

April

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INT. HOTEL LOBBY - DAY

George and Bart are having some afternoon wine and reading in each others company. Bart is reading "Animal Farm" while George is really getting into "The Lover's Discourse."

GEORGE

Do you ever feel like God hates you?

Bart continues reading.

GEORGE

(overly emotional)

Can you just put that classic literature down and listen to me for once?

BART

Alright fine, but just this once-

GEORGE

I was just hanging out, doing some writing one day.

George pulls out a laptop.

BART

(chuckles)

You. Writing.

GEORGE

Then I notice that everyone in this public place has cycled out 2 or 3 times except for her.

PAN: REVEAL GEORGE'S DREAM GIRL

GEORGE (CONT'D)

I knew she was my dream girl immediately because I'm familiar with my own dreams.

BART

Sure.

GEORGE

But I wasn't gonna say anything right? She obviously has better things to do and I was perfectly fine with sitting in silence: as lovers do-

(CONTINUED)

BART

But you said something-

GEORGE

-I said "I'm sorry, I forgot my headphones. Would mind if I borrowed yours for a bit?" She said:

APRIL

Oh, sorry I haven't got mine either. But you can play whatever you like I don't mind!

GEORGE

Cool!

George gives a look to Bart. He hits play on his laptop.

APRIL

Hey! You like esoteric electronica too?

GEORGE

Yuhh! I'm a millennial, girl.  
(to Bart)  
We became fast friends.

APRIL

Yeah, I work for a clothing company in London. I'm here for Fashion Week.

Bart re-enters as a waiter refilling their waters.

GEORGE

She was smart and sophisticated and she liked the same generic music I do.

BART

And she was foreign.

GEORGE

Oh my god she had a sexy accent. But we really had a connection, ya know?

BART

You connected with her accent.

(CONTINUED)

APRIL

Hey listen, I'm going out with a couple of coworkers tomorrow, do you want to meet up for a pint before and come meet them-

GEORGE

(a little too aggressive)

Yes.

APRIL

Great! Do you have WhatsApp?

GEORGE

Well I do now!

George goes to download the app. While he thumbs through the phone, a message from Bart appears overhead. "What's the end game here buddy?" George replies with a eggplant and 3 water droplets emoji.

INT. HOTEL LOBBY - NIGHT

George walks through the lobby towards the bar where April is sitting. Bart is dressed as a bellhop.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

The next night comes and on the inside I'm like, "her dad must be racially intolerant."

BART

Sociopath.

GEORGE

On the outside I'm like, "Heyy! How was your day?"

APRIL

It was brilliant! How was yours?

GEORGE

Oh, I did nothing. You wanna go meet your friends?

APRIL

No, let's have a few here first!

GEORGE

(to Bart who is far in the background)

We never left the hotel. We talked about everything.

(CONTINUED)

BART  
Did you talk about pigs?

GEORGE  
No.  
(doing a terrible British  
accent)  
She told me about life across the  
pond!

BART  
I'm like 50 pages from the end of  
my book.

APRIL  
So you have a podcast where you  
review subway ads? That's mental.

GEORGE  
Once she subscribed, I knew it was  
time for her to subscribe to my  
mouth. Which she initiated.

April kisses him for a while. Bart walks up to them.

BART  
Alright, I get it. You made out for  
a while.

George gives a motion with his hand.

BART  
You made out all night?

George gives a thumbs up.

GEORGE  
And then she's all like:

APRIL  
Ugh, I have such an early morning  
tomorrow.

GEORGE  
And I'm like: Can I come up?

APRIL  
I wish. You're very cute, but I  
can't.

GEORGE  
(to Bart)

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

GEORGE (cont'd)  
Now watch this. This is the most  
baller move I have ever done. Check  
it.

George kisses her and silently walks up to the elevator and  
pushes the button. She smiles at him. The door opens and  
they two go in. He turns around to Bart. As the door closes:

GEORGE  
OOOOOOHHHHHHHHH!!!

The door reopens with just George in it. He looks like he  
just had sex.

BART  
That poor girl.

GEORGE  
Don't worry, I only lasted like 45  
seconds and we haven't talked to  
each other since.

The two sit back down and pick up their books. After a beat:

BART  
OOOHHHH IT'S STALIN. The  
pig is Stalin.

GEORGE  
Love is a lie. I'm gonna  
die alone.

END.

CREDITS SCENE.

INT. HOTEL ROOM

April sits on her bed. Her bags are all packed. She thinks  
for a minute. Then she texts someone- "Do you ever feel like  
God hates you?"