision like that.
Well, we make decisions
like that every day.

So how do you feel?
Like I've been out all night.
Do you ever paint now?
No, my clients would get angry
if I did something like that.
But you have time
for strip clubs
and fancy parties and me.
Yeah, well, you make time
for the important things.
I want to see your paintings,
your most recent ones.
My most recent ones
are ten years old.
Ten years ago, I was...
In third grade, I think.
Look at you now, all grown up.
Where have you been?
I met the nicest guy.
Let me help you with that.
Thank you.
You ready to do this?
I guess so.
You guess?
Yeah.
Yeah, I'm ready.
That's good.
How does she look?
- Hi.
- Beautiful.
Is there a medical
professional in the building?
I don't feel so good.
Break her in gently.
Do you do boy-girl?
I haven't.
I haven't decided yet.
I'm all the man
she needs today.
Come on, Cherry Pie,
let's go make a movie.
Let's go.
Hey, want some help?
Yeah.

Who's that?

Oh, it's just a shoot someone
did for Girls Club today.

That girl looks really young.
She's legal.

I think we're just
getting older.

I didn't think
we're that much older.

You don't have anything
to worry about.

You look the same
as the day we met.

You know, the thing I always
liked most about you
was your honesty.

Don't ruin that.

Do you want a salad?

Okay.

You feel like heading
to the Four Leaf?

I don't really want to hang out
with your work friends.

I got a closing first thing
in the morning
in the China Basin.

Yeah, I'm going to bed
with you or a magazine.

Yeah, I stay here all the time.

- Hey.

- Hey.

Bourbon.

Oh, no.

What?

When you're ordering bourbon,
someone's pulling
at your heartstrings.

I'm in a relationship.

I think you know.

This is San Francisco.

That could mean anything.

That's 'cause you're
a hot slut, but I'm loyal.

I am not even going to say

anything, nope.
That would be the first time.
It would be.
Her?
What? No.
- She's new.
- She's hot.
She's hot.
Oh, my gosh.
What? It's nothing.
It's nothing?
Look at you.
You're totally blushing.
Hey.
I thought you'd be asleep.
I thought I would be too.
That wasn't even your shoot.
The girl you were
looking at earlier.
So?
It wasn't even your site.
People look at pictures.
I wouldn't have a job
otherwise.
That girl is a child.
It's a job. It's my job.
Eight years together,
and this is all just starting
to dawn on you?
So are we almost ready?
Yeah, one second.
Waiting on makeup.
Makeup, you almost done?
Makeup's clear.
- Thanks.
- We're good.
Do you want to start in wide?
Maybe a little closer.
Medium, waist up?
I like a little closer
than that.
That's good. That's good.
Okay.
- Hi.

- Hi.
You're so beautiful.
What's your name?
I'm Vicki.
Vicki, I hear you're married.
How long have you been
with your husband?
Since high school.
You're childhood sweethearts.
Does he still fuck you hard
every night?
Oh, he's not that wild.
Oh, that's such a shame.
You're so hot.
Why don't you show us
what you like to do
when your husband's not around?
Okay, I'm sorry.
I just need a second, okay?
Is everything okay?
Anyways...
There's my baby girl.
- Mom.
- Oh, returned to you at last.
I didn't know that you were
coming to visit this weekend.
Well, it's no problem,
because this wonderful
little gentleman Paco
has given me a beer and is
telling me a very funny story...
That I cannot repeat.
Good, good.
Good, great.
Paco, where's Andrew?
He's still at the bookstore.
He closes Thursdays now.
Oh, okay. I didn't know that.
Say hello
to your long-lost sister.
JoJo.
Jo.
Jo.
So why are you all dolled up?

You got a hot date?
"Hot" isn't halfway
to the truth.
That man can melt
an ice cream truck.
No, okay.
No, I was just trying out
some... some new fall trends.
You know, don't you read Cosmo?
- I read Cosmo.
- I know.
Well, if you got a hot date,
I want to meet him.
Phyllis, he's a lawyer, even,
a catch.
I swear, I'm gonna turn him
when she's not looking.
Yeah, well, they're all
a catch until they're caught.
Honey, fix yourself up.
Tell your hot lawyer
your mom wants to be taken out
on the town.
Yeah, we didn't have plans
for today...
Move it, toots,
'cause we're not done talking
about you, anyway.
Come on, move it.
I want to have some fun.
Very funny.
Hey, you okay?
There's a lot of snitches
around here.
Is there anything I can do
to help you right now?
Do you want some coffee or water
or an aspirin or anything?
No, okay?
Is there something wrong?
Are you losing money?
Okay,
I'll give you ten minutes.
When's your boyfriend

getting here?

I don't know what happened.

He was supposed to be here.

Well, nothing unusual

about a man not showing up.

That's why they call them men.

No, he just...

he had some errands to run.

I'm sure he's gonna

be here soon.

Well, we got all the time

in the world.

You know, I'll just call him.

I'll just call him real quick

and see where he is.

Poor thing.

Paco, how's my little lady

doing?

She is the most popular girl

in town.

Okay.

Ambitious,

just like her mother.

Soon, this town won't be

big enough for her either.

I adore her.

She's a sweetheart.

Yeah. You taking care of her?

Oh, yeah, absolutely,

absolutely.

All right.

Okay, so he just...

he got caught up at work,

some last-minute documents.

Lastminute?

He's going to trial this week,

you know,

so they had

to petition the court

for some sort of approval.

I don't... I don't really know

what it means,

but he works a lot.

Nope, no, no, no.

No more for me, thanks.
Really?
Yeah, I...
I know when to say when.
I had a drink at your house,
and...
So you like this guy?
Is it that obvious?
Is he good to you?
Yeah.
Yeah, he is.
Remember Aunt Patty?
Remember how she used to always
work late at the car dealership?
Mom, why are you
bringing that up?
You know, nobody thought
anything of it.
Nobody wondered why
a receptionist
was always working late
at a car dealership.
Okay, but you haven't even
met Francis.
I know. I know.
It just reminds me.
He works late one time,
and you're implying
that he's a drug addict.
The thing about Patty was,
she wouldn't call first.
See, we'd all be sitting there
waiting for her at the bar.
Eventually,
some time would go by.
We'd realize,
"Patty's not here."
Now, this was before
cell phones,
so one of us would go call her.
She'd say she was working late
at the car dealership.
See, the thing about addicts is,
they don't call first.

You have to remind them
to lie to you.
You think everybody
in this world is as fucked up
as the people in our family.
Are you folks ready to order?
- Yes.
- Yes, I'm starving.
Starving.
I'm gonna have... Paco said
the meat loaf was good.
I'm gonna have the...
\$17 for meat loaf?
Well, isn't this fancy?
It's good. It's worth it.
Thanks for dinner, Angel.
It's no big deal.
Sorry about your boyfriend.
- He has a name...
- Yeah, we all do.
And you know it.
We all do.
You know,
you may not believe it,
but I know the mistakes,
'cause I've made them.
See, he says
real nice things to you,
makes you feel special,
apologizes when he's done
something wrong,
but you've got
to keep your head,
because the next thing
he's gonna say is,
"I want to...
I want to take care of you,"
and it's just then
that he's gonna let you down
real hard.
You know, Mom,
I don't think that that's true.
Well, there's true,
and there's true.

You know, I really wish
you'd gone off with Andrew.
You know, I think he would have
treated you real good.
Boys and girls are allowed
to be friends with each other.
Not in my lifetime.

- Oh, well...

- You know what, honey?

I think I'm gonna run in here
for a minute.

I'm just gonna slip in here
real fast, okay?

I thought you were saying when.

Well, I just...

can't hurt, okay?

Okay.

I'm really glad you guys came.

Me too.

I missed you.

Miss you so much.

My baby.

What's wrong with JoJo?

She can't talk anymore?

No.

What?

Things have been hard.

Po's not around, and...

She's not feeling well.

What do you mean

she hasn't been feeling well?

Well...

I didn't know

if I should tell you that.

I didn't want

to ruin the visit.

What?

Of course you should tell me.

Of course you should tell me.

She hasn't been feeling

too well.

Her stomach's... she's okay,

and then she's not okay.

City General will only treat

people without insurance, so...

Is that... you need money?

Mom, you need to tell me
if you need money.

Look, I can help.

I will.

I'm so proud of you.

I thought you were going
in the other direction.

Here you are six months later.

You're doing so great.

Mom, whatever she needs.

Okay, anything that JoJo needs,
I'll... I'll get it for her.

Don't tell her I told you.

Hey.

Hey, sorry I'm late for makeup.

Everything's off schedule
today.

Hey, Cherry.

Don't worry.

They're gonna wait for you.

You're the most important thing
on that set.

You know,

my real name is Angelina.

Angelina.

See you soon.

Okay, I'll see you later.

Three girls? Okay

Margaret, glad you're here.

We were just talking about the
live Canny Girl shoot coming up,
and we want to know

if the agencies will agree
to a day rate for the girls.

There's gonna be a lot
of improvisation.

Well, I think that'd be
a tough sell.

Come on, you think these girls
are counting blow jobs
on their fingers?

Well, I don't think

they're gonna do more
than what we pay them for.
Whatever happened
to a baker's dozen?
What did happen
to a baker's dozen?
I don't know.
Hey.
What are you doing here?
I wanted to say
I'm sorry about dinner.
Okay, well, you weren't
sorry enough to show up.
Wait, look.
Flowers.
You know, my mom
doesn't believe that you exist.
I exist.
I got to go.
I'll call you later.
Promise?
Yeah, I promise.
Promise.
I do.
Go.
Hey.
Where are you going?
We're heading out.
We're gonna...
we got an eight-hour drive.
We're gonna make
that appointment for JoJo.
Oh, well,
I thought that you guys
were gonna stay
for the weekend.
Well, we went out
while you were at your work,
your... that so-called job,
you know,
you don't want
to talk to us about?
Mom, I told you what my job is.
Temping at

an accounting firm or something?
Right, with the funny dress code
and big salary?

Mom...

You know what?

This isn't a place for us.

It's a place

for someone your age.

It's not a place for someone

my age or JoJo's age.

There's nothing wrong

with my stomach.

What?

There's no operation.

My stomach's fine.

Oh, God.

Oh, Jo.

Oh, Jo, I'm sorry.

It's okay.

I'm so sorry.

It's okay.

I'm gonna leave soon too.

You need to finish

high school first.

You didn't.

Okay.

All right.

Come on, Jo, grab my nightgown.

Let's go.

Mom.

- Mom!

- What?

You weren't even gonna tell me

that you were going?

Well, I guess we're the same

that way.

Come on, Jo, let's go.

Mom.

Close the door, Jo.

Sure we've assembled

the best of the best.

- You think?

- Yeah.

I think so too.

Yeah, yeah.

- Hey.

- Hi.

You've met Margaret before.

I've been living

out of hotels so long,

I don't know who I've met.

Sorry I'm late,

but one of the models

didn't show up

for the shoot today,

so we had to start later.

Oh, are you a photographer?

No, I'm a film director.

Oh, what kind?

Adult.

And you had time to go home

and change,

or you wore this to work today?

I went and changed

for your party.

That's very interesting.

I suppose that's like any kind
of film work?

Not really.

It's not really

that interesting.

Well, I'm going to grab a wine
before they close the free bar.

Can I get you guys anything?

No, thanks.

Yeah, you just had to.

He asked.

Yeah, and we'll just pretend.

Like we haven't had

this conversation 500 times.

So what's this party for,

anyway?

End of quarter reports.

My team is gonna win an award.

I used to be on your team.

Yeah, a long time ago.

You just don't care about

what I do.

Nobody cares about what you do.
Yeah, but making young girls
take off their clothes
so old guys have something
to wank off to
is a really noble job.
No, I'd rather talk them into
buying homes they can't afford.
What is the matter with you?
I hate these people.
Then you hate me.
Why do you invite me
to these things?
Because you're my girlfriend.
That's what
we're supposed to do.
That's what people do
in the real world.
That's the contract.
I didn't sign a contract.
I don't want to be
like my parents.
You're like fucking Peter Pan.
You don't want to not be
your parents.
You just don't want to grow up.
I'm sorry.
No, Margaret, you're not.
You're not... no, no.
You're not sorry.
You want to be sorry?
I'll make you sorry.
Yeah?
No, no, no.
Get down.
Get down.
Wait, stop.
Give it to me.
I can see your whole world,
and it's so fucking small.
I loved you so much.
You know the Dyke March
starts here next Saturday?
Somebody at work told me

it's, like, a sea of lesbians.

Sounds beautiful.

You should come with me.

You can be my date.

That would be different.

Well, they're not gonna
eat you.

I don't think you're exactly
their type.

Yo, you should've seen
that night, all right?

Paco... they were aggressively
pursuing me.

I... they wanted some Andrew.

I mean,

I was the shit that night.

Wait for me.

I can't move that fast.

Come on.

Your legs are longer.

It's beautiful.

Think it's the most beautiful
city in the world?

Yeah.

- See that building?

- What?

The building to the right
of the bridge.

- Where? There?

- No, right to the right.

- Yeah.

- The tall one?

- Yeah.

- That's where he lives.

No.

Fuck.

Yeah, his apartment is amazing.

Bastard.

You should have seen him
in the morning.

He got up, and he stood
at the edge of the bed
in his dress shirt...

no pants, just his dress shirt...

and he was grinding
coffee beans
with a hand-grinder for, like,
ten minutes at least.
And then he left,
and he came back
with the most amazing
cup of coffee
I've ever had
in my entire life.
That's not good.
I'm thinking about doing
a guy-girl shoot.
Why would you do that?
Well, you know,
I haven't done it yet,
and it pays a lot more.
Do you need money?
Are you offering me
some of your bookstore salary?
No, I know it's a big deal.
I do. I just, you know...
I've been doing the girl stuff
for a while now,
so it's not really
that different.
Boygirl is... is different.
The man cave...
I don't think you should do it,
you know?
Having?
The special.
2 bucks.
You a friend of Rafi?
Rafi who?
Just Rafi.
What did he do for you?
Nothing.
Why are you looking for him
if he didn't do anything
for you?
I don't know anybody
with a name like that,
not even close.

Sorry for bugging you.
No, you're not bugging me,
cowboy.
Put a dollar in.
Let's play a game?
Maybe I'm looking
for somebody too?
He's... he's looking for Rafi.
Forget about Rafi, man.
Forget that shit.
Okay.
I can hook you up
with a bundle.
No, just a dime.
A little teaser?
All right.
Lay a note on the table.
Go somewhere else.
Look for somebody else.
Hey.
So, Cherry,
do you like to suck cock?
- Hey.
- Hey.
Francis, what happened?
And... action.
I'm gonna fuck the shit
out of you.
A little painkiller?
No, I'm okay.
What, are you worried
about the guard?
He doesn't care.
No, I just don't need
to be high to be with you.
Why do you do...
why do you do what you do?
Francis, this is my job.
Well, maybe you should find
another job.
Well, maybe you should have
kept making art.
That's not...
Yeah, maybe.

Why are you always high?
I don't know.
I don't know.
It feels so good.
Oh, fuck me!
How am I supposed
to fuck you tonight
after you
just got done fucking...
I don't know... five guys?
Okay, first of all, where did
you get "five guys" from?
Oh, sorry.
Four? Six?
Really? 'Cause it was one.
Okay.
Oh, all right.
Everybody's tested.
Are all of your girlfriends
tested?
You're my only girlfriend.
I don't have
any other girlfriends.
You're my only girlfriend.
I'm not having sex
with anyone else.
Your job is disgusting.
What you do is disgusting.
Okay.
Really?
You disgust me.
I don't know what to say.
Yeah, it's fucking disgusting,
fucking disgusting.
Okay, hold on a sec.
Terra,
can you move it back here?
I want to get her whole body.
You okay?
Action.
So you like to say
you do it for money.
That's...
that's what the difference is?

Is that how you justify it?
Now, Chuck,
work towards the orgasm.
You know, I thought
we were going somewhere.
We're not going anywhere.
Great.
Take me home.
That was hot.
Good job.
Thank you.
Thanks.
Thank you.
Great. Once again, brilliant.
It was fun. It was good.
You were amazing, yeah.
It felt good.
Just really good.
- Yeah?
- Yeah.
Okay, thank you.
Watch out!
You know, you're lucky
you ran into
one of these breakers
and not a carload of kids
down the street.
You sure you're okay?
Yeah, I'm fine.
Nothing happened to me.
Yeah, you're lucky, you know?
Your buddy over here
didn't look too well.
Listen, he mentioned
something to me
about somebody stealing
his driver's license.
You know anything about that?
You know anything about it?
Looks like we found our thief.
Yeah, if you're not guilty,
then why are you so wet?
Lick it off.
Maybe if you do a good job,

we'll go easy on you.
Or maybe we'll put you
in the cage.
What the fuck?
Are you jerking off?
No.
No?
Okay.
No.
Where are you going?
What are you doing?
I... I can't...
I can't share a bed with you.
I don't even know...
I don't even know you.
You know me better
than anybody, come on.
No, I don't.
What the fuck, Ange?
If you have something to say,
then you better say it.
What?
I'm just supposed to sit here
while you run around
with everyone else?
I get it.
I'm just a...
I'm just a foreigner
you keep around
to run your errands
and make you feel good
about yourself, right?
- That is not true.
- It is true.
- No, it's not.
- That is fucking true.
You treat me like a fucking pet.
No, I don't!
You treat me like a pet.
No, I don't.
Come on.
Come on. What are you doing?
Wait, come on.
Stop it.

What?

Every night,
I wait for you to come home
so we can hang out,
and you give me crumbs.

It's like
you're not even there.

No, I am here.

But you don't realize it,
because the girl that
you're waiting for to come home
does not exist in real life.

Okay, I'm not her.

Why?

Why what?

Why am I the only person
in the whole world
who's not allowed
to see you naked?

Why?

You love me?

Do you love me?

Andrew, do you love me?

But not enough to jerk off
to somebody else.

If you want to stay

You can

take what you want to

You can

Hey.

Hey.

I'll have what she's having
and a shot.

Got it.

I had a boyfriend
who used to say that.

"I'll have what she's having
with whiskey in it."

I thought he was the coolest guy
in the world.

Probably was at the time.

I'm not usually
much of a drinker.

Thanks.

I think I might be
a bad person.
You're not a bad person.
I think you're
a beautiful person.
I got a letter
from my mom yesterday.
She told me that
I let her down.
Did you write her back?
No.
No, but I will.
I just don't know when.
My parents think
I'm going straight to hell
because I had premarital sex.
I have this cousin,
and she started working
at this laundromat
when she was 19,
right out of high school,
and no one wondered why
she worked at the laundromat.
She just did all this
boring shit.
I would visit her.
I couldn't stand it.
It was, like,
her and the manager,
and there was no chance
of a promotion.
And then she got married.
Did she quit?
With what?
They don't have any money.
She has a little boy,
and he plays Little League,
and he goes to public school.
I think she's still
working there.
It's, like, 12 years?
\$15 an hour.
Well, is she happy?
I don't know.

I don't think so.
Okay.
What kind of story is that?
It's a real one.
That's a horrible story.
Yeah, I'm just...
Trying to figure it out
on my own, you know?
Yeah.
I just need somewhere to go
for a little while.
Take what you want to
Come here.
Take what you want
Make of me
I dream of us in a land
With your eyes
and your hair
You've got
a million-dollar stare
That makes me say
Morning, gorgeous.
Good morning.
How are you?
Good.
You look bright
and bushy-tailed.
Yeah, I'm shooting
someone new today.
Should be good.
I really like her.
What you reading?
I want to plant some herbs
on our balcony.
Don't you think
that would be cool?
Like, basil and rosemary.
Sounds good to me.
This is amazing.
Yeah, I got it
at the farmers' market.
You should come with me
sometime.
It's so fun.

I like it
when you pick the fruit.
You always pick better fruit
than I do.
It's true.
They're really good.
Do you have plans?
I'm gonna be over there
later today.
Okay, cool.
I'm shooting something later.
Nice.
Okay. I got to get going.
I'm late.
I'll talk to you later.
So, Ebony, why do you want
to be a porn star?
I mean, I like doing it anyway.
You like doing what?
Having sex.
You like being fucked?
You like the feeling of somebody
inside you?
I do.
Do you like being watched?
Sometimes.
Have you ever had anybody
watch you masturbate?
Oh, just my boyfriend so far.
Why should he have all the fun?
Come on.
Put on a show for us like you do
for your boyfriend.
Yeah, get us off.
Cut.
That was great. Thanks.
Thank you.
So how was it?
Did I do okay?
You were perfect.
She shuts the door
behind me
Waits for me
to get undressed

She ask if I need water
I can barely understand her
I think she asked me
what I do
And I said that I'm a singer
She laughs
and claps her hands
And then she begins,
and she sings
I like to go
to San Francisco
I like to go
put flowers in my hair
I like to go
to San Francisco
I like to meet
some people there
She looks just like
a sparrow
But she's strong
just like a wrestler
She kneads and pulls
and climbs on top
It hurts
but I will try to take it
Ask her if she's ever been,
been to San Francisco
She tells me
that she can't leave
They won't let her leave,
and she sings
I like to go
to San Francisco
I like to go
put flowers in my hair
I like to go
to San Francisco
I like to meet
some people there
And in Golden Gate Park
She'll throw a frisbee
She'll bring the dog
And she'll meet a boy
And they'll fall in love

And she'll feel so free
Still walk on his back...
Wonder 'bout the place
I'm in
And how they treat
the girls
I know that it's legitimate
But still it makes me wonder
She gets up to leave
And I put back on my clothes
I tip her well,
she bows to me
I really hope one day
she gets to go
To San Francisco
I like to go
put flowers in my hair
I like to go
to San Francisco
I like to meet
some people there
Some people there
La, la-la-la, la, la-la-la
La, la-la-la
La, la-la-la
La, la-la-la, la, la-la-la
La, la-la-la
La, la-la-la
La, la