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THEY START FOR THE EXIT.

JANE. NICE TO MEET YOU.
JANE

AT
CONKIDINK, THAT'S IT. I'M AJ, BY
THE WAY.

JANE
SERENDIPITY? KISMET?

AJ
THEN THIS IS CRAZY! IT'S LIKE ONE
OF THOSE TIMES WHEN SOMETHING
PERFECT COMES TOGETHER, WHAT'S THAT
WORD... .

JANE
YES! I'M DEFINITELY INTERESTED! YOU
HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD I'VE BEEN
LOOKING.

AJ
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN
APARTMENT? BECAUSE MY BROTHER AND I
LIVE RIGHT UPSTAIRS AND WE MIGHT
NEED A ROOMMATE.

SHE CROSSES ANOTHER PLACE OFF HER LIST - THEY'RE ALL CROSSED
OFF. SHE SIGHS IN FRUSTRATION. AJ COMES UP TO HER.

JANE
HIT, I'M CALLING ABOUT YOUR ROOMMATE
WANTED AD. OH, IT'S TAKEN? DARN IT.

JANE, SEATED NEARBY, IS ON THE PHONE. AJ OVERHEARS HER.

AJ
(TO FOOD) I'LL SEE YOU ON CHEAT
DAY.

AT NODS AND TURNS TO LEAVE. HE LOOKS AT THE DISPLAY OF
TEMPMING BAKERY ITEMS.

BARISTA
SORRY, MADISON JUST LEFT.

AJ
HEY SANDEEP, IS MY BROTHER HERE?

AJ ENTERS AND WALKS UP TO THE BARISTA AT THE COUNTER.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - LATER

5 scenes / 6pgs.
AJ

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More of a breast man. But he kinda
likes every part of a woman's body.
AJ

Ah, so he's a renaissance man?
JANE

A little bit of everything.
AJ

Oh really? What does he do?
JANE

He's the best. He's smart like you.
AJ

So, what's Madison like?
JANE

* * *
Sure. You can make it out to my
brother, he handles all the money
stuff. I get the mail.
AJ

It! Can I write you a check?
place is great. I'd love to take
dimmers work, but thank you. This
I'm actually familiar with how
JANE

I like full light for ab work, so
you can see your definition. Low
light, s good for yoga or cooldown
cardio. Medium light is good for--
AJ

AJ IS SHOWING JANE THE APARTMENT. HE IS ADJUSTING THE LIGHTS.

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INT. APARTMENT - LATER

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END

They exit.

Let's see... justice for all,
preserve the environment - and most
of all, have fun.
AJ

SO what does AJ stand for?
JANE (CONT'D)

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INT. APARTMENT - THE NEXT MORNING
AJ IS DOING PUSH-UPS. JANE WALKS IN WITH A BAG OF BAGELS. SHE SITS DOWN. AJ WALKS OVER TO MAKE CONVERSATION.

INT. APARTMENT - THE NEXT MORNING

AJ

Morning. So what did you say your book report was about?

JANE

No, but it sounds good. I'll read it tonight. What's in the bag?

AJ

Moby Dick. The greatest novel ever written. Have you read it?

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JANE TAKES A BAGEL AND STARTS SPREADING CREAM CHEESE ON IT.

about them.

carbs. We don't even like talking NO thanks. Madision and I don't eat I lived on bagels when I was getting my doctorate.

JANE

You're a doctor? I have this rash--

AJ

PMD doctor, not MD.

JANE

JANE HOLDS UP A BAGEL AND MAKES IT "TALK" TO AJ.

would you mind eating that outside?

AJ (CONT'D)

AJ LOOKS AT THE BAGELS, TEMPTED.

(BEAT) It's right here on my thigh.

AJ

Of course I do, Bagel. But Madision--

AJ

Eat me, AJ. You know you want to.

JANE

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"If you can't tone it, tan it."

AT

what's rule number one?
in my residence, some rules. AT,
(SIGHS) While you're still residing
MADISON

creams? What are you talking about?

JANE

~~Your elbows.~~
I smell cream. Did someone use my
creams? Does it you, tell me smell
MADISON

JANE PUTS THE BAGEL IN AT'S HAND. HE LOOKS AROUND, NERVOUS,
THEN TAKES A BITE. THE DOOR OPENS. AT, ALARMED, THROWS ALL
THE BAGELS OUT THE WINDOW BUT THE WINDOW IS CLOSED. MADISON
ENTERS. HE IMMEDIATELY SMELLS SOMETHING.

(AS BAGEL) Madison's not here.
JANE
C'mon.

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MADISON NARRATES HIS STANCE.

At
Your stance is too wide. You'll get
thunderer thighs.

MADISON WALKS IN, SEARCHING. HE SPOTS AJ ANGRILY DOING KETTLE
BELLS SWINGS. MADISON GOES UP BESIDE HIM AND STARTS DOING THEM
TOO. THEY WORK OUT IN SILENCE, AND THEN:

INT. CROSSFIT GYM - NIGHT

~~AJ~~

AJ RUNS OUT.

So you lied to me. You always treat
me like some dumb little kid. I'm
running away!
AJ

I didn't want you to anguish.
MADISON

You're such areaking jerk!
You told me your career was going
great. You let me think I messes up
and you were fixating everything as
usual.

AJ (CONT'D)

MADISON CAN'T LOOK AJ IN THE EYE. AFTER A BEAT:

Madison, is this for real?
AJ

Madison didn't get the money. He
quit the shoot when he found out he
was cast as a father.
JANE

Really? Why?
AJ

Actually, turns out I'm staying.
JANE

Jane, need help moving out? I only
did two hours of cardio today to
save my energy.
AJ

AJ POPS HIS HEAD IN.

~~Sticks~~ 5*

~~Sticks~~ 4

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it.

AJ

Yes.

MADISON

third words?

AJ

What do you think?

MADISON

DENIM JACKET, NO SHIRT, AND A SCOTTISH KILT.
WALK INTO THE LIVING ROOM. AJ IS WEARING A TIGHT TUXEDO SHIRT
AND JACKET ALONG WITH TUXEDO SHORTS, AND MADISON IS WEARING A
UPBEAT, "GETTING PUMPED" DANCE MUSIC PLAYS. MADISON AND AJ

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Yeaah! Weekend!

AJ

Okay, enough heavy stuff, let's go
out. It's Wednesday night!

MADISON

Jane's actually as smart as she
looks.

AJ

It might've been Jane.

MADISON

Is that Gwyneth?

AJ

I know. I was so caught up with
being the perfect big brother that
I forgot the important quoteable:
honesty is the first part of a
chapter book.

MADISON

I just wish you were for real with
me. You can always be for real with
me.

AJ

AJ SOFTENS, UNABLE TO STAY MAD AT HIS BROTHER.

AJ, I'm sorry.

MADISON