

OUT ON A DATE

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A ROMANTIC RESTAURANT.

JACK, (20s-40s) sits alone at a table. He fidgets. Jazz Music fills the silence.

Jack looks out the window. Sees his girlfriend, MARGO, outside. He immediately sends a text:

JACK
HEY BABE, INSIDE. BACK TABLE. BY
THE BLOND.

Margo enters. (20s-40s, very lovely) Waves to Jack. Responds back to his text from her. Jack reads the text. But this, of course, prompts him to look at other things on his phone.

MARGO
(clears her throat)
Excuse me. Uh, Jack...?

JACK
Right. No phones. Putting phone
away. Gone. No interruptions. We
are talking to each other!

He puts the phone away. She waits.

MARGO
Anything else?

JACK
You look amazing, Margo.

He gets up to kiss her. She is a little distant.

MARGO
Anything else?

JACK
Is that the dress I pinned on
Pinterest?

MARGO
One in the same. It showed up on
your Facebook page and I saw that
you said "Large and In Charge would
look hot in this", so I followed
the pin, found the dress at Zara
and voila!

JACK
Voila!

MARGO

All these years together. I didn't realize you had such great taste in dresses. I'd never pick this out for myself.

Jack is...concerned.

JACK

You look great in it.

MARGO

Thanks.

They sit. Margo jokingly puts her phone in her purse.

MARGO

No phones...!

JACK

Yep. So, how was work?

MARGO

Not bad really. Did you see what my boss posted on Twitter?

JACK

Your boss? Claudette?

MARGO

Yeah, you met her at my birthday party a month ago. Did you see what she posted on Twitter?

Margo goes for the phone. Stops herself.

MARGO

Doesn't matter. I memorized it. She Tweeted, "loving big rainbows right now, #dreamscometrue #potofgold".

JACK

Did she get a raise?

MARGO

Nope. I just love that she's posting stuff about rainbows and gold. She has been so unhappy lately, which has seriously made the rest of us in the office un-happy.

JACK

Hungry?

MARGO

Starved.

Jack's phone beeps.

MARGO

Is that your phone?

JACK

Yeah.

MARGO

Did you want to look at it? We could take a 3 second break.

JACK

Nope. I'm all yours.

MARGO

(flat)

Are you? That is so sweet.

Jack is surprised by her tone.

JACK

You really do look great in that dress.

MARGO

Thanks. (reading the menu) I think I'll have...spaghetti...or maybe the fish. Oh, did you see what your brother posted on Instagram?

JACK

Instagram?

MARGO

Yeah, yesterday he was like "Not enough trout in the sea" and posted a pic of some fish he was cooking. (she laughs oddly) I think I'll have the fish.

Jack motions for the waiter.

JACK

My brother. John is a fool. He doesn't even like fish.

MARGO

I know; funny, right? What are you

going to have?

His phone beeps again. Actually a lot.

MARGO

Maybe you should check your phone.
Could be important.

JACK

Probably just somebody talkin'
smack on a Messenger thread. (beat)
I wish this dude would come over
here and take our order.

MARGO

So, what'd you do last night?

Caught.

JACK

What?

The waiter arrives.