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2	<p>Bill: Excuse me. Is this chair taken? Betty: Excuse me? Bill: Is this taken? Betty: No, but I'm expecting somebody in a minute. Bill: Oh. Thanks anyway. Betty: Sure thing. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Just read my book til my friend gets here T: Minimize interactions with others O: This dude is talking</p>
3	<p>Bill: Excuse me. Is this chair taken? Betty: No, but I'm expecting somebody very shortly. Bill: Would you mind if I sit here til he, she, or it arrives? Betty: They do seem to be running pretty late... Bill: You never know who you might be turning down. Betty: Sorry. Nice try, though. Bill: Sure thing. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Read til my friend gets here but maybe also socialize T: Consider engaging in conversation O: Oh, the dude is a cheezy pick-up artist</p>
4	<p>Bill: Is this seat taken? Betty: No it's not. Bill: Would you mind if I sit here? Betty: Yes I would. Bill: Oh. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Read T: READ O: <i>THIS DUDE</i></p>
5	<p>Bill: Is this chair taken? Betty: No it's not. Bill: Would you mind if I sit here? Betty: No – go ahead. Bill: Thanks. (sits down) Every place else seems to be taken. Betty: M-hm. Bill: Great place. Betty: M-hm. Bill: What's the book? Betty: I just wanted to read in quiet, if you don't mind. Bill: No. Sure thing. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Read in peace T: Minimize conversation O: This dude really wants to have a conversation, apparently</p>

6	<p>Bill: Every place else seems to be taken. Betty: M-hm. Bill: Great place for reading. Betty: Yeah, I like it. Bill: What's the book? Betty: <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>. Bill: Oh, Hemingway! (ding) Bill: What's the book? Betty: <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>. Bill: Oh, Faulkner. Betty: Have you read it? Bill: Not... actually. I've sure read about it, though. It's supposed to be great. Betty: It is great. Bill: I hear it's great. ...Waiter? (ding) Bill: What's the book? Betty: <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>. Bill: Oh, Faulkner. Betty: Have you read it? Bill: I'm more of a Mets fan myself. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Since I'm talking, assess intellectual prowess of newcomer T: Discuss literature O: Oh dear god he's a peasant</p>
7	<p>Betty: Have you read it? Bill: Yeah, I read it in college. Betty: Where was college? Bill: Edmonds Community College. (ding) Betty: Where was college? Bill: I was lying. I never really went to college. I just like to party. (ding) Betty: Where was college? Bill: Harvard.</p>	<p>G: Since I'm talking, assess the newcomer – is he cool? T: Discuss literature O: Depending on the version of reality, he's kind of unimpressive</p>
8	<p>Betty: Do you like Faulkner? Bill: I love Faulkner. I spent a whole winter reading him once. Betty: I've just started. Bill: I was so excited... (...) ...what do you think? Betty: I think it's pretty boring. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Since I'm talking, assess the newcomer – is he cool? T: Discuss literature O: Holy cow he's pretentious and boring</p>

9	<p>Bill: What's the book? Betty: <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>. Bill: Oh, Faulkner! Betty: Do you like Faulkner? Bill: I love Faulkner. Betty: He's incredible. Bill: I spent a whole winter reading him once. Betty: I was so excited after ten pages that I went out and bought everything else he wrote. Bill: All that incredible psychological understanding... Betty: And the prose is so gorgeous... Bill: And the way he's grasped the mystery of time – Betty: And human existence, yes! I can't believe I waited this long to read him.</p>	<p>G: Since I'm talking, assess the newcomer – is he cool? T: Discuss literature O: I can't get my fangirling excitement said fast enough</p>
10	<p>Bill: You never know. You might not have liked him before. Betty: That's true. Bill: You might not have been ready for him. You have to hit these things at the right moment or it's no good. Betty: That's happened to me. Bill: It's all in the timing. My name's Bill, by the way. Betty: I'm Betty. Bill: Hi. Betty: Hi. Bill: Yes, I thought reading Faulkner was a great experience. Betty: Yeah. Bill: ...<i>The Sound and the Fury</i>. Betty: ...Well, onwards and upwards... Bill: Waiter? (ding) You have to hit these things at the right moment or it's no good. Betty: That's happened to me. Bill: It's all in the timing. My name's Bill, by the way. Betty: I'm Betty. Bill: Hi. Betty: Hi.</p>	<p>G: I see your subtext – evaluate potential friendship/more than friendship T: Introductions and continued conversation O: Depending on the version of reality, we are both terribly awkward and bad at life</p>
11	<p>Bill: Do you come in here a lot? Betty: Actually, I'm just in town for two days from Switzerland. Bill: Oh. Switzerland. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Oh shit that's right this is pointless – let him down easy T: Let him know this isn't going anywhere O: I have feels</p>

12	<p>Bill: My name's Bill, by the way. Betty: I'm Betty. Bill: Hi. Betty: Hi. Bill: Do you come in here a lot? Betty: Oh, every once in a while. Do you? Bill: Not so much anymore. Not as much as I used to. Before my nervous breakdown. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Evaluate potential friendship/more than friendship T: Introductions and continued conversation O: Oh he's kind of terrifying</p>
13	<p>Bill: Do you come in here a lot? Betty: Why are you asking? Bill: Just interested. Betty: Are you really interested, or do you just want to pick me up? Bill: No, I'm really interested. Betty: Why would you be interested in whether or not I come in here a lot? Bill: Just getting acquainted. Betty: Maybe you're only interested... (...) ...none of which interests me, asshole! Bill: ...Okay. (ding)</p>	<p>G: HE IS SURELY A DICK, MAKE IT CLEAR I AM NOT INTERESTED T: INTERROGATE HIM AND SAY THINGS LOUDLY O: NOTHING CAN STAND BETWEEN ME AND MY WRATH</p>
14	<p>Bill: Do you come in here a lot? Betty: Every other day, I think. Bill: I come in here quite a lot and I don't remember seeing you. Betty: I guess we must be on different schedules. Bill: Missed connections. Betty: Yeah, different time zones. Bill: Amazing how you can live right next door to someone in this town and never even know it. Betty: I know. Bill: City life. Betty: It's crazy. Bill: We probably pass each other in the street every day. Right in front of this place, probably. Betty: Yep. Bill: Well, the waiters here sure seem to be in some different time zone. I can't seem to locate one anywhere? Waiter? ...So what do you--? Betty: Beg pardon? Bill: Nothing. Sorry. (ding)</p>	<p>G: You're talking more than I wanted to – please stop and leave me alone T: Try to shut down the conversation with short answers O: He's a persistent one</p>

15	<p>Betty: I guess we must be on different schedules. Bill: Missed connections. Betty: Yeah, different time zones. Bill: Amazing how you can live right next door to someone in this town and never even know it. Betty: I know, right? Bill: City life. Betty: It's crazy. Bill: You weren't waiting for somebody when I came in, where you? Betty: Actually I was! Bill: Oh. Boyfriend? Betty: Sort of. Bill: What's a "sort of" boyfriend? Betty: My husband! Bill: A-ha. (ding)</p>	<p>G: This person is friend material! I should introduce him to my hubby when he gets here! Let's talk more! T: Talk more! O: Why do you not seem excited to meet my husband so we can all be best friends???</p>
16	<p>Bill: You weren't waiting for somebody when I came in, were you? Betty: Actually... I was. Bill: Oh. Boyfriend? Betty: Sort of? Bill: What's a "sort of" boyfriend? Betty: We were meeting here to break up. Bill: M-hm... (ding)</p>	<p>G: Well now you went and reminded me I'm upset – try not to cry T: Explain minimally O: It's hard to not cry sometimes</p>
17	<p>Bill: What's a "sort of" boyfriend? Betty: My lover. Oh, here she comes right now! (ding)</p>	<p>G: Oh that's what you're after – lol, you're in for a surprise, let's milk it a bit T: Delightedly drop the information bomb O: She isn't already here so I can pointedly make out with her</p>
18	<p>Bill: You weren't waiting for somebody when I came in, were you? Betty: Nah, just reading. Bill: Sort of a sad occupation for a Friday night, isn't it? Reading here? All by yourself? Betty: You think so? Bill: Well, sure. I mean, what's a good-looking woman like you doing out alone on a Friday night? Betty: Trying to keep away from lines like that. Bill: No, listen --! (ding)</p>	<p>G: You're giving off creeper vibes – stfu T: Get a little pissed, a little firm O: He's still a persistent one</p>
19	<p>Bill: You weren't waiting for somebody when I came in, were you? Betty: Nah, just reading.</p>	<p>G: Gently dissuade romantic interaction (but can we still be friends?) T: Let him know what's up and politely turn down offer</p>

	<p>Bill: Sort of a sad occupation for a Friday night, isn't it? Reading here all by yourself?</p> <p>Betty: I guess it is, in a way.</p> <p>Bill: What's a good-looking woman like you doing out alone on a Friday night? I mean, no offense, but...</p> <p>Betty: I'm... out alone on a Friday night for the first time in a very long time.</p> <p>Bill: Oh.</p> <p>Betty: You see I just recently ended a relationship.</p> <p>Bill: Oh.</p> <p>Betty: Of... rather long standing.</p> <p>Bill: I'm sorry. Well... listen, since reading by yourself is such a sad occupation for a Friday night, would you like to go elsewhere?</p> <p>Betty: No...</p> <p>Bill: Do something else?</p> <p>Betty: No thanks.</p> <p>Bill: I was headed out to the movies in a while anyway.</p> <p>Betty: I don't think so.</p> <p>Bill: Big chance to let Faulkner catch his breath? All those long sentences get him pretty tired.</p> <p>Betty: ...Thanks anyway.</p> <p>Bill: Okay.</p> <p>Betty: I appreciate the invitation.</p> <p>Bill: Sure thing. (ding)</p>	<p>O: He continues to be a very persistent one</p>
20	<p>Bill: You weren't waiting for somebody when I came in, were you?</p> <p>Betty: Nah, just reading.</p> <p>Bill: Sort of a sad occupation for a Friday night, isn't it? Reading here all by yourself?</p> <p>Betty: I guess I was trying to think of it as existentially romantic. Y'know, cappuccino, great literature, rainy night...</p> <p>Bill: That only works in Paris. We could hope the late plane to Paris, get on a jet, find a café...</p> <p>Betty: Y'know, I'm a little short on plane fare tonight.</p> <p>Bill: Darn it, so am I!</p>	<p>G: This person is increasingly intriguing – but can he banter??</p> <p>T: Well, banter</p> <p>O: None!</p>
21	<p>Betty: To tell you the truth, I was headed to the movies after I finish this section. Would you like to come along? Since you can't seem to locate a waiter?</p> <p>Bill: That's a... very nice offer, but...</p>	<p>G: You have officially interested me – date?</p> <p>T: Ask</p> <p>O: He didn't say yes</p>

22	<p>Betty: Uh-huh. Girlfriend? Bill: Two, actually. One of them’s pregnant, and Stephanie— (ding) Betty: Girlfriend? Bill: No, I don’t have a girlfriend. Not if you mean that castrating bitch I dumped last night. (ding) Betty: Girlfriend? Bill: Sort of, sort of. Betty: What’s a “sort of” girlfriend? Bill: My mommy. (ding) I just ended a relationship, actually. Betty: Oh. Bill: Of rather long standing. Betty: I’m sorry to hear it. Bill: This is my first night out alone in a long time. I feel a little bit at sea, to tell you the truth.</p>	<p>G: Assess his relationship status T: Ask O: Depending on the reality, OH DEAR GOD RUN</p>
23	<p>Betty: So you didn’t stop to talk because you’re a cultist, or you have some weird political affiliation or something...? Bill: Nope. Straight-down-the-ticket Republican. (ding) (...) ...I’m unaffiliated. Betty: That’s a relief. So am I. Bill: I vote my beliefs. Betty: Labels aren’t important. Bill: Labels are not important, exactly!</p>	<p>G: Make sure there are no roadblocks to a potential relationship T: Clarify political beliefs O: Depending on the reality...</p>
24	<p>Bill: Take me, for example. I mean, what does it matter if I got a two-point-oh... (...) ...Bellingham? Betty: Sure.</p>	<p>G: Make sure there are no roadblocks to a potential relationship T: See where he’s from? O: Depending on the reality...</p>
25	<p>Bill: I believe a man is what he is. (ding) A person is what he is. (ding) A person is... what they are. Betty: I think so too!</p>	<p>G: Make sure there are no roadblocks to a potential relationship T: How misogynist/bad at grammar are you? O: Depending on the reality...</p>
26	<p>Bill: So what if I admire Putin? (ding) (...) ...I was acting on my convictions. Betty: Sure.</p>	<p>G: Make sure there are no roadblocks to a potential relationship T: Listen for red flags O: Depending on the reality...</p>
27	<p>Bill: You can’t just hang a sign on a person. Betty: Absolutely! ...I bet you’re a Libra. (ding)</p>	<p>G: Make sure there are no roadblocks to a potential relationship T: What’s your sign?? O: Oh no, wait, there’s no way we’re compatible...</p>
28	<p>Betty: Listen, I was heading out to the movies after I finished this section. Would you like to come along? Bill: That sounds fun! What’s playing?</p>	<p>G: You have officially interested me – date? T: Ask O: HE IS DISRESPECTING MY FANDOM</p>

	<p>Betty: A couple of the really early Woody Allen movies. Bill: Oh. Betty: You don't like Woody Allen? Bill: Sure, I like Woody Allen. Betty: But you're not... crazy about Woody Allen? Bill: Those early ones kinda get on my nerves. Betty: Uh-huh. (ding)</p>	
29	<p>Bill/Betty: Y'know I was headed to the--/ I was thinking about— Bill: I'm sorry. Betty: No, go ahead. Bill: I was going to say that I was headed out to the movies in a little while, and I – Betty: So was I! Bill: The Woody Allen festival? Betty: Yeah, just up the street! Bill: Do you like the early ones? Betty: I think anybody who doesn't oughtta be run off the planet. Bill: How many times have you seen <i>Bananas</i>? Betty: ...Eight times. Bill: Twelve! So are you still interested?</p>	<p>G: You have officially interested me – date? T: Ask O: I just need to make <i>absolutely</i> sure you're not awful...</p>

30	<p>Betty: Do you like Beth's friendship bread? Bill: Last night I went out at two in the morning to get some. Did you have an Etch-a-Sketch as a child? Betty: Yes. And do you like Brussels sprouts? Bill: No, I think they're disgusting. Betty: They are disgusting! Bill: D'you still believe in marriage despite current sentiments against it? Betty: Yes. Bill: And children? Betty: Three of them. Bill: Two girls and a boy! Betty: Harvard, Vassar, and Brown! Bill: And will you love me? Betty: Yes! Bill: And cherish me forever? Betty: Yes! Bill: Do you still want to go to the movies? Betty: Sure thing! Bill/Betty: WAITER!</p>	<p>G: THIS IS YOUR FINAL EXAM TO DETERMINE SOULMATE STATUS T: ASK ALL THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS O: WHERE IS THE DAMN WAITER WE MUST LEAVE AND BE TOGETHER FOREVER THIS INSTANT</p>
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