

If you came closer...(it would get hot!!)

A dark comedy inspired by the painting, "The Kiss" by Klimt

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CHARACTERS-

Margot- 23, little awkward, amateur artist.

Tobias-35, kinda aggressive, intriguingggg, amateur artist.

SETTING

Online chatroom

TIME

lateeeeeeee

Note:

()=When a line is in parentheses it means it is quieter, hushed, smaller than a normal line

Emoticons= inject the line with the spirit of the emoticon or just inject it at the end of the line

*Misspellings are done to indicate the way the characters type via a chatroom.

* Actors should face forward and talk out, unless there is a moment or two the director is inspired to make another choice.

Bio: Catherine Weingarten's comedic plays delve into the societal pressure placed on young women to be both impossibly good looking as well as ridiculously intellectual, humble, kind as can be but sexy. Her plays usually include some hot fantasy sequences which helps attract the common man into the theater! She is a current Playwriting MFA Candidate at Ohio University under Charles Smith as well as a Bennington College graduate where she studied with Sherry Kramer. Her work has been produced at Dixon Place, Abingdon Theater, Last Frontier Theater Conference as well as many others. catherine-weingarten.squarespace.com

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(MARGOT and TOBIAS face out, they both have just logged into online chat. They both look a little edgy and MARGOT might have grass on her since she goes to an alternative grad school in the woods.)

TOBIAS

Yo

MARGOT

Hey? Do I knowww you? Lol

TOBIAS

ha um yeahhh...

Margot, We met in the city at your art show
last year, the one with the photos
of cats with spoons taped to their body?

It's um

Tobias.

I have big hair, like 1970s worthy? :/

MARGOT

Ooo hah yeah! Hi...

TOBIAS

Sup

MARGOT

Nothing...How's um your performance art stuff,
I remember you also did
stuff?

TOBIAS

lol you remembereddd ☺

ha yeahh, it's ok.

Did this piece

last week where I ate strawberry malted ice cream
on a street corner for five hours straight
and just like stared at people
was playing with the idea of like dieting and shit
and like how society hates dessert

MARGOT

Woahh, cool!

Yeah I can relate to that cause I usually am dieting and it's
upsetting

I'm on a new diet where I just have pink lemonade
And like pills

TOBIAS

Fuck that

Yeah I'm not sure people liked it mostly

Cause like people threw things at me
And a few babies might have cried
Wait, so um you still in the city...
Haven't like
Seen you around or shit?

MARGOT

Oo yeah I'm actually in grad school now

TOBIAS

Ooo
Which program?

MARGOT

You probs don't know it.
It's an experimental new program like in da wooods
We like live there during the year
And like make new work
And like befriends animals

TOBIAS

Ha like a Disney princess?

MARGOT

Ha um noo
I'm like a real artistttt

TOBIAS

No
Sorry lol, didn't mean to be a dick
How long is your program.

MARGOT

I dunno, they decide
Like as we go, maybe like five years?

TOBIAS

Oo thought you'd be in the city earlier

MARGOT

I might come out this summer,
Maybe not, I'm like really busy
Working on a collection of photos
Of cats in nature like doing the dishes
And like living a hetero-normative lifestyle

TOBIAS

Ha seems like you do a lot of stuff about cats?

MARGOT

Ha I dunno, I guess, they're cool
I had a cat growing up who was like so fat and stuff

And my mom always was angry and wanted her to eat less
But like I
Kinda like found it empowering, like owwwwwn it gurl!

TOBIAS

Totally
So you might come here this summer?
I think I'll have a new show
where
I like submerge my body
in jello
And like have people eat my way out

MARGOT

What kindaaaa jello?

TOBIAS

Grape ;)
My faveee.

MARGOT

Lol. Kewl.
Um I should probs get to bed, it be late,
And tomorrow we are all waking up at 5am to
Climb a tree and try to befriend a local
underprivileged squirrel family-
Hoping it'll be like inspirational,
Help me create some work that gallery would likee

TOBIAS

Hey? You know the artist Klimt??
He like made some cool work you know,
Cause it was like so realLLL and shit
And like at one point in his life people said his work was like
Pornographic, but then he got famous and stuff, but like
You shouldn't worry too much about what people think.

MARGOT

Yeah um YEAH thnx

TOBIAS

He just did real shit cause he like
Had something to explore, like something deep,
Like I remember when I saw your cat show
last year, where I met ya,
That it seemed like you were kinda trying really hard,
Like if Klimt was alive he'd probs think you suck.

MARGOT

Uhhhhh thanks

TOBIAS

Sorry, just, fuck, I just think like if people aren't like
HONEST with eachother like
What's the point of living, you know?

MARGOT

I don't think I suck.

TOBIAS

Well good, it's hot for chicks to have self esteem

MARGOT

Yeah, totesss...ha but it is kinda late... But keep me
updated when
your jello show is, my friend Toofie
from my program
loves jello, so probs will
ask her to go come with
if I'm in the city.

TOBIAS

You see that painting "The Kiss"?

MARGOT

The gold-ish one by Klimt with the two people making out?

TOBIAS

Yeahh
You ever think about it?

MARGOT

Hmm no
I mostly think about like cats and stuff and like
Trying to do my homework so I can get my degree

TOBIAS

I just feel like the painting is so cool
Cause like they're just people you know,
Like normal fucking average people but like
when they kiss,
Like their bodies like become fucking GOLD!
Ya know! Like they become like a
fricking mythological robot
Or something, like both their bodies
And stufffff
You think something like that would happen if I like
Touched you?

MARGOT

I have a boyfriend,
He like is a lumberjack and stuff,
Met him at my program, his name is Bartholomew...

TOBIAS

That was random.

MARGOT

Kkkkkk. Sorri?

TOBIAS

Fuck like I wasn't hitting on you,
That's cool if like you have a bf,
Guess just was thinking about this painting and stuff like a lot
Cause one of my friends has it on her laptop as her
Like screensaver and like I just thought I could likeee
Talk about it
With someone..is that weird?

MARGOT

That's cool you care so much about like a random painting

TOBIAS

I think about it like over and over
Like can you imagine like touching someone
And like what could happen and shit
My girlfriend dumped me last month,
We were together like 10 years
She said thing weren't working out and my hair was fat
or something and she wassss
Bored (or something)

MARGOT

I'm sorry!!

TOBIAS

It's ok.
I'm Ok...yeah, I am.
You're easy to talk to.

MARGOT

Thanks.
Ha is that why like you started talking to me tonight,
Cause your girlfriend dumped you?

TOBIAS

I dunno.
That's like
A Weird thing to say, I dunno
Why I started talking to you,
Guess just saw you were online and stuff

MARGOT

Oh.
Dating is hard.
My boyfriend might dump me soon,

I act kinda awkward and sometimes laugh a lot
When he says random sexually charged things to me...
That painting seems like really cool though,
Like it's from his gold period right?

TOBIAS

Yeah
Yeah...
I'm serious though like if I touched you,
You think it would feel like that?

MARGOT

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TOBIAS

It's just online. Everyone talks online
It's like hardly talking it's just text and shit
And exempt from anything real and like if I touched
You, what do you think it would feel like
Cause like
I think maybe like-you would become gold and stuff
And like what you were wearing would become
Like thick and rainbowy and would glisten
And like you'd look like a fricking
Candy explosion and I would just wanna like frickkin eat you
Like eat you so hard

MARGOT

That sounds kinda cool
I remember your big hair
What do you think would happen if you kissed me
Would I be like some dumb hot princess
And like not say anything or you think I'd like talk alott
Or

TOBIAS

I dunno what you'd do
But maybe you'd like it and shit
And you'd like let me draw you in
And like your legs would get all close to mine
And like I'd run my hand across your thigh
Till your legs like melted off
Like grilled cheese cooked badly
But like olden grilled cheese
And like fuck you're cute

MARGOT

Haaaaaa waaaaa???
I dunno about that.
I always thought I kinda looked like a cabbage patch doll :/

TOBIAS

Not at all
Don't know why you're at school
School sucks

MARGOT

I might go to the city this summer
There's a lot of stray cats there in the summer

TOBIAS

Wanna skype? Like
So I could look at your
Face
Which is cool.

MARGOT

No.
Sorry.

TOBIAS

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MARGOT

Fuck, it got late

TOBIAS

That's what happens with time, things get later :p

MARGOT

Ha ha

TOBIAS

Fuck, I hope I didn't weird you out

MARGOT

You didn't :/

TOBIAS

Can we talk again?

MARGOT

Maybe, I dunno.

TOBIAS

Hope you visit the city.

MARGOT

Thanks

TOBIAS

You look like her,
The girl in the painting,
Think that's why I messaged you.

Oh. Really? MARGOT

Yeah TOBIAS
Yeah a lot.
Well good night.

Night, MARGOT
And u, if you messaged me again,
I like wouldn't mind or whatever.

Kk cool. Same ☺ TOBIAS

END ☹