

DATING LESSONS

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Role: PAM

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Pam nervously checks herself out in the mirror. She's not happy with the outfit but she's tried everything on...twice. Annabelle is drinking coffee and studying at the desk.

Start →

> PAM  
How do I look?

ANNABELLE  
Fine.

> PAM  
Just "fine"?

ANNABELLE  
Um, really hot? Like soooo sexy --

> PAM  
Okay. Creepy.

ANNABELLE  
Sorry, I was trying to give you what you want.

> PAM  
I want everything to be perfect tonight. This is my first 'real' date and I'm freaking out.

ANNABELLE  
When you say 'real', that doesn't mean you've been hooking up with mannequins, does it?

> PAM  
Like, we're gonna sit down at a restaurant and use silverware!

ANNABELLE  
You're gonna be fine.

> PAM  
Will you help me practice what to say? Ask me some date questions.

ANNABELLE  
Okay, um, do you have any Siblings?

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>PAM  
Crap! You think he's gonna ask that?!

ANNABELLE  
Probably, seems like a getting-to-know-you kind of question.  
(beat)  
Do you not know the answer?

>PAM  
It's complicated.

ANNABELLE  
It's a yes or no question.

>PAM  
No, kinda.  
(beat)  
I had a twin who assimilated into my fetus before I was born.

ANNABELLE  
That's good. Keep it light-hearted and he'll think you're pretty and funny.  
(beat)  
Oh god, you're not joking.

>PAM  
I call her my 'stowaway soul'. My 'backseat driver'.

ANNABELLE  
Okay, do NOT mention any of this to him. Just say you have no siblings.

>PAM  
Got it. Keep it simple.

~~ANNABELLE  
Why don't you try asking me some questions?~~

~~PAM  
Crap, I hadn't even thought of those yet.~~

~~ANNABELLE  
It's easy, just think of things you wanna know about him.~~

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~~Clay um... What is your...? No...  
 many times a day... No. If you...  
 ...~~

ANNABELLE

Relax, just be yourself.

> PAM

Right, yeah, just be myself.

(practicing)

Be myself.

(changing octaves)

Be my-self!

(sexy voice)

My-self...

ANNABELLE

Stick with the first one.

> PAM

(higher octave)

You like this one?

ANNABELLE

That was the second one - use your normal voice.

> PAM

(new voice)

Now I can't remember what my normal voice sounds like!

ANNABELLE

Okay, new plan - you communicate solely through body language.

> PAM

Like a mute.

ANNABELLE

Trust me, ~~your biggest flaw are all the sounds coming out of your mouth that form into words and ideas.~~

Just do what I do. This is called the "I think you're funny."

Annabelle silently giggles shyly like a Japanese geisha.

ANNABELLE (CONT'D)

And this is the "You just said something interesting".

She looks away causally and then back at Pam with intrigue.

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➤PAM

I got one. Watch this...

\*Pam does a little lean and holds tension in her face.

ANNABELLE

Interesting. ~~You're definitely~~  
~~telling a story,~~ but I'm not quite  
sure what it is...

➤PAM

It's the face I make when I'm  
slowly releasing gas so no one will  
hear or smell it.

ANNABELLE

(giving up)  
He's gonna love you.

/// End

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