

ASK ME TO DANCE

DAVID  
Your trainer?

JACK  
I don't want to talk about it.

DAVID  
So who are you bringing to the wedding?

JACK  
I don't have a date yet.

DAVID  
Well, let's fix that.

JACK  
Look, I can take care of myself.

Jack takes another sip of his shake. After a pause:

DAVID  
You should bring Vanessa's daughter...

SPIT TAKE AGAIN FROM JACK.

1 EXT. DRIVE IN MOVIE - NIGHT 31

A large group of cars has assembled to watch a drive-in movie.

2 INT. MARK'S CAR - NIGHT 32

Jill sits in the passenger seat, chatting it up with MARK, mid 40s, studious looking.

Mark pulls into a spot and parks the car.

← start

JILL  
So what's this movie?

MARK  
It's called "Den Inneren Weg." It was Germany's Best Foreign language film entry for the Oscars this year.

Jill's impressed.

JILL  
Very cool.  
(after a beat)  
So how long have you been a  
teacher?

MARK  
15 years.

JILL  
Do you love it?

MARK  
I do.

JILL  
What do you teach?

MARK  
Chemistry. For High School  
Seniors.

JILL  
Ooh, any chance you'll "Break Bad?"

Mark stares at her. This has somehow hit a nerve.

MARK  
You know that show was extremely  
offensive to chemistry teachers?

Jill has to look to see if he's serious. He is. She quickly  
changes the subject:

JILL  
Hey, you wanna get some popcorn?

3 INT. RECEPTION ROOM - NIGHT

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Jack is seated at a table, alone, an empty seat across from  
him. There are a bunch of people milling around.

A bell goes off and a woman sits opposite Jack. We can see  
this is a group assembled for a night of "speed dating."

JACK  
Hi.

POTENTIAL DATE #1  
Hi. So, 30 seconds... tell me  
something about you!

JACK  
I'm divorced. I work in I/T. I used to teach ballroom dancing, not anymore, but I still love to go out dancing. Your turn.

POTENTIAL DATE #1  
I have BPD, which is Borderline Personality Disorder. I've been in and out of mental hospitals my whole life. I'm also bi-polar...



4 EXT. DRIVE IN MOVIE, CONCESSIONS STAND - NIGHT

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Mark pays for two big baskets of popcorn. He hands one to Jill.

JILL  
Thank you!

Jill tastes a piece of popcorn.

JILL (CONT'D)  
Did you get butter on this?

MARK  
Uh, it wouldn't be butter. It would be diacetyl, a synthetic butter.

JILL  
Oh.

MARK  
When heated to high temperatures, diacetyl vaporizes and becomes toxic.  
(beat)  
Maybe they should have put that shit in Breaking Bad...

Jill is speechless.

MARK (CONT'D)  
So what do you do, Jill?

JILL  
(still stunned a bit, but trying to make the best of it)  
(MORE)

JILL (CONT'D)  
Um, I work for a Software Company,  
but I don't work directly with our  
software. I'm in the graphic  
design department.

MARK  
(laughs)  
You don't need to apologize for  
that.

JILL  
Was I apologizing?

MARK  
I don't know... it just seemed like  
you weren't proud of it.

Jill's getting red flags all over the place.

5 INT. RECEPTION ROOM - NIGHT

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Date #2 is talking to Jack.

POTENTIAL DATE #2  
You've never been?

JACK  
(mortified)  
To a sex party house? No.

POTENTIAL DATE #2  
Here's what I'm saying... couples  
get a discounted rate. Let's go as  
a couple, no strings attached. And  
then when we get there, we can bang  
whoever we want. If we don't like  
the person, we can say our  
boyfriend/girlfriend doesn't  
approve.

Jack just stares at her.

POTENTIAL DATE #2 (CONT'D)  
So, look if you're into it, add  
your name to this list...

The Date slides a piece of paper over to Jack. There's like  
20 names with email addresses on the list. On the top of the  
page it says, "Christine's Bang Bang Party."

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36 INT. MARK'S CAR - SAME TIME

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Mark and Jill return to the car.

MARK

I've been dying to see this movie. They say it inspires and gives a message at the same time.

JILL

Can't wait.

MARK

Are you having a good time so far, Jill?

Little pause.

JILL

Yeah.

She really doesn't believe that.

7 INT. RECEPTION ROOM - SAME TIME

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Date #3:

JACK

Sagittarius.

POTENTIAL DATE #3

My ex was a Sag.

JACK

Is that a good thing?

POTENTIAL DATE #3

Well, yeah!

Jack smiles.

JACK

Thank God.

POTENTIAL DATE #3

Greg was such a strong foundation for me. He provided for me. Took care of me. But I don't know... I guess I felt something was missing. I made a mistake... slept with his brother... and that part he couldn't forgive.

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POTENTIAL DATE #3 (CONT'D)

(beat)  
I want him back so bad.

JACK

Greg?

POTENTIAL DATE #3

No, his brother.

8 INT. MARK'S CAR - NIGHT

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The movie plays on the drive in movie screen, which can be seen through the front of the windshield. Jill and Mark sit in silence, munching on popcorn.

After a long moment, Mark turns to Jill:

MARK

Sex after this, right?

Jill's eyes go wide.

← stop

9 INT. RECEPTION ROOM - SAME TIME

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Jack's finally with someone he seems to be connecting with. They are both laughing and touching each others arms, which is a good sign.

JACK

Well, I feel like we squeezed all we could out of these 30 seconds.

POTENTIAL DATE #4

I concur.

JACK

I'm just gonna come out and say it. I'd love to take this further.

POTENTIAL DATE #4

Me too.

Jack pulls out his cell phone.

JACK

Okay, quick, before they buzz us off, let me get your number...

She reaches for the phone.

POTENTIAL DATE #4

Here, I'll put it in your phone.

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