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INT. BAR - NIGHT

George and Bart are casually drinking. Bart is just hanging out, but George seems more lovelorn than usual.

BART
Did you know that koalas have
bifurcating penises?

GEORGE
I feel like I have a bifurcating
heart. You ever just get like...let
the fuck down?

BART
I thought we were gonna talk about
koalas but by all means, please
just hijack the conversation.

GEORGE
I've been rebounded.

BART
You were...what? You had a rebound?
From whom?

George gets up and sits with people at another table.

GEORGE
I was someone else' rebound.

The people at the table are talking and laughing. One of the girls, JESS(23) shares stolen glances with George once he sits down.

GEORGE
SO I was out with some college
friends and my friend Ally brought
some of her friends from home to
meet us, her college friends.

BART
(from the other table)
Who...what friends?

GEORGE
Everyone was friends. Ok, but one
of Ally's friends that she
brought...Jess was- Oh god, she was
beautiful. The first thing Ally
said to me was:

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ALLY

She has a boyfriend so don't even think about it.

BART

Great, so you didn't think about it.

GEORGE

No, I was definitely thinking about it. I go to the bar to get another pitcher for the table and she's like:

JESS

Oh I'll join you!

They walk up to the bar where Bart is bartending.

GEORGE

She says:

JESS

Let's split it.

GEORGE

(to Jess)

Perfect! I am such a feminist.

BART

I see how you would think that, but. How do I phrase this-

GEORGE

And then I say something funny...

(to Jess)

Something funny.

Jess gives a hearty laugh, which is followed by a longing gaze. George points at her face.

GEORGE

Look at this. That is not a platonic face.

BART

Ok number one: We could've been talking about koalas this entire time, and I'm kinda pissed we aren't. Number two: My dude, it doesn't matter if her eyes were undressing you.

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GEORGE

That's not what happened. Well it is. We were just having a good time and then she wanted to:

JESS

Give you my number!

She puts her number in George's phone and texts herself.

GEORGE

Ok, now follow me.

BART

Ooh, are we going to the zoo?!

GEORGE

No. We're fast forwarding. About 3 months.

As they walk out of the bar, George shows Bart several texts from Jess, which pop up above his phone.

BART

Blah blah blah, funny GIF, emoji battle, you asked her for cool new songs? EW!

GEORGE

WE BECAME REALLY GOOD FRIENDS OK!
Just look there.

A text pops up that reads: "My boyfriend dumped me..." George responds: "Shiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiit." They reach an apartment stoop and walk up to the door.

BART

Nailed it.

GEORGE

Well, yes I did because she asked me to come over watch Freaks and Geeks with her. And she definitely freaked my geek, you feel me doggie? Hahaaa.

George opens the door and goes for a high five. Bart rejects him.

BART

Kill yourself.

George closes the door and immediately reopens it.

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GEORGE

IT WAS SO INCREDIBLE! Ugh, oh god.
Just so much pent up tension and
emotion. It was *real*, you know?

BART

Seems like you might've been
projecting a little-

GEORGE

And then it happened again. And
again. And again. AND AGAIN.

George keeps opening and reoping the door, getting more
vigorous each time he does.

GEORGE

It's like we're dating but also not
because neither of us are talking
about it. Then we meet up for
drinks at the same friggin place we
fell for each other!

George walks back into the bar where Bart is bartending
again. He sits down next to her and holds her hand. She's
telling a story.

JESS

He's really funny, you would like
him.

GEORGE

Haha, who are we talking about
again? Haha.

JESS

This guy I've been seeing! You guys
are gonna get along SO well.

Beat. George is catatonic.

BART

(from behind the bar)
Oooooohhhh shiiiiiiiiit.

JESS

(completely oblivious to
George)
Yeah, I don't wanna say anything
too soon but I think he's really
special.

George stands up and walks to the bar.

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BART
Then what happened?

GEORGE
I took 5 shots and I went home to
masturbate.

Bart pours 5 shots of whiskey.

BART
To what?

GEORGE
(taking the shots)
It's. when. You. Masturbate. When.
You're. When you're mad.

He calmly leaves the bar. Bart engages a customer.

BART
Did you know koala's sleep an
average of 20 hours a day? I mean
jealous, much?

END.

CREDITS SCENE

Pan back to Jess at the table. Ally sits down next to her.

ALLY
Hey girl, did anything ever happen
with you and George?

JESS
George? Yeahhhh, but let's just
keep that between us. I don't wanna
mess things up with this new guy.