

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS (Joni T.)

ABBY

So?

NOEL

Do you believe you are what you eat?

ABBY

I guess.

NOEL

See, that's what scares me. I don't eat anything so I can look good on the outside, but on the inside, there's nothing. Whereas you, on the other hand, you're very rich.

ABBY

Thankyou.

NOEL

I've got something for you. Here.

ABBY

"Loser guys and how to spot them."?

NOEL

"No! Low Self Esteem: Are You a Victim?"

ABBY

No.

NOEL

Wait. Question number one: Do you feel punished for how you look?

ABBY

I don't feel punished. I am punished.

NOEL

That's why you can't tell Brian. It's low self esteem.

CATS & DOGS 2

ABBY

I guess you didn't tell him.

NOEL

He likes you. You know, the way you talk, the things you say. You're the voice. I'm just the body.

ABBY

Together we make the perfect woman.

NOEL

Did you hear what he said to you? I wish a guy would say that to me.

ABBY

He did say it to you.

NOEL

No he didn't. He really said it to you.

ABBY

You like him. You like him! Take him. I don't want to fight. I refuse to degenerate into some misogynistic cliché. Having said that... how could you do this to me?

NOEL

Well, I was gonna tell him... I was all set to do it. And the show was starting and I just couldn't.

ABBY

Why not?

NOEL

Well, he wouldn't listen.

ABBY

What was he doing?

NOEL

Nothing.

CATS & DOGS 3

ABBY

Then why wouldn't you let him find out when the radio show started?

NOEL

Maybe it was all the cake he fed me.

ABBY

What is that? The twinkie defense?

NOEL

He gave us a book.

ABBY

Which one?

NOEL

Simon somebody's letters to John Paul somebody.

ABBY

Simone DeBouvoirs Letters to John Paul Sartre?

NOEL

Exactly. Don't you see? He said I was smart. Nobody's ever said that to me before. I just couldn't stand to tell him that it wasn't true.

ABBY

Smart and beautiful, though, right?

NOEL

Okay, I've got two ideas how we can fix this. We find out how he feels about us, but in a round about kind of way. So we go over to his house and I just casually ask him something like... if you were stranded on a desert island...

ABBY

Trite.

NOEL

Okay. Um... if you were stranded in that bubble thing in Arizona...

CATS & DOGS 4

ABBY

Biosphere?

NOEL

Who would you take with you? Time Magazine's
Woman of the Year or Playboy Magazine's Playmate
of the Year?

ABBY

I object to those categories on both our behalfs.
What's idea number two?

NOEL

We go over and get shitfaced and see what happens.