

**Peg
or
Zen in the Art of Buttf*cking Straight White Men
or
Actual Sexual Perversity in Chicago
or
You Can't F*ck a Metaphor**

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Characters

Peg (early 30s) Asian, Smart but scattered. Aggressive and physical, the type of person who hates to sit and talk about a problem, she just wants to fix it. She hides her insecurities behind bluster and indifference. Not selfish, but not necessarily caring.

Steve (early 30s) White, Intelligent but not smart. He's organized and controlled, he uses organization and neatness to assuage his insecurities. He is the type that learns and builds, not someone who is innately talented at something. Warm, his insecurities sit right at the surface, no matter how much he tries to hide them. And he does.

Setting

An affordable apartment in a major city.

It doesn't have to be Chicago, but that's what I'm picturing.

ACT 1 - THE KITCHEN

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The small kitchen/living room of a one bedroom apartment. There is a mix of high-end personal and kitchen appliances and a low-end stove and fridge. This is the cheapest apartment two people with decent taste could find.

There is a small dinner table and a couch facing a TV. The kitchen area is delineated by a kitchen island. The furniture is all second hand, but the walls are filled with local art.

Through the windows we can see it's a winter afternoon, and throughout act one we will see the sun setting.

Right after lights up we hear the sound of a truck pulling up outside. Footsteps approach the front door. The buzzer rings.

Beat.

Footsteps walk away from the door.

Moments later we can hear the truck take off.

Beat.

Fast footsteps run up to the door.

STEVE bursts into the apartment. He is in cold weather running gear.

STEVE

Fuck! Fuck Fuck. fuck fuck fuck fuck.

Steve frantically takes off his shoes, stores them in their place on the shoe rack. He takes off his coat, and hangs that up in its proper place. Locks the door. Stops. Opens the door, brings in the two packages, closes the door again, locks it, and frantically runs to the bathroom.

We can almost make out the sound of him pooping. The toilet flushes. He of course washes his hands. He enters, much calmer.

STEVE

Hal. Connect to Steve's Com-Link.

A smart speaker beeps. "Protect Ya Neck" by Wu Tang starts playing. (note, the specific song isn't important. What's important is that they say the n-word at some point and that it's a deeper cut than Kanye.)

Steve mumble raps along as he goes over to the boxes. One is a Blue Apron-style meal box and the other is a "discreet shipping" generic brown box.

He begins to unpack the Blue Apron ingredients, putting them in the fridge. When he is done, he fans out the recipe cards on the kitchen island.

STEVE

“I take aim and blow that ni-hu-hu out the frame” (or appropriate lyric)

Steve takes a beat, quickly looks to see if anyone is here. Continues rapping.

He opens the brown box. He looks inside.

Beat.

STEVE

Fuck.
Well...
Okay.

He closes the box and stands there a moment.

He exits, and we hear the shower running from the other room.

Beat.

We can hear someone arguing on the phone, walking up to the door.

PEG bursts in the door. She slams her purse on the counter, kicks off her shoes, and sheds her coat on the floor. She does not hang or sort them in any way

PEG

(to phone)

I understand the severity of the situation. I...

I do.

Yes. Mrs.--

Yes Ma'am.

Please believe me.

Please, I...

Please believe me when I say that I understand your frustrations.

I'm not trying to hurt--

Yes Ma'am.

(to speaker)

Hal. Stop playing.

The speaker beeps. Pauses. It's thinking...

PEG

(to phone)

I understand he's good kid.

I do, he's smart. He's...

He's a smart kid, but this kind of behavior is just unacceptable.

I can't have it in my classroom.

(to room)

Husband I'm home!

The music starts again.

PEG

(to phone)

No. No that's on my end.

I do. I do. I-

(to speaker)

Hal. Stop. Playing.

The speaker beeps. Pauses. It's thinking...

PEG

(to phone)

I agree.

I do.

I don't do these kind of things lightly.

But we have to consider it from the other student's perspective.

Well the female students are...

Your son is creating--

The speaker starts again.

PEG

(to phone)

If you'll give me a moment.

(to room)

Husband!

PEG

You're fucking robot won't listen to me.

Fucking hell.

STEVE (OS)

I'm in the shower. I can't hear you.

Peg grabs her coat and starts to exit.

PEG

(to phone.)

One moment Mrs. Ness.

(to speaker.)

Hal. Fuck you.

The speaker beeps. Pauses. It's thinking...

Peg starts to exit, grabbing her coat and sliding her shoes back on.

PEG (OS)

I'm in charge of creating a safe and productive environment for all my students and that includes the girls. Your son's inability to control his affections have become...

She slams the door behind her.

The speaker starts again.

Beat.

The shower stops. Steve enters in a towel.

STEVE

Hal. Pause.

The speaker stops.

Peg?

...Peg?

He goes to the front door and peaks out.

STEVE

You out here--

PEG

I'm on the phone.

STEVE

Why are you outside?

PEG

I'm trying to have a phone call Steve, could you--

STEVE

(whispering)

Yeah. Sorry. Sorry.

Steve closes the door.

We should be able to hear Peg talking, but not be able to make out what she's saying.

STEVE

Love you.

He looks around at Peg's mess. He goes around picking it up, getting the apartment back in pristine order.

Steve's phone rings. He answers it.

STEVE

(genuinely chipper)

Hey Eliza.

No, she's on the phone right now.

Well, you're the one who raised her, so...

Yes, I'm blaming this all on you.

I did. I did.

Congratulations.

How does it feel to be a Grandma?

Oh come on now.

Give me some time. We've only been married a year.

Yeah, I'm pretty sure if I "put my foot down" she'd rip it off.

The job hunt is going good.

Well, you know the economy is still depressed. So not many people are hiring.

Yes.

It definitely is still depressed.

It is. It definitely is.

Cause if it wasn't, I would have a job. Wouldn't I?

Right.

I can check with her, but--

PEG (OS)

Mother fucking cunt bag!

STEVE
I think she'll be busy.
Maybe later tonight.
Yes.
Give George my love.
Bye Bye now.

PEG (OS)
You condescending, whole foods munching,
activia swilling bag of cunts!
I hope your future rapist, dumpster fire of a
child--FUCK!!!

Steve hangs up.

There is the thud of someone hitting the door.

PEG (OS)
Fuck me in the ass.

Beat.

Steve slowly opens the door.

STEVE
Hi.

PEG
Hey.

STEVE
How are you?

PEG
Take this before I throw it against--

STEVE
Yep.

*Peg tosses Steve her cell phone and paces angrily,
trying to calm down.*

STEVE
Everything okay?

PEG
Yes, I'm fine. I'm totally fine. I'm great. I'm fucking great. Why were you blaring gangster rap, by the way?

PEG I've asked you before to not blast gangster rap in the house. I fucking hate this shit, it's--
STEVE It's not gangster rap, it's early--

PEG
And please don't explain to me the difference between gangsta--

STEVE
They are very different styles of music--

PEG
Steve. I need you to stop. Please.
Just...
I was on the phone with a parent and if they heard this playing in--

STEVE
How was I suppose to know that?

PEG

You weren't, I'm just...
I'm angry and I need space to be angry at the moment, if you could just give me the space to be angry for a moment?

STEVE

I can.
Yeah. Yeah.

PEG

Thank you.

Beat. Peg takes a deep breath.

Steve quietly goes to the kitchen and begins to open a bottle of wine.

PEG

I'm...
I'm sorry.
I didn't mean to shout at you.

Peg starts looking for her purse.

PEG

I'm just really stressed out.
That was... they're really up my ass right now and it feels like-- Where is my...

STEVE

No, it's okay.
It's okay.
I'm not--

PEG

Where is my fucking purse!

STEVE

On its hook.

Beat. Peg glares at Steve.

STEVE

What?
What?!

Peg goes to her purse and gets her vape pen. She pulls on it like her life depends on it.

PEG

It was on the counter for five seconds Steve.

STEVE

It doesn't go on the counter, it goes--

PEG

You can't leave it on the counter for five seconds? I was going to put it there later.

STEVE

It goes on the hook. That's where it goes. That's its proper place. That's where it belongs.

PEG

I could just...
Punch you sometimes. Just...

STEVE

Oh yeah?

PEG

Just...

Peg mimes punching Steve.

STEVE

Ouch. I really learned my lesson.

PEG

Damn skippy.

STEVE

Skippy?

PEG

Yeah.
What?!

Beat.

Steve hands her a glass of wine.

*Peg drains the glass of wine and holds it out for Steve.
He pours her a second glass.*

PEG

I don't get parents these days.
You know when I was a kid, if I got in trouble or failed a class it was *my* fault.
You know? I took some personal responsibility in my actions--

STEVE

You tell 'em, Glenn Beck.

Peg crosses to the couch.

PEG

I'm serious though. There's just no way this level of coddling leads to a good--

STEVE

You know this conversation would be easier for me if I knew what was going--

PEG

I don't want to get into it.

STEVE

Right.

Peg flops down on the couch.

STEVE

Careful on the couch with--

PEG

I am, I am.
And it's my couch!

STEVE

You almost spilled--

PEG

Yes Mom.

STEVE
Don't yes Mom me.

PEG
Why are you naked?

Oh. Shit.
I forgot.
I went for a run.

STEVE

Steve starts to exit.

Naked?

PEG

No.
Clothed.
I showered after.

STEVE

Wait.

PEG

What?

STEVE

Kiss me first.

PEG

Why?

STEVE
(this is a thing of theirs)

So I know you don't hate me.

PEG

Steve crosses over to Peg and kisses her. Steve crosses to the bedroom.

That's better.

PEG

I wuv you grumpy.

STEVE

God, you're such a dweeb.

PEG

Yeah, well you married me.

STEVE

I needed to get on your health insurance.

PEG

That shit's gone and you're still here.

STEVE

Never said I made good life choices.

PEG

Steve exits.

Beat

Peg gets up and crosses to the island. She looks at the recipe cards.

What do you want for dinner?
STEVE (OS)

The Sesame chicken looks good.
PEG

Peg turns her attention to the brown box. She opens it. She pulls out a black leather harness.

Not the tacos?
STEVE (OS)

Peg?

Not the tacos?

You know how gassy you get when you eat tacos.
PEG

I don't get gassy.
STEVE (OS)

Right.
PEG

Steve enters, now dressed. He sees the harness and for a moment pauses.

Remember that time we got that new butt plug and you had chipotle?
PEG

Yes.
Yeah, because you bring it up every time we--
STEVE

It was like opening a can of mustard gas.
PEG

I, yeah, well, if I didn't have the burrito, you wouldn't have that funny funny story to tell for the rest of my life.
STEVE

I don't want to know what this will stir up in you.
PEG

Beat.

Right...
So the chicken?
STEVE

Yes.
PEG

Chicken it is.
STEVE

Steve begins to get the ingredients.

STEVE
But because I want to. Not because you told me to.

PEG
Of course.

STEVE
Hal. Play cooking playlist.
Abba (or something similar) starts playing.
Peg gives Steve a look.

STEVE
Hal, next song.
“The Smiths” (or something indie and white) starts playing.

PEG
I hate that thing.

STEVE
Really, you hide it well.
Peg steps into the harness, trying it on for size.
Steve watches her. She catches him.

PEG
What?

STEVE
Nothing.

PEG
What’s that face?

STEVE
What face?
Peg imitates Steve’s face.

STEVE
That’s supposed to be... me is it?

PEG
That’s your face.

STEVE
My face?

PEG
Yep.

STEVE
What kind of face is that?

PEG
I don’t know, that’s what I’m asking you.

STEVE

Shouldn't you know my faces by now?

Peg takes off the harness.

PEG

Do you... Do you think I pay attention to you?

STEVE

No, of course not.

PEG

Here feel this.

Peg hands the harness to Steve.

STEVE

Why?

PEG

It's soft.

STEVE

Okay?

PEG

It's like insanely soft.

STEVE

I'm cooking.

PEG

No you're not.

STEVE

I'm about to be...

She holds it out for him. He takes it.

STEVE

Okay. Yeah it... holy fuck it is soft.

PEG

Right?

STEVE

Must have been...
The world's cutest cow or something.

PEG

I was really worrying about it cutting in, chaffing...
But we're going to be just fine.

STEVE

Right.

He hands the harness back to her. She puts it on the counter and begins to further unpack the box.

STEVE

Could we...

What? **PEG**

Shift this? **STEVE**

Peg slides the box slightly to the right.

Yes, that's exactly what I meant. **STEVE**

Is there a problem? **PEG**

STEVE See, this is where I chop food. **PEG**
It's right next to the stove. It's one fluid motion from here to the stove. I was here first. I have dibs.

STEVE Yeah, but it's... the kitchen counter.

Peg unpacks the contents of the box.

PEG You and the counter. You're severely underestimating its potential. **STEVE**
I think it can handle the extra load. I believe in it. Look at all these fancy lubes they sent. This is flavored and this--no I'm not. I'm not ignoring you. You're just going to ignore me? Is that the game we're playing?

PEG I'm never sure if Silicon cleaner is a scam or not.

STEVE It does exactly what it says. Could we--

PEG But why can't you just use soap and water.

STEVE For the things going in *your* body, sure. Can we please--

PEG Why are you freaking out?

STEVE Because your opening a sex shop in our kitchen, and I'm just trying--

PEG It's all clean. It's brand new. It's virginal. It has not-- **STEVE** Peg!

STEVE It's sex toys. Sex stuff. Their existence is dirty.

STEVE If you went into a restaurant and saw a selection of lubes at the prep station you would have-- **PEG** This isn't a restaurant. It's my kitchen.

No, it's mine. I'm cooking, it's my--
STEVE

You're paying rent now?
PEG

Okay.
STEVE

What's the big deal?
It's rubber, it's not--
PEG

No it's not.
STEVE

Right.
PEG

It better not be rubber.
STEVE

Silicon.
PEG

Right.
STEVE

Not rubber.
PEG

Better not be.
STEVE

I can check.
PEG

No. No No. Don't. Please.
I want to cook Peg. I'm really serious--
STEVE

No.
PEG

No?
STEVE

At first I was just being lazy, but now it's the principle.
You're freaking out over nothing and I'm not going to humor your--
PEG

Humor me?
STEVE

Yes.
PEG

Fine.
But you are the only person in the world who would say that this is--
STEVE

PEG
Stop being so fussy and learn to share.

STEVE
I said fine!

Beat.

Steve paces. He pulls out a cutting board and puts it defiantly on the other side of the island and begins chopping.

PEG
We've had sex in this kitchen.

STEVE
I said fine, I'm not sure--

PEG
On this counter. You have cum on this counter.

PEG
Our fluids have been all over this place. And that is somehow--

STEVE
And I cleaned it up afterwards. I scrubbed down every inch.

PEG
You did?

STEVE
Yes!

PEG
You don't think it's sexy to--

STEVE
No!

PEG
Not even a little?

STEVE
That's how you get E.Coli.

PEG
Well. No, you don't.

STEVE
You know what I mean.

PEG
You may get something, but you don't--

STEVE
It's a fucking kitchen counter Peg.
Dicks don't go on counters!
I don't know why this is such such a difficult concept--

Peg pulls a large black dildo out of the box and slaps it down on the counter.

PEG

Oh noooo! Look! It's out. On the counter!

She begins to roll it back and forth.

Aaaaaah. Dickdickdickdickdickdick.

It's getting all over. The poor poor counter.

STEVE

Is this funny?

Are you enjoying yourself?

PEG

Look out! Dick coming through!

Peg waves the dick in Steve's face.

STEVE

Could we please--

PEG

Uhoh. Dick coming in. Dick Dick Dick.

She slaps him with the dildo. It makes a much louder sound than she expected. It definitely hurt.

PEG

Oh shit. Oh god. I'm sorry.

I'm so sorry.

Husband?

I'm so so sorry.

Peg tries not to laugh. She kisses him, trying to make it better.

STEVE

It's fine.

PEG

I'm so sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

It's fine.

STEVE

PEG

Are you mad? Please don't be mad.

STEVE

(he's lyyyying)

Can we please get the dildo off the counter.

PEG

Yes. Sure. I'm sorry about...

Peg takes the dildo over to the couch.

Steve pulls out a Clorox wipe.

PEG

Are you really--

STEVE

Yes.

Steve cleans the counter, throws away the wipe, and washes his hands. Peg watches him, realizing that there is some damage control that needs to happen here.

PEG

It's heavier than I thought it would be.

Beat. Steve moves his prep to the other side of the island. He begins to chop.

STEVE

Heavy's a word.

PEG

What would--

STEVE

Huge.

PEG

Well... Thank ya.

STEVE

Absurdly huge. Comically large--

PEG

You assumed I would have a small dick?

STEVE

And black.

STEVE

No, but I assumed it would be proportional to the size of your body.

PEG

What do you mean?

This doesn't seem... right to you?

Peg holds the dick up to her crotch, demonstrating the "appropriateness" of its size.

Steve smiles, begrudgingly.

STEVE

That's closer to being your arm than your dick.

PEG

My arm isn't that small.

STEVE

That's like a caricature of a penis.

PEG

Oh, yeah?

STEVE

Drawn by someone who's never seen a penis.

PEG

Keep it going.

STEVE
That's like Jon Hamm level big.
Except. black.

PEG
Does he have a big penis?

STEVE
Oh yeah.
They have to photoshop it out when he wears shorts.

Peg wiggles it back and forth a bit.

PEG
You like it?
You jealous?

STEVE
Oh Jon Hamm? Yes, generally. He's--

PEG
Oh me.
Of my big black dick.

STEVE
Ha... Uhm. No.
I don't know if jealous is the right word.
Maybe envious?

Beat.

PEG
Booooooo!

STEVE
Shut up, You love it!

Peg crosses to the edge of the kitchen.

STEVE
Uh huh.
Where do you think you're going with that?

PEG
Do you like it?

STEVE
I like it over there.

PEG
Do you like my dick babe?
Do you like your wife's dick?
Do you like your wife's big black dick?
Oh.
Or are you afraid of it?
You afraid of my big black dick?

STEVE
I do.
I love it. I...
Uhm.
Yeah.
No, that's--

STEVE
Yes. I'm terrified.
Now keep it out--

PEG
Out of where?
Of here?

Peg "thrusts" the dick into the kitchen.

You don't want it in--
PEG

Don't.
STEVE

What?
PEG

Don't you--
STEVE

What are you--
PEG

Steve swats the dick.

Ow! Rude.
PEG

STEVE I told you.
PEG Oh, you told me--
No dicks in the kitchen.

You *told* me. Did you husband?
PEG

Don't make me--
STEVE

Make you what?
PEG

Beat.

You asked for it.
STEVE

Steve picks up Peg and throws her over his shoulder.

PEG AAAAH! No! No, don't this isn't fun!
STEVE I told you. No dicks in the kitchen!!!

He puts her down on the couch.

I don't want dicks around things that I put in my mouth.
STEVE

Yes, because what monster would put dicks in their mouth?
PEG

That's... different.
STEVE

How?
Exactly?
PEG

It... It just is...
STEVE

Steve goes back to the kitchen.

PEG

So you're saying that if I came over there.
Pulled out your dick and started sucking it.
You'd stop me.
Right?
Hm?

Beat.

STEVE

I don't know.
Try it. We'll find out.

Beat. Stand off.

Peg moves a little and Steve flinches. Peg laughs.

Steve pulls out an apron and puts it on, deliberately covering his crotch.

PEG

Oh, yes.
We're all safe now.

Peg's phone rings. She crosses to it, checks it. She rolls her eyes and ignores the call.

Steve puts some rice in a rice cooker. Peg looks at the dildo, which is standing up on the coffee table. She fidgets with it, flicking it, checking it out.

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STEVE

You know they've done studies that show--

PEG

Is this going to be some useless male trivia?

STEVE

No. It's... pertinent.

Beat.

PEG

Okay. Go ahead.

STEVE

Thank you for the permission.

PEG

Wait, I could have refused? Since when--

STEVE

There are studies THAT SHOW.

Peg "Mhm's" along with Steve's lecture, pretending to pay attention.

STEVE

That the disgust center of the brain get deactivated when you're aroused.
Like, part of the arousal process in the brain is the production of hormones that shut off the part of your brain that processes disgust.

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

You literally can't feel it.
Which makes sense, you know, cause like... dicks and vaginas are you know.
Gross. Objectively they're disgusting. Like...
Pee comes out of them. And poop comes--

PEG

Pee doesn't come out of vaginas.

STEVE

You know what I mean.

PEG

It doesn't come out vaginas.

STEVE

Comes out near it.
The vagina is part of it.
Part of the process.

PEG

I just feel if we're being technical we should get our anatomy right.

STEVE

My point is, sex is gross and our brains trick us into thinking it's not.

PEG

That's your point?

STEVE

Yes.

PEG

This because of the counter?

STEVE

I'm just saying that scientifically, we find
some things disgusting in normal life we
don't mind or even like when we're aroused.

PEG

... Yeah. Okay.
It's no fun teasing you if you turn around and
give me a lecture about how I was
scientifically inaccurate in my--

STEVE

Why do you think I do it?

PEG

Cause you're a big old nerd.

STEVE

That too.

Peg eats some of the food he has chopped.

STEVE

You shouldn't eat that raw.

Oh, that's gross.

PEG

Peg spits out the partially chewed food.

STEVE

Yeah.
It's Bok Choy. It needs to be cooked.
There is some fruit in the--

Could you make it really small? **PEG**

How small? **STEVE**

Like... **PEG**

Steve chops.

Like this? **STEVE**

Smaller. **PEG**

Like... **STEVE**

Yeah. **PEG**

Beat.

But the really interesting part-- **STEVE**

Oh my god please kill me. **PEG**

STEVE

This means when gay men say they find vaginas disgusting, they're not being hyperbolic. They literally do find them disgusting. The deactivation is part of sexual orientation. So, for gay men--

STEVE	PEG
The hormones never get released when they see female bodies. The brain never trick them into thinking it's not...	That's soooooo interesting please just keep talking. Trick?

What? **STEVE**

Trick? **PEG**

Convince. **STEVE**

Your brain convinces you into thinking that my vagina isn't disgusting? **PEG**

Obviously yours is the exception. **STEVE**

Obviously. **PEG**

Wait, so...
You just like... **PEG**

(MORE)

You find dicks gross?
Like... all the time?

PEG (cont'd)

Yeah. Kinda.

STEVE

That's soooo weird.
And sad.
I feel so bad for you.

PEG

Thank you.

STEVE

Such a limiting orientation.

PEG

Well, unfortunately not all of us can be enlightened bisexuals.

STEVE

Yeah.
You're missing out.
It's pretty great.

PEG

Peg's phone rings. She checks it and once again ignores it.

That your mom?

STEVE

No.

PEG

Who is it?

STEVE

My... secret lover.

PEG

Esteban?

STEVE

Ha! No. I do *not* fuck Spanish dudes.

PEG

Okay...

STEVE

Beat.

Okay what?

PEG

Nothing.

STEVE

I know that face.

PEG

Oh, so now you know my faces? **STEVE**

Steve... **PEG**

I'm not...
I'm just. I didn't say anything... and...
And I didn't say anything. So... Yeah.
Nothing... **STEVE**

It's just, like, "I don't fuck Spanish dudes"?

You secretly a Spaniard? **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

Then what's the problem? **PEG**

It's just kinda...
Problematic. **STEVE**

Beat.

Problematic.
Problematic like racist problematic-- **PEG**

No, I'm not saying that-- **STEVE**

Oh, you just meant some other kind of problematic? **PEG**

I'm not-- **STEVE**

How is it racist-- **PEG**

I'm not saying that it's-- **STEVE**

How is it racist to say I don't fuck Spanish dudes? **PEG**

Beat.

I don't...
Well... First of all, it's Latino or Latinx-- **STEVE**

PEG
It's Spanish. Esteban is a Spanish name.
Like from Spain. If I had meant Latino, I
would have said Latino. They're two
different things. Are you going to let me
explain this or not?

STEVE
Second...
Okay. I get that, but--
Okay, but it's still. It's still fucked up to say
that you won't fuck someone--

STEVE
You asked me to explain--

PEG
Everyone should assume I'm not going to fuck them.
No matter what their background. It's opt in, not opt out.

STEVE
Okay.

PEG
And I'm not saying I won't fuck them because of race. I just don't like body hair.

STEVE
What does body hair have to--

PEG
Spanish dudes are super hairy.

Beat.

STEVE
According to whom?

PEG
According to me. According to my... life experience.
All the Spanish guys I've known have been super hairy.
And I don't fuck with that.

STEVE
That's...

PEG
That's why I married you.
You're smooth.
Like a baby.
Like a white baby--

STEVE
Okay.

Beat.

STEVE
Just say that you don't fuck hairy dudes then.

PEG
Then I would have to explain how I knew Esteban was hairy--

STEVE
Which you had to do anyway.

PEG
Maybe don't assume your wife is racist.

STEVE

I never said you were racist babe.
I know you're not racist.

PEG

Yeah, but you didn't ask me to clarify my statement, you just said I was being problematic.
Which implies you think--

STEVE

So if I were to shave him. You would fuck him?

PEG

What?

STEVE

Did I stutter?

PEG

No, but I think you're having a stroke.

STEVE

If I shaved Esteban.
So he was completely hairless.
You would sleep with him.

PEG

Oh no.
I only like white dick.

STEVE

Okay.

PEG

Like I nothing personal against Latino men, I just really like white dick.

PEG

It's definitely the best kind. It's the master
dick.

STEVE

Okay. That's...

PEG

Is that gonna be a problem with you?
Honey?

STEVE

You done? You happy?

Peg's phone rings. She ignores it.

Beat.

PEG

That one was my mom.

STEVE

Not your bare-chested Aryan lover?

PEG

You're right here.
Why would you be calling me?

Beat.

Could you stir the rice?
Peg?

STEVE

Isn't it kinda problematic to ask me--

PEG

My hands are full. Stop being a shit.

STEVE

Okay.

PEG

Peg crosses to the rice cooker and stirs it.

She looks to Steve.

You nervous about tonight?

PEG

If it keeps going like this.

STEVE

What does that--

PEG

Nothing.
What do you mean?

STEVE

I was talking about me fucking you in the but--

PEG

Oh yeah. That.
Yeah.
No. Not really.

STEVE

You sure?
Cause I'm gonna.
Get.
Up.
In there.

PEG

Okay.
Calm down slugger.
Maybe slow down on the wine.

STEVE

Slugger?

PEG

You're getting a little tipsy--

STEVE

I'm fine.

PEG

Don't want you getting whiskey dick.

STEVE

Shouldn't be a problem.

PEG

(MORE)

Unlike soooooome people.

Beat.

I'm proud of you.

For what?

For trying this with me.

Thanks?
But, it's not really... anything.
I put stuff up my butt all the time.
You put stuff in my butt--

Yeah, but this is different.

How?

It's not something I would have... *pegged* you, to be up for.

Okay, if you start making bad jokes, and you have a dick, I don't even know what my role in this relationship even is anymore.

Once you start to take it up the ass you'll be the perfect house wife.

Ha.

Beat.

I was trying to be serious though--

Which part?

The proud of you... part.
Why is complimenting you the hardest thing in the world to--

It's really not a big deal.

Yes it is.
You're bottoming.

I'm not bottoming.

PEG (cont'd)

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG
Yeah, you are--

STEVE
Okay, yeah, but I don't know if I'd use that word.

PEG
What word would you use?

STEVE
I don't know...
I mean, I guess...

PEG
It's the term for it.
It's a new thing for you. It's not something you normally do.
I'm proud of you for trying something new.

STEVE
Thank you I guess.
But it's really nothing. I mean why is it a big deal?

PEG **STEVE**
When it comes to sex.
You're normally so...
straight about it and-- Hesitant?

STEVE
Ha. I'm...
I'm straight about sex because... I am straight.
So...
And pegging isn't gay--queer.
It's not queer, because even--

PEG
How?

STEVE
How is it not or how--

PEG
How is putting a dick in your butt not queer?

STEVE
It's a dildo and--

PEG
I'm butt fucking you.
How is me butt fucking you not gay?

STEVE
I've butt fucked you, but that doesn't make you gay.

PEG
No, you were too late for that.
Why is this such a--

STEVE
Because I'm straight.
Like, that's who I am and so I'm a little--

PEG
I'm sorry that I implied that--

STEVE
I'm a little insulted...

PEG
Oh, you're--

STEVE
Yeah, it's kinda insulting.
For you to be proud of me for being less
straight.
Less of my identity.
For being less of who I am.

PEG
Are you serious?
Okay.
I didn't mean...

PEG
I get that. I do. I didn't mean it like that. I'm sorry.

But like...
99% of straight men don't bottom and at least 50% of queer men do, so like mathematically it
is queer. It is a disproportionately queer act--

STEVE
But it's still us.
It's still the two of us. We're having the sex, so it's still straight sex.

PEG
Well then no it's not.
Because I've never had "straight sex" in my life.

STEVE
You know what I mean--

PEG
I don't actually.
I am very confused by what you mean right now.

STEVE
I'm still a man and you're still a woman. So--

PEG
If that distinction is an important one for you to make.

STEVE
Yes. It is.

PEG
Okay.
Then you're right. I'm a woman. You're a man.
The man.
A straight man.
A big old hung of heterosexual American male.
Okay?
But pegging isn't "straight."
It might not be queer, but it's not strictly straight.

Peg's phone rings again.

PEG
We're definitely at the city limits of heterosexuality here. We may be in the city, but it's not by
much.

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

(to phone)

OH, FUCKING COCKSUCKER!

The explosion should be jarring. Peg slams down her phone. She is clearly trying not to freak out.

STEVE

What the hell?

PEG

I don't want to talk about it.

STEVE

Peg.

PEG

I need more wine.

Beat.

STEVE

Sure.
That's healthy.

Peg fills her glass.

Beat.

STEVE

Pour me one too.

Peg pours a glass for Steve.

Beat.

STEVE

You're going to have to tell me what is going on at some point--

PEG

I never asked you about your day.
You had an interview didn't you?
How did that go?
How did it go Steve?

STEVE

I know what you're doing.
Talking over me to change the subject.
You're not subtle--

PEG

How did it go? Hooooow did it go. How did--

STEVE

Bad. Peg, it went bad.

PEG

Oh, no. What happened?

Beat.

STEVE

You really want to know or are you just distracting me--

PEG

Of course I want to know. I love you more than anything in the whole wide world.

Beat.

It just wasn't a good fit. **STEVE**

How? **PEG**
How was it not a good fit?

Beat.

They're just very... **STEVE**
It's a very... corporate.
I was a very corporate place.

And that's bad? **PEG**

For me, yes. **STEVE**

Okay. **PEG**
In what way?

It's just-- **STEVE**

Like they have money? **PEG**

STEVE
Like I just left a corporate place and they cut
me loose like I wasn't even human. Yes I
know.

PEG
You didn't *just* leave.
That was six months ago.

PEG
Six months is a long time. It's half a year--

STEVE
I know, but I'm not really that excited about the idea of going back into that kind of
environment. I'd like to do more with my life than just make money.

PEG
But you do plan to make money at some point?

Yes Peg. **STEVE**

Cause I married a someone with a job. **PEG**

You said we were fine for-- **STEVE**

We're fine. But we ain't golden. **PEG**
We could be better.

Should I be worried? **STEVE**

No more than any other adult.

PEG

Beat.

It's also....
I got the implication that if I wanted the job...
The...
The guy who interviewed me was hitting on me. And it felt that if I--

STEVE

Hitting on you how?

PEG

Like hitting on me.

STEVE

Like what?

PEG

Like asking me out for drinks and--

STEVE

That's not necessarily--

PEG

Do you think that I don't when people are hitting on me?

STEVE

What did you say?

PEG

No.
Of course.

STEVE

See. Limiting orientation.

PEG

Beat.

You're saying I should have gone out--

STEVE

If it got you the job.

PEG

I can't believe you would say--

STEVE

He's the one being gross. If he's going to be gross, you can at least benefit from it.
Its been six months babe, you should be way more desperate than you are.

PEG

I am desperate, I just don't want *that* job.
The only way getting laid off is a good thing is if I use it to refocus my life on what I actually want to do.

STEVE

And what is that?

PEG

I'm not sure yet.

STEVE

Beat.

Gonna be real easy to get a job--

PEG

Maybe something in politics.

STEVE

Great. Do it.

PEG

Peg.

STEVE

What?

PEG

You just don't... get it.

STEVE

I don't. You're a lawyer. They're a law firm. It's--

PEG

You just... Like you've got your dream job.
You've wanted to be a teacher since you were a kid and now you are and you spend every day... doing what you're meant to be doing.
And I'm not.
I never had that dream job. I went to law school because I was smart but I didn't have any better ideas of what to do with my life and...
And I don't know if I can spend another five years or the rest of my life working for people I hate just because they give me a pay check.
Like, I'm in my 30's, I'm suppose to be doing what I'm going to do by now.
I'm supposed to be who I will be and I'm just...
Not.

STEVE

Beat.

Look, you want to do something with meaning, do it.
I'm behind you. I'll support you.
But you gotta actually do something, you have to actually--

PEG

I know it's just--

STEVE

Stop thinking and do something.
You wanna get into politics? Do it.
You want to teach? Do it.
So it's not law, great. I support that.
Let's try something else.
But you can't just sit at home and say what you don't want to do.

PEG

Maybe you could be a chef?
You like cooking.
Work behind the scenes.

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

Be a sou chef, sou the chef.
Wear a big hat, grow a mustache.
(bad accent)
That's a spicy meat-a-ball.

STEVE

So you're saying I should be a racist caricature?

PEG

If it pays.
Cause we're fine now but we won't be forever.
What if I get sick?
What if my parents get sick?
What if I get fired?

STEVE

If we had universal healthcare--

PEG

Could you stop being a liberal for a minute and be realistic?

STEVE

I know. I know.
I'm not, I don't take this lightly and I'm sorry if it... looks like that.
I'm just kinda lost.

PEG

Well... pick a direction.
Or I'll leave ya for a woman who has.

STEVE

Oh. So you're threatening me with--

PEG

Just letting you know I have options.

Beat.

Peg's cellphone rings.

PEG

Mom again.

STEVE

You should talk to her.

PEG

I really don't want to.

STEVE

You should.

PEG

I don't--

STEVE

You should.

Beat.

Do you already know what she's--
PEG

She called while you were outside.
STEVE

Then tell me--
PEG

Call her.
STEVE

I can't handle her right now.
Also, please don't answer when she calls.
PEG

I'm not gonna just ignore her.
STEVE

It makes me look like a bad daughter when you pick up and I don't.
PEG

There's one way to solve that.
STEVE

Murder you?
PEG

Beat.

PEG I have my actual siblings to compete with.
STEVE It's not a contest.
I don't want to compete with you too.

Yes it is. Are you joking?
Everything is a contest.
PEG

Well... Then you've lost.
STEVE

Beat.

What?
PEG

If you're not going to talk to your mom, you should at least talk to Angie.
STEVE

Why would I talk to Angie?
PEG

She's your sister.
STEVE

She was my sister yesterday, but I didn't talk to her then.
PEG

Peg!
STEVE

PEG
What is going on? I don't like this game!

STEVE
I don't want to ruin the surprise.

PEG
I hate surprises.

STEVE
No you don't--

PEG
No, you think I don't, but I do. I absolutely hate them.

STEVE
Oh my god could you play along for once in your life?

PEG
What is happening? What is happening?
What is happening? What is happening?

STEVE
You're gonna be an aunt! *Aunt?* Aunt.
So. There. Congrats.
Yay!

Beat.

PEG
Well... fuck.
Fuck!
Fuck me in the fucking ass.

STEVE
Yeah.
Totally my reaction too.

PEG
My younger sister is having a kid... That is just... absolutely fucking amazing.

Peg finishes her wine and pours another glass.

The bottle should be empty at this point.

STEVE
Maybe we should--

PEG
Open another bottle please.

STEVE
You've had a whole bottle already--

PEG
You've been drinking too babe.

STEVE
One glass.

PEG
Two.

You're not that--
STEVE

What did my mom say?
PEG

You don't--
STEVE

How bad was it?
PEG

Beat.

STEVE
She demanded to know why I hadn't "put a grandchild into you yet."

PEG
Oh that's... I think I just threw up in my mouth.

STEVE
Yeah.

PEG
I'm so sorry you had to hear that.
I truly am.
But don't do the accent babe, it's really--s

STEVE
I didn't do an--

PEG
You did.
A little one.

Open another bottle--

STEVE
I really think--

PEG
Please, I'm in crisis.

Steve goes and opens another bottle, watching the food while he does so.

PEG
I knew I shouldn't have gotten married.

STEVE
So this is my fault?

PEG
No. It's mine.
I go to college, get a job, get married, have kids.
That's the order.
But.
If I never get married, I never have to have kids.
Or never have to not have kids.
Never have to tell my mom that I'm not going to have kids.

STEVE
Then your mom would be calling to ask why you weren't married.

PEG
Yeah, but I got used to that.

STEVE
I'm beginning to think you don't like me very much.

PEG
Can't you tell her you don't want kids?
She likes you.

STEVE
Not more than you.

PEG
I'm her daughter.
I'm not allowed to not want kids.

STEVE
I'm not gonna lie to her.

PEG
But you're married to me.
So, you might as well say you don't want
kids.
Cause no kids are coming out of here.

STEVE
I've accepted that we won't have kids, but
that doesn't mean I don't want them. She
thinks we're trying.

STEVE
She thinks we're trying. Why does she think we're trying?

PEG
What am I supposed to tell her?

STEVE
The truth.

PEG
What good is that going to do?

Beat.

STEVE
She gave me the name of a fertility specialist.

PEG
Great! That's great.
You can go see them, we'll tell her you've got bum-jizz and then she--

STEVE
I'm not telling her I got bum-jizz.

PEG
Why not?

STEVE
Because I don't have bum-jizz.

PEG
How do you know?

STEVE
I just...
Assume.
I don't want people thinking that I bum-jizz!

PEG
How often does it come up?

STEVE
Twice so far today.

PEG
Isn't that just your...
Fragile male ego talking?

STEVE
Yeah, well, it's my ego. I only got the one. I gotta protect it.

PEG
Fine.
I'll just shatter my mother's heart and tell her you're hella-virile and it's just me.
I just refuse to give her grandchildren--

STEVE
Thank you.

PEG
I just hope the disappointment doesn't kill her.

STEVE
Peg.

PEG
Break her little old heart.

STEVE
Why don't you tell her you have bum-ovaries.

PEG
She knows that's not true. Dumb dumb.

STEVE
Oh. Right.

PEG
Yeah. Right.

Beat.

PEG
Have you ever seen a birth by the way? It's gross. Half the time the taint splits open right up to the asshole and then--

STEVE
I'm not asking you to have kids. I'm not trying to...

STEVE
I'm not trying to have this argument.
I just told you that your sister is pregnant. That's all I said.

PEG
Oh.
Right.

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

I'll call her in the morning.

Beat.

STEVE

Jesus.
It's like we're playing our greatest hits tonight.

PEG

Yep.
I'm just trying to figure a way to bring up your ex staying with you over Thanksgiving break--

STEVE

I'm surprised Jen hasn't made an appearance.

PEG

Ha. Yeah.
Jen.
She would have totally taken this--

STEVE

Stop.

Peg drinks.

STEVE

You know the worst part?

PEG

Angie's kid is already a doctor?

STEVE

She's three months along.

PEG

Okay.

STEVE

Doug's birthday was three months ago.

PEG

Oh. Gross!
What is wrong with you!

Steve smiles and returns to cooking.

Peg's phone rings again. She answers it.

PEG

Hello sir.
Yes I have.
I assure you sir...

She steps off into the bedroom. We can hear her talking, but can't make out what she's saying.

She re-enters. She looks crushed.

PEG

God I...

(MORE)

God I want a cigarette. **PEG (cont'd)**

Your vape is-- **STEVE**

No, a real one. **PEG**
This is like sucking on a battery.

You promised me-- **STEVE**

Doesn't mean I can't want one. **PEG**

Beat. Peg pours Steve some more wine.

What's going on? **STEVE**

Nothing. **PEG**

STEVE **PEG**
This goes beyond me being curious.
This is getting into territory where I have to know-- I know.
I know.

Then tell me. **STEVE**

Beat.

I suspended a student today. **PEG**

Okay. **STEVE**
Why is that such--

The first phone call was the mom. **PEG**
She is noooooot happy.

How does she have your number? **STEVE**

Are you kidding? **PEG**
I'm surprised she hasn't shown up here.
Dragged me out into the street.
Curb-stomped my teeth out--

Is it that serious? **STEVE**

PEG
I don't know.
She's not going to curb-stomp me.
But...
I don't know.
She wants me fired, so... yeah?
It's not *not* serious.

STEVE
Fired?

PEG
Can she?

STEVE
What?

PEG
Get you fired?

STEVE
Uhm...
I don't know. Maybe?
She's not a donor or anything fancy like that, but like...
I had a friend who got fired for giving the wrong kid a C, so like... we're fucking playing Calvinball these days.
They met with the principal and he'll decide if they need to do a review.

PEG
What happens then?

STEVE
Well... it won't be a promotion.

Beat.

PEG
The whole job thing makes more sense now.

STEVE
You need to get a job either way.

PEG
I know. I know.

Beat.

STEVE
What did they do?

PEG
He.

STEVE
What did he do? Why did you suspend him?

PEG
Sexual harassment.
Other stuff, but that's--

STEVE
In third grade?
What the hell is going on these days?

PEG
About a month ago he started snapping girl's bras.
Apparently some 5th graders put him up to it and then it escalated and--

STEVE
10-year-olds wear bras?

PEG
Aspirational mostly.

STEVE
That doesn't sound...

PEG
What?

STEVE
I mean, was there more?

PEG
Does there need to be more?

Beat.

Steve focuses on cooking.

STEVE
Nope.

PEG
Say what you were going to--

STEVE
I wasn't going to say--

PEG
Steve.

STEVE
I may be dumb, but I ain't that dumb.

PEG
I don't want you to not tell me things because you're afraid of how I'll react.

STEVE
I'm not afraid of how you'll react, I know how you'll react.

PEG
Okay?

Beat.

STEVE
It just feels like a bit much.
To me.
Sexual harassment for snapping bras.
I mean, he's a kid, he probably hasn't even figured out how to masturbate yet and--

PEG
Should I check to see if he's jerking off before--

STEVE

No. I'm just saying--

PEG

It's a man grabbing a woman's undergarments.

STEVE

A boy grabbing a girl's--

PEG

I know what age my students are, I'm trying--

STEVE

I know you do. I'm not questioning your skills as a teacher.
What I'm just saying that he probably doesn't understand what he's doing.

PEG

The girls do.

STEVE

Like he probably doesn't know why it's wrong. You're judging him on a scale of older male behavior that he doesn't... know.

PEG

That doesn't mean it's not doing damage.
And...

PEG

Until I told him it was wrong.
Until I explained to him why it was wrong.
And he kept doing it.

STEVE

I'm not saying you're wrong.
I'm just saying it seems like a bit much.
A bit permanent.
Like, he's a kid right? Some other kid told him it would be funny, and he did it, and it probably was.
Not like in the greater sense of things, but like... he didn't do it out of a sexual motivation he did it out of a humor motivation and that's--

PEG

But It's not funny.

STEVE

No, I know that it shouldn't be. But it is.
Kinda.
To him.

PEG

Then that's a problem.

STEVE

But does he know why?

PEG

He knows now.

STEVE

But does he know why?
Cause like, boys still pants each other right?
Like isn't that comparable--

PEG

What? What is your point?

PEG

What is the point--

STEVE

You aren't suspending them over that. Does he know that it's the--

PEG

Boys don't come in from recess crying because they've been pantsed. Their grades don't start to suffer because of repeated instances make it so they can't--

STEVE

No.
Okay.
Yeah. No I get it.

PEG

Do you?
Do you--

STEVE

Yes.
I'm just...
It feels like there are different rules these days for boys and for girls. You know? And that's frustrating.

PEG

Yeah.
There are.
Is this... news to you?

Beat.

STEVE

No, I know that--

PEG

There are different rules because there are different problems. Different behaviors.

STEVE

But doesn't that... create, or reinforce a gender binary?
Create the idea that women need to be protected--

PEG

I'm responding to behavior.

STEVE

But if your response falls along gender lines you're--

PEG

I'm responding to what they do.
Boys do nasty shit to girls.
Girls have nasty shit done to them.
That's not... a stereotype, that's what I'm dealing with every day and I need to address that pattern of behavior accordingly.

STEVE

In the bigger picture--

PEG

I don't deal in the bigger pictures.
I deal with a room of 30 kids and I need to do what I can to minimize damaging behavior.

STEVE

Aren't you damaging him?
Like, that suspension will be on his permanent record and psychologically--

PEG

Permanent records aren't real, you know that right?

STEVE

Yes, but--

PEG

No one is keeping track of everything you do your entire life and--

STEVE

Mentally this will stick with him.
He'll associate his sexual attraction with punishment.
That it's something he should be ashamed of.

PEG

I think you're projecting your own issues--

STEVE

Maybe.
Yeah, I am.
I lived through that. Catholic nuns telling me that my sexuality was. That it was a sin, that even thinking of sex was a sin, and that really fucked me.
And like, it feels that this is teaching him the same thing--

PEG

There's a difference between teaching appropriateness and sex shaming.

STEVE

But does he know that difference?
Is it made clear that it is *how* he's manifesting his sexual desires, if it is sexual--

PEG

I don't know and I don't really have the position to teach him that.
Safety comes first. Impact over intention.
I have time for right and wrong and it is the parent's job to teach them the shades of gray inside those.
And right now I need you to be standing with me and not questioning if I did my job right.

STEVE

I didn't. I'm not questioning. I'm not...

Beat.

STEVE

I... Was just asking.
I wasn't...

Steve returns to chopping.

Beat. Peg takes a deep breath. She knows that this fight will get nastier before it gets better.

Peg comes up behind Steve, hugging him.

PEG

I get it.
I do, and your heart is in the right place.

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

This is my job, it's my life.
I know how to do it, and I get defensive of people questioning--

STEVE

Yeah... I... I'm sorry. I didn't...

Steve stops talking.

Peg snuggles into him.

Her hands slip behind his apron.

STEVE

Jesus, your hands are freezing.

PEG

I know, that's why I put them there.

Beat.

PEG

You feel mad, are you mad?

STEVE

No.
I'm just...
Frustrated.
Not at you, just at... you know.

PEG

I get that.

Beat.

Steve tries to cross to to the other side of the kitchen.

STEVE

Peg?

PEG

No.

STEVE

I need my body back.

PEG

I said no. You're warm.

STEVE

Dinner's gonna burn then.

PEG

We'll order a pizza.

Steve tries again to reach the frying pans.

He pries Peg loose.

PEG

Noooooo. Come back.

STEVE

Just, let me finish up.

PEG

Fine.

Peg mopes, she can tell Steve is pissed at her, but she ain't gonna fix that.

She fills her wine and crosses back to the couch. She plays with her dick.

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Long silence.

PEG

I always use to wonder why boys paid so much attention to their dicks.
Always grabbing them, rubbing them.
Like, it can't need that much adjustment.
When I'm teaching, half those little shits have their hands down their pants.
Not doing anything, just like... holding it. I guess to make sure it's still there.
Make sure it didn't... run away since we started the day.
Then at recess. They hide over in the little wooded area by the playground and find every excuse they can to whip it out. They piss on everything.
And there's nothing sexual about it. Most of the time. They just wanna see it.
They want to show it off. Wag it around.
Parade it.
It's like, if they don't, no one will believe they have one.
If you have the biggest dick, and no one is around to see it...

I would always ask Jen about hers.
Like, did she feel that need too?
She said no. She would get upset if I even called it a dick.
She always told me that it was her clit and I should treat it like that.
Which is weird.
Not her, but that women don't feel the need to parade their clits around.
Or vaginas. I guess their boobs, but I mean, kinda.
Not in the same way.
You know?

STEVE

I always wondered why girls didn't play with their boobs more in class.

PEG

Is that what you took from that?

STEVE

I would.

PEG

It's harder to sneak a hand in there.

Beat.

STEVE

So is that what that is?
A giant clit?

PEG

Oh no. This is definitely a cock.
If I had this in my pants I would whip it out and show the fucking world every chance I got.

STEVE

I don't think you'd have the choice.
That thing would be hard to hide.

Beat.

PEG

You ever play with one?

STEVE

A dick.
Uh. No. Not that I can recall.
Well, besides the one.

PEG

Never?

STEVE

Nope.

PEG

Never ever?

STEVE

Nada.

PEG

Not even like... not sexually, but just like--

STEVE

Like just for fun?

PEG

Yeah.

STEVE

Just like at the urinal?

PEG

Yeah.

STEVE

Just like reach over?

PEG

Sure.

STEVE

How does that work in your mind?

Peg mimes reaching over urinal the wall.

STEVE

You watch too much porn.

PEG

No such thing.

STEVE
I'll let the PTA know that you think--

PEG
That's not funny.

Beat.

STEVE
Guys don't do that. They don't like... fondle each other.
That's not like a thing we do.
That would be like...
That's the equivalent of like having a pillow fight at a sleepover in your nighties and it turning into a make out session--

PEG
I've had a pillow fight at a sleepover and it turned into--

STEVE
Your horny bi-ass doesn't count.

PEG
Fair. Fair.

Beat.

PEG
You've never been curious?

STEVE
I mean, maybe. But not enough.
Not enough to like... To want to have that conversation.
Or the...
I've thought about other guys, you know, like hypothetically.
But once it got to the dick...
Nope.

PEG
Really?

STEVE
Yep.

PEG
I can't imagine seeing a nice hard dick and not thinking about wanting that inside me.

STEVE
Right, yeah. Totally. I totally get that.

PEG
Well, until now.

STEVE
What's happening now?

PEG
I don't want to put my own dick inside of me.

STEVE
Of course. Yeah....
Of course...

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

That's...
But you've had strap-ons before.

PEG

Yep.

STEVE

And you--

PEG

This is different.

STEVE

How?

PEG

I...
Like when I was with a woman it would be... ours?
Like it was a tool for both of us.
Since neither of us had a dick going into it, you know?
Like we're both on equal footing. The sexual is more equal.
But this is mine. You already have yours.
This is *my* dick.
I fuck you with this.
You don't get to use it.

STEVE

Aw...Shucks.

PEG

It's all mine.

Peg starts to jerk off the dildo.

Beat.

STEVE

I guess that... uhm.... makes sense.

PEG

My big black dick.
And I'm gonna fuck you with it.

Beat.

STEVE

You okay over there?

PEG

Yeah. Just thinking about how I'm gonna fuck you with my big black cock.
I like that better.
Cock.
My big black cock.

STEVE

You are druuuunk.

She places the dick on her crotch and continues. She enjoys this greatly.

It shouldn't be clear if this is a performance for Steve or her doing this for herself.

PEG

(quietly)

I'm going to fuck you with my big black cock.

STEVE

What are you doing down there?

PEG

Do you like that?

Do you like it when I jerk off my big black cock?

STEVE

Uhm. Sure. I guess.

PEG

You want my big black cock?

STEVE

After dinner babe. And would you stop--

PEG

I don't know if I can wait. Mmmh. Yeah!

She's really getting into it.

PEG

Oh, fuck yeah.

STEVE

Okay this... what is this?

STEVE

What are you doing?

PEG

I'm jerking off.

STEVE

I know, that's not--

PEG

Look at me. I can't finish if you don't look at me.

STEVE

Hilarious.

PEG

Steve.

STEVE

That's not really a thing. This is... hilarious.

What are you--

PEG

Oh fuck yeah.

Oh fuck. Yes. YES. Look at me Steve.

LOOK AT ME!

STEVE

Fine! I'm looking.

The dildo comes. So does Peg.

It shoots fake jizz all over the couch.

STEVE
Holy fuck!
What the...
What the fuck?
Why does it do that? Why... why?

PEG
Aaaaah!
Oh, shit. Holy shit.
That's amazing. Aaaagh.
Hahahaha.

Fuck that's amazing!

PEG

Peg laughs. Steve is freaking out.

Beat.

Why does it cum?!

STEVE

Beat.

Should it not?

PEG

Does it have a fucking pulse?
Did you remove someone's actual penis and--

STEVE

Calm down. Why are you getting so--

PEG

STEVE
No, just. Why, why why why? Why does the
dildo, why does it do that.

PEG
Husband. Jesus. Calm down. I don't
understand why you're--

Why does it do that?

STEVE

Why wouldn't it?

PEG

Beat.

No. My question is definitely the normal one.
Fuck, it's all over the couch.

STEVE

Don't you have food to watch?

PEG

Steve goes back and checks on his food.

Beat.

I... okay.
Just.
You still haven't answered my question--

STEVE

You haven't asked a question, you've just been shouting--

PEG

Why does it cum?

STEVE

Because it's a cock. **PEG**

That's not-- **STEVE**

I wanted to give you the full experience. **PEG**

Of what? **STEVE**

Of being fucked. **PEG** **STEVE**
Yeah, I over did it, but... That's not...
It's new, I'll figure out how much pressure to use. No, I...

Why would I want that? **STEVE**
That's...

What? **PEG**

Gross. **STEVE**

Beat.

You cum in me all the time. **PEG**

Yeah. **STEVE**
But that's--

Different? **PEG**

Yes. It's different. **STEVE**

How? **PEG**

How? **STEVE**

Why wouldn't I cum in you when you cum in me? **PEG**

Because I'm actually cumming. That's physiological. It's part of the process. **STEVE**
It's not some weird add on. I am cumming, that's like...
You're saying that because I cum in you, you have to cum in--

No, I like it when you cum inside me. **PEG**
That's why I tell you to do it.
I figured you'd like it too.

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

You think I would let you do it if I didn't like it?

STEVE

No.
Of course not.
I just thought...

PEG

What?

STEVE

I just thought you liked it because I liked it.

PEG

I mean... yeah... but...

STEVE

That's not--

PEG

Did you think I like... put up with it?

STEVE

Kinda.

PEG

Have you met me?
I'm not that nice.

STEVE

I just never really... thought about it.
I hadn't thought of it that way. Separate...
Like outside of the... context of us being... us, like that being how... it goes.
You know?

PEG

I guess.

STEVE

You... so you just...
You like it when I cum in you.

PEG

Yeah. Of course.
I don't have some... fancy, hormonal justification monologue for it or whatever, but yeah.
It's nice.
It's good. It's great, I like it. I like the feeling of it it feels... good.
I don't know what other words it...
It feels good and I don't know how to explain that. You know?
It feels complete.
And I wanted that for you.
I want to fuck you.
I want to fuck you like you fuck me.
I want to give you that pleasure.
I want to fill you up. I want you to be full of me.
So full that I'm leaking out of you.

STEVE

Okay. That's--

PEG

I want you to leak Steve.

STEVE
Okay, Peg. That's... enough. Please stop.
Save it for the bedroom.

PEG
I want to be seeping out of you.
Dripping.

PEG
I want you to drip with me.

STEVE
(laughing it off)
Okay.

*Peg definitely wasn't joking just then, but plays it off
that way to save face.*

STEVE
What is that stuff anyway?

PEG
It's edible.

STEVE
That is so not what I was asking.

PEG
What are you asking then?

STEVE
Is it going to stain?

Beat.

PEG
I don't know.

STEVE
Well, could you wipe it up before--

PEG
Are you--

STEVE
Before it stains the couch.

Beat.

PEG
Yeah. Sure.

Steve throws her a roll of paper towels.

PEG
You're so wild and crazy husband I don't--

STEVE
I just don't want it to stain the couch.
Okay?
If I came all over the couch, you would make me clean it up.

PEG
Yeah, well...
You're washing my hair next time.

That's...

STEVE

Steve almost says something, but turns back to cooking.

Peg mourns the loss of the moment, and begins to clean.

There is a long silence.

Finally, Steve can't hold the question back.

And why is it black?

STEVE

Beat.

Why is what?

PEG

The dildo.

STEVE

My cock?

PEG

Yeah, what... Whatever you want to call it.
While we're... discussing it and its...
Qualities...
Why is it black?

STEVE

Should it... not be?

PEG

Beat.

Steve makes a "of course not." face.

Peg makes a "what the fuck are you talking about" face.

You specifically went--you...
You specifically bought a black--you custom...
You custom made a--

STEVE

Is there a reason why you're having--

PEG

Do you not see what I'm asking here?

STEVE

No I don't.

PEG

Beat.

It's black.

STEVE

Yes. **PEG**

And you're not. **STEVE**

Oh fuck me. **PEG**

STEVE
And I'm white and so I'm asking, why did you buy a black dildo, was there some kind of--Yeah you should of.

PEG
I should have... seen this coming. This is...

PEG
You are really outdoing yourself. If white guilt was an Olympic sport--

STEVE
I'm being serious.

PEG
I know you are. That's what's so frustrating.

Beat.

STEVE
Is the dildo--

PEG
Cock--

STEVE
Whatever.
Is there some meaning to it?

PEG
No.
Of course not.
Do you hear yourself?

STEVE
Then why is it--

PEG
I didn't even think about it. Okay?
The thoughts never crossed my mind.

STEVE
How?

PEG
How? Because I don't see a racist boogie man around every corner. I have too many real issues to deal with made up--

STEVE
It's a giant black cock.
How could... How could you even say that sentence without hearing how racist it is. Big black cock, it's--

PEG
Yeah, when you say it it does sound racist.

STEVE
Okay...

(MORE)

Could you--
Am I not allowed to buy black things?
No, that's not--
Am I suppose to buy yellow cock? Would that be okay according--
That's not what I meant--
It's kinda what you're saying.
I'm just trying to figure out what it means.
Nothing.
I'm not sure--
I'm telling you--
You can't just--
I'm not having this conversation.
Too bad.
Peg laughs and drinks.
I'm sorry?!
If you want to use that thing on me, I need to be comfortable--
With what?
That I'm not racist.
I'm not saying that--
That I'm not tricking you into being racist--
Well, I am racist, we all are--
I don't want to talk about this. I don't--

STEVE (cont'd)

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

STEVE

PEG

I'm uncomfortable with--

STEVE

Well then we need to stop the fucking world.
A white man is uncomfortable.

PEG

You can't mock me for being too sensitive one minute and then shut me down for being white the next!

STEVE

Yes I can.
I just did.

PEG

Who's this for Steve?
This performance?
Cause it's only me here.
I'm not impressed.

STEVE

I'm not doing this--

PEG

Who is this outrage for?

STEVE

It's for me. I'm not out...
I'm uncomfortable.
I need to know if this is racist or--

PEG

Because I wouldn't.

STEVE

Apparently not.
Because you bought a big black cock and didn't bat an eye.

PEG

It's a color.

STEVE

It's more than that.

PEG

No it's not.

STEVE

You chose it specifically--

PEG

I chose it because the others looked silly.
I chose it because the other options were rainbows or sparkles or pink or green and I didn't want a dick that looked like silly.
I wanted something serious.
And most importantly, I chose it because it matched the harness.
Because it's black. A color.
But thank you. Thank you for making another thing in my life about this.
Thank you for dragging this issue into my fucking choice of sex toys.
Because I never get tired of running flat into it every moment of every day--

I didn't--

STEVE

PEG

I know you didn't.

Oh, I know.

But you did.

Because we can never just be in a couple can we?

We can never just be two fucking people.

Everything has to be about who you are and who I am.

Everything has to be judged and viewed and... scrutinized through that lens.

Can't we just be here? Us?

Can't I just come home and fuck my partner and not have to... Deal with my identity for a few fucking hours?

Could I just be... me. Here. In my home.

Please, could you fucking do that for me?

Beat.

STEVE

I freak out about this stuff because I love you.

And I want--

PEG

Well do it silently.

In your head.

Away from me.

Don't show me your work.

Because I don't have the energy to...

I don't have the energy to do this all the time.

Cause these conversations, they get... tiring. I'm tired.

And it's actually called Raven, by the way.

The word black is... nowhere in the title.

A long silence.

Peg starts digging into her purse. She pulls a pack of cigarettes out of her purse. She digs for a lighter.

STEVE

What is that?

PEG

What does it look like?

STEVE

When did you get those?

PEG

Does it matter? I have them now.

STEVE

You promised that you--

PEG

It's my body.

STEVE

You quit.

It didn't take.

PEG

She pulls out a lighter.

At least take it outside.

STEVE

Bite me.

PEG

You're not smoking in the house.

STEVE

Oh, I'm not?
I'm not.
Hmmm. I seem to be.

PEG

Peg.

STEVE

It's my fucking house, I'll do--

PEG

It's our house--

STEVE

I pay for it.
I pay the bills. I do the work. I do everything, so I think I get to say--

PEG

You're drunk and you're going--

STEVE

So what, what does--

PEG

STEVE

You're going to regret this in the morning.

Well, if I'm that drunk I won't remember.

PEG

Beat.

Peg lights her cigarette.

Give me--

STEVE

Steve grabs for the cigarettes. Peg dodges.

Ooooooh.
Wifey's fighting back.

PEG

What is this?

STEVE

Come on.

PEG

What is this?!

STEVE

Come on!
If you want them, come and take them from me you little pussy--

PEG

Take it outside.

STEVE

Suck my fucking cock.

PEG

Take it THE FUCK OUTSIDE!

STEVE

Beat. This should be terrifying.

No.

PEG

Beat.

Steve moves slightly forward in a way that spooks Peg. She flinches. It should be clear the moment after that he wasn't even thinking of hitting her.

Beat.

Steve exits. He slams the door.

Beat.

Peg crosses to Steve's coat and grabs it. She opens the door.

Steve. Steve! Your coat.

PEG (OS)

She steps outside. She re-enters without the coat. She closes the door.

Beat.

She takes a few drags of her cigarette, looks at it. Considering this "victory."

She puts the cigarette out in the sink.

She looks at the dildo, she sees that it is leaking. She cleans it up and puts it in the box. Not knowing where else to put the dildo, and not wanting to mess up anymore of the living room, she takes it to the bedroom.

The fire alarm goes off. Peg runs back and begins turning off the burners. She grabs the pans and moves them around, trying to get the smoking to stop.

She grabs a stool and climbs on it to try and turn off the fire alarm. She can't reach it.

Steve enters.

What are you--
STEVE

The alarm--
PEG

Let me.
STEVE

You're not--
PEG

You're gonna fall and kill yourself.
STEVE

Okay well..
PEG

Get down.
STEVE

Peg steps down. Steve climbs on the counter and turns off the alarm. He climbs down.

Beat.

PEG
Didn't want to get foot prints all over the counter, so...

A long beat. Peg doesn't want to cave first, but she knows if she doesn't...

PEG
I'm sorry I... I snapped.
You're right I am... I am drunk and tired and today has been... tough.
I shouldn't have--

STEVE
You can't beat up on me because you're stressed.
I know you have the parent thing and your Mom but you can't take that out on--

PEG
I know.
But, I did mean--

STEVE
I don't like being this... person, this shouting person who--

PEG
I wasn't just punching on you.
I mean, that is part of that, but I meant it.
I need you to understand that.

Beat.

STEVE
I do.

PEG
Do you?

Yeah. **STEVE**

A long silence.

Steve starts plating the food. Peg's phone dings.

The school? **STEVE**

I'm officially under investigation. **PEG**

Fuck. What does that mean. **STEVE**

That I can drink more since I'm not going into work tomorrow.
I fucking hate this shit. **PEG**

Peg drinks some wine.

Beat.

Kiss me. **PEG**

Why? **STEVE**

So I know you don't hate me. **PEG**

Beat.

Steve kisses her.

I think the food's done. **STEVE**

Yeah.
That's a fair guess. **PEG**

Steve starts to plate the food.

Peg sets the table.

PEG
If I do get fired.
You could always come take my job.
Did I tell you that one of the little shits stabbed one of the others yesterday?
They took their juice box and so they just grabbed a pencil and bam!
Like, no talking, no discussing, they fucked with their juice so they just fucking took care of it.
Like, it was hard to like, like obviously that kid got in serious trouble, but I still...
I respected him.
I respected him.

STEVE
You sure they're not gonna just fire you for being a shitty teacher?

PEG

You're telling me you didn't do stuff like that when you were a kid?

STEVE

I was snapping girl's bra straps. So... I wouldn't trust me.

Steve sets the table.

Peg pours out more wine.

They sit.

Beat. They look at each other.

PEG

This smells real good.

STEVE

Thanks.

PEG

The parts that aren't burnt.

STEVE

Hey, whose fault is that?

PEG

You're the one who walked out.

STEVE

You made me.

PEG

So it's like 60/40 then?

They begin to eat. Lights begin to fade.

PEG

The chicken is very good.

STEVE

Thank you babe.

PEG

No prob.

Black out.

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A Bedroom.

It continues the decor of the living room, local art covers the walls sporadically. There are perhaps a few concert posters, framed of course. There are two doors, one to the kitchen/living area and one to the bathroom.

Through the window we can see that it is now night. The room is spotless, except for Peg's clothes from Act 1, which are strewn about.

Peg enters from the bathroom in her underwear. She has a glass of wine. She puts the wine down, and lays out the strap-on on the bed.

She straps herself in, securing the dildo in place.

She looks down at it. She gives it a wag.

Steve enters with an open bottle of wine and a glass.

Oh. We're just gonna...
STEVE

Hm?
PEG

Yeah. I'm...
I'm gonna...
Yeah.
STEVE

Steve puts down the bottle, drains his glass, puts that down next to it and crosses to the bathroom.

What?
PEG

I'm just gonna--
STEVE

Steve closes the door.

What just happened?
PEG

Peg crosses to the door.

Steve?
PEG

Yeah?
STEVE

What just happened?
PEG

I'm just getting ready. **STEVE (OS)**

What does that-- **PEG**

Are you like right outside the door? **STEVE (OS)**

Peg takes a step back.

No. **PEG**

Just give me a minute. **STEVE (OS)**

Okay. **PEG**

Beat.

Peg begins to light candles around the bedroom. Maybe she accidentally knocks one over with her dick. Only if it's funny, of course.

She sits on the bed.

Steve makes a grunting noise.

Are you okay? **PEG**

Yeah... **STEVE (OS)**
(strained)

Okay... just... okay. **PEG**

Beat.

Peg tries a couple different "Here's my dick poses."

Hal. Play sexy playlist. **PEG**

The speaker beeps. Nothing.

Hal. Play sex playlist. **PEG**

The speaker beeps. Nothing.

Hal, fuck you in your robotic twat. **PEG**

"Sex playlist" starts playing.

So... That's how it's gonna be? **PEG**

Beat.

Peg sees her clothes. She, begrudgingly, cleans up her clothes and puts them in the hamper.

Beat.

Are you sure-- **PEG**

Please just give me one minute to-- **STEVE (OS)**

You've just been in there-- **PEG**

Can I use the bathroom in peace? **STEVE (OS)**

Yes. **PEG**

You're becoming your mother. **STEVE (OS)**

That's not funny. **PEG**
Steve. That's not funny, take that back!

STEVE (OS) Peg!
Let me use the bathroom!

PEG Okay. Okay.

Peg's phone rings. She looks at it.

PEG
How the fuck...

She looks at the bathroom door then she answers the phone.

PEG
(to phone.)
Your ears must have been burning.
No Mom.
No.
Well, I was at work all day.
I can't pick up the phone and just talk in the middle of school and ...
Well, for one it sets a bad example for the children.
Yeah, hilarious.
I did, Steve told me.
I know, I know.
I beat it out of him, don't...
No.
No.
No-- Can I answer the question before you ask the next one?
Yeah.
What music? What are you talking about? That must be on your end.
I'm not having--see this is why I don't answer your calls. Because every time it turns into--

The sound of flushing.

We're not in the place to have--Mom!
I'm not...
I have to go mom.
Yeah. Steve is coming back and now I'm being rude.
I'm being rude now, okay?
You called me. I didn't plan this.

Steve enters.

I'll talk to you later.
Okay?
Okay.
Okay.
I...
Okay.

STEVE

Tell Eliza I say hi.

PEG

(to Steve)

Oh my god would you stop trying to suck up to my--
(to phone)

Yes Mom.
Yes.
Yes.
Okay.
Yes!
I love you.
I love you.
I do.
No, I don't want to talk to Dad.
Yes.
Bye.

Peg hangs up.

PEG

Fucking hell.

What were you doing in there?
You were in there for--

STEVE

I was in there five minutes. Tops.

PEG

You're not having tummy troubles? Cause I should know before--

STEVE

Don't say tummy. Teacher talk in the bedroom is--

PEG

I should know before I go sticking my dick up in there.

STEVE

Okay, that...
I... I was cleaning.

What? **PEG**

Up. **STEVE**

The bathroom? **PEG**

No. **STEVE**
I was freshening up.

What does that-- **PEG**

Do I really need to-- **STEVE**

It seems so. **PEG**

Steve points down.

I... what are you doing? **PEG**

What does that mean? **PEG** **STEVE**
I was cleaning up down there.

Like wiping your ass? **PEG**

Do you not normally... clean up down there? **PEG** **STEVE**
Should I be worried? **STEVE**
Oh. Okay. Just say that then. **STEVE**
No!
I was douching. I was douching.
Like, you know, cleaning up my--

Like taking a bottle up my ass and squirting-- **STEVE**

I know what douching is. **PEG**

You do? Because I just had to do a whole-- **STEVE**

Yeah, Next time just say the word. **PEG**
We have a word for douching it's douching.

Well... **STEVE**
That would just be too easy.

And we wouldn't want that. **PEG**

No, we wouldn't. **STEVE**
Couldn't do that...

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

Next time I'll just...
Shout from the roof tops that I'm douching my asshole.
Let the whole neighborhood now.

Beat. It's weird. Neither knows why, but it is.

PEG

Well thank you.

STEVE

For what?

PEG

For... fuck now I can't say it. Douching.
For cleaning up your butt hole.
I appreciate it.

STEVE

I wasn't--Thank you...
Or, you're welcome.

I was gonna do it anyway, so...
Didn't want to... give you the shit dick or anything.

PEG

Right.

Beat.

Peg crosses to Steve.

PEG

Hey.

STEVE

Hey.

PEG

Hi.

STEVE

Hi.

She kisses him. They begin to make out.

It's weird. There isn't the right level of "heat."

Peg stops after a moment.

STEVE

What?

PEG

You okay?

STEVE

Yeah.

PEG

You sure?

Yeah. **STEVE**

This isn't weird with the-- **PEG**

I, not too weird. **STEVE**

You excited? **PEG**

Totally. **STEVE**

Yeah? **PEG**

Mhm. **STEVE**

Beat.

STEVE I would ask you if you were excited or just happy to see me. **PEG** I am excited.

Yeah... I-- **STEVE**

What? **PEG**

No. **STEVE**
Nothing. Never mind.

No, what? **PEG**

I was... **STEVE**
I was gonna make a dumb joke.

About? **PEG**

Excited, happy to see-- **STEVE**

PEG What, the--oh. Yeah.
The boner. Excited. **STEVE**
Ha! Funny. That was good. No, you don't have to laugh at that.

You really don't have to laugh at that. **STEVE**

It was funny. **PEG**

Never stopped you before. **STEVE**

Well, I'm trying to get laid here. **PEG**

Oh, I see. **STEVE**

I'm flattering you. **PEG**

Got it. **STEVE**
Got it.
Well, consider me flattered.
I'm... swooning over here.

Steve mimes swooning.

Beat.

They begin to make out again.

You taste like wine. **PEG**

Pretty sure that's you. **STEVE**

Mhhhhm. **PEG**

It's starting to progress, but neither is used to having a large cock in the way. (Sorry Steve)

They struggle to get close.

Ow. Ow. **STEVE**

What? **PEG**

You're stabbing me. **STEVE**

Not yet I'm not. **PEG**

Okay. Let's just... tuck it... **STEVE**

This? **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

Is this-- **PEG**

No, Peg, just--

STEVE

They try to find a place for it.

Peg ends up swatting his leg with it.

Yeah. That's... really sexy. Super Sexy.

STEVE

You like that?

PEG

Too sexy actually.
I just came.
I guess it's time for bed now.

STEVE

Oh, I'll make you cum.

PEG

Oh...
You will will you?

STEVE

Yes...
I will...

PEG

Okay.

STEVE

Okay.

PEG

Yeah.

STEVE

Peg loses her balance for a second. Steve catches her.

You okay?

STEVE

I'm a little drunk.

PEG

I've noticed.

STEVE

Peg starts to take off Steve's shirt. Steve pulls back a little.

Hm?

PEG

Your hands are very cold--

STEVE

Shut up. Give them a minute.

PEG

No, but you--

STEVE

Peg kisses his chest as she unbuttons his shirt.

Were you thinking about it?

PEG

About what?

STEVE

My cock.

PEG

Steve's shirt comes off.

Uhm...

STEVE

You having trouble staying focused?

PEG

A bit.

STEVE

Hmmm. Wonder why?

PEG

Yeah.

STEVE

Were you thinking about my cock?

PEG

When?

STEVE

I don't know. Earlier.
Were you getting ready for it?

PEG

Beat.

I... yeah.

STEVE

Peg starts to take his pants off.

Mhhhh.
Tell me.

PEG

Tell you what?

STEVE

Tell me what you were thinking.

PEG

About your--

STEVE

About my cock. **PEG**

STEVE
(trying to get into it)

I... uhm.
I was thinking about how big it is.

Yeah... **PEG**

How thick it is. **STEVE**

Yeah... **PEG**

STEVE
How... if it was real you would need special underwear to hold it in--
Peg swats him.

Ow. What was that for? **STEVE**

No. **PEG**

No? **STEVE**

I want dirty thoughts. **PEG**

Oh. Dirty thoughts. **STEVE**

Yes. **PEG**

Okay, you should have said that. **STEVE**
Peg kisses his neck, working her way down his chest.

Tell me... your dirty thoughts. **PEG**

STEVE
I wasn't thinking dirty thoughts. I was thinking joke thoughts and--ow.
Peg bites him.

Ow. **STEVE**
Oh shit...
Ooooh. Shit yeah.

PEG
You thinking about some now?
Cause I've been thinking about you all night.

Mhm **STEVE**

PEG
About fucking you. Picturing it, in my mind.
I want to fuck you so bad.
I want to fuck you so hard, your asshole is gonna be mine.
My cock hurts, it like aches for you.

Steve doesn't know what to do with this, but it definitely doesn't turn him on.

STEVE
I don't know what you want me to say--

Peg reaches into his underwear.

PEG
Just say what you're feeling.

STEVE
What are you feeling?

PEG
Steve.

STEVE
What?

PEG
Tell me what you want me to do with my cock?

STEVE
Put it in my butt?

Peg moves her hand.

Steve's eyes go wide. She's "muffing" him. Steve should be overwhelmed by the sensation, but not in pain. It's just too much for him in a way he wasn't expecting.

PEG
This is serious.

STEVE
Is it though--Oh my god.
Holy fuck.
Oh my fucking--

PEG
You like that?

STEVE
What, what? Oh, fuck. Oooh, okay?

PEG
You like it when I finger you?

STEVE
That's not--

Mhm. Hm. **PEG**

Peg. **STEVE**

Yes. **PEG**

Holy fuck. Hooly fuck. **STEVE**

You like-- **PEG**

Stop. **STEVE**

What? **PEG**

Peg, stop. Stops, just-- **STEVE**

Peg removes her hand.

Beat. Steve scoots away from her.

Did that hurt? **PEG**

I... no. I... **STEVE**
What the fuck was that?

I'm sorry. I didn't think-- **PEG**

What was that? What were you-- **STEVE**

Muffing. **PEG**

Okay? You were... **STEVE**

PEG It's Stimulation of the inguinal canal, are you
going to let me answer or you-- **STEVE** It was like you were reaching up into my
ball-sack--

Do you want me to explain it or not? **PEG**

What is-- **STEVE**

It's fingering where your balls go when they pull up into you. **PEG**

Why would you do that?
STEVE

I...
It's suppose to feel good.
PEG

According to who?
STEVE

According... It's like fingering for...
It's like the equivalent of fingering a vagina for people with a penis--
PEG

So, this is a Jen thing?
STEVE

She didn't invent it, but yeah I--
PEG

Right.
STEVE

Are you going to--
PEG

Two years and you're springing that now.
STEVE

It seemed appropriate for--
PEG

Yeah. I guess.
STEVE

Is something--
PEG

No.
STEVE

Beat.
Peg moves towards him.

No. Wait. Look. Let's just... stop for--
STEVE

I'm sorry, I should have warned--
PEG

No, it's not... It's not that.
Uhm...
I'm not in the, the mood isn't right--
STEVE

The mood?
Are you serious?
PEG

Yes. **STEVE**

Is this because-- **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

Beat.

You do see the candles right? **PEG**

I, yes. I see the candles. **STEVE**

Candles. Music. Lingerie. **PEG**

STEVE **PEG**
Lingerie? It's romantic as fuck in here.
That's what counts as Lingerie now?

PEG
The mood is--What's wrong with my lingerie?

STEVE
I'm not saying it's not nice... Okay. Yeah, it's romantic.

PEG
Great.
Now flip over, spread your cheeks and let's get going.

Steve gives her a look.

PEG
That was a joke.

STEVE
Ha!

She reaches for his underwear. Steve jumps up a little too dramatically.

STEVE
Peg peg peg.

PEG
What?

STEVE
I just said--

PEG
I'm trying to get you in the mood. I can't do that from across the room.

STEVE
Your hands are freezing!

They always are at first. **PEG**

They're... really cold. **STEVE**

What do you want me to do, wear mittens? **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

Why are you doing this? **PEG**

Doing what? **STEVE**

Dodging. **PEG**

I'm not dodging. **STEVE**

Peg reaches out, and Steve flinches.

That wasn't-- **STEVE**

Is this-- **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

Are you-- **PEG**

It's not. **STEVE**

Did I-- **PEG**

Just, take a breath and let's-- **STEVE**

What is going on? **PEG**

I just took a shit. **STEVE**

Okay?
Like two minutes ago, like I'm not.
I'm not here yet. I was trying and thought that like if I just... went along I would not mind that I had... but I'm not and I'm not ready, can we please just like...
Chill.
Cause, like hit pause for a second. Cause like, I sprayed and then I shit and it's like clean, but I'm not feeling it yet. Can we stop for a minute, please and just like...
Chill?

Beat.

But I'm horny...

PEG

Yeah.
I've gathered that.

STEVE

Beat.

Fine.

PEG

I don't mean to--

STEVE

No, I meant.
I meant it's fine.
Like, I wasn't...
It's fine. Like real fine.
Fine fine.

PEG

Beat.

Peg sits.

Steve looks around for his shirt. He puts it on.

What are you doing?

PEG

I'm cold.

STEVE

Beat.

You're not having second thoughts?

PEG

No.

STEVE

Cause it's too late for--

PEG

Too late?

STEVE

You know what I mean.

PEG

I... I know. I'm not.
Don't worry.

STEVE

Beat.

You wanna touch it?

PEG

What? **STEVE**

My dick. **PEG**

Why would I wanna touch it? **STEVE**

You're going to touch it at some point-- **PEG**

I know, but why would I need to touch it now? **STEVE**

Get acclimated? **PEG**

It's not a fish tank. **STEVE**

Come on. What happened to flattering me?

Ha ha. **PEG**

Beat.

He faces Peg, staring at the dick.

What are you... **PEG**

It feels like it's following me.
No matter where I go.
Like the Mona Lisa. **STEVE**

Yes. Just like the Mona Lisa and how her dick follows you wherever you go. **PEG**

Right. Right. **STEVE**

Steve laughs.

Beat.

You nervous? **PEG**

I'm... **STEVE**

Cause you seem nervous. **PEG**

A bit. **STEVE**

It's okay to be nervous. **PEG**

Thank you for the permission. **STEVE**

Beat.

Cause I'm gonna get deep in-- **PEG**

Okay. **STEVE**
Could we stop with the...
Porn-star Peg thing--

Pornstar Peg? **PEG** Or whatever it is. I just-- **STEVE**

I just want to talk to my wife. **STEVE**

What does porn-star Peg mean? **PEG**

The voice, and the comments-- **STEVE**

What voice? **PEG**

The... **STEVE**
(affecting a deeper voice)
My cock hurts for your butt hole.

That's just my voice, I wasn't doing a-- **PEG**

STEVE
It's not, not it's not like normal. It's like It's clearly not...
It's like this added thing that you're... throwing on and...
It's... I'm not... Like it's pulling me out. You know?
This isn't you. This, isn't... You.

Beat.

Peg stares at him, clearly pissed. She swallows that anger to keep the night going.

PEG
Okay...
What about... (faking a man's voice)
This, should I talk like this?

STEVE
Yes.
Thank you. Perfect.

PEG
(faking a man's voice)
Hello little girl, take off your clothes.

STEVE
Oh, I'm a little girl now. That's totally not weird--

PEG
(man's voice)
If that's what you want.

STEVE
No. I definitely don't--

PEG
(man's voice)
Come on. Hop on.
What's it going to take you to get on this dick?

STEVE
Please.
I just wanna talk with my wife.

PEG
Oh, your wife.
You'd like to talk to your wife.

STEVE
That would be wonderful.

PEG
Sorry darling.
Golly Gee. Let me get little Jimmy from
tennis lessons and then pull out the roast
before we hop into bed, turn off the lights
and have missionary sex. Two thrusts and
then we're done.

STEVE
Okay. You know that's not what I meant.
Could you please. Do you want to have a
fight?
Is that your goal?

PEG
No, I want to fuck.
My goal is to fuck.
What about you?

STEVE
That's what I want too.

PEG
Really?

STEVE
Yes.

PEG
Okay.
Then let's go.

STEVE
I thought we just--

PEG
You said you wanted to fuck. Let's get--

STEVE
Yeah, but not--

PEG
I'm going to need to be sexual at some point Steve.

STEVE
I'm not stopping you from being sexual. I'm stopping--

PEG
You just told me I was being too sexually aggressive and--

STEVE
That's not what I said. I asked you to drop
the act. You're acting like a...

PEG
All these hurdles just keep coming up as
soon as I'm the one who's--

STEVE
I'm just not comfortable yet. Okay?
This is new and I'm uncomfortable.
Am I allowed to be uncomfortable?

PEG
You are, but you're just--

STEVE
What?

Beat.

PEG
Nothing.

STEVE
Stop saying nothing--

PEG
Come over here, let me fill you up.

STEVE
See, that's the kind of thing--

PEG
Your wine.
Steve.
Let me fill up your wine.

Beat.

STEVE
I'm good.

Beat.

PEG
How am I suppose to take that?

STEVE
Take that to mean that I've already had three glasses and--

You're getting really aggravated--

PEG

Yeah, well you're jumping on--

STEVE

Come sit next to me so we can and--

PEG

I don't want to--

STEVE

Please come sit--

PEG

Would you stop jumping all over me--

STEVE

Sit down next to--

PEG

Would you let me finish a fucking...
..
Sentence.

STEVE

Beat.

Yes.
How's that?
Is that--

PEG

Yes. Perfect.

STEVE

See now you're doing it to me.

PEG

Peg smiles.

Beat.

Come on. That was funny.

PEG

Ha.

STEVE

Beat.

What's happening here?

PEG

I don't know.
I just...
I think this is moving a little fast, could we take a few steps back?

STEVE

We haven't started.

PEG

(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

No steps have been taken.
If we step back we'll be going backwards.

STEVE

Okay. Then can we just stand still for a moment?
Let me get my... bearing.

Beat.

PEG

Should I just take this off and--

STEVE

No.

PEG

Are you sure?

STEVE

Yes.

PEG

Cause I feel weird if--

STEVE

No. We're... yeah.

Beat.

PEG

Why are you freaking out?

STEVE

I don't know. Why are you?

PEG

I'm not.

STEVE

Hm?

PEG

I said, I'm not.
What is--

STEVE

It's just--

PEG

What?
What is it?
Cause this is starting to kinda hurt.

STEVE

Then loosen the straps.

PEG

No the rejection.

STEVE

I'm not rejecting--

PEG
I'm trying to get this going and you keep shutting me down and there is only so much of that--

STEVE
It's just very real.

PEG
What is?

STEVE
The dildo.

PEG
The dick?

Steve starts to pace anxiously.

STEVE
Whatever you--yes. The dick.
Cause we have to call it a dick.
We have to, because...
Like, really could we not?
Could it...
Could it not have the veins and the cumming and the--

PEG
Well, it's a little late--

STEVE
Like it's just...
The ones I looked at weren't like that.
They were like...
Smooth or ridged and all looked...
Like pens or chew toys, I wasn't prepared for this.
This wasn't what I pictured.

PEG
So my cock was suppose to be silly?
It wasn't suppose--

STEVE
No.
Not silly, I'm not trying to say you--

PEG
Sit down. You're making me dizzy.

STEVE
I'm not--

PEG
Sit down and have a drink.

STEVE
I don't want a--

PEG
Sit down next to your wife.

STEVE
I thought you didn't like that word--

I'm sorry? **PEG**

You really want to fuck me. **STEVE**

I don't... I... Yeah I do. So?
Should I not?
I'm your fucking partner.
I would hope I want to fuck you.
Shouldn't I want to fuck you?

Beat.

Yes, but... **STEVE**
It's a lot.
It's a lot. It's more than I thought.
It's... I'm having a harder time with this than I thought I would.

Clearly. **PEG**

Beat. Peg shifts into a "teacher mode."

What do you want from this? **PEG**

I don't... **STEVE**

Just. What did you want? **PEG**
Before tonight. What...
So we can... Get on the same page.
Figure out, you know. What we're doing.
Work towards a goal.

You're teacher talking again-- **STEVE**

Yeah, well you're throwing a tantrum, so... **PEG**

I'm not throwing-- **STEVE**

PEG
You're getting overwhelmed with emotions
losing control. It's not an insult.

STEVE
I know. I know.
I know what you mean.

STEVE
I don't know. Exactly.
It excited me, seeing it.
This idea of... being filled.
Like just this kind of...
You know...
I don't know.
Like I wanted...

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

To be filled.
I keep saying that word, but I can't think--

PEG

No. I know what you mean.
Yeah.
Okay.
But not by a dick.

STEVE

I... yeah.
No.

Beat.

PEG

You see the problem there?

STEVE

I do. I... yeah.
No, like I see it.
I can see the... flaw in the logic.

Beat.

PEG

And it was a woman fucking a man--

STEVE

Yes.

PEG

And not like sissy or--

STEVE

No, just like--

PEG

Normal.

STEVE

Well... normalish... Hetero-normative... ish.

PEG

I... yeah. That's a... generous use of that term.

STEVE

Right.

Beat.

PEG

Just... Come on. Lemme put it in your butt...

STEVE

No! Not until we've had a long serious discussion about what that means.

PEG

I wish you were joking.

They laugh.

Beat.

STEVE

What did you picture?

PEG

I don't know.

The same.

Me fucking you.

I don't know.

I don't know, I'm not... I'm too drunk to think I just... am ready to do, you know?

Beat.

STEVE

It was...

PEG

What?

STEVE

Was it a strap-on?

PEG

I... Uhm.

No. Not really. Or I didn't... think of it...

I...

I feel like this is going to freak you out more--

STEVE

Yeah, probably. but like... I should know what...

You want from this. Right?

Be on the same page?

Beat.

PEG

Yeah... Okay.

It wasn't...

It was mine. Like...

It was... my cock.

It is my cock.

And I was fucking you with it.

Not always you, I started, you know, with you.

But being a fantasy and all...

STEVE

Right.

So you were trans?

PEG

No, that's--

STEVE

Then how did you--

PEG

You freak out at the color of the dick and now you wanna role play gender identities.

STEVE
No, no. It's just like, how did you have a penis?

PEG
I didn't

STEVE
Okay?

PEG
I had a cock.

Beat.

STEVE
Right. So...
Those are the same thing.

PEG
eeeeeh

STEVE
Yeccccah.

PEG
Not really...

STEVE
How is that--

PEG
A dildo is for playing, a penis is for peeing, and a cock is for fucking.

Beat.

STEVE
Is that some... dirty-ass Dr. Seuss or..

PEG
A cock is about power.
It is dominance.
It is what I fuck you with.
You know?
Like you don't pee with a cock.
A cock is hard. A penis becomes a cock.
Sometimes.
It's what opens you up.
It's what goes inside.
It's what fills you.
And that's what I want.
I want to fuck you Steve.
You you. I Peg want to fuck you Steve.

STEVE
With your cock?

PEG
Yeah...
That was the plan.

Beat.

Yeah... that's...
I have a cock?

STEVE

What?

PEG

By that definition--

STEVE

Well...

PEG

Peg.

STEVE

Yes. Of course you have a cock.
And now I have it.
One.
We both have cocks.
Your just happens to also be a penis.
And holes, well we had them both before, but...
All that has changed is the role we're playing.
I'm the top now.
The butch. The...

PEG

The man?

STEVE

If you want.

PEG

Beat.

I don't know if I can do that.

STEVE

Okay...
Okay.
Could you at least try?

PEG

Beat.

Uhm...
Yeah. I... yeah?
What is trying?

STEVE

Well.
Touch it for starters.

PEG

Steve sits.

Peg wiggles her dick.

Steve reaches over and "touches it."

PEG

You know what I meant dumb dumb.

Steve grabs her cock. He begins to stroke it.

STEVE

It's... warm.
Surprisingly warm.

PEG

It conducts body heat.
So, you know. It feels alive. Not cold and clammy.

STEVE

It's really soft.

PEG

I didn't cheap out.
It's better than the real thing.

STEVE

Well...

PEG

Better than the real thing.

Steve laughs. He slowly starts jerking it off, still not sure how to feel about this.

STEVE

Do you... like feel anything?

PEG

No.
But it's still nice.
That's nice.
That's good.

STEVE

It's weird doing this.
To someone else. I'm, you know... familiar with the motions--

PEG

Shh. Don't make jokes.
Just... be here.
Just enjoy it.
Enjoy... you know.
Pleasing me.

STEVE

It's nice.

Steve continues.

He looks at Peg. They kiss. It's the first moment of true connection this act.

Steve slightly leans forward. Peg catches this.

STEVE

I...

Do...
Do you...
Do you want to suck it?

PEG

I don't know.
Kinda?

STEVE

Beat.

You can.

PEG

I'm not..

STEVE

Suck my cock babe.

PEG

Ha.
This is weird.

STEVE

Come on.

PEG

Peg caresses his face.

Suck my cock.

PEG

Steve leans over. Peg gently leads his face down.

He sucks the cock. He does this for a little, but then...

No. I can't.

STEVE

He crosses away and starts pacing.

COME THE FUCK ON!!

PEG

STEVE
I know. I just can't. I can't I can't I can't. I know I should but I can't there's just this voice. This voice in the back of my head that's saying you don't do this. You don't do this Steve. That this in not, not what you do, You don't do this. You don't do this. Fuck! I feel fuck, I know I should, I know it should just...

PEG
Jesus Christ. Fucking Christ!
You were there! You were doing it!
You were sucking it!
What happened?
Why...
Why is this such a fucking big deal?
We've had sex a hundred thousand--

STEVE
Not like this. Not like, this is, this the first and I'm just I don't know I just can't... fucking...
Fuck!

Steve kicks something.

Beat.

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PEG

Okay. Okay, just... Chill.

STEVE

I'm just...
I am. I'm just...
Fucking hell.

PEG

Take deep breaths.

STEVE

I'm breathing

PEG

I'm meant me.
I'm experiencing blue balls for the first time and it's not fun.

Beat. Steve laughs, despite himself.

PEG

That wasn't a joke. I do not feel well.

STEVE

Yeah. I bet.

Beat.

PEG

We'll figure this out.

STEVE

How? You keep saying that. I don't know if this is something you figure out.

Beat. Peg digs into to a deep well of teacher patience.

PEG

I don't know Steve.
You're...
I don't...
Uhm...
Okay.
Why don't we play a game?

STEVE

I'm not a child Peg.
I'm not cranky being--

PEG

No. Like, role play. You know--

STEVE

Okay. That's not a game. That's--

PEG

Shhhh. Alright?

STEVE

I...

PEG

You're saying wouldn't do this. Right? *You.*
(MORE)

PEG (cont'd)

But, you also wouldn't sleep with a catholic school girl. Right?
Or blackmail someone into sleeping with you. Or rape someone.

STEVE

I'm seeing a disturbing theme in our choice of role playing.

PEG

What I'm saying is that you want to do those things, but never would.
And we've been able to do them. Because you weren't you.
You know? You were someone else. Something else.
And this is new, you're... a bottom virgin.
And like, you're feeling like you wouldn't do that, so let's...
So... let's do it up! Let's...
Give you the virgin... role-play.

STEVE

I guess.

PEG

Is it worth trying?
Cause I'm bending over backwards here.

STEVE

I'm... game. I'm down to... try. The game.
Yeah... uhm... yeah.

PEG

You want--

STEVE

I do.

PEG

Like, cause you need to meet me--

STEVE

I want to make this work.

PEG

Great. I...
Okay.
Cool. I have...
Here.

She tosses him her phone and goes to the closet.

PEG

Make that play on the thing.

STEVE

The thing?

PEG

You know what I mean.

STEVE

The speaker?

PEG

Yes. Hal.

The speaker beeps.

PEG
(to Hal)

Fuck you.

STEVE

It's really not hard to--

PEG

Don't tech shame me, just do it.

STEVE

Hal connect to Peg's phone.

The speaker gives an affirmative

PEG

Okay. Well...

She emerges from the closet with a bundle of clothes.

STEVE

What are you--

PEG

Is it working?

STEVE

Yes.

PEG

Cool. Then, thank you.

She gets the phone from him and exits to the kitchen.

STEVE

Where are you going?

PEG (OS)

I'm making an entrance.

Beat.

STEVE

Okay...

Peg exits.

Beat.

There is the sound of something falling over.

STEVE

You okay?

PEG (OS)

Yeah. Stay in there. I'm fine.

STEVE

Okay.

Just... tripped.
How do you get these things in pants?
PEG (OS)

Boners?
STEVE

Yeah.
PEG (OS)

Tuck it into the waist band.
STEVE

Really?
PEG (OS)

Worked when I was 13.
STEVE

Beat.

Ha!
Got it!
PEG (OS)

Congrats.
STEVE

Beat.
*Less than Jake (or something else exceedingly 90's)
starts playing.*

What the fuck?
STEVE

Don't pretend you don't know this.
PEG (OS)

I haven't heard this since high school.
STEVE

Kinda the point.
PEG (OS)

Ah. I see.
STEVE

You're a virgin after all.
PEG (OS)

Yeah. Well.
I definitely was a virgin in high school.
STEVE

Beat. Steve waits.

You ready for this?
PEG (OS)

Oh god I hope so.

STEVE

Peg enters. She is wearing a pair of Steve's jeans, a Varsity Jacket, and carries two solo cups. Maybe she wears some sun glasses.

The dick should peak a little over the pants.

Sup.

PEG

What the fuuuuuuck?

STEVE

You drink wine?

PEG

Oh. Yeah. Sure.

STEVE

Peg gives Steve a solo cup.

I stole this from my step-dad.
He's some kinda wine freak or something.
I'm pretty sure he's a fruit. It's really expensive.

PEG

Is it?

STEVE

Yeah. Like \$50 a bottle or something.

PEG

It's really sweet.

STEVE

I cut it with some Fresca.

PEG

Oh God.

STEVE

Drink up.

PEG

Sure.

STEVE

Peg cheers Steve. They drink.

That's... awful.

STEVE

You new here?

PEG

Uhm... yeah. Yeah... Uhm...
My dad is, he works for the military so...
We moved around a lot.

STEVE

Yeah, that's a...
Very complicated back story.

PEG

I don't really... know anyone here yet.
Not outside of the band.

STEVE

Band?

PEG

The Marching band.

STEVE

You sure you're not a cheerleader?
Would have been sexier to be a cheerleader.

PEG

Am I a girl?

STEVE

Are there not boy cheerleaders?

PEG

Yes, but--

STEVE

Are you a girl?

PEG

Beat.

Uhm... yeah. I guess. I guess if you're... If I'm not... yeah?

STEVE

Peg smiles.

You're beautiful.

PEG

Aw.
Shucks.
I bet you say that to all the... uhm girls.

STEVE

I do.

PEG

Hey!

STEVE

This party is super lame.

PEG

I know.
Like, no one's here.

STEVE

Yeah.
So...

PEG

(MORE)

You... seeing anyone?
PEG (cont'd)

Would it matter if I was?
STEVE

What kind of guy do you think I am?
PEG

I have my suspicions.
Fortunately for you I'm single.
STEVE

Well. Cheers to that.
PEG

I don't know if I can drink any more of--
STEVE

You're only young once.
PEG

Peg.
STEVE

Who's Peg. I'm Chet.
PEG

Peg drinks and pushes Steve's cup up to his lips. He drinks.

Okay... that's... you didn't actually use nice wine for--
STEVE

Stay in character.
PEG

Right, uhm...
I should let you know.
I'm not putting out.
STEVE

That's cool.
PEG

I'm not that kind of girl.
STEVE

Hard to get?
PEG

Think impossible.
STEVE

I like a challenge.
You a virgin?
PEG

You can't just ask someone that.
STEVE

Just curious. **PEG**

I'm saving myself for Jesus. **STEVE**

The guy who cleans my pool. **PEG**

You're bad. **STEVE**

Oh yeah? **PEG**

Peg kisses Steve with the faked passion of a teen-age boy. They begin to "Neck."

Peg, you're getting-- **STEVE**

I'm not Peg, I'm Chet. **PEG**

Chet you're gonna give me a hickey. **STEVE**

Sweet. **PEG**

Just... **STEVE**

Steve pushes Peg away playfully.

Okay mister. **STEVE**

What? **PEG**

You lied. **STEVE**
You're definitely... bad.
I know your type. Smooth talking. Handsome. Probably plays football.

PEG
Lacrosse actually.
It's like football but with sticks.
Way more dangerous.

Peg kisses Steve's neck again.

You like playing with sticks, huh? **STEVE**

You calling me gay?! **PEG**

No. **STEVE**

I'm not fucking gay!

PEG

Okay, this is--

STEVE

I'm as straight as they come.

PEG

STEVE Is this me, is this suppose to be me?

PEG I never fantasize about my friends and their big... strong... arms

I think we're getting off topic here.

STEVE

Have some more wine.

PEG

Peg pushes the glass up to Steve's lips. He almost chokes on it.

Okay, I've had enough it's--

STEVE

One more.

PEG

I have to get home soon, my dad will be waiting.

STEVE

We'll have to use our time wisely.

PEG

Chet, I don't want--

STEVE

I know what you want.

PEG

Peg kisses Steve. Steve begins to get into it.

Peg takes off Steve's shirt and his boxers. He's fully naked.

Chet, no I--

STEVE

No?

PEG

I'm not sure.

STEVE

That's not what your body is telling me.

PEG

STEVE

I...
Uhm...
What's it telling you?

Yes Chet.
I want you Chet.
I want your cock Chet.
Fuck me Chet.
Fuck me now.

PEG

Is that what it's saying?

STEVE

Yeah.

PEG

They're on the bed. It's getting hot.

Mhm.

STEVE

You want me to fuck you?

PEG

What?

STEVE

Do you want me to fuck you?

PEG

I do.

STEVE

I want you to ask.

PEG

What?

STEVE

Ask me--

PEG

Fuck me Chet.

STEVE

Fuck me with your cock.

PEG

Fuck me with your cock Chet.

STEVE

Fuck my pussy Chet.

PEG

Just do it.

STEVE

Make me a woman Chet.

PEG

Make...

STEVE

They continue making out. There is no sudden change, but Steve gradually gets less into it. He's not stopping it, but he's not really pushing forward. Peg notices this and tries to keep it going... but as it goes it becomes more and more obvious...

You... You ready?

PEG

Yeah.
Yeah. I'm ready.

STEVE

Peg tries a few seconds longer. Then gives up. She stands up and walks across the room. Almost quaking mad, but silent.

Beat.

What?
What now?
I was doing it.
What the fuck is wrong--

STEVE

Are you fucking serious.

PEG

I was doing it!

STEVE

Why is this so hard?
Why is this so fucking hard for you?

PEG

I WAS FUCKING DOING IT!

STEVE

Beat.

You were letting me do it to you.

PEG

So the problem is that I'm not enthusiastic enough--

STEVE

You should want me to fuck you.
I want you to fuck me.
You should want me to fuck you.
Why don't you want me to fuck you?
Why is it so hard for you--

PEG

Why does it matter?
Why, why do... care so much?!

STEVE

If I didn't want to let you fuck me--

PEG

I'm letting you--

STEVE

If I didn't want you to fuck me you would--

PEG

It's different.

STEVE

No it's not?!

PEG

This is not how we fuck!

STEVE

It is. It's just the other way around.

PEG

Is that what this is?
You needing to do it the other way around.

STEVE

I don't need--

PEG

You need to fuck me like a woman?
You can't feel it. This is a piece of fucking silicon.
Why is it so important for you to shove it up my ass?
If it's not that, why do you care?

STEVE

Could you say that with anymore disdain?

PEG

Beat.

You need to fuck me that bad? Okay. Fine.

STEVE

Steve gets on all fours.

STEVE
Fine. Fuck me.
Fuck me right in the ass. What you've
always wanted.
Take your fucking cock and fuck me in the
ass. Be the man.
Take that away from me.
Make me into--

PEG

Could you respect what I'm...
This isn't what I want.
Steve.
Get up.
Get up Steve.
Get up the fuck up!

*Steve grabs Peg by the cock and pulls her into position
behind him.*

STEVE
Go ahead. Fuck me!
This is what you want?
This is what you fucking want?
You need to fuck me, then fuck me.
FUCK ME PEG!

Beat.

A long Silence.

PEG

I wanted to fuck you because I wanted to fuck you.
I never thought I needed to justify that
That's just what I want to do.
And I wanted to do it so bad because I was excited.
It wasn't like a woman or...
Maybe it was.
Maybe it would be nice to...
Be the man.
But see the thing is, I've never seen being a woman as a bad thing.
As...
Being fucked as a bad thing.
Sucking dick.
Having someone, you, cum on me.
Cum in me.
Inside me.
In my ass, in my vagina.
In my mouth.
Swallowing your cum.
That was never bad or gross or less to me but apparently it is for you.
Here you were, all this time.
Fucking me.
Which is so disgusting to you, I can't even imagine what you think of me.

A loooong silence.

STEVE

It's not--

PEG

I don't...
I don't know what I'm even doing here.

STEVE

That's so not fair. You can't--

PEG

No--

STEVE

Peg, come back--

PEG

Stop.

STEVE

Peg!

Peg exits before she breaks down.

She slams the door.

Long silence.

Steve stands in the room for a moment. He looks around.

Hal stop playing.

STEVE

Beeps. Pauses for a second, and then starts playing again.

Hal stop playing.

STEVE

Beeps. Pauses for a second, and then starts playing again.

Hal, fucking--

STEVE

It beeps, but he rips the speaker from the wall and throws it across the room.

A long silence.

Steve crosses to the wine. He drinks some.

Another long silence.

Steve's phone dings.

He checks it.

Beat. He considers what to say for a while.

I...

Well, I didn't get the job.

STEVE

Beat.

How do you know?

PEG (OS)

I just got a message.
From the guy who interviewed me.
He sent me a picture of his dick.
He sent me a dick pic.

STEVE

Steve laughs.

Peg laughs.

Beat.

We're out of wine.

PEG (OS)

No we're not.
There's some in here.

STEVE

Beat.

Can you hand it--

PEG (OS)

STEVE
No, I'm... not gonna do that.
You're gonna have to come back in here.

Beat.

Peg enters.

STEVE
But you've probably had enough.

PEG
Fuck you.

Peg takes the wine from him. She pours herself a glass.

PEG
You're right, but fuck you.

Beat.

STEVE
That's our relationship in a nutshell.

PEG
What?

STEVE
You're right, but fuck you.

PEG
...Yeah. You're right.

STEVE
But fuck you.

PEG
What?

STEVE
The... I was just--

PEG
Oh. Ha.

Beat.

STEVE
I don't think it's disgusting.

PEG
Yes you do.

STEVE
A bit.
But...

PEG
Yeah.

STEVE
That's just science.

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

Biology.

PEG

I don't care.
I can't...
I can't keep doing--

STEVE

Earlier you said.
Boys and girls were different.
That boys and girls behaved differently that you--

PEG

Yeah, I know what gender is.

STEVE

But isn't this just that?
Aren't I just a boy and you're just a girl?

PEG

We shouldn't be.
We should just be a us.
I can't be a boy and a girl.
I can't do difference.
I can't let you fuck me, knowing that I can't fuck you.
Because that means that...
That I'm the *woman*.

STEVE

It's not

PEG

That I'll always be the woman.
That I'm the only one who can be.
And that means you're the man.
And that means we'll never be...
The same.
Equal.

STEVE

But if that's not a bad thing, why do you need to do it to me just because I do it--

PEG

I'm not doing anything to you.
I'm doing it with you.

Beat.

STEVE

Yeah.

Peg starts to take off the strap-on.

STEVE

No don't.

PEG

I'm not going to--

Don't. **STEVE**

I'm... I'm embarrassed.
Steve.
I was in the kitchen and it...
Kept hitting things.
Flopping around. **PEG**

How do you think I feel? **STEVE**

Beat.

I'm scared. **STEVE**
It's all that, yes. But I'm also scared.
No one has ever asked to be inside me before.
No one has ever... wanted to be inside me before.
Or no one... like you, if that... No one has said it.
And I've never thought of letting them.
It's... a lot.
I'm just not...
I don't know how.
How do you trust someone to do that?

You just do. **PEG**
Like it's scary, it's always...yeah it is, but...
You just do it.
I... I don't know how to...
Tell you how to trust someone.

Beat.

I need you to kiss me. **STEVE**

No, I-- **PEG**

Please. **STEVE**
Please.
I need you to kiss me.

Why? **PEG**

So I know you don't hate me. **STEVE**

Beat.

They kiss.

I love you. **PEG**
I love you so much.

They kiss again. They hold each other.

They kiss again and this kiss builds. They eventually move to the bed. Peg lays Steve on his back. Steve eventually spreads his legs.

Wait, are we--
PEG

Yeah. I think...
STEVE

I don't want--
PEG

No, I want to.
STEVE

Peg re-positions.

Hold on, it's dry.
PEG

Seriously though.
Do not take too long or I'm going to change--
STEVE

Shut up!
PEG

Peg squirts out some lube. Steve giggles.

What?
PEG

It just made a fart noise.
STEVE

You are such a dweeb.
PEG

You love it.
STEVE

I do.
PEG

They kiss. Peg positions herself.

You ready?
PEG

Yes.
STEVE

Peg gets ready. As she is starting to enter Steve...

Blackout. Music Plays.

Holy fuck!
Oh my god.
STEVE

(MORE)

STEVE (cont'd)

Oh my god.
Oh my fucking god!
YES! FUCK ME!!!

Music blares.

End of play.