

Appropriate Behavior

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1:00:00

[WALLA]

1:01:00

MAXINE

Don't forget this.

SHIRIN

That was a present for you.

MAXINE

I don't feel comfortable holding onto it.

SHIRIN

What am I supposed to do with it?

MAXINE

Throw it away.

SHIRIN

Fine.

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SHIRIN

We were an "it" couple.

CRYSTAL

Not really.

SHIRIN

Like when we'd go to parties and there was dancing, we'd start dancing and everyone would make a circle around us and watch us dance.

CRYSTAL

Okay. Okay, why don't you tell me what you need, Shirin?

SHIRIN

I need my girlfriend back.

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CRYSTAL

Dude, I really think you just need to mourn this and move on.

SHIRIN

I really want to eat my feelings right now.

CRYSTAL

You know what? I think that's an amazing idea. Why don't we order all the fatty, disgusting foods we never let ourselves eat.

SHIRIN

Okay. (chuckles)

BRENDAN

Hey, girls. How you doin' today?

SHIRIN

Hey.

CRYSTAL

Fantastic. And you? Uh, what's your name?

BRENDAN

Brendan.

CRYSTAL

Brendan. Hey, I'm Crystal.

BRENDAN

Hey, Crystal. What can I get you today?

CRYSTAL

Um, let me see. I would love an unsweetened glass of iced tea.

BRENDAN

No problem.

CRYSTAL

Thanks.

SHIRIN

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And can I just have one of those complimentary mints I saw at the entrance and a glass of ice water, and a little bit of lemon in there.

1:03:01

BRENDAN

Okay.

SHIRIN

Thank you so much.

CRYSTAL

Thanks, Brendan.

SHIRIN

Mmm, delish.

CRYSTAL

Mmm, can't wait.

SHIRIN

I'm dead inside. Can you tell just by looking at me that I'm dead inside?

CRYSTAL

I really think you had to end it. I mean, she wasn't even fucking you towards the end.

SHIRIN

Maybe it was a phase.

CRYSTAL

Thanks, Brendan.

MAXINE

How about "giraffe?"

SHIRIN

What about "safeword?"

MAXINE

Like the word "safeword" as our safeword?

SHIRIN

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Let's cut out the middleman, 'cause what happens if you forget your safeword?

MAXINE

Okay, then. The safeword is "safeword."

SHIRIN

Great. Let's do this. What's the scenario?

MAXINE

(chuckles) I'm your tax auditor.

SHIRIN

Okay.

MAXINE

Miss?

SHIRIN

Yes?

MAXINE

Can you please fill out this form?

1:04:00

SHIRIN

Miss?

MAXINE

Yes?

SHIRIN

I've been a bad small business owner.

MAXINE

What seems to be the problem?

SHIRIN

I don't have any of my receipts from June until August and I'm gonna have to be punished.

MAXINE

That's actually easily remedied. If you just fill in the larger expenses in section C and cross check them with section B.

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SHIRIN

Maxine.

MAXINE

What?

SHIRIN

You are killing the sexy.

MAXINE

I'm just-- (sighs) I'm not into role-play.

SHIRIN

That's- that's okay.

MAXINE

I'm vanilla.

SHIRIN

Don't say that.

MAXINE

It true. I'm not kinky. (sighs)

SHIRIN

Hey. Look at me. I like vanilla.

MAXINE

I'm not really in the mood. I'm sorry.

SHIRIN

It's okay.

1:05:00

CRYSTAL

Banal sex shouldn't start until at least a year into a relationship.

SHIRIN

I moved in too soon.

CRYSTAL

When are you going back to work?

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SHIRIN

I'm not.

CRYSTAL

No!

SHIRIN

The only reason they hired me in the first place is 'cause they wanted a Middle Eastern person on staff. Now that Yavah's in editorial, everyone's gushing over how Syrian she is.

CRYSTAL

I'm not letting you fall into a bottomless pit of despair and unemployment on my couch.

SHIRIN

Nothing brings me joy.

CRYSTAL

Well, I think this guy I know is hiring. Let me talk to him. And are you gonna go look at that apartment in Bushwick later?

SHIRIN

I can't. I have to go see my parents.

CRYSTAL

Oh, my God! Can I come? Your dad is so hot. I just want to like paint him.

SHIRIN

Ew, no. That is exactly why you cannot come.

CRYSTAL

So uh--

1:06:00

ALI

So in the afternoon, I took an appendix and I rewired it on this kid who had no control of his own urine.

SHIRIN

Stop.

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NASRIN

(overlapping) Wow.

ALI

(overlapping) Uh, n- no, no. We made him dry, but now he has to pee out of his belly button.

SHIRIN

Please stop.

NASRIN

This is fascinating.

MEHRDAD

Not while we're eating.

LAYLI

Yeah, it- it can wait until after, right?

ALI

Okay.

NASRIN

Did you see Ali's picture of the sex reassignment surgery?

SHIRIN

No, I didn't, 'cause I deleted it the minute I read "intestine vagina" in the subject.

LAYLI

They're interesting pictures.

ALI

Yeah, they are.

LAYLI

(overlapping) Show them.

SHIRIN

Please don't do this. I don't understand why he had to go into urology.

ALI

(overlapping) I'm so sorry.

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MEHRDAD

It's because he loves the penises so much.

[LAUGHTER]

ALI

Funny, Dad. Here you go. Check it out.

NASRIN

(overlapping) Oh, my God.

SHIRIN

Ugh!

NASRIN

Oh, my God.

ALI

What? Take a look at it. You're not even looking at it.

SHIRIN

Please put that away. I don't want to see it.

LAYLI

She doesn't want to see it.

ALI

Okay.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) Put it away.

ALI

Suit yourself.

LAYLI

Mmm.

SHIRIN

Layli.

LAYLI

Yes?

SHIRIN

Ali says that you just started your fellowship?

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LAYLI

That's right.

SHIRIN

Plastic surgery.

LAYLI

Mm-hm.

SHIRIN

Isn't it weird, though? Like he's dealing with life and death situations every day, and then you're with these middle-aged housewives with low self-esteem.

1:07:03

ALI

(inhales) Layli is a pediatric reconstructive plastic surgeon.

LAYLI

I actually-- Uh, I specialize in burn treatment and skin grafting.

ALI

(whispers) Yeah.

SHIRIN

Cool.

LAYLI

I heard you are working at the Brooklyn Paper.

SHIRIN

Yeah. Um, I'm actually thinking about transitioning into another field.

ALI

So let me get this straight. You got a masters in journalism, and now you're gonna do jack shit with it?

NASRIN

She can still use her degree. She's so talented.

SHIRIN

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Thank you.

NASRIN

She was the only freshman in high school who could swim on the varsity team.

SHIRIN

(chuckles)

NASRIN

And she didn't even take lessons.

MEHRDAD

Mmm.

ALI

(overlapping) Wow. That's a real resume builder right there.

MEHRDAD

Yeah, this body's made for swimming. Look at these shoulders.

LAYLI

Uh-huh.

SHIRIN

That's enough, thank you.

NASRIN

And look at those hands.

SHIRIN

Please stop.

NASRIN

Aren't they stunning?

LAYLI

They're beautiful hands.

NASRIN

(to Shirin) You know, you should get into hand modeling.

SHIRIN

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Ah.

NASRIN

But I just don't know how people get started.

MEHRDAD

It's who you know.

ALI

A masters in journalism. That's how you get started.

SHIRIN

I would literally like to talk about anything else.

ALI

Tsk.

MEHRDAD

Okay, how's your love life?

1:08:00

ALI

(laughs)

MEHRDAD

Hmm? Any boys we should know about?

SHIRIN

No. No boys at all.

MEHRDAD

Oh, thank God I don't have to get my shotgun ready.

[LAUGHTER]

SHIRIN

Good one, Dad.

ALI

Oh, God.

SHIRIN

Ken? Hey.

KEN

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Ginny.

SHIRIN

Shirin, yeah.

KEN

Shirin.

SHIRIN

Hi.

KEN

What is that, Libyan, Armenian, Argentinean?

SHIRIN

Iranian.

KEN

Oh, Iranian. Wow. Iran. What do you think of that whole situation?

SHIRIN

It's a mixed bag. A lot of very uh, good-intentioned people dealing with some difficult circumstances.

KEN

You get over there very often?

SHIRIN

Yeah. Actually, I go in the summers to visit family.

KEN

Wow. Okay, so tell me. What is the scene like in Tehran? I just read this big article about the underground hip-hop scene in Vice.

SHIRIN

Yeah.

KEN

So you're part of that?

1:08:55

SHIRIN

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No. Unfortunately, I spend most of my time in Iran watching Disney videos with my grandmother while she untangles jewelry. Yeah, I got myself some coffee. Do you want something to drink?

KEN

No, thanks. I am buzzed on skunk right now.

SHIRIN

Nice.

KEN

So Crystal tells me you are an artist.

SHIRIN

Yes. Yeah, I am.

KEN

You're a video artist?

SHIRIN

Mm-hm.

KEN

Great. So I don't know what Crystal has told you, but I'm looking for someone reliable to take over and after school filmmaking class. It's with a bunch of kids, and they're really great and so smart and uh, just creative. And really, all you have to do is just show them how to hold a camera.

SHIRIN

I can do that, yeah.

KEN

So what is your schedule like?

SHIRIN

Completely open.

KEN

Perfect. Alright, well, may I say let's do this?

SHIRIN

Okay.

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KEN

Great. Don't fuck me over.

SHIRIN

Okay.

SHIRIN

You told him I was a filmmaker?

CRYSTAL

You said you needed a job.

SHIRIN

How do you know this guy anyway?

1:09:59

SHIRIN

Well, he's that investment banker in my parents building I used to hook up with in high school.

CRYSTAL

Oh, my God. He's that guy.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) Mm-hm. Yeah, so he lost his job, became a stay-at-home dad and got into like drugs.

CRYSTAL

Good for him. So do you have a lesson plan?

SHIRIN

What is this, Germany? They're Park Slope teens. I could lock them in a room with a half-eaten apple and a Tic Tac and come back to the Mona Lisa.

CRYSTAL

Wh- why are we stopping?

SHIRIN

Oh, I have to take care of something. You wait out here.

CRYSTAL

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No- no- no, wait. Oh, please don't do this. You said that no amount of wholesale spelt sushi was worth the emotional toll of being here.

SHIRIN

She's here all the time.

CRYSTAL

They don't even offer paper bags.

SHIRIN

It's surprising how uh, lonely it gets when you're single again, especially when you live with someone. You get so used to their habits and their lifestyle and their smells, but, um, I really joined the coop to spend time with her, 'cause let's be honest, it's not the most pleasant place to work in the world. But if I really want Maxine back in my life, I'm gonna have to do whatever it takes, and that means getting back onto her coop shift. And that's where you come in.

1:11:00

JACKIE

It- it says in your file that you haven't worked a shift in four months.

SHIRIN

Extenuating circumstances. I've had a very broken heart.

JACKIE

Look, all members are entitled to one free pass after a delinquency, but I cannot get you onto her shift. It's all booked.

SHIRIN

I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

JACKIE

Jackie.

SHIRIN

Hi, Jackie. Um, the last time I checked, this is a cooperative. Why don't you go ahead and cooperate with me, and I'll cooperate with you.

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CRYSTAL

(to Hassidic Jew) So how do you get them so curly?

SHIRIN

Let's go.

CRYSTAL

It was so nice meeting you.

1:11:59

NASRIN

(under breath) Thank you. (normal voice) Shirin told me you were an artist. Landscaping or portraits?

FELICIA

I specialize in experimental installations, and Jacques is currently focusing on sand castle work integrating found objects.

SHIRIN

We're done with the boxes.

NASRIN

I'm coming. (to Felicia) It was so nice meeting you.

FELICIA

There's no toilet paper.

SHIRIN

Hey, you guys can go. I feel like I'm seventeen and you're moving me back into college.

NASRIN

I wish. That dorm was much nicer.

SHIRIN

This is what it is to find a place on short notice in Brooklyn.

NASRIN

At least you have a sexy roommate.

SHIRIN

Felicia? I find her a bit terrifying.

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NASRIN

No, I'm talking about the boy, Jacques.

ALI

Your new roommates are freaks.

NASRIN

Hey, is this how you say hello?

ALI

Hi.

NASRIN

Can we tell her?

SHIRIN

Tell me what?

ALI

I'm proposing to Layli.

SHIRIN

Why?

ALI

Hey.

NASRIN

Shirin.

SHIRIN

I'm not saying you shouldn't do it, it's just-- He's very young.

MEHRDAD

He's thirty-three.

NASRIN

I was only nineteen when I married your father.

1:13:02

SHIRIN

Well, this isn't the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mom. Do you see a hijab on my head?

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ALI

What is wrong with you?

SHIRIN

Nothing.

ALI

You're acting like a brat. Stop it.

SHIRIN

You're bringing a lot of negative energy into my new home.

ALI

(chuckles) Oh, this is not a home. This is a refugee camp. Seriously, what are you doing here?

SHIRIN

You don't know what cool Brooklyn loft looks like.

NASRIN

I just don't understand why you left your old apartment. The neighborhood was so much better.

ALI

Yeah.

SHIRIN

It got too expensive.

NASRIN

We would have helped you.

SHIRIN

This is my new home, and I love it.

NASRIN

Okay. Ali, come help me in the kitchen.

ALI

Okay, but I'm not touching anything. I'm sure the girl who let me in has Hep C.

SHIRIN

Dad?

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MEHRDAD

Yeah?

SHIRIN

I'm worried about Ali. I think he's jumping into marriage because he thinks he has to.

SUBTITLE: Mind your own business.
(spoken by Mehrdad)

SHIRIN

He's got classic older child syndrome. He'll do anything to make you and Mom happy.

ALI

She has no goals or aspirations. She takes nothing seriously. Um, she's becoming a loser.

NASRIN

Lower your voice.

1:14:00

ALI

She has this like younger child thing. I'm telling you, you need to be on top of that.

NASRIN

You don't think I'm doing my best? She's not easy.

SHIRIN

He's like burying his emotions deep beneath the surface, and like one day, he could pull a gun on his co-workers.

NASRIN

I think she has self-esteem issues.

ALI

Yeah, no kidding. When was the last time she had a boyfriend?

SHIRIN

That Virginia Tech kid was just trying to please his strict Korean parents.

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NASRIN

It's not like she's dumb or super unattractive. I mean, she's perfectly capable of being normal.

SHIRIN

I don't want him to find himself, like ten years from now, fat, bald and in a loveless marriage because he was rushing to become the world's best Iranian son.

MEHRDAD

Men in our family don't go bald.

SHIRIN

Oh, I don't need new reading material. I'm only up to book two of the Twilight series.

MAXINE

(overlapping) I'm broadening your horizons.

SHIRIN

This is some pretty serious stuff here.

MAXINE

I'm asking you to read some books. You don't need to get your septum pierced. Yet. (chuckles)

SHIRIN

(chuckles)

1:15:00

SHIRIN

(sighs) Oh, hey. Um, excuse me, this is actually the Brooklyn Kids Movie Maker class. I think you have the wrong room.

CARIBBEAN NANNY

No, this right.

ARCHIE

I'm a movie director.

CARIBBEAN NANNY

See you at five.

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[AD-LIBS]

GROUCHO

And I'm gonna poop.

ARCHIE

No, don't!

[WALLA/LAUGHTER...]

SHIRIN

Hey, Kujo. Would you please hold-- Put down the truck and hold the camera. Stop throwing.

[AD-LIBS...]

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

Hey, Kujo. The lens is way too close to your butt.

1:16:01

FELICIA

Oh, you're on OkCupid. My taxidermist met her husband on that site.

SHIRIN

I'm just looking for someone to make my girlfriend jealous. We're on a break.

FELICIA

Good luck.

SHIRIN

Felicia?

FELICIA

Yes?

SHIRIN

You're in a long term, seemingly healthy relationship. Can you tell me how do people meet, agree they like other and then keep on liking each other?

1:17:01

FELICIA

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Shared interests. Jacques and I met at Occupy Chelsea.

SHIRIN

I'm gonna lie here and try to forget what it felt like to be loved. Could you please turn off the light?

FELICIA

Feel better.

SHIRIN

Thank you.

[WALLA]

1:18:00

SHIRIN

Hey.

MAXINE

Hi.

SHIRIN

Want a cigarette?

MAXINE

I don't smoke.

SHIRIN

Yeah, me neither.

MAXINE

What are you doing out here?

SHIRIN

(sighs) Social anxiety. What about you?

MAXINE

More or less the same.

SHIRIN

I'm Shirin.

MAXINE

Maxine.

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SHIRIN

It's nice to meet you. I love dykes.

MAXINE

Nice.

SHIRIN

I mean it.

MAXINE

You know that- that word is incredibly offensive.

SHIRIN

Uh, I'm bisexual, so it's okay if I say it.

MAXINE

(overlapping) No, it's still offensive. (chuckles)

SHIRIN

You know how I meant it.

MAXINE

Doesn't matter how you meant it.

SHIRIN

Tomato- tomato.

MAXINE

What are you drinking?

SHIRIN

I filled this water bottle with tequila.

MAXINE

Classy.

SHIRIN

I'm drinking with a purpose.

MAXINE

Yeah?

1:18:56

SHIRIN

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(sighs) This guy with whom I recently had an unfortunate sexual encounter showed up, and now I feel uncomfortable. I just hate the way dudes get when they can't maintain an erection.

MAXINE

What do they get like?

SHIRIN

Oh, are you a gold star?

MAXINE

No, I've had sex with men. Just um, not the kind who go soft.

SHIRIN

Touché. It's the worst. They shut down and they get all mopey and offended when you make jokes.

MAXINE

Yeah, it's so weird the way men don't enjoy humor at the expense of their penises.

SHIRIN

Do you want some?

MAXINE

Sure.

SHIRIN

I think you're hot.

MAXINE

Thanks.

SHIRIN

I know that I don't look like I'm into girls, and that I was just talking about being a boner killer, but I am super sexy and super into girls.

MAXINE

Really?

SHIRIN

Yeah. I like girls like you.

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MAXINE
Like me?

SHIRIN
You know, like manly, but also a little bit like a lady.

MAXINE
Nice, thank you.

SHIRIN
Um-- (chuckles)

MAXINE
(chuckles)

1:20:00

SHIRIN
Are you having lady problems?

MAXINE
What makes you think I'm having lady problems?

SHIRIN
Because it's New Year's Eve, and you're heading out before the countdown.

MAXINE
Maybe I'm heading out to meet the person I'm going to kiss at midnight.

SHIRIN
You're gonna be hella late 'cause it's like two minutes away. What's her name?

MAXINE
Linda.

SHIRIN
She sounds like a cunt.

MAXINE
We're going out for a couple months, and we decided to move in together.

SHIRIN

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Naturally.

MAXINE

In four days after I break my lease and sell everything I own, she tells me she misses her ex, and what the fuck am I supposed to do with that information?

SHIRIN

That sucks.

MAXINE

Just having trouble dealing with like Brooklyn parties and everyone talking about their Kickstarter campaigns and-- Did you see that guy with the waxed Dali moustache? I mean, what the fuck is that guy's problem? Who the fuck does he think he is?

SHIRIN

I find your anger incredibly sexy.

MAXINE

Really?

SHIRIN

I hate so many things, too.

1:21:00

KEN

(to his little boy) (Unintelligible)

SHIRIN

Ken, hi.

KEN

Oh! Hey, hi. How are you?

SHIRIN

I'm good, thank you.

KEN

Carrington, this is Shayla.

SHIRIN

I'm Shirin, hi.

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KEN

Oh. Sorry, man. I'm stoned.

SHIRIN

Oh, that's okay.

KEN

Want a J?

SHIRIN

No, I'm cool. Thanks. Listen, um, I'm a terrible teacher.

KEN

No.

SHIRIN

Yes, I am. Uh, the kids hate me. They're a good ten years younger than I thought they'd be, and I can't get them to listen.

KEN

You can't take it personally, dude. They're five.

SHIRIN

I don't know what I'm doing.

KEN

I have three kids. I don't know what I'm doing. It's just fake it 'til you make it. I've lost Carrington like what, four times? (to Carrington) Right, bro?

1:22:00

KEN (CONT'D)

(to Shirin) Just do your best, okay?

SHIRIN

Okay.

KEN

Hey. I believe in you, Cher.

SHIRIN

Thank you.

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MAXINE

They have no idea you're bisexual?

SHIRIN

I'm sorry, what country is it that you get stoned to death if you're convicted of being gay? Oh, yeah. Wait, I know. It's Iran. The country that my entire family comes from.

MAXINE

You can't keep playing the Persian card every time we have an argument.

SHIRIN

You need to see for yourself how difficult it is to be the child of immigrants.

MAXINE

I would love to.

SHIRIN

Great. Then you're coming to a Persian New Year party this weekend in New Jersey.

MAXINE

Am I coming as your date?

SHIRIN

God, no. You're definitely coming as my white friend. Do you think I have a death wish? You know you're gonna have to wear a dress.

MAXINE

No.

1:23:00

[AD-LIBS]

MAXINE

It's like we just stepped into Liberace's wet dream.

SHIRIN

Isn't it spectacular?

MAXINE

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You know I don't like being in enclosed spaces where I can't detect any visibly gay people.

SHIRIN

Well, I'm sure Uncle Neema's harboring some bi-curious tendencies.

MAXINE

You talk to him about it?

SHIRIN

Oh, God, no. Persians communicate mostly through gossip. (to friends) Oh, my God, hi.

GIRLS

Hi! (giggling) / Hey.

SHIRIN

Maxine, this is Mitra, Yassi, Meenu and Yassi. Guys, this is my friend, Maxine.

MAXINE

Hey.

MITRA

Hey.

MEENU

Oh, my God, you look amazing.

SHIRIN

Right. Next to you, I look like a busboy from Chile.

MEENU

Oh, no way. You're practically a model.

SHIRIN

Yeah, you're right. Like a "before" model for Accutane.

MEENU

Uh, I would kill for your height.

SHIRIN

And I would sell my firstborn for your skin.

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MEENU

Stop it.

SHIRIN

You stop it.

MEENU

(laughs) We need to get together more. I haven't seen you since your grandmother's funeral. How's your father?

SHIRIN

You know, he's okay, but then sometimes he'll cry out of nowhere, and I'll be like, "Dad, what's going on with you? You're emasculating yourself."

MEENU

(overlapping) Oh, my God! Roya! (laughs)

MAXINE

What just happened? You were in the middle of a sentence.

SHIRIN

Yeah, every time I see her, she compliments the way I look, she asks one personal question and then she walks away while I answer.

MAXINE

And who's she talking to now?

SHIRIN

That's Roya. Her father just made a lot of money importing samovars.

MAXINE

Let's get a drink. Uh, when are they serving dinner?

SHIRIN

Midnight.

MAXINE

Seriously?

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SHIRIN

God, you know, I should have talked about her dad's cosmetic dental practice.

MAXINE

You were being honest.

SHIRIN

Do you think they want you to be honest at these things?

MAXINE

Oh, get a grip. You're a grown woman. You've been to how many parties in your life?

SHIRIN

I don't know, a lot.

MAXINE

And what's the most important part of having a good time at a party?

1:25:00

SHIRIN

Drinking?

MAXINE

And?

SHIRIN

Dancing.

MAXINE

And who's very good at both of those things?

SHIRIN

I am.

MAXINE

(chuckles) That's right.

SHIRIN

(to bartender) Two vodka tonics, please.

SHIRIN

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(laughs)

1:26:00

SHIRIN

That was amazing. I've never had so much fun around Persians before.

MAXINE

I'm sorry, I know you're having a breakthrough, but can you first explain to me this fire thing? Hmm?

SHIRIN

Yeah. So the Wednesday before Noruz, you're supposed to jump over fire to exorcise yourself of evil spirits and start the new year fresh, only we're doing it now 'cause everyone had work and we're half-assed Iranians.

MAXINE

It's such a beautiful gesture.

SHIRIN

Ew, you are totally having one of those "I'm dating an immigrant" moments. Like, "Isn't learning about other cultures so fun and enriching. I feel like I'm--"

SUBTITLE:
(spoken by Mehrdad)

Are we interrupting?

SHIRIN

Hi.

NASRIN

Hi.

MEHRDAD

(overlapping) Hi.

NASRIN

So this is where you've been?

SHIRIN

Yeah. We just came out here. Where were you?

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NASRIN

(sighs) Your father got lost.

MEHRDAD

I took the scenic route.

NASRIN

That's not funny.

SHIRIN

This is Maxine, my friend. Maxine, meet my parents.

MAXINE

Hi.

NASRIN

(chuckles) Hi, Maxine.

MAXINE

Oh.

MEHRDAD

Hi.

MAXINE

Hi. (chuckles)

MEHRDAD

So how do you like Noruz?

SHIRIN

I'm so sorry. I think I left my purse inside. I gotta go run and get it. I will see you really soon.

1:27:00

MAXINE

Nice to meet you both. (chuckles)

NASRIN

Nice to meet you.

MEHRDAD

(overlapping) Nice to meet you.

Appropriate Behavior

1:28:00

SHIRIN

It says on your profile that you're an artist.

HENRY

Yeah, I do a stand up/folk music hybrid act.

SHIRIN

I have never heard of that.

HENRY

Yeah, um, my art defies labels.

SHIRIN

Sounds like it.

HENRY

Why does comedy always have to be so mean and at somebody's expense? I want to use my comedy to bring attention to social justice issues.

SHIRIN

You're very pretty.

HENRY

Thank you.

SHIRIN

Why don't you get to work on that drink?

HENRY

(chuckles)

1:29:00

HENRY

Can I get a glass of water?

SHIRIN

Come here. Closer. You have really nice hair.

HENRY

Thanks. (breathes heavily) (sighs)

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

You can be rough with me. Mmm.

1:30:00

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

(grunts) Tell me what you want me to do.

HENRY

Lie on the bed.

SHIRIN

(sighs) Okay.

HENRY

(sighs)

[SEXUAL WALLA...]

1:31:00

MAXINE

Fuck! (grunts)

SHIRIN

Could you put these on?

MAXINE

You're the one who wanted weed.

SHIRIN

Well, I reek of sex. It's gonna trigger the drug dealer's brain to call in his rapist brain.

MAXINE

You're so lucky I veer macho. (sighs)

SHIRIN

Thank you. (sighs)

1:32:00

SHIRIN

You're amazing.

MAXINE

(sighs) (hums)

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Ladies first.

MAXINE

(sighs) (inhales) (exhales) I'm not so good at smoking weed around people.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) (inhales) (exhales)

MAXINE

Can't hold my thoughts still long enough to think them. I have to chase them.

1:33:00

SHIRIN

I know what you mean. The other day, I had a really good idea for a children's book while I was smoking weed, and now I have no idea what it was.

MAXINE

Keep smoking. You'll get it back.

SHIRIN

(chuckles) (inhales) Have you ever seen that episode of *Sex and the City* where Carrie has to pitch a book for children, and she pitches this idea about a little girl with magic cigarettes? And it's really funny.
(exhales)

MAXINE

I hate *Sex and the City*.

SHIRIN

Yeah, but you have to admit, it's pretty fucking entertaining.

MAXINE

(exhales) I think it's boring.

SHIRIN

Who the fuck do you think you are? Oh, my God, are you into *Lord of the Rings*?

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

You know, the older my dad gets, the more he looks like Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*. (chuckles)

SHIRIN

(inhales) My dad, he's always making the worst jokes, but then this one time, he lost his wedding ring, and he was like, (Gollum voice) "I need my precious." And was literally the funniest thing I'd ever heard.

MAXINE

When I went to see the film *Precious*, there was a mentally handicapped guy sitting next to me, and he put his hand on my lap during the movie, and it really freaked me out.

1:34:01

SHIRIN

(laughs) That's horrible.

MAXINE

Don't make fun of me. This is serious.

SHIRIN

You're right, it's very serious and I cannot believe that Lifetime has not made the movie version of the time some dude felt you up at the movies.

MAXINE

You're such a jerk.

SHIRIN

You love it.

MAXINE

Shirin.

SHIRIN

Yeah?

MAXINE

We're the same kind of stoned person.

SHIRIN

That is so beautiful. No homo.

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

What do you mean, "No homo?"

SHIRIN

Oh, you don't know what no homo is? Okay. So "No homo" is this thing that rappers say to each other to like nullify the gayness of their words. They could be like, "Those are some really fly jeans, man. No homo." Or, "Your song touched me. No homo."

MAXINE

Like, "I like the way your dick tastes in my mouth. No homo."

SHIRIN

(chuckles)

MAXINE

(sighs)

SHIRIN

Exactly.

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

I feel really lucky to have met you.

MAXINE

No homo?

SHIRIN

Homo.

MAXINE

(chuckles)

1:35:00

SHIRIN

I love how none of your white shirts get those really annoying pit stains that mine always do.

MAXINE

I love that you noticed that.

MAXINE (CONT'D)

Appropriate Behavior

I have something on my mind, but it feels too scary to say out loud.

SHIRIN

Say it.

MAXINE

Do you have anything on your mind?

SHIRIN

Maybe.

MAXINE

What?

SHIRIN

Don't be a pussy.

MAXINE

Okay, let's say it at the same time on the count of three. One...

MAXINE/SHIRIN (CONT'D)

two--

SHIRIN

I'm falling in love with you.

MAXINE

(overlapping) I'm thinking of transitioning into a man.
(laughs)

SHIRIN

(overlapping) (laughs)

MAXINE

Of course, I'm falling in love with you.

SHIRIN

Mmm.

1:36:00

SASHA

Hi, everyone. I'd like to welcome you all to *With Justice for Some*. We look at the criminal justice

Appropriate Behavior

system and its bias against the queer community.
Um, now if any of you are here for the *Dyke Knitting Circle*, it's been moved to Babeland on Rivington.

SASHA (CONT'D)

Um, we have some copies of the case study to go around, so please take one if you don't have it already.

MAXINE

What are you doing here?

SHIRIN

Oh, hey. You're not the only one who cares about gay rights.

MAXINE

This is my event. I marked it on the calendar.

MORGAN

Hey, guys, let's hold the side talk until after the discussion.

1:37:00

MAXINE

(whispers) Sorry.

SASHA

Why don't we start by introducing ourselves? I am Sasha, and I am a law professor at NYU.

MORGAN

Hi, I'm Morgan. I'm an intern at Queer Aid.

SHIRIN

(whispers) Maxine.

[AD-LIBS]

MAXINE

What?

SHIRIN

Is that shirt new?

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

(sighs) Yes.

SHIRIN

It looks really good on you.

JOSEPH

I'm Joseph Henderson, and I'm extremely disappointed with the reading material you've provided. Absolutely no references...

SHIRIN

(overlapping) (whispers) It's weird seeing you in something I don't remember.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

to *Crime Against Nature Laws*.

MAXINE

(sighs)

SASHA

(overlapping) True. Um, this reading doesn't refer to--

JOSEPH

(overlapping) I was arrested at eighteen for having consensual sex with my sixteen-year-old boyfriend. I spent four years in jail, and afterwards forced to register is a sex offender.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) (whispers) What are you doing later?

MAXINE

(overlapping) (whispers) Going home.

SHIRIN

Remember when that was my home, too?

SASHA

(overlapping) Alright. Maybe we can bring it up with some--

MAXINE

(overlapping) (whispers) Please don't do this.

Appropriate Behavior

JOSEPH

I'm a sex offender. Every town I move to, every job I apply for-- My life is ruined.

SHIRIN

Have a drink with me later?

MAXINE

No.

KRISTA

Hi, I'm Krista and...

SHIRIN

(overlapping) I just want to talk.

MAXINE

(overlapping) No.

KRISTA (CONT'D)

hey, I'm a little upset because I don't understand why they keep changing the location of the *Dyke Knitting Circle*. Eh, I just don't understand why we keep being displaced.

1:38:02

SASHA

(to Shirin) Yes.

SHIRIN

My name is Shirin. I am an Iranian bisexual teacher, and I would like to take you out for a drink.

SASHA

N- now?

SHIRIN

Right after this. I would like to buy you a drink.

MAXINE

(sighs)

SASHA

Um, uh--

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Each frame is a picture. That's what you call it--a frame. And uh, when you want to have the candy move, you're gonna take a picture of it where it is, move it very, very slightly, and then to the next place, and then you take a picture and you have it there, and then move it a little bit.

GROUCHO

He took it.

SHIRIN

And do not eat those. Those are for the stop motion animation.

KUJO

Just one.

SHIRIN

You just shoved like forty into your mouth at once.

ROCKO

I get forty, too.

ARCHIE

Me, too.

SIMON

I need to go to the bathroom.

GROUCHO

(overlapping) Me, too.

SHIRIN

Are you old enough to go on your own?

SIMON

I don't know.

SHIRIN

Alright, wait here.

1:39:00

TIBET

Appropriate Behavior

Alright, first shot of the day. We have the flocks of birds swarm into frame, evil looking ravens and gulls. How's that looking, art department?

BLANCHE

Excellent.

TIBET

And sound? Is everything set?

SHIRIN

Hi. Sorry to interrupt.

TIBET

Not a problem. We were just prepping for today's shoot. Gracie, would you mind uh, briefing our guest on today's project?

GRACE

We're doing shot-for-shot remake of a scene from *The Birds*.

SHIRIN

(to Tibet) I'm Shirin. I teach across the hall.

TIBET

Hi, I'm Tibet. This is the advanced class.

SHIRIN

I have a real quick question for you.

TIBET

Yes?

SHIRIN

So, yeah, my kids are real young, like five years old, and one of them needs to use the bathroom.

TIBET

Yes?

SHIRIN

Well, do I have to go in with him, or is that pervy?

TIBET

Are you serious?

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Yes.

TIBET

Just stand behind the door and ask if he needs help.

SHIRIN

Oh. Okay, thanks.

TIBET

(sighs) Not a problem, my friend.

1:40:01

SHIRIN

Have we met before?

TIBET

I don't think so. I used to be a hair model, so you might recognize me from that.

SHIRIN

Yeah, that's probably it.

TIBET

(chuckles softly)

SHIRIN

Thank you.

TIBET

Not a problem. (to class) Alright, second shot of the day. We have, "She is trapped in the phone booth and the birds are flying in to attack her." Hair and makeup for that, how are you doing?

SHIRIN

Thank you so much for coming all the way out to Brooklyn. It is so nice that you finally got to see the place.

NASRIN

Well, the rug looks quite nice in here.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

Thank you.

MEHRDAD

Why is there only one bed?

SHIRIN

It's European and thrifty. There's a lot of benefits.

MEHRDAD

And how- how's that European?

SHIRIN

I have an Italian friend named Cecilia, and she her best friend, uh, shared one bed for years, and they saved so much money on rent that they were able to afford very big weddings to their boyfriends.

NASRIN

Do you have a boyfriend, Maxine?

MAXINE

(sighs) No, I don't.

1:40:59

SHIRIN

Also, in the movie *Beaches*, these two best friends shared a bed, and it was very inexpensive.

MEHRDAD

Mmm.

SUBTITLE:
(spoken by Mehrdad)

Italians are weird.

NASRIN

Mmm.

SUBTITLE:
(spoken by Shirin)

You're right.

SHIRIN

So, thank you so much for coming.

MAXINE

Nice to see you both again.

Appropriate Behavior

NASRIN

Well, bye, girls.

MEHRDAD

Bye.

SHIRIN

Let me walk you out.

NASRIN

Right.

SHIRIN

(sighs) (to Maxine) Oh, my God. You're- you're an angel.

MAXINE

You have to tell them about us.

SHIRIN

(sighs) I know. Yes?

CRYSTAL

Hi.

SHIRIN

Hey. Crystal, did you see my parents?

CRYSTAL

Oh, yeah. We just passed in the hall. Hey, Maxine.

MAXINE

Hi.

SHIRIN

Mmm, don't mind her. She's upset 'cause I'm not out to my parents.

CRYSTAL

Oh, well, you guys live in a one bedroom apartment. I'm pretty sure they know.

MAXINE

Don't ask, don't tell.

Appropriate Behavior

1:42:00

SHIRIN

You know what? It's a process, and I'm working on it.

CRYSTAL

Okay, we should probably leave.

MAXINE

Think I'm gonna bow out.

SHIRIN

Maxine, you promised you'd go. Crystal's a friend who's gonna dress up like a farm animal and touch herself. Come.

MAXINE

I can't handle an art show right now.

SHIRIN

Okay. I love you.

MAXINE

Bye.

SHIRIN

Bye.

CRYSTAL

Bye, Maxine.

MAXINE

Bye. (sighs)

SHIRIN

Thank you so much for accepting my invitation.

SASHA

Well, I couldn't have refused even if I wanted to. All those people.

SHIRIN

Right. I will invite them all to our wedding.

1:43:00

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

(chuckles softly) Um, what are you drinking?

SASHA

It's kind of like an Old Fashioned.

SHIRIN

Oh, yeah.

SASHA

Want to try it?

SHIRIN

Yeah. You know, I can um, tie a cherry stem into a knot with my tongue.

SASHA

Really? Ah--

SHIRIN

Uh, eh--

SASHA

(to waiter) Um-- (sighs)

SASHA (CONT'D)

Ah, that's a good look.

SHIRIN

Thank you. I feel very sexy. I'm surprised by how quickly they sprung into action. It's almost as if they expected me to make a huge mess.

SASHA

Oh, it sounds like you have a conspiracy on your hands.

SHIRIN

Yes, I do. This is not a case of me being a clumsy oaf. I am a victim of a larger force.

SASHA

The bar and alcohol industry.

SHIRIN

Yes.

Appropriate Behavior

SASHA

Out to get you.

SHIRIN

Yes, 'cause they need a girl like me to, you know, humiliate herself, so that the other patrons can feel more confident.

SASHA

Yeah. And they get to go home with a drink and a show.

SHIRIN

Yeah.

1:44:00

SASHA

Okay.

SHIRIN

(sighs) Are you horrified? Is this like the most embarrassing thing you've ever witnessed?

SASHA

I don't embarrass easily.

SHIRIN

I like that.

SASHA

It's getting late.

SHIRIN

Yeah. Do you want to see my place? I live with this woman who may or may not be practicing witchcraft. I'd love to introduce you.

SASHA

Can I take a rain check?

SHIRIN

Yeah, sure, of course. Um-- (to waiter) Get the check, please? (to Sasha) This is on me-- literally and metaphorically. (sighs)

Appropriate Behavior

SASHA

No. No, don't worry about it.

SHIRIN

No, I said I got it.

SASHA

I got- I got this one.

SHIRIN

Thank you.

SASHA

No, I've-- Look, I got it.

SHIRIN

I said I got it.

SASHA

I'm not taking this back.

1:45:00

SHIRIN

I invited you out.

SASHA

Okay. What train you taking home?

SHIRIN

Actually, I'm gonna stay and use the bathroom. You should just go.

SASHA

No, I'll wait.

SHIRIN

No, it's okay. Just go.

SASHA

You are stubborn.

SHIRIN

Yeah. Thanks for coming out with me.

Appropriate Behavior

SASHA

Well, thank you for asking me.

SHIRIN

Okay, bye.

SASHA

Bye.

SHIRIN

Hi. Um, can I have the cheapest red you've got?

1:46:00

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

Thank you.

TED

Can I ask what you're having?

SHIRIN

The cheapest red they had.

TED

How is it?

SHIRIN

Alcoholic. With an oakey finish.

TED

Sounds good.

SHIRIN

Sorry, I'm not well-versed in wine talk.

TED

Oakey finish was a nice touch.

SHIRIN

Thanks.

1:47:00

TED

I'm Ted.

Appropriate Behavior

Shirin. SHIRIN

Shirin, hi. TED

Hi. Um, do you live around here? SHIRIN

Hi. Oh, hey, who's your friend? MARIE

This is Shirin. TED

Shirin, I'm Marie. MARIE

Hi. SHIRIN

Yeah, we uh, live a few blocks from here, actually. TED

Mm-hm. MARIE

Cool. SHIRIN

Hey, do you want to come sit with us? MARIE

Okay. SHIRIN

(chuckles) MARIE

I'm like one bad romantic encounter away from moving to France and changing my identity. SHIRIN

Hmm. Do you want an olive? MARIE

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

No, I'm okay. But maybe I should go to like a less glamorous place like Slovenia or something, where my chances of popularity would be greater.

MARIE

Hmm. They're crazy good.

SHIRIN

I'm okay.

MARIE

(giggles)

TED

Would you like some wine?

SHIRIN

Yeah. (to Marie) Why are you giggling?

MARIE

(giggles) I'm just-- (laughs) I've been plotting on how to get you eat one of these olives because they're covered in garlic, and we've already had some.

1:48:03

SHIRIN

Oh.

TED

I guess it's sort of an all or nothing kind of thing.

SHIRIN

Problem solved.

TED

It's too cold.

[AD-LIBS]

[LAUGHTER]

SHIRIN

Yeah!

Appropriate Behavior

(giggles) (shrieks) MARIE

(laughs) SHIRIN

(unintelligible) TED

Thank you. SHIRIN

Ah. TED

Hmm. SHIRIN

TED
You should show her your latex outfit.

SHIRIN
You have a latex outfit?

MARIE
Yeah. Yeah, I have to oil it to put it on.

SHIRIN
Wow. Yeah, please put that on. (chuckles)

1:49:01

Oh. (giggles) MARIE

Thanks. SHIRIN

Okay. MARIE

Drink? TED

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

Yeah. Um, so in what situation does a person find themselves in need of latex outfit?

TED

Burlesque shows, play parties, all kinds of places, really.

SHIRIN

Ah. (chuckles) Um, okay, but- but here's my question. Why do the women have to dress up like slutty cupcakes? What about the dudes?

TED

Oh, I have a latex outfit, too.

SHIRIN

(laughs) That's sounds horrible.

MARIE

Oh, it's really cute.

SHIRIN

I'll have to take your word on that one.

1:50:00

SHIRIN

Thanks.

TED

Cheers.

SHIRIN

Cheers.

MARIE

Mmm. (giggles)

[SEXUAL WALLA]

1:51:00

TED

(laughs)

[SEXUAL WALLA]

Appropriate Behavior

1:52:00

(moans) TED

[SEXUAL WALLA]

MARIE
Are you okay?

1:53:00

SHIRIN
Yeah. I'm sorry, I- I just got a little in my head for a minute.

MARIE
No, it's- it's okay. It's okay.

SHIRIN
So this is my first time doing this.

MARIE
(overlapping) (sighs) Ooh. Well, we can take it slow.

SHIRIN
Thank you.

MARIE
(sighs) I like you. A lot. (chuckles)

SHIRIN
Thank you. I like you, too.

MARIE
You know what? We don't have to fuck. You know, we can just hang out, play Monopoly or something.

SHIRIN
That actually sounds like a lot of fun. (chuckles)

MARIE
Mm-hm. (giggles) Great. I have the Clue version.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

Oh.

1:54:00

MARIE

Yeah.

SHIRIN

That's really cool.

MARIE

Yeah.

SHIRIN

(laughs)

MARIE

It's awesome. (sighs) (to Ted) Honey.

TED

You two can stay if you want .

SHIRIN

Um, I should get dressed.

MARIE

No, don't.

SHIRIN

It's okay. Um, I sh- I should go.

MARIE

No, no. Ted. Ted, tell her to stay.

1:55:00

SHIRIN

Thanks.

MARIE

(clicks tongue) I really don't want this to be the last time that we see each other.

SHIRIN

Me, neither.

Appropriate Behavior

Mmm. MARIE

(sniffing) (sighs) SHIRIN

1:56:00

[WALLA...]

SHIRIN
Why didn't I get the memo you have to come dressed
as one of your favorite characters from *The Little
Rascals*.

MAXINE
That's the great thing about Pride.

SHIRIN
People here look like they didn't go to college.

MAXINE
Your attitude is really pissing me off.

SHIRIN
Sorry. Did you see the drag queen? That's my
friend.

MAXINE
How come the only aspect of gay culture that's okay
with you is drag?

SHIRIN
Hey, what am I good at?

MAXINE
I don't know, what?

SHIRIN
Drinking and dancing, remember? Let's have fun.

MAXINE
Right.

SHIRIN
Kiss me.

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE
(to bartender) Two Vodka Red Bulls, please.

1:57:00

SHIRIN
Thank you.

MAXINE
Thanks. (sighs) Can I get another one?

GEORGE
You havin' fun?

MAXINE
Sure.

GEORGE
Look, before you ask, no, I'm not an F to M transsexual. Uh, sorry to disappoint.

MAXINE
What are you doing here?

GEORGE
My sister and I made a bet.

MAXINE
I'm guessing she won?

GEORGE
Ah.

MAXINE
(laughs)

GEORGE
Correct. Yes.

MAXINE
I'm Maxine.

GEORGE
George. Nice to meet you.

Appropriate Behavior

1:58:00

(sighs) MAXINE

I can see you. SHIRIN

Shirin, stop. MAXINE

Fuck you. SHIRIN

I'm sorry. I don't know what happened. MAXINE

What the fuck? SHIRIN

He's a man. It was like kissing a baby. MAXINE

What? SHIRIN

It's just like lips touching. MAXINE

I hate you so much when you're drinking. SHIRIN

I'm so-- MAXINE

(overlapping) Do not touch me. SHIRIN

Whoa. MAXINE

1:59:00

Are you okay? SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

You shoved me off like really violently.

SHIRIN

You cheated on me.

MAXINE

You hit me. (sighs)

SHIRIN

I feel sick.

MAXINE

Please don't cry.

SHIRIN

Don't.

MAXINE

I'm sorry. You have to forgive me.

SHIRIN

Who is he?

MAXINE

Just some guy at the bar. We were just drinking.

SHIRIN

And you were like, "Want to kiss a lesbian?"

MAXINE

It only lasted a second.

SHIRIN

I was watching you. It was forever.

MAXINE

Hey. I am sorry. You have to forgive me.

SHIRIN

(whimpers) (sighs)

CRYSTAL

Who spends three hundred dollars on a garter belt?

KATE

Appropriate Behavior

May I help you?

CRYSTAL

Uh, we're just looking.

SHIRIN

Actually, yes. Um, I'm looking for the grown-up underwear of a woman in charge of her sexuality and not afraid of change.

2:00:00

KATE

I've got that. This just came in from France.

CRYSTAL

It's a bit pink.

KATE

(to Shirin) Well, why don't you try it on for yourself, and let me know what you need and I'll get a room ready for you.

SHIRIN

I actually need to stock up on panties. My ex-girlfriend uh, cut up most of mine, so (chuckles) I'm gonna need more.

KATE

What about bras?

SHIRIN

I don't wear those.

KATE

Why not?

SHIRIN

Oh, just don't have that much to work with, so it feels a little silly. You know, like little girls who carry purses.

KATE

What's your name?

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

Shirin.

KATE

Shirin. Um, you are a woman and you have breasts, and there's nothing wrong with them.

SHIRIN

Yeah, I know. (chuckles)

KATE

You deserve a sexy, supportive bra just like any other woman.

SHIRIN

Okay.

KATE

You were with a woman for how long, and she didn't help you find the right bra?

SHIRIN

A while. (sighs)

KATE

Well, it sounds like your ex-- What's her name?

SHIRIN

Maxine.

KATE

Sounds like Maxine was destructive to your panties and your self-esteem.

CRYSTAL

I'm so sorry. Is this really necessary?

2:01:00

SHIRIN

I'm fine. I ju- I just need underwear.

KATE

Just because your breasts are small doesn't mean they're not legitimate.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

I know.

KATE

It's okay to be angry.

CRYSTAL

Oh, my God.

KATE

Let's try that on.

SHIRIN

You know, it's like I didn't think I deserved a bra, because I don't see myself as a real woman.

KATE

It's about more than just fabric.

SHIRIN

Yeah, and I've been wearing bikini bottoms for months.

KATE

Well, that's basically inviting people who don't respect you into your bedroom.

SHIRIN

That's exactly what I did, and now I'm like seeing her at a party on Saturday, and how do I expect anyone to take me seriously if I am not wearing a bra?

CRYSTAL

I take you seriously.

SHIRIN

That doesn't count.

CRYSTAL

(sighs)

2:02:00

KATE

Stunning.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

God, I hate your friends.

MAXINE

My friends are my family. You don't know what that's like to have to choose your own family because the one you were born into--

SHIRIN

(overlapping) Oh, come on. Enough of this lesbian orphan propaganda. You know, we're all born into shit families. We deal with it.

MAXINE

What is your problem?

SHIRIN

My problem is I haven't been fucked in like three weeks.

MAXINE

I am not gonna talk about this on my birthday.

SHIRIN

On your birthday? What are you, eight? So you happen to be born. Big fucking deal.

MAXINE

Oh, I'm sorry. All attention must revolve around you one hundred percent of the time. I forgot.

SHIRIN

No, that's not true. I'm not like that.

MAXINE

I don't know why I get so shocked when you do shit like this. You're a grown woman in a creepy, codependent relationship with your parents.

SHIRIN

It's totally normal, and you have no idea what you're talking about because you completely abandoned your family.

MAXINE

It wasn't a choice!

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Of course, it's a choice!

MAXINE

Says the closet case!

2:03:00

SHIRIN

They know I know they know. I'm waiting for the right time to bring it up, out of respect for them.

MAXINE

I think you and I see the world totally differently.

SHIRIN

We do. You know, you think that I'm a bad person because I'm not coming out on your terms, and I don't agree with that.

MAXINE

That is not true. I didn't say that.

SHIRIN

That's totally true.

MAXINE

(overlapping) You're not listening to me.

SHIRIN

I'm listening to you, and everything you're saying is pissing me off and completely inaccurate.

MAXINE

You are ruining my birthday.

SHIRIN

You're ruining my twenties.

MAXINE

I can't-- I don't have the patience to deal with you.

SHIRIN

That's fine. Let's break up.

MAXINE

Appropriate Behavior

Fine.

SHIRIN

Okay.

MAXINE

If you're gonna go, just go. You don't get to take things. I got you those panties.

MAXINE (CONT'D)

Absolutely not. Fuck you.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) What the fuck is wrong with you?

MAXINE

I got these for you.

2:04:00

SHIRIN

You're a fucking crazy person! You want to play like this? Do you want to do this? Okay. I bought all the booze for this party.

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

Are you happy? Is this what you wanted?

MAXINE

You know what? Don't bother telling your parents about us. I know you, and the more that I think about it, this is probably just a phase. God, this was such a waste.

[WALLA]

2:05:00

SHIRIN

Hey.

MAXINE

Hi.

SHIRIN

Nice hair.

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

Thanks.

SHIRIN

This is Jon Francis. This is Maxine. Jon, show her your chest tattoo. It took them four hours to do it.

JON

It's a giant squid biting a sperm whale.

MAXINE

Cool.

SHIRIN

How are you?

MAXINE

I'm okay. You?

SHIRIN

Good.

MAXINE

You should meet my date.

SHIRIN

Where is she?

MAXINE

At the bar getting us drinks.

SHIRIN

Great. She sounds awesome.

MAXINE

She is.

SHIRIN

God, look how things worked out for both of us. You have your lady who fetches you drinks at a bar like a maid, and I have my hunky rebel with a cause.

MAXINE

Oh, what's the cause?

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Jon's spearheading a campaign to bridge the gaps of gentrification in Brooklyn through mass Kombucha brewing.

MAXINE

That's not a thing. (chuckles)

SHIRIN

Yeah, we're gonna go dance now. Jon's known all over Bushwick for his voguing.

MAXINE

What a coincidence. T's an amazing dancer.

2:06:00

SHIRIN

Oh, is she?

MAXINE

Yeah, she goes to her West African dance class religiously.

SHIRIN

Is she black?

MAXINE

No.

SHIRIN

She sounds awesome.

MAXINE

She is.

2:07:00

SHIRIN

Tibet?

TIBET

Hey, Shirin.

SHIRIN

(to Maxine) This is your date?

Appropriate Behavior

MAXINE

You two know each other?

SHIRIN

Yeah, we work together. Tibet, this is Jon Francis.
Jon, show her your chest tattoo.

MAXINE

Uh, Tibet's a former hair model.

SHIRIN

Yeah, I heard.

MAXINE

(chuckles)

SHIRIN

Maxine and I used to date. Can you imagine?

TIBET

Nope.

SHIRIN

Why not?

TIBET

I thought you were straight.

SHIRIN

Fuck you.

MAXINE

Whoa. That isn't called for.

SHIRIN

Your hair is uncalled for.

JON

Baby, let's go get high.

SHIRIN

I don't want to get high.

JON

Whatever.

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

What is up with your passive disinterest in everything? Seriously, what happened at Wesleyan that did this to you?

TIBET

Maxine, maybe we should go.

SHIRIN

Oh, shut up, Tibet. No one cares what you have to say. You have the sex appeal of a ferret.

2:08:00

SHIRIN

I'm in here.

MAXINE

It's Maxine.

SHIRIN

Go away.

MAXINE

The door was unlocked.

SHIRIN

I don't know how you could try to replace me with that fetus.

MAXINE

I'm not trying to replace you.

SHIRIN

I hate Jon.

MAXINE

I know. Take a cab home. You're gonna be okay.

[WALLA]

2:09:00

[LAUGHTER]

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Alright. Okay, everybody please come sit. I have a film. Everybody stop playing and come watch the movie. Alright, so this is one of the first films that was ever made for audi-

SIMON

It's not appropriate for our age.

SHIRIN

Why do you have to be like that?

KUJO

What are you looking at?

SHIRIN

Kujo, Groucho, why are you not sitting here? I'm screening a film.

[AD-LIBS]

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

We're watching a movie.

[AD-LIBS]

SHIRIN (CONT'D)

Yes! No, I want you right here. (grunts) (sighs)

ROCKO

What happened?

GROUCHO

Okay. Do we gotta clean all that up?

[AD-LIBS]

GROUCHO (CONT'D)

There's too much.

SHIRIN

Hey, guys. Leave it.

ROCKO

What?

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN
Just leave it.

ROCKO
Uh--

SHIRIN
New plan. I say forget the stop motion. What movie do you guys want to make?

2:10:04

ARCHIE
I want to make a movie about farts.

BOY
(grunts)

SHIRIN
Alright, great. Let's do it.

ARCHIE
Farts.

SHIRIN
Farts.

GROUCHO
Zombies!

[WALLA]

SHIRIN
Awesome.

ROCKO
Boogers!

[AD-LIBS]

SHIRIN
What else have we got? It's a good start. What else do we have here?

KUJO

Appropriate Behavior

I want boogers in my movie.

SHIRIN

Boogers. There we go.

ROCKO

Butts.

SHIRIN

Butts. You guys are in the zone. Keep it flowing.

SIMON

Naked Ninjas. I'm not a zombie. I'm just a boy.

SHIRIN

(overlapping) But you're making the zombie mask. It doesn't matter if it's a character. You're just making it up.

[OVERLAPPING AD-LIBS]

SIMON

(overlapping) Can I have Skittles when I get through?

SHIRIN

Yes. Zombies have as many eyes as you want them to have.

GROUCHO

Really? Look how you're making it.

[AD-LIBS]

2:11:00

ROCKO

Welcome to the Brooklyn Kids Movie Maker final screening. First, we screen the advanced class and the not advanced class. Thank you for coming.

SHIRIN

I wrote that speech.

2:12:00

[WALLA]

Appropriate Behavior

ARCHIE
I love farting.

2:13:00

BOYS IN MONSTER MASKS
(growling)

ARCHIE
I can't fart.

TIBET
Oh, you guys. They're beautiful. Thank you so much.

GIRL
You're welcome.

TIBET
You guys are the best. (sighs) Thank you.

2:14:02

GIRL
Thank you.

KEN
Shirin.

SHIRIN
Hi, Ken.

KEN
So, that was--

SHIRIN
Disgusting. I'm so sorry.

KEN
Actually, I thought it was hilarious.

SHIRIN
Seriously?

KEN
Yeah. I was crackin' up.

Appropriate Behavior

SHIRIN

Thank you so much for saying that.

KEN

(overlapping) Yeah. Let's face it. Farts are funny.

SHIRIN

I agree. Farts are funny. Thank you. (chuckles)

KEN

Have you seen Carrington?

[WALLA]

2:15:00

ALI

Hey, what are you doing here?

SHIRIN

Hiding. I'm sorry I've been such a dick about Layli.

ALI

Aw, come on. Forget it. Come on, let's go inside.

SHIRIN

My old roommate Maxine and I were in a relationship.

ALI

Ah, so you're a lesbian.

SHIRIN

I was pretty into all the guys I was with, so I think I'm bisexual.

ALI

And that's a thing?

SHIRIN

I'm afraid so.

ALI

Alright.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

How do you think Mom and Dad are gonna take it?

ALI

Oh, you're not gonna tell them now that it's over.

SHIRIN

Seems like a pretty big thing to not be honest about.

ALI

Fine. Just uh, wait until after the wedding, alright?

SHIRIN

(laughs) You are such a dick.

ALI

Mmm. Well, at least I'm not a sexually confused narcissist. Can we please go inside?

SHIRIN

Hey, can I be your best man?

ALI

No. Absolutely not.

2:16:00

SHIRIN

(laughs)

[WALLA]

IRANIAN MAN

I was--

IRANIAN WOMAN

I ate before I came.

SHIRIN

Aw, fuck. Ow! Shit.

NASRIN

(exhales)

SHIRIN

I'm sorry I ruined your scarf.

Appropriate Behavior

SUBTITLE: Don't worry about it.
(spoken by Nasrin)

SHIRIN
Mom, I'm a little bit gay.

SUBTITLE: No. You're not.
(spoken by Nasrin)

SHIRIN
Yes, I am. And I was in love with Maxine.

2:17:02

NASRIN
Shhh.

2:18:00

NASRIN
(moans softly) Shirin, are you okay?

SHIRIN
I'm okay.

NASRIN
(moans softly) (sighs) Stop breathing so loud. (sighs)

SHIRIN
Okay.

2:19:00

[WALLA]

CRYSTAL
Has your mom mentioned it?

SHIRIN
No.

CRYSTAL
Maybe she didn't understand what you meant.

SHIRIN

Appropriate Behavior

No, she knows for sure what's up. I'm gonna bring it up in about a month.

[OVERLAPPING P.A. WALLA]

CRYSTAL

I'm proud of you.

SHIRIN

Thanks. There's a party at the loft on Saturday. You should bring that waiter, Brendan.

CRYSTAL

Um, I would, but I kinda want to see if Jacques and Felicia try to seduce me.

SHIRIN

It's never gonna happen. I don't know why you think they're swingers.

CRYSTAL

I just get that vibe. You should invite that gay lawyer. Did you guys touch tongues?

SHIRIN

You know what? We didn't, and it actually hurt my feelings.

2:20:01

CRYSTAL

No, you know, there are people in this world who go on first dates that are perfectly great, and then they wait a while before they engage in sexual contact.

SHIRIN

That's disgusting.

CRYSTAL

I know. I think it all happens outside of New York.

SHIRIN

Maybe you're right. I should call her.

P.A. ANNOUNCER #1 (VO)

This is East Ninth Street.

Appropriate Behavior

P.A. ANNOUNCER #2 (VO)

Stand clear of the closing doors, please.

2:21:00

[WALLA]

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