

Blind Date

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Characters:

LAYLA (25-40): *Eccentric, enthusiastic, strong.*

KERRIGAN (25-40): *Persnickety, rigid, romantic.*

KERRIGAN and LAYLA are standing, backs turned from each other. They are each holding a blindfold. In between them is a park bench.

LAYLA

You brought your blindfold?

KERR

I think it's a... sleeping mask.

LAYLA

Can you see out of it?

KERR

No.

LAYLA

Then it's a blindfold. You're standing next to the rock?

KERR

Yes.

LAYLA

How are you feeling?

KERR

Weird.

LAYLA

Oh, come on.

KERR

This is weird.

LAYLA

People go on blind dates all the time.

KERR

Blind. Not blindfolded.

LAYLA

If I'm committing to something, I'm committing all the way. That's something you should probably know about me. You afraid of commitment?

KERR

No. I'm afraid of stepping in dog shit.

LAYLA

No risk, no reward. You in?

KERR

... yeah, I'm in.

LAYLA

Blindfolds, on.

KERRIGAN and LAYLA both put on their blindfolds.

LAYLA

Is yours on?

KERR

Yeah. I can't believe I'm doing this.

LAYLA

You can always tap out.

KERR

How did I even get here?

LAYLA

Uber?

KERR

Brian.

LAYLA

He's a man of excellent taste.

KERR

Is he? I've seen him wear Crocs with a suit.

LAYLA

He brought you to me, didn't he?

KERR

He set me up on the weirdest date of my life, that's for sure. And I've been on my share of first dates.

LAYLA

The blindfold is good and secure, right?

KERR

Secured.

LAYLA

No cheating.

KERR

I don't cheat. That's probably something you should know about me. Have you ever cheated?

LAYLA

I've cheated twice.

KERR

Twice?

LAYLA

Once on a boyfriend, once on my driver's test.

KERR

You did?

LAYLA

Cheated on my boyfriend with the driving instructor. Otherwise, I would have failed my driver's test. Needless to say, I drove here.

KERR

Oh, god.

LAYLA

I'm a good driver. Better kisser.

KERR

Brian really should have told me about that.

LAYLA

Brian's never kissed me. You ready?

KERR

For what?

LAYLA

Our date.

KERR

I'm not getting in a car with you.

LAYLA

Of course not, I'm blindfolded. Now, I've measured out everything. Between us is a bench.

KERR

Bench?

LAYLA

Bench. It's exactly five steps backwards from you.

KERR

What kind of steps?

LAYLA

Normal, human-sized steps. Okay, on the count of three. One... two...

KERR

I'm definitely gonna step in dog shit.

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LAYLA

Don't you think I looked for dog shit?

KERR

What if you missed it?

LAYLA

I didn't miss it.

KERR

Let me take off the blindfold -

LAYLA

No!

KERR

And just check.

LAYLA

Ooooh, trust issues.

KERR

I don't have trust issues.

LAYLA

Guy that can't take five steps backwards claims he doesn't have trust issues.

KERR

I'm not the cheater, here.

LAYLA

That was a business transaction.

KERR

Just a peek. I won't look at you, I swear.

LAYLA

Don't wimp out. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a blind, blind date. Five easy steps to change your life. No dog shit.

KERR

... fine. Last time I trust Brian.

LAYLA

Okay. Ready... set...

KERR

What if a dog came and shit while our blindfolds were on?

LAYLA

Fortune favors the bold - what's your name again?

KERR

Are you serious?

LAYLA
Keith!

KERR
Kerrigan.

LAYLA
Fortune favors the bold, Kerrigan!

KERR
Alright, alright.

Both take five steps backwards.

BOTH
One... two... three... four.. five...

LAYLA
I'm proud of you.

KERR
Something squished.

LAYLA
Nothing squished. Look at you, taking chances, rolling the dice!

KERR
Craps.

LAYLA
You ready?

KERR
For a shower.

LAYLA
To sit.

KERR
What if -

LAYLA

If you say what if a dog shit on this bench, so help me God. What if what?

KERR

... never mind.

LAYLA

Face north.

They both turn the opposite way from each other. LAYLA goes to grab his hand, and grabs his butt instead.

LAYLA

Other north.

KERR turns around, so that they are both facing the audience. LAYLA grabs his hand.

LAYLA

One human sized step backwards.

They take a step backwards together.

LAYLA

And sit.

They sit on the bench.

KERR

We made it!

LAYLA

I told you, I measured out everything. Impressed?

KERR

You put a lot of thought into this.

LAYLA

You haven't seen the half of it.

KERR

I haven't seen any of it.

LAYLA

Thirsty?

KERR

I could drink something.

LAYLA

I have water, juice, wine or beer.

KERR

Where, in your pockets?

LAYLA

Under the bench. I told you, I prepared for this.

KERR

What kind of wine?

LAYLA

I opted for red. It's the sexier wine.

KERR

All wine is sexy.

LAYLA

This is a Canadian red.

KERR

Do they... make wine in Canada?

LAYLA

They sure do. Good ol' America's top hat.

KERR

And now you're going to pour red wine blindfolded?

LAYLA

And I wore white. Just to make it more of a challenge.

KERR

I wish I could watch this.

LAYLA

Alright. Corkscrew... twist... okay, I'm in.

KERR

You uncorked it?

LAYLA

That was the easy part. The pouring is the hard part. Here, hold your glass.

KERR

Wait, you're going to make me hold the glass while you pour it? What if you spill it?

LAYLA

Trust me. I practiced this a hundred times.

KERR

Trust you sight unseen, sounds smart.

LAYLA puts the glass in his hand.

LAYLA

Just hold still. Quit twitching. Gargantuan trust issues.

KERR

I don't have trust issues.

LAYLA pours it, without spilling a drop.

LAYLA

You can breathe now. Now, before you drink, just stick your finger in there so that you know where the wine is. Then you won't get it all over yourself.

LAYLA pours herself a glass as she speaks.

LAYLA

I'm glad I didn't get any of it on you. Pretty much every time I practiced that, I absolutely flooded the place.

KERR

You said I should trust you.

LAYLA

I said to trust me. I never said you *should* trust me. At least when it comes to pouring wine blindfolded. You really shouldn't believe *anyone* can do that.

KERR

Well, I guess you did it this time.

LAYLA

At least your ill-advised trust was well placed. Cheers.

They attempt to clink their glasses.

KERR

This wine tastes Canadian.

LAYLA

Tastes like universal health care, and a stabilized government?

KERR

I feel like every sip is an apology.

LAYLA

So, Keith -

KERR

Kerrigan.

LAYLA

Kerrigan, what are you doing out with a 36 year old making you wear a blindfold on our first date?

KERR

Apparently, my friends feel that I should "get back out there." And besides, beat the can of soup waiting for me at home.

LAYLA

Are you and Brian close?

KERR

Depends.

LAYLA

On what?

KERR

If I have dog shit on my shoe.

LAYLA

What are some things you like doing?

KERR

I like making eye contact with people.

LAYLA

You're a very rigid person, aren't you, Kerrigan?

KERR

... I've been told I'm too serious, yes.

LAYLA

There's something to say for balance.

KERR

What about you?

LAYLA

I'm a free spirit... on a schedule.

KERR

I like that.

LAYLA

I've been called weird, but I prefer whimsical.

KERR

My life has had a severe lack of whimsy.

LAYLA

You're cut out for it though. I mean, you showed up. I think you might be craving a little bit of magic.

KERR

Maybe I am.

LAYLA

I have a knack for timing.

KERR

And I'm very punctual.

LAYLA

Been married?

KERR

Twice.

LAYLA

So, you like big, expensive parties.

KERR

What can I say? Romantic comedies are very compelling.

LAYLA

Why didn't it work out? Is that tacky to ask?

KERR

... yes.

LAYLA

Sorry.

KERR

My first wife died. Car crash.

LAYLA

... more sorry.

KERR

My second wife -

LAYLA

Died?

KERR

No. She left me for her dog groomer.