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SHAWNA

You're married?

MARTHA

Yup, I'm married. Yes, I am.

SHAWNA

Why didn't you tell me?

MARTHA

It didn't come up. Wasn't important. It's kinda personal.

SHAWNA

Wow, that's incredible. I can't believe I've been in this class with you for three weeks and you've kept it a secret all this time.

MARTHA

It's not a secret.

SHAWNA

Not anymore.

MARTHA

It never came up. I'm wearing a ring. I don't usually bear my soul in a night school sculpting class... maybe therapy .

SHAWNA

You're in therapy?!

MARTHA

No... Well, yes. It's not serious. It's not *therapy* therapy. Just therapy.

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SHAWNA

I'll tell you anything about myself, anything. Ask me a question, just ask me, ask me. I believe that people should be completely and utterly open and honest at every moment of their lives.

MARTHA

Well, yeah. I suppose.

SHAWNA

When did you get married?

MARTHA

Two years ago.

SHAWNA

Two years?

MARTHA

Yes.

SHAWNA

So how old are you?

MARTHA

Thirty-two.

SHAWNA

Wow! Thirty-two?! I can't believe you're thirty-two! I thought you were, you know, around my age.

MARTHA

I guess I'm not.

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SHAWNA

You're thirty-two. So you were thirty when you got married.

MARTHA

Good math.

SHAWNA

That's a good age to get married. Smart. Wait 'til you're over the insanity of your twenties. Your twenties should be for having fun, partying.

MARTHA

Oh, I'm much more deeply entrenched in insanity now.

SHAWNA

Oh, really. You're crazy! I didn't mean that. Gee, I hope I don't go through that. It must be a stage in life. Does it bother you that I'm so much younger than you?

MARTHA

I didn't give it a second thought.

SHAWNA

I'm feeling a little old myself.

MARTHA

I'm not feeling old.

SHAWNA

No, of course not. You're just like one of us!

MARTHA

So what about you. Do you have a boyfriend... partner...

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SHAWNA

Me? I'm actively dating.

MARTHA

Actively.

SHAWNA

Yeah.

MARTHA

Actively Dating. That sounds communicable. Are you festering?

SHAWNA

What?

MARTHA

How active?

SHAWNA

Three or four times a week on average. I have an expansive..... network.

MARTHA

Yeah.

SHAWNA

So are you trying?

MARTHA

Trying?

SHAWNA

Yeah, trying.

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MARTHA

I'm never satisfied. Perfectionist. I try too hard.

SHAWNA

No, I mean trying to get pregnant.

MARTHA

Kids? I'm not planning to have children.

SHAWNA

But you got married.

MARTHA

My husband had a "V".

SHAWNA

Oh *really*. (pause) What's a "V"?

MARTHA

A Vasectomy.

SHAWNA

Oh you poor thing. I'm so sorry. But what about your clock; your biological clock?

MARTHA

I don't have one.

SHAWNA

You must have one. Everyone does. Aren't you afraid of being alone when you're really old?

MARTHA

If I'm lonely, I don't need to birth a friend. I'll take a night class and meet some people.

SHAWNA

Hey, do you grow your own herbs?

MARTHA

I do have a Herb garden.

SHAWNA

I thought you must. All strong, older earth mamas like you grow their own herbs.

MARTHA

Well, it's been really fascinating talking with you. Take care on your way home. Don't want to get in an accident. Don't want someone to hit you, or strangle you. Might trip and fall into a huge construction pit. You never know.

SHAWNA

Eewww. You're weird. You scare me.

MARTHA

As I told you, I'm deeply entrenched in insanity... remember?