

1 INT. SCONE CHURCH

PASTOR

It's time for a bye-bye now pslam.

ELIJAH

Even if I'm single, I'm married to the lord or higher power. Even if I'm married, I'm married also to Jesus or Buddah. No matter if you have one lover or ten, religion will always be here as a friend.

PASTOR

That pslam, is as our teens, say, on point.

CHET

We don't say it like that Pastor Jamie.

PASTOR

I've seen a couple messages on the SCONE blog board about single people looking for dates at nondenominationalpodcast.weebly.com.

I just want everyone to know that dating is hard. I mean, as a beautiful, smart woman, I know first hand how difficult is it is.

AGNES

Maybe it's because you're difficult Pastor?

PASTOR

Difficult to find, absolutely! It's not easy to get your name out there.

AXL

I just matched three times, all you gotta do is swipe right Pastor.

PASTOR

Is 'swipe right' a new dance move? Like the Electric Slide, or the nee nee or the wubble?

HONEY

Pastor no, those last two are wrong.

PASTOR

You are not wrong for existing HONEY!
Although I think you have to be 18 to
sign up for the dating apps...

CHET

I make fake IDs in my car Pastor. I
think people can lie on the dating
apps.

PASTOR

Be that as it may, we want to build
meaningful relationships here. More
meaningful than the ones we've created
among each other as platonic
wonderful, devoted, exceptional
members of SCONE.

CHET

i think she has no judgement selective
hearing.

2 THEME SONG

3 INT. SCONE RECTORY

fx; phone rings

LIV

This is Liv, secretary for the Society
of the Children of the Natural Earth,
also called SCONE. Ah...I'm sorry
what's your company name? ...Fresh
Foods...mmhmm. Oh, you supply the
vegan protein bars, flax chips and
fair trade water that we have for our
clubs.

JONATHAN

(whispering)

Liv...we can't pay them. We don't have
money

LIV

(whispering)

I know!

JONATHAN

(whispering)

Cause Sharon stole the 50k from the
church--

LIV
 (harsh whispering)
 I knowwww.

LIV
 (voice goes to normal)
 Well we can't pay by cash or card.
 Mmmhm. Nope, can't do a cashier check
 or a check. Yeah. No stock, no
 assests, no gold or silver. Mmmhm.
 Bitcoin? Yeah I don't think my boss
 knows what that even is. Mmmmm. Yeah
 no bank transfers, no Paypal, no
 mysterious inheritance, no friend's
 money...yeah, no piggybank jar around
 here either.

fx; phone guy gets pissy.

LIV
 Well how much does our monthly
 shipment cost? ...oh my lord we spend
 eight hundred bucks a month for bad
 food and fair trade water? How is
 water even a fair trade product?

fx; phone guy *snaps*

LIV
 Listen, nobody is buying this from
 you. I'm willing to bet that. Knock
 the price down to four hundred and I
 might be able to give you fifty bucks
 right here and now.

fx; phone guy 'whaaa'

LIV
 Yeah, I'm negotiating...because your
 prices are exuberant...fine, don't
 lower the price I'm sure your other
 three customers are quite happy to pay
 a mortgage for your substandard
 snacks.

LIV
 Listen we'll buy your shitty snacks
 when we have money. But at the rate we
 don't have money we won't be having
 snacks next month anyway, good day!

fx; phone gets slammed down.

LIV

Another Monday morning and nothing to do besides tell bill collectors we can't pay and tell hungry folks that we're not a bakery.

JONATHAN

I mean I'm sure there's plenty of work you can do.

LIV

Wow have the tables turned.

fx; knock at the door.

JONATHAN

There's all that work you asked for.

LIV

I hope that I open the door to find some hot guy who is straight.

JONATHAN

Uh, you know how much I'd hate that!

fx; open door and jingle.

LIV

Hi, can I help you?

BETHANY

Hi, my name's Bethany, I'm from COOKIES down the street. We used to be the bakery here. I called earlier about picking up the mail that's been coming here.

LIV

Hi, I'm Liv, I'm the one you talked to on the phone. That's Jonathan.

JONATHAN

Hey girl. Cute top!

BETHANY

Thanks! Hey I recognize that voice, you're the one who was screaming about how you couldn't believe Meghan Markle would name her baby Archie in the back

while Liv and I were on the phone.

JONATHAN
Sounds about right.

LIV
Anyway, I have a whole container of
your mail over here for you.

JONATHAN
Nobody sends anything good in the mail
to a church besides like coupons for
Subway.

LIV
Which you use all the time.

JONATHAN
Well after Jared went to jail for
being a pedophile, they need a hot
young thing to be the new face of
Subway!

BETHANY
Oh wow...bills, requests, deliveries,
a potential threat letter...thank you
for saving our mail.

LIV
Oh wait that threat letter is for us.
It's one of Marcy's.

JONATHAN
Or Carol Ann, remember she almost
bombed that art class.

LIV
That's not what happened.

fx; walking in

ELIJAH
Jonathan, Liv, I need someone to go
get us staples...oh, who might this
be?

fx; pg sexy music

BETHANY
Hi, I'm Bethany. I work down the
street at Cookies.

ELIJAH

And what do you do at Cookies?

BETHANY

We sell...um cookies.

ELIJAH

That's so funny, there was a place here, before SCONE that used to be called COOKIES.

BETHANY

Yes, we're that company. We moved out because we wanted to expand our operations.

ELIJAH

Oh like sell muffins?

BETHANY

No not really

fx; awkward cough

ELIJAH

So besides cookies, what do you like?

BETHANY

Well I love cookies, making cookies, frosting cookies, serving cookies, talking about cookies. So a lot of hobbies with cookies.

ELIJAH

Anything else besides cookies?

BETHANY

Well I love ponyplay.

JONATHAN

(in the background)

What was that?

ELIJAH

Oh yes, I've always found equestrians to be the most breathtaking of things.

BETHANY

GASP, same!

LIV

Are we witnessing Elijah flirting with a person in general?

JONATHAN

I thought the plant on my desk oozed more sexuality than Elijah.

fx; swipe, knocking on the door

CAROL ANN

Pastor Jamie Lowell-Day-Smithwick..you called me?

PASTOR

I did. I need your help for this dating event I'm doing.

CAROL ANN

A dating event? But Pastor we have La Carnival coming up...we have to focus on raising money for the church since Sharon stole 50k and that golden stapler that Elijah's grandmammy gave him.

PASTOR

Exactly, La Carnival is a romantic event, we need to make sure that people bring soon to be significant others and invest financially in the event!

CAROL ANN

So are we going to be matchmakers?

PASTOR

Absolutely, I stand by what I said at the sermon Carol Ann.

CAROL ANN

Well you say a lot of things in church that you don't follow up on

PASTOR

Like what?

fx; swipe sound

PASTOR

We're going to raise a million dollars

for the Sisters of the Appalachian Mountains.

fx; swipe sound

PASTOR

I promise I will lead us into victory against our archenemies Deerfield Friends Community Church and that Pastor Wyatt. We will finally win the competitive church trivia night after losing the last ten times!

fx; swipe

PASTOR

I will personally help heal Helen's broken hip and make her walk by the end of next WEEK.

fx; swipe

PASTOR

Okay, so I do say some...strong sentiments sometimes.

CAROL ANN

Helen's hip never fully recovered--

PASTOR

But I mean it this time. That's why Carol Ann, I'm putting you in charge of the questionnaires.

CAROL ANN

Questionnaires?

PASTOR

Everyone who is interested in going on a date will have to fill out questions.

fx; large chunk of paper

CAROL ANN

Lemme see...What's your favorite Japanese island? Do you like hot soup or cold soup? Which Barbara Streisand soundtrack is your favorite? Floral crown, dental crown or crown of thrones...Pastor, who wrote these

questions?

PASTOR

I did Carol Ann. Why? Do you not like the questions?

CAROL ANN

Well I found Patrick the old fashioned way but...I never took a questionnaire. But wouldn't better questions be like 'do you want kids', 'what kind of personality are you attracted to'.

PASTOR

Well you know what Carol Ann? Why don't you just write a new questionnaire? But I need these results in as soon as possible...

fx; chair being pulled out, walking to the door

PASTOR

I must go see if the new Brita filter has come in yet.

fx; footsteps

CAROL ANN

Well, what if we go online and have people take a...an approved questionnaire?

PASTOR

Online dating? Carol Ann, online dating is a joke!

CAROL ANN

Most people meet online Pastor--

PASTOR

People who meet online are cheaters, scammers, criminals and deviants. No judgement. Our dating questionnaire must sort those types of beasts and discard them in favor of good values.

CAROL ANN

So where are we going to have this dating night or blind-dating--

PASTOR
Carol Ann, please don't be insensitive
to blind people!

CAROL ANN
But--

BETHANY
Are you looking for a venue for an
event?

PASTOR
Why yes we are and who might you be?

BETHANY
I'm Bethany, I work at Cookies down
the street.

PASTOR
I imagine you sell cookies.

BETHANY
Yes...we do. But we've expanded our
operation, we also own COCKTAILS by
Cookies. We're looking to promote the
space. We'd love to host your date
night.

PASTOR
Well that just saved us a lot of time
and money. Carol Ann, please take
Bethany's number.

ELIJAH
Well, I'm usually not this forward--

JONATHAN
Because Elijah does most things
backwards--

ELIJAH
But during this date night Bethany,
I'd love to...oh gosh how do I say
this? I think I to sing it... *will you
sit and have dinner and talk to me at
cocktails by cookies?*

BETHANY
Absolutely!! You seem so nice and it's
hard to find a fellow pony lover! Have
that old lady there send me the

details and Cocktails by Cookies will put it together.

PASTOR

wait here people! we have a questionnaire to fill out. you cant just go bringing your own date. how will we know if youre compatible if you just show up to talk to each other over food and music?

LIV

isnt that the point of dating?

PASTOR

but this is a SCONE event for singles to mingle. the lonesome to find love. the weary to wrestle their right one. you can come to enjoy the ambiance if you are already married, engaged to be married, or have been in a long term relationship for at least 3 years.

LIV

so everyones invited but its a singles event.

PASTOR

yes! we wouldnt be matching up the already coupled people. were not mormon. no judgement.

ELIJAH

its fine pastor i will fill out the questionnaire. i wouldnt want to break the rules. i did just meet bethany after all.

(to himself)

the lovely, iridescent, fellow pony loving Bethany.

JONATHAN

what are you mumbling over there elijah?

ELIJAH

(sings)

nothing!

LIV

Question to the room at large: are the

cocktails made with cookies?

PASTOR

(side whisper)

LIV it's a free venue and we can't afford to buy a damn saltine cracker these days so who cares what kind of drinks they serve.

LIV

But we shouldn't be working on our giant fundraiser La Carnival rather than setting up dates like we're in fifth grade?

JONATHAN

Sweetie I was dating back in first grade. Although it didn't last.

LIV

And why was that?

JONATHAN

Well it was because she was a girl.

BETHANY

We actually have some desert cocktails i highly recommend. Frangelico margaritas with Oreo cookie crumb rims. Anyway, perfect, we'll be in touch. Especially you Elijah.

fx; door jingle and close

PASTOR

Especially Elijah? Why especially Elijah? Elijah is never especial.

LIV

Elijah and Bethany have been flirting this whole time.

PASTOR

Wait really? Are you sure she didn't need a pianist for COCKTAILS by Cookies? Or maybe she was looking for someone to write her an original psalm?

LIV

(sarcastic at first)

Oh definitely she needs a homemade psalm. They were definitely flirting, Pastor you even interrupted them to complain about the need for the questionnaire. you heard him ask her out.

PASTOR

I thought it was a platonic friend date.

ELIJAH

Are you implying that I'm not attractive?

PASTOR

Of course not Elijah, you're actually a solid 7.

JONATHAN

Really? Mmm I'd say more of a straight 6, a gay 4.

CAROL ANN

Well put that together and you get a solid 10!

JONATHAN

Yeah, a 10 out of 20.

ELIJAH

Well I like Bethany. And you guys can suck it.

fx; light gasps, footsteps

LIV

I've never heard Elijah tell people to 'suck it'.

JONATHAN

What did we do?

LIV

You kind of called him ugly.

JONATHAN

Wow so I guess we're a staff that lies to each other. Well I just think

you're SOOOOO motivational Pastor.

PASTOR

Thanks for the compliment Jonathan!
But I need everyone to start handing
out these questionnaires.

JONATHAN

I'm like the only gay guy here at
SCONE so I don't have anyone to date.

LIV

That's not true, there's like twelve
gay guys in your age bracket in this
church, eight of which are single.

JONATHAN

Trust me, if you thought I was harsh
with Elijah then you don't want to
hear my opinions on the eight single
gays of this congregation.

CAROL ANN

Oh Jonathan you know it would be fun
to go on a date with someone!

JONATHAN

(sigh)
You're right. Especially with allll
that trouble last week with DeAngeles.

CAROL ANN

What happened in Los Angeles?

JONATHAN

Carol. Ann. The guy I dated last week
was named DEANGELES. But let's just
say my dreams died in his city.

LIV

Was that sexual?

JONATHAN

No, I was just trying to be creative.
Geez, just because I'm gay doesn't
mean everything I say has to be
sexual. I'm not just an empty hole
with no content.

LIV

That felt sexual.

JONATHAN

I cannot wait to get my degree and get a real damn job.

LIV

Good luck finding this real damn job you speak of.

PASTOR

Is there anything else while I'm here? I was going to go to yoga, so I'll be back in three hours.

LIV

Actually Fresh Food called. They won't be sending the vegan protein bars, flax chips and fair trade water.

PASTOR

Why not??

LIV

Well because we don't have money to pay for it.

PASTOR

The clubs are going to have to starve.

LIV

Or bring their own snacks to their one-hour long meetings?

PASTOR

Keep working on everything for La Carnival. This is the last chance to raise money.

LIV

I'll tell everyone I know to come out to a grade-D carnival put on by a non-denominational church with no real event experience.

PASTOR

Oh good! Thank you Liv. The stakes are high, if we don't make some money we're all going to be unemployed.

LIV

Well don't get my hopes up pastor.

4 INT. SCONE CHURCH

AGNES

Welcome to the weekly Scondies meeting. I see all these young faces in front of me.

fx; crickets

AGNES

Everyone, please welcome Carol Ann to the podium. She's here to pass out questionnaires for the upcoming date night.

BARBARA

Wait is Carol Ann a member of the Scondies?

AGNES

I think Carol Ann is more of an employee who works for free. God knows why...

CAROL ANN

Thank you all so much Scondies. So Pastor has assigned me to hand out questionnaires and match all the singles in the congregation.

GLADYS

I don't need a questionnaire, I'm already seeing someone.

GARFIELD

I'll take a questionnaire.

GLADYS

Then I'll take two.

DOROTHEA

I don't really like sharing my personal information.

PIPPY

And there's not a lot of men our age in this church. Who will we date?

CAROL ANN

Well I'll figure that out later, but just take a look at the brochures.

AGNES

Carol Ann, this question says, 'list my favorite Cooking Channel shows.' I'm clearly an exclusive Food Network viewer.

CAROL ANN

Well the Pastor wrote that question--

FRAN

I came out of my workspace for a dating questionnaire? Cathy Arnold, how could you? I have many scarfs to make for all the German windmill children.

DENISE

I'm sorry, the who?

AGNES

Shut up Denise, you're the most desperate of all of us.

DENISE

God rest his soul...we were married for thirty years.

AGNES

And people live on Saturn.

PIPPY

This question says to list what state your from...Carol Ann, do we really need to put down such personal information?

DOROTHEA

Pippy, I need help...this question asks me to rank my favorite music of today. Who is better, The Beatles or Bob Dylan?

GARFIELD

Gladys what are you putting down for your favorite paint color?

GLADYS

None of your business you heart-attack having weak sausage bumpkin asswipie.

GARFIELD

I had a heart attack because of you!

GLADYS

Or you had a heart attack because that garden slug you call a heart got attacked by all those twinkies you eat! A college kid has a better diet than you. A southern fried chicken diet is healthier than you.

AGNES

Gladys, I thought you were on social probation.

GLADYS

And I thought I told you I knew about the secret funds that you--

AGNES

WHOOPIE, you're not on social probation.

5 INT. SCONE CHURCH

CAROL ANN

I'm going to go get our Friday take-out lunch.

JONATHAN

Cool.

CAROL ANN

I'll have to take the bus, I'll be gone for an hour.

JONATHAN

Mmmhmm.

CAROL ANN

Please make sure no one takes the questionnaires. I left them in my office.

JONATHAN

Okay.

fx; door opens, jingle, door closes.

JONATHAN

Wait since when did Carol Ann have an

office?

fx; mystery music

ELIJAH

It's just Jonathan in the rectory...I should be able to sneak into Carol Ann's closet and redo my questionnaire so I can end up with Bethany.

fx; door slowly creaking open.

ELIJAH

Let's see...here's Bethany's questionnaire results. I'll just change my own.

fx; strings and pencil writing sounds

ELIJAH

Oh I better hurry, Stacey is here for her violin lesson.

6 INT. COCKTAILS BY COOKIES

ELIJAH

wow bethany this place looks great.

BETHANY

oh good, glad you think so i didnt want to go overboard.

ELIJAH

i think a giant banner that says 'welcome SCONE singles' really says it all.

PASTOR

yes bethany i agree it looks wonderful in here. a band, low lighting. high top tables. this is turning into quite an event.

BETHANY

i only want to help you.
(whispers to elijah)
and shamelessly promote my new bar in the process.

ELIJAH

You're promoting to the right

audience. SCONE has both alcoholics and recovering alcoholics on the edge of a relapse.

BETHANY

(awkward laughing)

right, so wheres carol ann with the matched questionnaires?

CAROL ANN

I'm here dear! patrick just dropped me off.

ELIJAH

hes not staying? it is a date night after all.

CAROL ANN

oh no he cant he has to be off to the set of his new...

JONATHAN

carol ann i cannot believe your audacity. i have been here for 45 whole seconds and no one is at the door taking coats. obviously all unmanned tertiary jobs fall to you! take my wrap please.

LIV

jesus Jonathan at least wait a whole minute before yelling at her.

CAROL ANN

Jonathan? right liv ill get the coats. bethany is there a coat check.

BETHANY

uhm.. no..

CAROL ANN

Well, I'll go try and find a coat rack.

fx: footsteps walking away

PASTOR

Carol Ann, I can't wait any longer. I must know who I matched with. Who among the flock had a similar questionnaire to mine?

CAROL ANN

Well...

PASTOR WYATT

Why good evening everyone

fx; record

fx; creak, oil can

PASTOR

Carol Ann. Please tell me that I am not on a date with Pastor Wyatt tonight.

CAROL ANN

I thought we were a truth-telling staff now...so...so...umm...

PASTOR

Carol Ann. Please tell me--

CAROL ANN

You guys matched on the questionnaire, okay?

PASTOR WYATT

I'm not terribly surprised.

PASTOR

I have a lot of questions Carol Ann. The first one is how the hell did you manage to screw this up?

CAROL ANN

Well--

PASTOR

That was a rhetorical question because I know how you screwed this up. Second, why is Pastor Wyatt even an option? This was a church singles event?

PASTOR WYATT

Now that I can explain. When I stopped by last time, I connected to your free wi-fi and signed up to receive your emails. I turned my application in to Carol Ann.

PASTOR
The internet finally betrays me.

CAROL ANN
Pastor listen, just have a cocktail
with--

BETHANY
COCKTAILS by COOKIES

CAROL ANN
Yes, a cocktail with a cookie--

BETHANY
COCKTAILS by COOKIES

CAROL ANN
Yes, that. Just do that with Pastor
Wyatt.

PASTOR
Well, I'd ask you what your poison is,
but I'm afraid you'd take that to mean
what liquor you want.

PASTOR WYATT
I do enjoy a feisty woman.

fx; swipe

JONATHAN
Wait...so why were we paired together?

ELISE
I don't know.

JONATHAN
Oh my gosh...is it because we're both
gay?

fx; Elise sips

ELISE
Yup.

JONATHAN
Carol Ann knows that a gay man and a
gay woman can't end up together right?

ELISE
Well let's get Carol Ann over here--

JONATHAN

CAROL ANN

fx; distance of 'ooh', slow footsteps

CAROL ANN

Jonathan, Elise, what's going on?

ELISE

Carol Ann, why did you match Jonathan and I up?

CAROL ANN

Well you both put that you were gay. I thought that would be a huge discussion point. And maybe that could lead to romance--

JONATHAN

Well call me the 911 operator because OH MY LORD Carol Ann! This is not how it works. When it comes to my diet I like thick sausage and two hunks of honey ham. I don't do fish.

ELISE

I'm going throw up and it's not because of the cocktails by cookies.

BETHANY

Finally, the proper name...

CAROL ANN

Well I'll make it up to you Jonathan. Just treat Elise with respect and maybe she won't know your gay.

JONATHAN

Carol Ann, Elise is ALSO GAY.

CAROL ANN

I know, that's why I matched you up with her!

fx; swipe

JUSTIN

Babe, I'm so glad I got matched with you.

JUSTINE

Yeah, I'm glad we filled out our questions together babe.

JUSTIN

Babe like if you got matched with someone else would you like have done the date babe?

JUSTINE

I mean, I don't know babe...would you have babe?

JUSTIN

Babe I would have totally walked out of here and gone back to see you babe.

JUSTINE

Babe I would have been here too though.

JUSTIN

Sweet babe.

fx; swipe

FRAN

I am Fran.

BENNI

I am Benni.

FRAN

I work and in live in the rectory basement.

BENNI

Woah I work and live in the church hall.

FRAN

Oh wow. Maybe Crystal Andrea's questionnaire is to be trusted.

BENNI

Tell me more about yourself.

FRAN

I kill the rats, skin them for my costumes and then make small appetizers with them.

BENNI

Oh that explains why the rat costumes
in Elijah's adaption of The Nutcracker
were so realistic.

FRAN

What about you, hermit looking fat
lumberjack man?

BENNI

One time I stole a whole sheet cake
from a baptism.

FRAN

Oh what am I feeling...is this love?

fx; sexy twinkle, chairs sliding, running footsteps, car
starting and peeling out

fx; swipe

MARCY

To this day, Bono still calls me an
'absolute treasure'.

CHARLES

Yeah, you're the treasure that gets
buried and left on some abandoned
island.

MARCY

Charles, not to be judgemental, but
are you actually having a cocktail?

fx; background of bethany saying 'cocktail by cookies'

CHARLES

Marcy your dick is way too dry to be
riding my ass like this.

MARCY

I don't enjoy this type of smut. Don't
playground with me.

CHARLES

I'll...I'll take another cocktail...

fx; bethany's breathing

CHARLES
...by cookies.

fx; "Thank god" - bethany

MARCY
I swear, everyone in this church is
either drinking heavily or about to
relapse.

CHARLES
Oh, I've already relapsed.

fx; swipe

fx; silence and cutlery

GARFIELD
Where the hell are my oysters.

GLADYS
As someone with an oyster, I don't
think you deserve it.

GARFIELD
I meant the appetizer, not your--

GLADYS
(hissing)
I know, I was being face-ticious

GARFIELD
Is this because I accidentally killed
your cat? I thought it was a skunk.

fx; slam on the table.

GLADYS
NO! This is about what you did at the
SCONDIES meeting.

GARFIELD
I only grabbed Denise by her breasts
because I was falling over.

GLADYS
Goddamn it Garfield it ain't about
that either.

GARFIELD

Well then speak woman! What is it about!

GLADYS

You wanted a questionnaire! You wanted to date a different woman!

GARFIELD

What do you mean? I thought that questionnaire was for a free vacation.

GLADYS

Wait...you thought Carol Ann was giving us chances to win a free vacation?

GARFIELD

I really want to go to Cancunt.

BLEEP OUT CUNT

GLADYS

Well you can can my cunt. Come here you big slob.

fx; aggressive makeout noises.

fx; swipe

ELIJAH

So I want to hear more about your horses.

BETHANY

Well I love my horses to be bold, strong, vibrant, musical...

ELIJAH

GASP! I love music. I didn't know horses could be musical though.

BETHANY

Some of my best foals have the singing voices of Celine Dion.

ELIJAH

You're kidding! I wish my choir had that kind of talent, at best we're the halftime show version of Coldplay.

BETHANY

I love when my stallion sings to me.
And I rub it's mane. Feed it some
sugar cubes.

ELIJAH

Yum! Now that's the life.

BETHANY

Really? I'm glad you like.

ELIJAH

Well when I was growing up, I wasn't
allowed to have sugar. But I'm a sugar
fiend now! I'd probably eat sugar
cubes right out of your hand?

BETHANY

(sexual gasping)

Oh? Is that so?

ELIJAH

Yeah, you could put sugar on anything,
carrots, oats, apples, hay...I'd
gobble that up.

BETHANY

(sexual)

How would you gobble it?

ELIJAH

(chewing noises)

fx; breathy Bethany, in the distance someone says cocktails

BETHANY

(breathy)

Cocktails...by Cookies.

fx; swipe

MARJORIE

Oh babe did you try this Chocolate
Chip Rum cocktail? It's absolutely
smashing.

PETER

Babe this Frangelico margarita with
Oreo cookie crumb rim is smashing. Who
knew cocktails with cookies in them
would be so good?

fx; a breathy 'cocktails by cookies' in the backdrop.

JONATHAN

By the book of Eli, not only am I on a date with a girl but they had to sit me next to Peter and Marjorie.

ELISE

Why is that a problem?

JONATHAN

Not that you need to know, and I shouldn't tell you anyway, but I have a secret crush on Peter. Like a small crush, no bigger than a skyscraper.

ELISE

Well he's married. Totally gay but married. To a woman. So, good luck getting that horse in the stable.

fx; bethany sexually gasps in the background

PETER

Jonathan, I didn't see you there. Care to drink my Frangelico margaritas with an Oreo cookie crumb rim?

JONATHAN

I mean, you and a rim seem like a fun time. But I'll have to pass.

MARJORIE

Do you guys want to come join us?

JONATHAN

Well do I get a chance to sit next to Peter?

MARJORIE

Yes--

JONATHAN

Move over silly over I'm gonna have to push you!

PETER

Then I'll push back.

JONATHAN

Yeah? Against the wall?

ELISE

I think I'm going to go home

CAROL ANN

You're leaving? Oh well have a good night, Denise's niece Elise. Make sure to clean the grease off your fleece crosspiece...

JONATHAN

What the-

fx; swipe

PASTOR WYATT

Why Jamie you haven't said a thing this whole date. I can see the smoke coming out of your ears--

PASTOR

That's because I am fuming like the bush God set fire to.

PASTOR WYATT

Well I don't want to hear about your bush talk, it's the first date after all.

PASTOR

I need another Sugar Cookie Shot. Where is the waitress?

JUNIPER CLOUD

Hey, it's me the bartender. Juniper Cloud

fx; trap music with 'Juniper Cloud'

PASTOR

Juniper I thought you were a dancer of the poles.

JUNIPER CLOUD

Yeah, but sometimes S.M. Dicky gets really hard on me. And just squirts with rage. So I have to like sometimes get other jobs when he's all sticky and messy.

PASTOR

Well can I get a sugar cookie shot?

JUNIPER CLOUD
With Sprinkles?

PASTOR
All the damn sprinkles Juniper Cloud.

PASTOR WYATT
I'll take a vodka soda.

JUNIPER CLOUD
What's that come with?

PASTOR WYATT
Uh...I'll do the same thing as Pastor here.

PASTOR
That's it! Pastor Wyatt, I can barely stand to look at your handsome face because you are my nemesis.

PASTOR WYATT
Now who says that.

JUNIPER CLOUD
Actually we all do--

PASTOR WYATT
But forget about all that church gossip. Let the hens cluck. Admit it Jamie, you called me handsome.

PASTOR
I meant it like the truth, not what I think.

fx; swipe

LIV
That's right Pastor, hands off that hot piece of southern comfort.

MARCO
Liv, I feel like you haven't been paying attention to us at all.

MARIO
Instead of Mario and Marco Luigi, you're spending all your free time to staring at Pastor Wyatt.

LIV

First off, I don't know how the hell I ended up on a date with two people.

CAROL ANN

I was confused, I thought they were the same person!

MARCO

Listen, I do believe in the power of monogamy, bless my Italian heart. I would never participate in a thurple. Especially with my own brother.

MARIO

But a threesome? That's not necessarily off the table...

LIV

I will push you both off the table if you dare sexualize the three of us again.

MARCO

Well, I guess we can approach Juniper Cloud with the offer

fx; juniper cloud trap theme.

JUNIPER CLOUD

Did you boys need something?

fx; swipe

BETHANY

I am so happy to hear that you are so interested in the world of ponyplay. you seem to be quite adept at it already.

ELIJAH

i woudn't say adept really, im quite novice. i could really benefit from someone taking my reigns if you know what i mean.

BETHANY

oh elijah, i do. ill be your trainer. you seem so submissive. id love to train you in the BDSM ways of ponyplay. i have never found someone

so in tune with my needs.

FX: record scratch

ELIJAH

im sorry. be MY trainer? submissive?
BDSM ponyplay?

BETHANY

yes, youd be my pet horse/sex slave.
as i'm the dominant. i thought you
knew this. we've been discussing it in
detail all night.

ELIJAH

i thought we were discussing actual
ponies. live horses.

BETHANY

oh you mean bio-horses. no thats not
what we've been discussing.

ELIJAH

uhm, well, I know how I'm feeling but
don't have the words to say it. But I
can sing it!

(sings)

i cant be here. i cant do this. this
is not what i signed up for.

CAROL ANN

of course you signed up for blind date
night you filled out a questionnaire.

BETHANY

what did you think i meant when i said
i have an impressive collection of
bedroom whips and saddles?

ELIJAH

i thought you were talking about real
horses! like how any person would! i
have to go.

FX: running from the room. plates crashing. silence.

LIV

Well on that note, I think that's the
end of the night! Marco, Mario Luigi I
hearby banish you from speaking about
sex to me forever.

PASTOR
Wyatt, I'll have to dislike you
another time. My colleague just sprant
out of here.

PASTOR WYATT
My dear I think you meant sprinted...

PASTOR
Call me dear again and you'll be
sprinting to a hospital. Liv, come
with me, we gotta go check on Elijah.

LIV
Sure...lemme slowly walk to the
door...

PASTOR
Why are you walking backwards?

LIV
Just saying goodbye to Pastor Wyatt.

fx; door opens and closes.

MARJORIE
Well that put a damper on Cocktails--

BETHANY
BY COOKIES!

JONATHAN
This night is a bust. Fran and Benni
left...Justine and Justin doing a
cookie bong in the corner. And where
are Gladys and Garfield?

fx; mysterious sounds

BETHANY
Who is using the handicapped bathroom?

GARFIELD
(muffled)
I got a sticker goddamn it.

GLADYS
(muffled)
Yeah toots, chop chop roll out of
here. But Garfield, you better roll in
here.

PETER

Well, I guess it's time to go home where Marjorie will put lotion on her feet and we'll watch some repeat of a 90s sitcom on the television.

JONATHAN

Shame, I was going to suggest maybe going to the gym? A public park with a restroom? A leather bar where there's go-go boys and a dark corner?

MARJORIE

Maybe next time! Bye everyone!

fx; footsteps

MARCY

Well Charles, I must say your behavior at Cocktails by Cookies was embarrassing.

BETHANY

It's Cocktails by Co- oh, you said it right.

CHARLES

Well you're no fun. I have more fun with my left hand.

MARCY

I hope you have fun because I'm not coming home with you.

CHARLES

Don't worry, I already had plans with old lefty here.

PASTOR WYATT

Thank you so much Carol Ann.

CAROL ANN

Oh absolutely. I thought everyone was leaving? While are you all standing around and staring at me?

JONATHAN

Um because we're waiting for our coats Mrs. Walking Mrs. Daisy!

CAROL ANN
OH! One second guys...

JONATHAN
Yeah, it'll be more like one hour.

7 EXT. COCKTAILS BY COOKIES

PASTOR
Elijah are you okay?

ELIJAH
I really like Bethany guys but she wanted to dress me up as a pony and make me her sex slave.

LIV
Really? I've always wanted to do that, I'll have to get tips I mean--Elijah I'm so sorry.

PASTOR
That's how dating is. Sometimes you get set up on a really bad date by a really poor matchmaker who doesn't understand that someone isn't in the church and thus isn't qualified for the church singles night.

LIV
That sounds more like *your* experience then what Elijah's going through.

PASTOR
Experience is universal.

ELIJAH
I know dating is hard. I know I'll have to go on a lot of dates. But I haven't been on a date in two years.

LIV
What happened two years ago on that date?

ELIJAH
You know I don't like confronting and that includes confronting myself, so...

fx; deep breath

ELIJAH
Forget I said that.

PASTOR
Well, I'm proud of you Elijah.

ELIJAH
You are?

PASTOR
I haven't seen that much courage from you since they redid the theme song to Jeopardy.

ELIJAH
How could do that to such a beautiful ballad?

LIV
Well, if it makes you feel better, we could go get an ice cream cone?

ELIJAH
I do enjoy my sweets.

PASTOR
Yeah, there's that place down there...next to Cookies.

LIV
Oh my gosh...it's Ice Cream by Cookies, creators of Cocktails by Cookies

fx; door opens

BETHANY
I told you, we moved because we wanted to expand!

ELIJAH
Well as long as there's no S&M ponies at Ice Cream by Cookies, creators of Cocktails by Cookies.

fx; everyone laughs.

BETHANY
We actually do an ice cream flavor called 'Cinnamon Roll In The Hay'

ELIJAH
(fades out)
Ahhhhhhhhh!