

[Excerpt]

An Abstinent Orgy;
or
Two Pigeons Fighting Over A Hotdog

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JACKIE
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place
zoom
and
various places in new jersey

time
the night before the presentation
2025

NOTES:

... indicates silence

// means to start the next line

[this] means implied but *not* spoken

pacing should be closer to upbeat than anything

if a line is absurd -- let it not make sense to anyone but the person saying it

they can be caricatures until they're people

waiting

...

...

...

a face appears

AUDREY, 17, sits in front of a blank background

she peers into the camera

does she have something in her teeth

she goes closer to the camera to investigate

when

another face appears

WYATT

jesus christ

AUDREY

oh god

sorry

i just

teeth

y'know

WYATT

i do

certainly know

// teeth

AUDREY

yeah

...

WYATT

thought i was going to be
like
“fashionably late”
but

AUDREY

i mean you are
technically
i think we called it for 8:15
so it’s the rest of the group that’s...

WYATT

great
cool
...

AUDREY

...

WYATT

...
so
how you doin’ audrey

AUDREY

uh
good
good
y’know
classes
i got moved up to assistant head of social media management
// for roadside baker--

WYATT

no shit
congrats

AUDREY

yeah
the title is a bit
pretentious
but uh
no yeah
it’s super exciting
and you’re -!-!

ah
i always forget where you work

WYATT

it's just marketing for this one etsy shop

AUDREY

right
is that the boss
with the
didn't she make you pierce your ear

WYATT

to be fair
it was to show off her line of recycled jewelry
made from rusty screws

AUDREY

oh wow

WYATT

yeah
that's julie

AUDREY

fun

WYATT

mhmm

...

AUDREY

how's your uncle doing

WYATT

it's
uh
it's not looking good

AUDREY

wyatt
i'm really sorry

WYATT

that's how it is

AUDREY

are you staying with your parents now

WYATT

yeah
just to put less stress on my aunt
but
my dad's going over to the hospital
tomorrow
to
like
say his
"good byes"
and such

AUDREY

your dad
how's he able to

WYATT

he just stays in the car
it's that new drive by thing

AUDREY

oh

...

WYATT

hey
um
i was thinking about the other // night --

another face pops up

this is SAMMIE

she's sitting in front of a very colorful wall

SAMMIE

hiiiiii guys
ah
oh it's so good to
oo
wait one second

SAMMIE runs off camera

she runs back on with a pair of earrings on

SAMMIE

sorry
 i got all dressed and i was like
 i'm missing something
 what am i missing
 i don't know what i am missing
 so i gave up
 but then
 when i looked at the screen
 i went
 that's funny
 there are supposed to be two things dangling from my ears right now
 that aren't there
 and boop
 earrings
 is sebastian on yet

WYATT

uh
 no
 we're just waiting on them
 and jackie

SAMMIE

wait
 which jackie's in our group

WYATT

jackie p

SAMMIE

hm
 okay
 she just
 hm
 she just
 she's great
 i think she's really nice
 and like *really* pretty
 y'know
 but i just get like
 bad vibes

not necessarily like
bad bad
but just not positive vibes from her
y'know

WYATT

i don't know her too well
but she seems nice enough

AUDREY

aren't you and trevor
super close

SAMMIE

trevor martin (?)

AUDREY

jackie's family's
been quarantining with
trevor's
for the past couple of years

WYATT

yeah
trevor's my boi
but
uh i dunno
something's off about
jackie

SAMMIE

fascinating

SEBASTIAN's screen appears

SAMMIE

ah
oh my gosh
hi babes
i was just asking if you were here
and then
poof
you just appeared

SEBASTIAN

hey baby
you know
i was feeling some sort of energy
right before i hopped online
there was just something with the universe
y'know

SAMMIE

mmmhm//mmm

WYATT

hey sebastian

SEBASTIAN

wyatt
man
how are you

WYATT

doin fine
no complaints here

SEBASTIAN

and audrey
i haven't gotten the chance to talk to you in ages
like i'll see your video box during math
and i'll always think like
hey there's audrey
but then i'm like
she's probably studying math
y'know
don't want to disrupt people actually learning stuff
so how are you
what's up

AUDREY

hi
yes
i am good
just
you know
doin school
doin work
doin school work
how are you

i'm doing pretty well
SEBASTIAN

babe
can i tell them
SAMMIE

i don't // know if
SEBASTIAN

no time for modesty
my baby is a
frikin
model
SAMMIE

woah
AUDREY

it's just one
'gram post
that got
over 25 thousand likes
SEBASTIAN

it's a spencers gifts ad
and they're wearing
like
a pleather jacket
and jeans
and this hat with
like
a weed leaf on it
and they're leaning up against this brick wall
and they look so sexy
SAMMIE

well
SEBASTIAN

SO sexy
SAMMIE

cool
WYATT
fun
AUDREY

JACKIE's face pops up

JACKIE

aye
we ready to get this shit over with

WYATT

hey
uh
//yeah let's um

SAMMIE

hey girl
how are you

JACKIE

... i'm good
you

SAMMIE

i'm good
i'm good
thanks

WYATT

so does anyone have any ideas
off the bat
for how we wanna do this

SAMMIE

i wanna sing

WYATT

okay
we can certainly write that down
can somebody write // everything

AUDREY

yeah
i got it

SEBASTIAN

she is a
great
singer
man

WYATT

great
i'm sure she is
but i think just basics for the moment
so
like
does a powerpoint type thing
work for everyone
we do slides
and each take a turn speaking
just basic presentation
quick and easy

JACKIE

like your mom

some of the kids laugh, including SEBASTIAN

SAMMIE

(angry)

babe

SEBASTIAN

sorry

WYATT

great
okay
basic powerpoint
i'll pull that up now

WYATT clicks around -- eventually sharing his screen
which is a blank powerpoint

WYATT

okay
what section are we

AUDREY

(looking at her notes)

chapter 3
which is
abstinence

...

...

AUDREY

i don't understand how we can write about this

JACKIE

i don't understand how this is still even a course
i mean how are we suppose to talk about sex ed
when the most physical interaction any of us
should have
is giving a 20 to the pizza guy

SAMMIE

yeah
i was just talking to
tina b
and she said
she didn't even have to take this class
last year

WYATT

new government mandates
there was a rise in
like
stds
or
i dunno
and now they think it's good for us to
be knowledgable
on the topic
or some shit

JACKIE

all hail the cheeto in chief

SEBASTIAN

doubt he even knows what a condom is

AUDREY

should we message
mr. benassi
and ask him about getting a new chapter

SEBASTIAN

if we do that
we'll get stuck with
some anti-drug
propaganda
which we'll actually have to find
statistics and shit for

SAMMIE

that's a good point

JACKIE

exactly

WYATT

okay
yeah
there's only so much anyone can even talk about
it'll take no time
so

he types "ABSTINENCE" on the first slide

JACKIE

great
great work everyone
see ya for the presentation

AUDREY

okay
i've got a definition

WYATT

okay
i'm ready

WYATT clicks on a new slide and starts typing the
definition

AUDREY

the book says

JACKIE

fuck the book
webster's dictionary
the pinot grigio of dictionaries
defines abstinence as
"the practice of not doing
or having something
that is wanted or enjoyable"

SEBASTIAN

that seems a little pointed
cause like
why wouldn't you do something
that's wanted or enjoyable

SAMMIE

maybe cause
like
you eat too much ice cream
and it's too much of a good thing
right

AUDREY

sure
but
abstinence
implies not having
any ice cream
to begin with

SAMMIE

well that's stupid

WYATT

i mean
if we're talking realistically
banning something completely
is counter productive
a drug addict is going to find drugs
if they really want them
you know

AUDREY

so
are we writing that definition down

it's good enough
i'll just

WYATT

WYATT types the definition down

excuse me
what's the theme

SAMMIE

what

AUDREY

like
what's the theme of the power point
is it
cool and edgy
or
restrained and sophisticated

SAMMIE

the theme is
abstinence

AUDREY

but like
with what color combo

SAMMIE

okay
moving on

WYATT

wait
back to the whole
abstinence thing

SEBASTIAN

that is the opposite of
moving on

WYATT

should we include like
ways to have safe sex

SEBASTIAN

birth control
dental damns

SAMMIE

i could put a condom on a banana

JACKIE

you do you
sammie

SAMMIE

thank you

WYATT

i don't think that's the assignment

SEBASTIAN

is that more important than
teaching people

AUDREY

we'll be lucky if people are even
paying attention
and not muting their videos
so that they can play
solitaire

WYATT

solitaire is your
cool kid example

AUDREY

what
i like solitaire

WYATT

exactly

JACKIE

look
if kissing this book's ass
means that
i'm getting an a
then
i'm prepared for

a tongue full of
paper cuts

WYATT

great
lets start with

SAMMIE

why you should be abstinent

JACKIE

is that in the textbook

SAMMIE

mmhmm
page 42

WYATT

okay
so
why should one be abstinent

AUDREY

uh
book says it is the best form of contraceptive

JACKIE

so's taking it up the butt
put that in

SEBASTIAN

not breaking quarantine
unless it's someone that lives with you

JACKIE

or you risk going to craters

SAMMIE

what's craters

JACKIE

you've never heard of craters

SAMMIE

i am quite naive
if you couldn't tell

WYATT

have you ever gone by craters park

SAMMIE

maybe when i was a kid

WYATT

well
in the park
there's a jungle gym
since this all started
people will break quarantine
and go there to
uh

JACKIE

fuck

WYATT

i was going to say
find
likeminded people
but

JACKIE

are you kidding
no
sammie
it's a hookup spot
you meet a stranger
don't exchange info
throw all caution to the wayside
and hope you don't die

SAMMIE

have you

JACKIE

dear god no
i'm not an idiot

SEBASTIAN

yeah
i never understood why
anyone
would go there

JACKIE

i don't know
people get lonely i guess
care more about cumming
than their lungs collapsing

AUDREY

let's just move on
other reasons to stay abstinent
okay

JACKIE

oh
i mean
it makes sense that you don't know about craters
since you two have each other

SEBASTIAN

no casual hookups here

SAMMIE

that's right baby

JACKIE

so
like
do your parents let you guys go into each others houses
or what

SAMMIE

no
we uh

WYATT

oh
we got some quarantine breakers over here
where do you guys go

SAMMIE

go

WYATT

to have sex

AUDREY

wyatt