

THIS DATING THING

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SETTING — A café or a bar.

CHARACTERS — EHARMONY, OKCUPID, and SINGLE. Any ages/genders.

AT RISE — EHARMONY and OKCUPID are on a date. SINGLE sits nearby, occupied.

OKCUPID

...So, what do you do for work?

EHARMONY

Oh. I'm a copy editor?

OKCUPID

Is that, like—

EHARMONY

I move around commas and hyphens. Pret-ty glamorous.

OKCUPID

No, that sounds interesting.

EHARMONY

Trust me. It really isn't.

OKCUPID

I guess I'll take your word for it...!

EHARMONY

...God. This online dating thing, huh?

OKCUPID

What do you mean?

EHARMONY

So awkward, right?

OKCUPID

...You mean right now?

EHARMONY

No! Nope. Like, in general.

OKCUPID

Sure, I guess it can be...

EHARMONY

All the winking and nudging back and forth and like... how when I look at your profile, you know about it...?

OKCUPID

Right, and that's how we started messaging each other.

EHARMONY

Yeah... It's weird, right?

OKCUPID

I don't know. I guess so...

SINGLE, who has been listening,
chuckles knowingly, shakes head.

EHARMONY

(noting SINGLE but choosing to ignore)

...Anyway. Sorry. I think I'm doing a bad job with this.

OKCUPID

(yup)

...No...!

EHARMONY

Tell me something about you.

OKCUPID

Like what?

EHARMONY

Anything. At all.

OKCUPID

Well... I've always wanted to travel, and I had this great opportunity to spend a year in Scotland, so I did that.

EHARMONY

(overselling it)

You did what?!

OKCUPID

...Spent a year in Scotland?

EHARMONY

That's... well that's really cool.

OKCUPID

Yeah... It was.

EHARMONY

I love Scotland.

OKCUPID

Oh yeah?

EHARMONY
Yeah!

OKCUPID
...Like, what part?

EHARMONY
Oh... just how... it has castles, right?

OKCUPID
It does have castles, yes.

EHARMONY
Right. I just... really like those.

OKCUPID
...That's cool.

SINGLE is nearly in hysterics.

EHARMONY
(dying inside from the awkwardness)
Because there's something about castles where they're,
y'know, timeless, but also out of time? And like—

SINGLE
(leaning in)
Ohhhhhkay okay okay! Wow. I really have to stop you there.

EHARMONY
Excuse me...?

SINGLE
If you heard a person dying wouldn't you do something
about it? You couldn't just sit there and just listen to their
very awkward death rattles, could you?

EHARMONY
I... well no... And I am not dying!

OKCUPID
(sympathetic)
You are a little.

END OF SAMPLE

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