

Mock Sides, Volume 1: Original Scripts for Workshop Actors

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

STEVE COOPER, sits at a secluded table. JOSH ANDREWS, walks up to the table. Steve stands up to greet him before offering him a chair.

STEVE

Josh, welcome.

JOSH

Mr. Cooper. Thanks again for seeing me.

STEVE

Call me Steve.

(pause)

So what can I do for you?

Josh, a bit embarrassed, speaks.

JOSH

Well, normally I would like to have the boss over to my home for dinner. Unfortunately right now I am between places.

STEVE

I completely understand. So this is the "Have the boss over for dinner"?

JOSH

Yeah, I hope it's okay.

STEVE

Of course it is. I was just under the impression that you needed something.

JOSH

Actually no. On the contrary, I just wanted to say thank you for hiring me and trusting me in the position. Especially with the economy the way it is. I don't know what I would do right now if I didn't have this job.

STEVE

Well Josh, you are very welcome. Thank you. It's refreshing to see a young man such as yourself doing something so unselfish.

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Josh smiles a slightly embarrassed smile.

JOSH

So, um, you're married right?

STEVE

Going on 15 years.

JOSH

I apologize, I should have invited your wife to come along.

STEVE

Are you kidding me? She is out somewhere with the "girls" doing god knows what.

(beat)

Besides, I could use the break from her if you know what I mean.

With this, Steve places his hand on Josh's inner thigh. It takes a moment for Josh to realize what's going on before he brushes Steve's hand away and stands up.

JOSH

What the hell are you doing!?

Steve's eyes go wide.

STEVE

Whoa sit down! You are going to make a scene.

Josh still dazed at what just happened continues to stand.

STEVE

Look, I'm sorry. I thought, you know, you were into that.

JOSH

What the hell would give you that impression? You're married!

STEVE

Would you please sit down and let me explain?

Josh looks around before sitting. (Slightly further away)

STEVE

My wife and I have what you would call an "open" marriage. She does what she wants and I don't ask questions. Same goes for me.

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But everything I do is kept quiet
if you know what I mean.

JOSH

That still doesn't change the fact
that you just made a pass at me.

STEVE

Would you keep your voice down?
Let's just pretend this never
happened.

Josh doesn't know how to take this.

JOSH

Are you kidding? How am I supposed
to forget this?

STEVE

Look, I apologize. I misread you a
little. I think it would be in our
best interest if this was kept
quiet.

JOSH

Are you threatening me?

Steve looks at him.

STEVE

I didn't say that. I am just saying
that it might be in your best
interest if you didn't say anything
about this. There are reputations
at stake. I have apologized. Let's
forget about it.

JOSH

What if I can't?

Steve stands up. He looks down at Josh and shrugs his
shoulders.

STEVE

See you Monday.
(beat)
Thanks for picking up dinner.

Steve walks out leaving Josh to stare at the table.

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