

INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

They breeze past a cheery HOSTESS and head toward the bar.

HOSTESS

Hi! Welcome to Weegle's! Oh, okay -
umm...

AYA

(looks at him)

They both work. Anyway, ever since I've
started quoting your tweets --

BLAKE

You talk about me? Oooh - someone's got a
crush.

AYA

No - I quote you. There's a difference.

BLAKE

Keep telling yourself that... stalker.

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They take adjoining stools.

AYA

Once he started hearing your words come
out of my mouth - oh, god - I suddenly
hear how pathetic that sounds --

BLAKE

Don't worry. You've sunk lower.

AYA

Every since, by the end of each session I
find him just staring out the window. I'm
the one who has to tell him my time's up.

BLAKE

You aren't just trying to make me feel
better?

AYA

That's disgusting. And, is that even
possible?

BLAKE

Probably not.

A BARTENDER appears.

AYA
(to Bartender)
Two Jameson's - neat.

The Bartender nods and moves off.

BLAKE
It's eleven in the morning.

AYA
(to Bartender)
And bring a water back for my girlfriend.

BLAKE
Thank you.

AYA
Oh, and at least three times now he's interrupted me and just starts talking about some stupid bird!?

BLAKE
A bird? You mean a girl?

AYA
No, I mean a bird. If I meant a girl I would have said a girl. Some of us know how to say what we mean.

BLAKE
Much to the chagrin of your therapist apparently.

AYA
"Do you think he enjoys singing his song? Or is he just programmed from birth to chirp away trying desperately to attract a mate?"

BLAKE
He said that?

AYA
Yup.

BLAKE
During your session?

AYA
Uh, huh.

BLAKE

And at no time have you maybe decided that - I don't know - he should be paying you?

AYA

I was gonna leave him.

BLAKE

But you enjoy wasting your money. Of course - that makes sense. You are, after all, an American.

AYA

I decided it was worth the money just to see how far down his pole of joy and cheer we could get him to slide.

BLAKE

We?

AYA

Please. I ran out of "Mommie Dearest" stories ages ago. I gotta tell you it was becoming a struggle to make up new life traumas every week.

BLAKE

Wait. You actually started fabricating horrific events to tell your shrink?

AYA

(shrugs her shoulders)

Hmm.

BLAKE

That's the most warped, depraved thing I've ever heard! I love it!

AYA

Thanks - sicko - but honestly, I wasn't very good at it. Sometimes he'd catch me contradicting something I'd told him before.

BLAKE

Saucy bugger. Don't he know his job is to sit quietly and let you pour out the sordid details of your imaginary life?

AYA

I know, right?

BLAKE

So, what would you do when he'd catch you in a lie?

AYA

I'd just burst into tears and cry "oh my god, Doctor Feldman - I don't even know what's real anymore!!"

BLAKE

Bet he loved that.

AYA

You should'a seen his eyes light up. Like the slot machine of my warped mind just rang up triple jokers.

BLAKE

I'll assume that's a good thing. Go on.

AYA

But once I started quoting a few of your bon mots I realized - why go to the trouble of inventing my own misfortunes when I can --

BLAKE

Simply plagiarize mine.

AYA

Don't get me wrong - I would have loved to take credit for them. It's just...

BLAKE

You harbor a deep seated passion for me that wouldn't allow you to betray my trust in such a lowly and crass manner?

AYA

Nooo... (she moves her finger about)
...more *that*.

BLAKE

What? My dashing good looks? Say, do you fancy I'm more Brad Pitt or Johnny Depp?

AYA

Here's a tip. Want more to rail against? Buy a mirror.

BLAKE

Oh, you're a wicked beast.

AYA

No. It's your diction... word choice.

BLAKE

I know what diction is. I'm English.

AYA

And your sentence structure. It's a dead giveaway. I knew I couldn't pull off claiming your spiels as my own.

BLAKE

You could have just translated them. You know, from English to... whatever monkey language it is you people speak over here.

AYA

Don't be an ass. Your phrasing is half the fun. Honestly, you make Morrissey sound like a bloody charm school graduate.

BLAKE

No one's ever said anything so kind to me before.

AYA

Aaahh?

BLAKE

And don't use "bloody." Sounds a wreck coming from you.

AYA

Fair enough "guv'na."

BLAKE

Oh, god, shoot me now.