

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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~~Clayton: What is your...? No.
How many times a day... No. If you
...all~~

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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