

# "ARE WE IN A PORN"

ARE WE IN A PORN? - SKETCH BY J. W. CRUMP

Characters: Tatum, a roommate who has been in the apartment for several years, and Keith, a new roommate who just moved into the apartment. All of Tatum's lines in italics should be read in an over-the-top "porn star" voice. Really exaggerated. He switches back and forth so its almost unnoticeable at first.

INT. LIVING ROOM OF TWO-PERSON APARTMENT

TATUM sits on a couch, watching Netflix by himself. KEITH enters the living room, typing on his phone. He completes a charge on Venmo with a flourish of a final button press.

KEITH

First month's rent just Venmo-ed!

TATUM

Thanks! Stoked to have you living here. *Really excites me.*

KEITH

Um, okay, cool...me too.

The doorbell rings. Tatum pops up to go to the door.

TATUM

Pizza time!

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Tatum gleefully leaves the living room and grabs a pizza box. Keith sits down on the couch, closing down programs on his phone. Tatum joins Keith on the couch.

KEITH

Now that I've been here a few days, I has some questions about the place.

TATUM

Of course! Shoot! *Shoot a load of questions right in my face.*

Keith notices the weird way Tatum is talking.

KEITH

Have you ever noticed that you...nevermind. I've just noticed some...weirdness. Like, I swear every time I go into the bathroom I hear slow jazz. Not like, a song I recognize, just jazz. Real general jazz.

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Keith starts turning his visual attention away from Tatum while he's talking. Unbeknownst to him, Tatum is slowly taking off his shirt, very matter-of-factly, as if this is an everyday occurrence.

KEITH

Also, our copy machine is ALWAYS broken, and the repair man who comes to fix it--

TATUM

Yeah, yeah, *cums*.

KEITH

--He never brings real tools. Just one single hammer. Also, now that I think about it, it's weird that we have a full-size copy machine at all--

Keith finally turns back to see shirtless Tatum. Keith stands up abruptly.

KEITH

Whoa! What the hell, dude!

TATUM

Oh, sorry. *I'm such a naughty boy*. This'll happen.

Tatum puts his shirt back on. He's very calm and composed while doing so, like nothing's out of the ordinary.

KEITH

Tatum, oh my god, the way you talk, the repair man, the copy--Are we in a porn?

TATUM

Of course we are, silly goose!

Tatum pats Keith's shoulder platonically, but Keith recoils in horror.

KEITH

I'm not having sex with you!

Tatum stands up with enthusiasm.

TATUM

Whoa, okay, nobody's asking you to!

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The doorbell rings. Tatum goes to get yet a second pizza while Keith rings his hands anxiously. He's very on edge now.

KEITH

Oh god, oh god, oh god. That's why we have three hot tubs! And no personal pictures! Why didn't I just move to Queens!?

Tatum brings in the pizza and sets it down on top of the other. Keith is startled by his return and yelps.

TATUM

Calm down, nutter-butter. This apartment is a permanent porno, sure. And yes, you'll have to fight that urge to dress like a cowboy, chew seductively on your non-prescription glasses, or make bad puns, but there are advantages too.

KEITH

Like?

The doorbell rings again.

TATUM

That's ANOTHER free pizza. Can you believe it?! Keep getting delivered! I've never even ordered one!

KEITH

Good pizza?

TATUM

It's okay! But there's more! Plumbers are always on time. The shower is always hot and steamy. And the fridge is permanently stocked with strawberries and whip cream!

KEITH

Guess I like free strawberries...

Tatum edges closer to Keith and starts rubbing his shoulders platonically, but just a little deeper than one would normally rub.

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TATUM

We can also do any job we want while living in this porn. I've been a doctor, a lawyer, and a nurse seven times.

Tatum starts massaging Keith's cheeks, never overtly sexually, just in a creepy overly friendly fashion.

TATUM

And eventually all your cotton sheets will turn into plush velour. Don't know when or how, but I'm not complaining.

KEITH

Okay, I guess...

TATUM

And here's the best part, take a look at your junk.

Keith eyes Tatum suspiciously, hesitating.

TATUM

Here!

Tatum pulls Keith's pants up so Keith can look inside. Keith's eyes get wide.

KEITH

It's GINORMOUS. (pause) And has a condom on it?

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TATUM

Yeah, new regulations. You'll always have a condom on.

Tatum moves on to rubbing Keith's chest. They are very close to each other. Keith is starting to be more comfortable with the situation.

KEITH

I do like the fact that my chest hair seems to have stopped growing.

TATUM

Fun fact, in a 70s porn houses, the opposite happens. But we're in a modern neighborhood.

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