Dating

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Two dudes sit on a couch

DYLAN

So what do you want to do

BOB

It's 1962, and we're middle schoolers, we go get slushies, that's what we do.

DYLAN

I really don't feel like it today

BOB

Why not?

DYLAN

It's raining outside

BOB

So what do you want to do

DYLAN

I was thinking... Well actually i've been trying lately...

BOB

Spit it out

DYLAN

What if we go find ourselves some girlfriends?

BOB

I love that idea

DYLAN

Sweet

Bob starts putting on his shoes

DYLAN

Where are you going?

BOB

We have to go outside to find a girlfriend

DYLAN

Oh yeah true

Dylan starts putting on his shoes. They head outside

DYLAN

A beautiful day to be on the hunt for a hot girlfriend, hahha

BOB

What the hell do we do now?

DYLAN

I was thinking we could go to the arcade, I bet there'd be some cool girls over there

BOB

No no no we have to hunt them down, find them.

DYLAN

Where the heck do you find them

BOB

Im talking babe dense locations

DYLAN

Wendies?

BOB

Think about it. Really think about it. Where do all girls go?

Beat.

He waits for dylan to respond but he just shrugs his shoulders.

The girls bathroom, ladies room, a queens palace, her majesties porcelain throne. And the best part? They go in pairs

DYLAN

Oh snap, you're so right

BOB

Stick around broseph, i'm hardly ever left.

DYLAN

Spot on. Which bathroom should we go to?

BOB

I want a fast girl

DYLAN

Ok, um, how about the shoe store?

Ext. Bathroom Shoe store

DYLAN

So... I don't really understand the plan. We're just gonna hang around the shoe store all day and try to make friends with some girls

BOB

Are you kidding me?

DYLAN

What?=-

BOB

We're not just gonna hang around, we're executing. We're men on a mission, Dylan. Women want a man that knows what he wants. We'll wait outside the bathroom and have our pick, and when we see some babes, all we gotta do is ask them out.

DYLAN

Man, I've been trying to talk to some girls recently, but I haven't had any luck. It's really that easy for you?

BOB

DYLAN

I really don't know. Maybe this will work, I guess it's worth a shot. But I'm not even sure I want a fast girlfriend. What if I can't keep up...

SHOE STORE EMPLOYEE
Hi gentlemen, can I help you find
anything today?

BOB

We know what we're looking for

SHOE STORE EMPLOYEE

Rolls there eyes and mutters under there breath I hope you don't find it

BOB

There it is

They head to the women's bathroom in the back of the store. Bob leans back, one foot against the wall, Dylan just kind of stands there. A toilet can be heard flushing in the background.

BOB

Ok here we go. You ready?

DYLAN

I can hear them washing their hands

Two girls walk out of the bathroom with really clean hands

BOB

Hey ladies

DYLAN

Clean hands

GIRL

Why thank you.

DYLAN

Surprised

Oh! well... your welcome!

BOB

So here's the deal, we want to know if we can take you out?

SUE-ELLEN

Take us out?

BOB

Yeah that's right, but here's the deal, I'm a very busy man, with a lot of obligations, so it has to be right now.

The two girls turn and deliberate in loud whispers

SUE-ELLEN

Where will we go?

BOB

We'll get chili dogs at the Tasty Freeze

The two girls return to deliberate again

MARY-JANE

We'll do it. But on one condition

SUE-ELLEN

We don't want chilli dogs, we want to get slushies instead.

DYLAN

But it's raining!

Bob elbows Dylan in the stomach.

BOB

Of course. See you tonight ladies.

The girls turn away and leave the store

DYLAN

How the hell ...

BOB

Did you see how I took initiative and told them where and when, I've been working on that. Plus I made good eye contact, that's truly how you display confidence...

DYLAN

frustrated

That's not true!

BOB

Look there's a reason I'm pulling and you aren't

DYLAN

LOOK. I DON'T KNOW what the hell just happened, and I don't know WHAT THE HELL you just did. I don't know how you're supposed to meet a nice girl, but I'm pretty damn sure that wasn't it. But what do I know nobody tells me anything. My mom just tells me to be kind and you just tell me how to hack your way to some pussy. I've been trying to get a date for 6 FREAKING MONTHS. Yet here we are with dates. AND WHAT GOOD IS IT ANYWAYS if we're going to get slushies. Why do I want a girlfriend so badly?!?! Apparently all you do is get fucking slushies in the rain!!! IT's raining!!!