

PLEASE LIKE ME.

"That's not you"

2 actors
Man/Man

(Comedy)

INT. A RESTAURANT - NIGHT

JOSH, 25, is sitting at a restaurant table with a FLIRT, 25.

JOSH

So what'd you do today?

FLIRT

Uhm, my dance class was cancelled, so I got a Reiki massage and I just feel incredible, man.

JOSH

Reiki?

FLIRT

Yeah.

JOSH

That's the massage where they don't touch you?

FLIRT

Yeah. So, it's about energy: they put energy into your body.

JOSH

Yeah, why would you pay someone to not touch you?

FLIRT

Oh, okay, so like I said, they align your energy -

JOSH

There's just like billions of people that'll touch you for zero dollars. Like, you go to a restaurant and pay them to not feed you?

FLIRT

Oh, well... okay, so, it's an ancient healing ritual from Japan. It's thousands of years old.

JOSH

Yeah. It's old, so it must be... good. Oh, and it's Asian. I just don't understand why middle-class white people think that Asians are magic.

FLIRT

Okay, well, I don't think they're magic.

JOSH

Yeah, they've just mastered energy. I mean, what is this energy? How are they manufacturing this energy -

FLIRT

Well, it just -

JOSH

Where does it come from?

FLIRT

Okay. It just makes me feel good.

JOSH

Uhm.

Beat.

JOSH (CONT'D)

It's not thousands of years old, by the way, it's like about eighty years old.

FLIRT

No, I'm pretty sure it's thousands.

JOSH takes his phone and starts typing.

Beat.

FLIRT (CONT'D)

What are you doing?

JOSH

Googling.

(Beat)

Yeah. It was invented in 1922.

FLIRT

Okay... so, it's like ninety years old. We're both wrong.

JOSH

Well, I was pretty close. I mean, eighty is a lot closer to ninety than ninety is to thousands.

FLIRT

Why can't you just leave things? Let people believe what they want to believe -

JOSH

I'm not, like - okay, I'm sorry. I'm not not letting you believe it. Just trying to understand, you know, why an adult would pay someone money to lay naked in a room with somebody that's either crazy or lying to them.

FLIRT

Okay. I'm gonna go -

JOSH

Really? There's just so much vegetarian food coming -

FLIRT

Yeah, look. I'm just looking for someone who's like kind and gentle, friendly. That's not you.

The FLIRT leaves.