

5 STAR MAN

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INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Over two red wine glasses, GEM (20s, female, gen-zer) sits across from GLEN (male, ugly in a funny way, more bird than man). They are on a date, but only half the party is enjoying themselves.

Over Gem's shoulder, a phone light illuminates her face as she texts someone named BEE.

BEE (TEXT)
Rate your date.

GEM (TEXT)
Bad.

Gem's date continues talking, mostly to himself, despite her clearly being on her phone.

GLEN
And then I went on another backpacking trip and found myself AGAIN. Most people only do it once.

GEM
Damn, that's crazy. How did you pay for all of that?

GLEN
Oh my dad, he invented like Carbon or maybe just the emissions, I don't know, I was a film major so...do you wanna hear about-

GEM
No...no. Should we order or just maybe call it a-.

GLEN
Please don't interrupt. So rude.

Silence.

GLEN (CONT'D)
(to himself)
God I love my dad so much.

MONTAGE OF BAD DATES:

GUY 1
I need someone who's less driven than me.

GUY 2

I need someone who is politically active, but also against voting.

GUY 3

I basically need my mom but like if she wasn't my mom and also a prostitute.

GUY 4

I wanna go home

GUY 5

I need a cat person.

GUY 6

(Dressed as a cat)

I need a cat-person.

GUY 7

No, I've never had sex, I've never worshiped the devil either but like...

GUY 8

Have you heard of Sonder? The realization that everyone has as complex a life as your own. I took mushrooms and it just came to me.

GUY 9

Where...am I?

END OF MONTAGE

INT. GEM'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Gem lays defeated on her bed. On Facetime is her friend BEE from before. In the background of Bee's screen a baby is bouncing off the walls, like, well a bouncy ball.

BEE

(on the phone)

Ugh I envy you honestly: to be able to go out a fuck whoever you want. Gary and I only fuck when there's a recession.

GEM

They're awful, Bee. I haven't been asked one question about myself.

BEE

(on the phone)

You should tell them that.
Otherwise they will never learn and
it will just be an endless cycle of
bad men.

That gives gem an idea.

INT. GEM'S BEDROOM - MOMENTS LATER

For the rest of the night, she sits at her desk computer coding random number's and letters. Coffee, pills, red eyes, fingers dashing across the keyboard, until finally it's done.

On the computer screen we see: Rate Your Date - now available in the app store.

Gem immediately passes out at her desk as the sun and moon chase each other outside the window.

Gem dreams about becoming famous for inventing a new way to date: talk shows, red carpets, dates.

INT. GEM'S BEDROOM - MORNING

As Gemma wakes up and immediately reaches for her phone.

A WEEK HAS PASSED!

She checks the news and scrolls past fires, shootings, canceling, until she sees her app has become a huge success.

She clicks a TikTok about it.

TIKTOKER

Rate Your Date is the new hottest dating app that's already weeded through the ugos for you. But one person is getting a lot of attention in particular - Glen Cockcream, son of Papi Pollution, Daniel Cockcream, has held the record for lowest rated date for over 48 hours.

Cuts to a clip of Glen on a talk show "Fimmy Jalon", answering the internet's most asked questions, and playing with puppies.

Gem is left speechless.

MONTAGE OF BAD DATES:

INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Now Gem is purposefully going on bad dates to get famous.

GEM

No I don't have a job that's why
I'm talking to you.

GEM (CONT'D)

I. Hate. Waiters.

GEM (CONT'D)

Do you mind if I do some push up?

GEM (CONT'D)

Are you gonna eat all that?

GEM (CONT'D)

I am recording...all of this.

GEM (CONT'D)

Water makes me gassy.

GEM (CONT'D)

I can name every capital in the
world...do you wanna hear them?

GEM (CONT'D)

Just found out other people matter
as much as me?...ew.

Gem cries.

END OF MONTAGE

INT. TALK SHOW - DAY

Gem sits in a sparkly dress being interviewed by Fimmy Jalon.

FIMMY JALON

So Gem, you invented Rate Your Date
and are the newest lowest rated
person on the app.

People laugh and clap. Gem blushes.

GEM

What can I say, Fimmy, nobodies
perfect. I wanted to-

FIMMY JALON

On that note, we have a surprise
for you...Glen...come on out!

The audience goes wild. Glen comes out in a tux, waving to the audience.

FIMMY JALON (CONT'D)

Stand up, stand together you two.

Glen gives Gem his hand and the two stand together waving.

Gem's smile begins to crack, her eyes dissociating, as she waves.

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