Brunch: Episode 1 Cig Brunch Bar

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EXT. BOHEMIAN - RESTAURANT PATIO

Duncan, Devon and Nick are sitting at a table. Devon is on her phone.

DUNCAN

(to Devon, after picking up a
pack of cigarettes)

Hey, if a donkey was trying to get free smokes, a headline could be "Ass Bums Butts".

DEVON

What?

DUNCAN

Pay attention to me!

DEVON

Sorry, I can't stop swiping. It's an addiction. I don't even care either.

DUNCAN

At least it's better than every other way of meeting someone.

DEVON

(puts phone down)

Oh, fer sure.

NICK

Fer shure.

DUNCAN

Oh fersure.

DEVON

(enunciating)

For sure. But you can't always tell who's a creep.

DUNCAN

Like in real life?

DEVON

Basically, but they get to craft their lie a bit better in a profile. Like everyone's a pup-loving adventurer, with his own business, when really he sells pot and his grandma owned a poodle. CONTINUED: 2.

DUNCAN

My grandmother owned a --

DEVON

Here, I don't think either of you know about this, but I met this guy on Bumble and went out with him a few times. We were having a good time, I mean I liked him, but nothing serious.

NICK

Is that the guy who, like, walks old people for a living?

DEVON

Different guy. So at like midnight on this night we're not hanging out, he texts and says he needs to tell me something. I don't know what to expect, but whatever. So he calls and tells me - he goes, "Baby." He started calling me baby all the time like right away, which I thought was weird.

DUNCAN

That's a power move, apparently. They talk about it in The Game.

DEVON

Never read it. But someone was explaining "negging" to me the other day - that's what that's from, right? I started wondering how many times I've dealt with that thinking the guy is just an asshole.

DUNCAN

He is just an asshole.

DEVON

True. So this guy - he's like, "Baby, I slept with someone else last week, and I saw her again tonight. I'm so sorry, baby. It won't happen again, I want to be with you." I'm at a loss here, because at no point was there even any talk about being exclusive, we only hung out like a few times, so I'm kind of silent on my end, piecing it together.

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DUNCAN

So he thought he was cheating on you, but really he wasn't?

DEVON

Well I mean if he happened to mention he slept with someone else, that might've been fine, but he framed it like he was cheating, so to me he actually was. Which means he can't really be trusted. So I told him we were done, and he cried for a minute - also a bit weird - and then we hung up and I haven't heard from him, so that's good.

NICK

That's funny. I couldn't get into internet dating. Tried it a couple of times, but I'll stick to the trusted method of getting drunk and finding someone at a bar, sleeping with them, and then hoping the next morning we still wanna hang out.

DEVON

Like with Maggie!

NICK

Exactly.

(picks up cigarettes, hands one to Devon) Here, you want one?

DEVON

Ooh, tanks.

DUNCAN

Remember back in the day, when you'd ask to be in the non-smoking section and the server would just take the ashtray off the table? Ooh, tell her about the BO girl.

NICK

(lighting cigarette)
Yeah, okay, that's a good one.

Server arrives.

SERVER

Here's your coffees. The food will be another few minutes.

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DUNCAN

No problem. Still waiting on one anyway.

SERVER

Oh, will she need a menu?

NICK

Nah, I doubt it.

DEVON

Can I grab a mimosa too?

SERVER

Of course.

DUNCAN

(jokingly, to Server)
Here, you might want to stick
around for this one.

Server leaves.

NICK

So we were making a video for Sick Kids. We had to go --

DEVON

You mean the hospital?

NICK

Yeah.

DUNCAN

No, just a couple of random sick kids they found on the street. "Uh, you guys wanna watch a movie?"

NICK

We made a music video for them, for this rap song they wrote, which is the sickest.

DEVON

"You guys are actually the sickest."

NICK

At the shoot, I met this girl Amy that works with Vickie.

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DUNCAN

That's not her name.

NICK

It is! Wait, you're right. What is it again?

DUNCAN

Ashley?

NICK

No. Well, whatever. So I thought, this girl was alright as a human being, kind of attracted to her at the time, and that's the end of it. Months later I decide to get on Tinder because I was like, "Seems to work for some people. I'll try it out, see what happens."

DEVON

Tind it up.

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I Tinds it up. And the first person who I talk was, sure enough --

Maggie arrives.

MAGGIE

Hey girlfriend!

DEVON

Oh hay! How was the massage?

MAGGIE

(handing Devon a lighter)
The best. Oh yeah, I found your
pineapple lighter.

DEVON

Oh my god, I need that!

NICK

Never mind.

Maggie kisses Nick.

DEVON

Hold on, sorry. She had BO?

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Server brings food out then starts walking away.

DEVON

Excuse me, I think you forgot my drink.

DUNCAN

(under his breath)

Unforgivable.

SERVER

Uh, it's coming.

MAGGIE

What are you - can I get one of whatever she's having too?

Server leaves.

NICK

I'll tell the full story. It's a really good one. There's a bunch of layers to it.

DEVON

Nick's gonna finish his story about an online date.

(sarcastic)

It's a really good one.

NICK

She already knows it anyway. So at the shoot I met this girl...

(looks at Duncan)

Andrea?

Duncan shakes his head.

NICK

I met this girl through a friend of a friend, and ended up matching with her on Tinder after. I was like, "Oh hey, I know you," so we already have the real life connection. We talk for a bit and are getting along, so we decide to go to a trivia night together. It happens that the only trivia going on is at this like random bar downtown called, I don't even know what, like the Rusty Fox or

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NICK (cont'd)

something, one of these, like, very clearly your standard Irish pub.

MAGGIE

Do you meet up there?

NICK

We do. The pub is like definitely dingy but I don't mind it. It's kind of vibe-y - it's fine. And this girl... Fuck, what was her name? Alison or something.

DUNCAN

Aardvark?

NICK

Anyway, the questions are fairly hard. The guy is flying through it too so there's not really a chance to talk about anything else.

DUNCAN

I hate when they do that.

Server drops off drinks.

SERVER

How are the first few bites tasting?

DUNCAN

Great, thanks.

NICK

Alright, so the pub is full of these like very trivia guys, very old man trivia teams where they're incredibly smart but they're also like dingy old dudes, pretty much everybody in the bar other than us. We're like the youngest, cleanest, nicest looking people in the bar.

DEVON

How did that make you feel about yourself?

NICK

Good, at first. But, as the night wears on I am vaguely aware, and then very specifically aware, that (MORE)

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NICK (cont'd)

this really bad stink of BO has made its way into my nostrils. My first thought immediately is, "Oh god, do I have BO?" I came straight from work, you know, it was the middle of Winter, so --

DEVON

It happens.

NICK

It happens. It gets trapped in. So I bee-line straight for the bathroom, right away like checking myself. I'm getting in real deep, but thankfully it's not me. I have plenty of deodorant on. I smell fine.

DEVON

Like a fresh baby.

NICK

Exactly. I go back out and I'm thinking, well I should probably bring it up, like this is awkward now. There's definitely this stinky BO floating around. She has to notice it too. But then I'm like, god, she came from work too and she did tell me that she had this --

MAGGIE

Really bad BO?

NICK

She was working late, she didn't get a chance to go home either, so I kind of convince myself that it must be her. And that's okay, whatever. As we've discussed, it can happen.

DEVON

You're not backing down from a little stink.

NICK

I certainly am not. So anyway, after trivia we ended up having a decent chat. It was fun. Eventually we go outside and are parting ways.

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NICK (cont'd)

And the date went well overall, so I'm like, you know what, maybe I will end the night with a kiss on the lips. I lean in, and she gives me the cheek, just like instant turn-of-the-head, and the kiss just dies on impact. It's the cheek of death. We've all gotten it.

DUNCAN

(overlapping)

We've all gotten it hundreds of times.

NICK

We all get it.

MAGGIE

Explain this to me further.

DEVON

You mean, someone doesn't want to kiss you? Why would someone not want to kiss you? I can't relate to this.

NICK

So then my friend Kyle that I work with - maybe you met him, he's been at the house before.

MAGGIE

The guy who broke our toilet seat.

NICK

Yes, with his big ol' butt. Anyway, his girlfriend at the time, is friends with this girl that I'm out with. I go to work the next day and he's sitting there and, like kinda quiet, and I'm like, "Hey, I went out with what's-her-face last night." He's like, "Oh yeah, how did it go?" I'm like, "Man, it was going great. I, like, you know, whatever, went in for a kiss at the end of the night, and got the cheek of death. There was one thing though - there was this BO smell and I think that maybe she had BO and she was nervous about it and just wanted to get out of there."

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NICK (cont'd)

And as I'm saying this, Kyle - he's looking at me, he's like, "Oh my god, I can't believe you just said that. Here, I wasn't supposed to say anything - Vickie made me promise I wouldn't - but Vickie's, you know, like a maniac about this kind of stuff, so immediately, either as the date is going on or right after it's over, she texts her like, 'How did it go with Nick? Like, what happened?' And she writes back, 'It was okay. He was nice enough, but there was this one thing.'

DUNCAN

Haha.

NICK

And Vickie was like, 'What? What is the one thing?' 'He had this terrible BO the entire time and I couldn't get past it.'"

DEVON

So the entire night, she's --

NICK

She's sitting there thinking I have BO, I'm sitting there thinking she has BO. Meanwhile, just some ulterior --

DUNCAN

Some old guy in the corner.

NICK

Some random next to us just has this stinky body and he's ruining both our nights.

DEVON

But you were still up for a goodbye kiss.

DUNCAN

That's what --

NICK

This is the thing! I went in for the kiss with this --

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MAGGIE

This stinky young girl.

NICK

And she was like, "No, no, not if you stink," and that was it. She can't get past --

DEVON

"I am unable to look past the stink of this otherwise fine young gentleman."

NICK

I'll take a stinky old kiss any day.

Nick tries to kiss Maggie. She turns away.

NICK

Giving me the cheek 'cause of a little dab of BO. I was willing to look past it.

DEVON

And she was not. That says something.

NICK

She was younger. It wouldn't have worked out anyway.

DUNCAN

She was twelve years old. Was actually one of the sick kids from the video.

MAGGIE

She was a Sikh?

NICK

We never went out again, but I ran into her a few months later and was like, "Look, we shared a few laughs that night, but there's one thing that's not a laughing matter - BO."

MAGGIE

Did she want to go out with you again, after you said that?

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NICK

Probably. It was very charming. Ah, Anna!

DUNCAN

I'm sticking with Aardvark.

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Nick and Anna's completed trivia answer sheet is shown.