

INT. CHURCH ROOM - LATER

The meeting is finally over. Andy tries to charm the old woman.

ANDY
I think she wanted me to wear my uniform. Have you told her how good I look in it?

SUZANNE
Very nice, very smart.

ANDY
You know what uniform it is? (beat)
Nazi. After what they did? You should be ashamed of yourself.

The father approaches.

SUZANNE
I don't think you two have been formally introduced. This is Andy, Father.

FATHER
How are you, son?

Andy leans in to kiss the father's hand a la the Pope.

FATHER
Oh, you don't have to do that. I'm not the Pope.

ANDY
I know! Old habits die hard. My old priest used to make me kiss him.

Andy tries to recover, but starts rambling.

ANDY
On the ring. On his finger, not like that, there was none of that going on, and that makes me sick, people saying priests are pedophiles and kiddie-fiddlers... I mean there probably are, you probably know some, but there's no higher percentage of perverts in... but they're in all walks of life, aren't they? There are sex offenders everywhere, but let's not (MORE)

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ANDY (cont'd) exaggerate the issue is what I'm saying. I've never been touched by a priest. I've been touched by God - not in that way - in the heart... (beat)
 Condoms. Do we need them? Don't think so. Let the free seed of love gush forth.

A long awkward pause. The Father takes a seat in front of Andy.

FATHER Who was your confirmation saint?

ANDY Mine?... Saint Bernard.

FATHER Saint Bernard?

Beat.

FATHER Who was your priest growing up?

ANDY Father... Father Michael Flatley.

FATHER Michael Flatley.

ANDY O'Flatley. Irish fellow.

FATHER And where was his parish?

ANDY Just where I grew up. In my town. The Holy Parish of Wokingham.

FATHER I did a lot of work in the London and Thames area.

ANDY Oh, yeah?

FATHER I've never heard of a Father Michael O'Flatley.

ANDY
 No, he died. Dead. Untraceable. He
 won't be replaced. Not by me. He
 was a great man.

Another beat.

FATHER
 Can I ask you a personal question?

ANDY

Go for it.

FATHER
 And it may seem blunt, but honesty
 is a cornerstone of the Catholic
 faith.

ANDY

Amen to that.

FATHER
 Are you a Catholic?

ANDY

Am I a...?

FATHER
 Are you a Catholic?

ANDY

Well, if you're asking to see some
 official documentation, you're
 going to be disappointed.

FATHER

Have you been confirmed?

Silence.

FATHER

Have you ever taken communion?

ANDY

No, actually.

FATHER

Did Father Flatley exist?

ANDY

(correcting him)
 O'Flatley.

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I didn't want to upset her.
(pointing at Suzanne's sister)

ANDY

Well, what was the first lie?

SUZANNE

I'd already lied before I pretended
to be Catholic so...

ANDY

I can't believe you lied to me just
to try and sleep with me.

SUZANNE

Really? In this day and age? A bit
annoying to be honest.

ANDY

Andy laughs in shock before he can stop himself.

Sorry, I wouldn't sleep with you
anyway. I don't believe in sex
before marriage.

SUZANNE

Come on, even you must think
she's... I thought you might not
sleep with someone who wasn't
Catholic, so-

(to Father)

Well, I do like you if that's what
you're asking.

ANDY

Was it just to get close to me?

SUZANNE

Because it does no harm... does it?
We were having a good time.

ANDY

Why have you been pretending to be
a Catholic?

FATHER

No.

ANDY

Andy finally gives up.

Did he ever exist?

FATHER

SUZANNE'S SISTER
Thorry, wud do yoo mean?

Try as he might, Andy can't understand her through her
speech impediment.

ANDY

Sorry, what the what?

SUZANNE

(furious)

What do you mean?

ANDY

Oh. She was saying that the only

thing that keeps her going is the
heaven and everything will be

alright. And I didn't want to go,
"No, you're barking up the wrong

tree, honey. There's no God.

There's no heaven. You're not going

to be up there, talking normally,

and running around on normal legs

and playing volleyball and

everything" so I...

Deafening silence. Everyone looks like they want to murder
Andy and can't decide who should get to go first.

ANDY

It's a white lie. Isn't it?