

QUARANTINE DATING

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INT. GENERIC LOOKING ROOM - NIGHT

A man in a t-shirt, ZACH, is seen brushing some dust off his shirt. He takes a deep breath, then presses something on his computer looking excited. A video chat starts. He looks taken aback as a woman in a yellow midi dress, KENDALL, greets him.

ZACH

Wow, hey there.

KENDALL

Oh...Showing up to a first date in a t-shirt? Bold choice.

ZACH

I'm sorry, this is my first video date. I sort of thought this would be a casual thing.

KENDALL

No, no that's totally fine.

ZACH

I'm glad we were able to schedule this date, especially during the quarantine. Excited to try something new!

KENDALL

It'll be fun. Besides, there's virtually no difference between a video date and an in-person date. See?

Kendall picks up a wineglass and takes a sip.

ZACH

You're absolutely right, a date is a date. Again, sorry. The wine is a nice touch. I'll play along.

Zach reaches for a wine bottle and pours himself a glass.

KENDALL

So what made you pick this place?  
Do you come here often?

ZACH

Place? Oh you mean Facebook video?  
Haha, yea, once or twice.

KENDALL

I love the interior and overall  
aesthetic. Very cute restaurant.  
And, it has a 4.3 star rating. I  
just hope their food is good.

ZACH

Haha "totally." And I heard that  
the "service" is good too.

KENDALL

Well, you say that, but I've been  
waiting over an hour for my food.

Zach nods as if he understands the game Kendall is playing.

ZACH

I'll see what the hold up is.

Zach then lifts a finger into the air and looks off into the  
distance, pretending to flag down a waiter.

ZACH (CONT'D)

Excuse me, waiter. We've been  
waiting for a while now.

As Zach laughs at his own bit, a doorbell rings. Kendall  
grabs her computer and walks to the door.

KENDALL

Thank you, waiter.

Kendall returns to her seat with a food container.

ZACH

Oh, so you actually ordered food.  
That's fun. What did you get?

KENDALL

Prime rib, medium rare.

ZACH

I've never actually ordered steak  
through delivery before.

KENDALL

It's this restaurant's specialty.

ZACH

What's the name of the restaurant  
you ordered from?

KENDALL

Umm, Facebook. Hello? You're the  
one that chose this place. You're  
sitting inside it, silly.

ZACH

Right...right. *coughs*

ZACH (CONT'D)

(dramatic)

And what a fine steak it is.

KENDALL

Do you want a bite?

ZACH

Sure! I'll try some.

Zach opens his mouth and mimes cutting a piece of steak.

KENDALL

Why are you pretending to eat?

As Zach stops, looking confused, his doorbell rings.

ZACH

Wonder who that is. One sec.

Zach walks off frame.

ZACH (CONT'D)

Oh...uh, thank you.

Zach returns with a plastic bag. He pulls out a container.

ZACH (CONT'D)

Did...you order this to my house?  
Is that why you asked me for proof  
that I live in New York?

KENDALL

I didn't want to start anything  
with a guy in Boston or something.  
And I just can't go through the  
long distance thing again.

ZACH

Well, I can't argue with that...  
But why does that matter during a  
quarantine?

Kendall cuts him off and puts her index finger on the webcam as she shushes him calmly. She whispers.

KENDALL  
Shhh...Just take a bite.

Zach hesitates, then takes a bite. Kendall is pleased.

ZACH  
Yum...that's really good...hey,  
what's going on behind you?

Kendall looks over behind her. There is a tablet and phone propped upright. On each screen is a girl on video, giggling. They whisper among themselves. Kendall covers her face.

KENDALL  
Oh gosh, this is so embarrassing.  
My friends knew I had a hot date,  
and I guess they followed me here.  
Guys, leave us alone.

The giggling friends start to motion with their arms as if they are walking. Kendall grabs the devices and moves them slowly off frame as the two women continue to fake-walk.

KENDALL (CONT'D)  
Sorry about that.

ZACH  
They "followed" you here. Haha,  
that's...totally cool. Wow, you  
**really** commit to a bit.

Kendall doesn't seem too amused.

KENDALL  
You're totally my type, Zach, but I  
really don't feel like you're  
taking this first date seriously.

ZACH  
No, no. I'm sorry about that. It's  
just new to me, that's all.

KENDALL  
It's fine. I'll chalk it up to  
first date jitters.

ZACH  
How about another glass of wine?

KENDALL  
Yea, top me off.

Zach raises his hand and looks off into the distance. Kendall nods in approval as he mimes this.

ZACH

Sir, another glass of wine please.

Kendall waits a few beats as Zach awkwardly holds his hand up still, then she pours herself another glass. She takes a sip.

KENDALL

(playful)

Zach, are you trying to get me drunk?

ZACH

No, I would never.

Kendall winks at Zach. She then reaches for the receipt from her take out order and looks at it.

KENDALL

Well, I just received the bill.  
Even split?

ZACH

Haha, well if we were in person,  
I'd definitely pay for this one.

KENDALL

Well my Venmo handle is KendallH-3.

ZACH

Haha...oh you're serious. Um, okay.

There is a ding on Kendall's phone. She looks down. The screen shows a Venmo payment for \$50 sent from Zach.

KENDALL

Thanks so much for dinner. You  
really didn't have to.

ZACH

It was my pleasure?

KENDALL

I had a lovely time with you.

ZACH

I had...a time with you too.

KENDALL

You okay?

ZACH  
Yea, this was just very new to me.

KENDALL  
Well this is the part of the date  
when you kiss me.

ZACH  
In real life, I'd totally go for  
it.

KENDALL  
What? No, this. This is the moment.  
Shoot your shot.

Kendall leans forward toward her webcam awkwardly, stopping a few inches away. Zach hesitates, then shrugs, and does the same thing. The two kiss their webcams passionately.

ZACH  
Wow. That was actually--

KENDALL  
-- nice.

ZACH  
Yea, nice.

Kendall takes one last sip of wine and stands up to leave.

ZACH (CONT'D)  
Wait! You know, the night doesn't  
have to end here.

Kendall motions with her hands, as if to say "continue."

ZACH (CONT'D)  
Your...place...or mine?

KENDALL  
You're finally getting it! You have  
protection, right?

ZACH  
Well...my Norton Antivirus is up-to-  
date.

KENDALL  
Perfect.

They both laugh, get up, grab their computers, and walk to their respective bedrooms and slam the doors shut.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM - DAY

Kendall wakes up in her bed looking a bit dazed and groggy. She turns and sees her open laptop. On the screen, is the video chat still open, focused on Zach's sleeping head. Kendall seems embarrassed.

KENDALL

Shit, shit. Not again.

They are clearly in Kendall's room. Kendall slowly clambers out of her bed, grabs her stuff and sneaks out of her own bedroom.

BLACKOUT