

Modern Conservatives

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INT. SEX TOY SHOP - DAY

ROBERT and WILLIAM, both men in their late 20s, walk into the shop in button-up shirts and khakis, carrying briefcases. They sift through merchandise. Robert picks up an item and reads the back. William picks up an item from the opposite shelf.

ROBERT
I asked that girl Bridget out.

William puts down the item and turns towards Robert.

WILLIAM
Did she say yes?

ROBERT
Yup. For tonight.

WILLIAM
Huh.

William turns back around and scans items again.

WILLIAM
Where will you be taking her?

ROBERT
Chi City Tap.

WILLIAM
Oh. I see.

ROBERT
What's the problem?

WILLIAM
Nothing.

Robert turns to look at William.

WILLIAM
Hmm...three speeds...too much.

William puts the item back.

ROBERT
You don't think I can nail her, do you.

WILLIAM
I didn't say that.

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ROBERT
You were thinking it.

WILLIAM
She's a nice girl.

ROBERT
You wanna go out with her?

WILLIAM
I've been considering it.

ROBERT
You think you're better than me?

William turns to face Robert.

WILLIAM
Not exactly, Robert. I'm happy for you.

ROBERT
What makes you think she'd like you more than me?

WILLIAM
I don't know, I'm just the nice guy. You're the one who's slept with half the woman in the office. She may like that.

ROBERT
So what if you think I'm a sleaze, I've boned nice girls before.

WILLIAM
She's a conservative, you know.

ROBERT
So? Watching FOX news doesn't make you a conservative.

Robert grabs the product William is holding out of his hands and holds it up.

ROBERT
Picking out a vibrator for your future virgin wife, are ya?

William grabs the product from Robert's hands and reads the back.

WILLIAM

I don't believe in all conservative values.

ROBERT

Uh huh. Well I own a gun. I guess that makes me conservative too.

WILLIAM

How charming.

William stares at the item in Robert's hand, an advanced pornographic sex toy. He turns back around to continue shopping.

WILLIAM

I just don't think your excessively liberal sense of conservative ideals will appeal to a woman like Bridget.

ROBERT

Well I'll have you know, that I was in the military. It's practically her conservative American duty to fuck me.

WILLIAM

You're Mexican.

ROBERT

I was born across the border! Under private insurance!

WILLIAM

Oh, lord.

ROBERT

Exactly! I'll pray, to the Lord, that I have sex with Bridget tonight.

WILLIAM

You'll never get near her with that thing.

William points to the sex item in Robert's hand.

WILLIAM

By the way, that's 160 dollars. And for Christ's sake Robert, it's made in China.

Robert turns over the item and puts it back on the shelf.

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WILLIAM

I mean, really Robert. What would you two even talk about?

ROBERT

Global warming.

WILLIAM

What would you know about that?

ROBERT

Shit happens!

WILLIAM

Bridget is not going to have sex with you just because you claim to be against abortion and evolution. She'll see right through that.

William grabs the sex toy out of Robert's hand and puts it back.

WILLIAM

Put that down, take her out to a nice French restaurant, and buy a bottle of wine instead. You're welcome.

A bell RINGS. The door to the sex shop opens. BRIDGET enters. Both Robert and William try to duck behind shelves and collide. Bridget sees them and walks over.

BRIDGET

Hey Bobby! Hi William.

ROBERT/WILLIAM

Hey.../Hello...

There is a long silence between them. Robert and William try to keep their eyes to the floor.

BRIDGET

I saw this place across from work and thought it might be kinda funny to check it out over lunch.

ROBERT

Oh, yeah, I came with William. He's into this stuff.

William snaps his head towards Robert in silence.

BRIDGET
Aren't we all?

Robert laughs while William tilts his head in confusion.

ROBERT
Well, we were just about to head
back...

BRIDGET
Cool, alright, well, I'll see you
tonight then?

Robert gently touches Bridget's face.

ROBERT
Can't wait.

Robert grabs William by the arm and drags him towards the door.

ROBERT
We're coming back here after work.

William SIGHS. He looks back at Bridget, still in confusion.
Robert and William EXIT the store.

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