

DOUG

INT. RUTLEDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - X-RAY ROOM - DAY

George stands with DR. DOUG JACKSON (30s), a big, doughy, sweet natured Vet, as they inspect X-rays.

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START →

GEORGE

Of all the Animal Hospitals in this world why does she have to walk into this one?

DOUG

Well, because her family owns it. Her great-grandmother founded it.

GEORGE

Yeah, I know, Doug. It was a joke.

DOUG

Can I confide in you, George?

GEORGE

Of course, I'm your best friend.

DOUG

Thanks, George, but you're not exactly my *best* friend. My best friend is Frankie Buchner, I've known him since the second grade.

GEORGE

Fine, I'm your best *work* friend.

DOUG

Mmmm, no, actually Dr. Kim is my best work friend. We eat lunch every day together. I'm godfather to his son.

GEORGE

Well, where exactly do I rank?

DOUG

George, my girlfriend left me for another guy.

GEORGE

Obviously. What did you expect, Doug? You don't exactly groom yourself. You're a big shaggy mess.

DOUG

This is why you rank really low in the friend department, George.

[ANIMAL KINGDOM]

GEORGE

All I'm saying is, it's only natural for a peacock to search for brighter tail feathers.

DOUG

This is not about tail feathers! This is my life! I thought she was the one. We were talking marriage.

GEORGE

Marriage is unnatural. Of all the species on this planet only twenty mate for life. You know who mates for life? Termites. Are you a termite, Doug?

DOUG

That depends. Do termites still love their girlfriends even after they find out that they're banging some other guy?

George feels bad for him.

GEORGE

Establish dominance.

DOUG

Establish what?

GEORGE

Establish dominance. ~~What do you think Harvey would do?~~

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~~George points to an ANGRY PIT BULL, presumably Harvey, who sits in a cage GROWLING DANGEROUSLY.~~

~~GEORGE (CONT'D)~~

~~You want your girlfriend back? Find the guy who's banging her and rip out his jugular.~~

~~George grabs an X-Ray and leaves the room.~~

~~INT. RUTLEDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY~~

~~ALAN WAXMAN (40s) a big man eats a SANDWICH. He sits with his daughter LILY (8) who cradles her dog, HONEY. George enters.~~

~~GEORGE~~

~~Mr. Waxman, Lily, good news, Honey is going to be okay.~~

GEORGE (CONT'D)

This place is turning into my own personal hell.

DOUG

Take me with you to the club. Let me be your wingman.

GEORGE

I'm more of a lone wolf, Doug. Sorry.

DOUG

Please. You know what I do after work? I go across the street to O'Mally's where I listen to drunks talk to me about their gall bladder.

George looks out in the hallway and spots Dorothy talking with Dr. Kim. Angela walks up to her.

ANGELA

Ms. Rutledge, your fiance is on the phone, he wants to know if dinner is still at eight.

DOROTHY

Tell him to push it back an hour, I'm going to be here late.

At the mention of this, George PULLS a little TOO hard on the stitch causing Doug to YELP in pain.

DOUG

George, watch it!

GEORGE

You know what, Doug? You're right. We should go out tonight. Let's get a little wild.

EXT./INT. CLUB LIT - NIGHT

The club is in full swing as George and Doug enter. Doug, clearly excited, bobs his head to the music. George glares at him and Doug stops. Doug takes out NOTE CARDS.

DOUG

START → Okay, so I Googled some pick up lines. Which ones do you like? Was that an earthquake or did you just rock my world?

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DOUG (CONT'D)
Oh, this one's really good: Are you
Jamaican? Cuz Jamaican me crazy--

George snatches the note cards away.

GEORGE
Take a look at the bar and zero in
on women who are playing with their
hair. It signifies that they are
sexually frustrated, or that they
just did a ton of cocaine in the
bathroom, either way, they'll be
susceptible to being picked up.

Doug POINTS TO TWO HOT GIRLS PLAYING WITH THEIR HAIR.

DOUG
Those girls are totally on coke.

GEORGE
Good eye. Now follow my lead.

George and Doug walk up to the hot girls.

GEORGE (CONT'D)
Ladies, what are you drinking?

HOT GIRL # 1
Dark and Stormy's.

GEORGE
Sounds great.
(to bartender)
Two Dark and Stormy's for these two
beautiful women.

HOT GIRL # 2
Are you guys not drinking?

GEORGE
We would, but we're on call right
now. I may have to operate later
tonight.

HOT GIRL # 1
So, you guys are doctors?

GEORGE
We're doctors for animals.

HOT GIRL # 2
Awwwww, I love animals.

GEORGE

Well, then let me show you a picture of my latest patient...

George takes out his IPHONE and SHOWS THEM A PICTURE OF THE CUTEST PUPPY EVER.

HOT GIRL # 1

Oh, my God! He's sooooo cute.

~~HOT GIRL # 2~~

~~I can't even stand it. He's adorable.~~

DOUG

Here's who I'm working on.

Doug takes out his IPHONE and shows them a PICTURE.

~~HOT GIRL # 1~~

~~Ewwwwww.~~

HOT GIRL # 2

Gross! What is that?!

DOUG

I was lancing a boil on an old cat. The green stuff is puss, the rest is just blood and mucus.

HOT GIRL # 1

That's disgusting. I'm gonna be sick.

~~HOT GIRL # 2~~

~~Let me take you to the bathroom.~~

The two Hot Girls walk away.

GEORGE

What is your problem?!

DOUG

You told me to follow your lead!

GEORGE

Women like to see pictures of puppies and kittens and bunnies, because it taps into their maternal instinct and arouses in them a desire to procreate. Do you know how we procreate, Doug?

DOUG
By having sex?

GEORGE
By having sex. Exactly. Puppies are
Mother Nature's aphrodisiac.

DOUG
I'm sorry. I should go.

GEORGE
You're just going to give up?

DOUG
Who am I kidding, George? Nobody
wants to be with me. It's just
natural selection, I guess...

END #2

George watches as Doug glumly retreats out of the club.

INT. RUTLEDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - DOROTHY'S OFFICE - DAY

Dorothy tries to reason with Mr. Waxman.

DOROTHY
... the thing to know about Honey
is she's a Terrier, and Terrier's
are a noble breed. Her ancestors
once hunted along side Kings--

WAXMAN
That's all great, but I can't stand
it. I hate this dog.

DOROTHY
Okay. We won't charge you for the
surgery. You wouldn't put your
daughter's dog to sleep, when we're
willing to forgo the fee. I'm sure
you can be reasonable about this.

Waxman thinks as Dorothy's smile and charm sets in.

WAXMAN
Fine, I guess...

DOROTHY
That's wonderful, Mr. Waxman!

WAXMAN
... Under one condition. I want
some respect. If that Dr. Coleman
character apologizes, I'll okay the
operation.

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DOROTHY

Why do you have such little respect for people, George? All the time we were together it's the one thing I always wanted to ask you.

GEORGE

Why didn't you?

DOROTHY

I was afraid of the answer.

GEORGE

When I was eight, my mother left our family for a vacuum salesman. I never saw her again. You'd never see a wolf leave her cub for a vacuum salesman.

Dorothy takes this in. She nods at the dog.

DOROTHY

What about her owner? You operated without his permission. You have to apologize.

GEORGE

Yeah, if I don't the hospital is liable and he could sue the pants off us. We'd both lose our jobs.

DOROTHY

So, you're going to apologize.

GEORGE

I'll do the right thing.

DOROTHY

Thank you, George.

George leaves. Dorothy thinks about it.

DOROTHY (CONT'D)

Wait! What does that mean?!

She rushes after him, but George is gone.

INT. RUTLEDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - EXAMINING ROOM - MORNING

George examines a TABBY CAT, when Doug dances in whistling, he takes a quick look at the cat.

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START →

DOUG

Judging by the lesions, I'm guessing Cat Scratch Fever. Would you concur?

GEORGE

I would concur.

DOUG

And here's another one for you. Symptoms, the patient has a spring in his step, his mood is brightened and oh yes, he is wearing the same clothes that he did yesterday signifying that he did not sleep in his apartment last night. Diagnosis?

GEORGE

I would diagnose the patient as having spread his seed the pervious evening. Would you concur?

DOUG

You bet your ass I concur. It was amazing. After work I go to O'Mally's for yet another depressing drink and in walks this woman. And she is gorgeous. We start talking and one thing leads to another and the next thing I know I'm doing the walk of shame this morning!

GEORGE

Congratulations, Doug. So, tell me, is it true what they say about redheads?

DOUG

I'm a gentleman, George, I don't kiss and tell. But yes, gingers are freaking crazy.

Doug exits the room. After a beat he comes right back in.

DOUG (CONT'D)

How did you know she was a redhead?

George has no answer.

DOUG (CONT'D)

Oh no. Oh my God. She was a hooker wasn't she?! You got me a hooker?!

GEORGE

No. The man your ex-girlfriend is sleeping with has an ex-girlfriend himself. Last night you slept with her.

DOUG

Really? You made that happen?

GEORGE

I called her up, told her who you were and let nature take it's course. As any Siberian Tiger will illustrate, revenge is a sub-human instinct. Siberian Tiger's will spend weeks hunting and killing anything that has harmed them. Revenge generates a neuro-chemical reaction that's far more satisfying than reconciliation. Human's call this an "anger bang"--

DOUG

Yes, I know what they called it.

GEORGE

Or a grudge fu--

DOUG

Yes, thank you. You know, you may actually be my best work friend.

GEORGE

I told you so.

They share a moment.

END #3

~~INT. RUTLEDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM - DAY~~

~~Dorothy confers with Mr. Waxman and Lily. There is BARKING. Lily spots Honey galloping towards her.~~

~~LILY~~

~~Honey!~~

~~Honey runs into her arms and Lily cradles her. George steps up to them. Mr. Waxman is irate.~~

~~WAXMAN~~

~~I see you did the surgery without my permission. You were supposed to apologize first. I'll have my law firm take this place down.~~