

A DATE WITH AI

A 10 MINUTE PLAY

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SYNOPSIS Work dinner date

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CHARACTERS

Jodi - Female.

Tom - Male.

AI 1

AI 2

SCENE ONE

SCENE IS SET IN A RESTAURANT SET UP FOR A DINNER BUFFET. LIGHTS UP. THERE IS A DINING TABLE SET FOR TWO, WITH TYPICAL RESTAURANT TABLE SETTING. JODI IS SITTING ALONE AT THE TABLE ENGAGING WITH HER PHONE.

JODI: Hey AI, I'm sitting here waiting for my date to arrive.

JODI TAKES A SELFIE

JODI: Do I look okay?

AI 1: Hi Jodi, I can see you are waiting for your date. You look appropriately dressed.

JODI: Thank you, that's reassuring. I'm a bit nervous. I hope he hurries up because I am getting hungry.

AI 1: I can hear that you are nervous. Try to relax by practicing your breathing exercises. In for 7, out for 10.

JODI DOES HER BREATHING EXERCISE TWICE.

JODI: Does my hair look okay?

AI 1: Your hair looks tidily styled.

JODI: Do you think I should clip it up?

AI 1: A clip on the side would look nice.

JODI REACHES INTO HER BAG AND PULLS OUT A HAIR CLIP WHICH SHE PUTS IN HER HAIR. SHE THEN APPLIES LIPSTICK. JODI TAKES ANOTHER SELFIE.

JODI: Does this look better?

AI 1: Better than what?

JODI: Better than how I looked before.

AI 1: Yes, you look different.

JODI: I don't want to look different, I want to look better.

*TOM ENTERS FROM STAGE LEFT UNSEEN BY JODI.
HE IS HOLDING HIS PHONE. HE SEES JODI BUT
STOPS.*

TOM: Hey AI.

AI 2: Hi Tom, how are you doing today?

TOM: I am meeting Jodi for dinner. I am very nervous.

AI 2: Hi Tom, is very normal to feel nervous. I suggest some breathing exercises. In for 7, out for 10.

*TOM PERFORMS HIS BREATHING EXERCISE, AND
THEN TAKES A SELFIE.*

TOM: Do I look okay?

AI 2: You look appropriately dressed for a dinner date.

TOM TAKES A DEEP BREATHE.

TOM: Hey Jodi, sorry I am late. My cat vomited on the sofa just as I was leaving.

JODI: Hi Tom, that sounds gross.

TOM: It was, tuna unfortunately.

JODI: Oh dear, I hope it's not on the menu.

TOM: It's a buffet, so it's bound to be. Have you been waiting long?

JODI: No, not too long. It seems like a nice place, and I've been working up an appetite.

TOM: Me too. It's a buffet, and I haven't eaten all day in anticipation. Shall we get started?

JODI: Sounds good to me!

*TOM AND JODI STAND AND TAKE THEIR PLATES
DOWNSTAGE TO WHERE THE BUFFET IS SET UP.*

TOM: Oh my gosh, so much to choose from.

JODI: I'm a big fan of seafood, and it's great to see such a large choice.

TOM: Why do't you try the tuna... I hear it's totally 'sick'.

TOM LAUGHS.

JODI: Errrrrrr I think I just lost my appetite. Talk about bloke jokes.

TOM: Sorry, I should have warned you I have a bad sense of humour.

JODI: Indeed. I think I will skip the seafood tonight.

TOM: Oh no, I didn't mean to put you off. I'm sorry!

JODI: I might pass on the pasta as well.

TOM: Why's that?

JODI: A girl has to watch her carbs if she wants to look this good.

TOM: So, a salad buffet for you then?

JODI: Not quite. I'll just skip the seafood as the protein.

TOM: Cool. Shall I go fetch drinks? What would you like?

JODI: I'll have an Aperol spritz, thanks Tom. Light on the ice.

TOM: Light on the ice. Got it.

TOM PUTS INS PLATE ON THE TABLE, THEN GOES OVER TO STAGE RIGHT TO FETCH DRINKS WHILE JODI FINISHES SELECTING HER FOOD. JODI TAKES A PHOTO OF HER PLATE.

JODI: Hey AI. Is my serving too large for a first date? Will he think I'm being greedy?

AI1: He Jodi, I see you are concerned about your portion size. Would you like me to do a calorie count?

JODI: My diet is important to me, so yes please.

AI1: The calorie count on your meal is approximately 625 calories.

JODI: Thanks, AI. It's great to have your help.

AI1: You're welcome Jodi. Let me know if there is anything else I can help with.

JODI GOES BACK TO THE TABLE. TOM IS STILL WAITING ON THE DRINKS.

TOM: Hey AI.

AI2: Hi Tom, how can I help?

TOM: I really like Jodi, and she has ordered an Aperol spritz. I want to impress her, so what do you suggest I order?

AI2: Based on her drink selection, I suggest you order half a glass of Prosecco.

TOM: I really don't like wine.

AI2: Do you want to impress Jodi?

TOM: Yes.

AI2: Then I strongly suggest you order Prosecco.

TOM: Hi, one Aperol spritz and a glass of Presecco, please.

JODI: Hey AI, I really like my date, Tom. Do you have any suggestions on how to proceed with the evening?

AI1: Remember to smile Jodi, and be polite. And only have a few drinks.

JODI: Thanks AI. Here he comes.

TOM RETURNS TO THE TABLE WITH THE DRINKS

TOM: Here you go. One Aperol spritz.

JODI: This all looks amazing. Bon appetite. Is that Prosecco? That's my favourite.

TOM: Mine too. Cheers.

JODI: Cheers Tom.

TOM AND JODI CLINK GLASSES. TOM TAKES A SIP, SCREWS UP HIS NOSE AND COUGHS.

TOM: Sorry, it went down the wrong way.

TOM AND JODI START EATING THEIR MEALS.

JODI: I'm enjoying the meal, thanks Tom.

TOM: You're welcome.