

CUT #4  
Dan and Amanda  
(Server)

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Amanda

Anyway, they were pretty persistent that I should meet you. Now, what did they tell you about me?

Dan

More or less the same. You own an antiques shop. You're divorced, also with a grown daughter. They told me how attractive you were, but if I may say...they didn't do you justice.

Amanda

~~Well, thank you. (slightly awkward pause)~~ Sooo, what kinds of things do you like? What makes you laugh?

Dan

I guess this would be the "getting to know you" part, huh? Well, let's see....Monty Python. The Marx Brothers. The Far Side. Airplane—no matter how many times I see it.

Amanda

OK, interesting answers. Now, you ask me something.

Dan

OK, let's keep it simple. What kind of music do you like?

Amanda

My favorite is 70s music. Neil Diamond. Dan Fogelberg. James Taylor. But I also like Adele. Lady Gaga.

Dan

Ucch! Can't stand Lady Gaga! My favorite is actually country music. Especially the classic stuff. Merle Haggard, George Jones, Lefty Frizzell.

Amanda

Ohhh-Kay. Yeah, country songs all sound the same to me. I got in my truck, drove down to the bar, got drunk. Momma. Trains. Prison. And trust me, I won't be standin' by my man if he cheats. I didn't then, and I won't now.

Dan

Well, there's a little more to country music than that, but whatever. Gee, if that's a potential deal-breaker, maybe I shouldn't mention anything about Star Trek.

Dan

No. Something wrong with Star Trek?

Amanda

No, not really. It just always seemed kind of silly to me. Everyone running around in pajamas with that triangle thing on the chest, shooting ray guns. The pointy ears. And Trekkies just seem to take it all so seriously.

Dan

Trekkers, actually. And it's a nice, optimistic view of what the future could be like. And a lot of the episodes were morality plays. And...y'know what, never mind. We can just agree to disagree.

*(server approaches their table)*

Server

Good evening folks. Welcome to Lotus Gardens. Is this your first time here?

Amanda

Yes, it is.

Server

Are you celebrating anything tonight?

Dan

No, we're not.

Server

OK, well can I start you off with anything?

Dan

No, and I think we're going to need a few more minutes.

Server

No problem, I'll come back.

*(server walks away)*