

SCENE 10

Hotel room. Ben and Miss YouTube have just hooked up. Ben is getting dressed. Miss YouTube is on her iPhone.

BEN

I'm gonna leave my wife.

MISS YOUTUBE

I thought you didn't want us to talk about your wife.

BEN

No, but now, we can talk. She's a goddamn maniac.

MISS YOUTUBE

Okay.

BEN

You were right.

MISS YOUTUBE

Shame.

BEN

She's emptying out the house. She's selling my stuff. I mean, I don't deserve that. And anyway, that's not my point. My point is –

(lovingly)

I'm gonna leave my wife so we can be together.

MISS YOUTUBE

How are those two things related?

BEN

I'll be free, therefore we can be together.

MISS YOUTUBE

(uneasy)

Have I ever told you that we'd be together if you didn't have a wife?

BEN

Well, not in so many words...

MISS YOUTUBE

Oh, okay, phew! I was scared there for a minute. Cuz sometimes I say things I don't really mean, when I'm coming.

BEN

But you *have* said that I was the best lover you've ever had in your life. You have... talked a lot about how my wife is crazy...

MISS YOUTUBE

On Facebook, anyway.

BEN

Like it would be a good thing if I left her.

MISS YOUTUBE

I mean, I dunno.

BEN

A good thing for the two of us.

(pause)

Do you not want us to be together?

MISS YOUTUBE

Yyyeah, I... If you wanna.

BEN

I don't understand your reaction.

MISS YOUTUBE

We can be together. But... I don't love you.

BEN

What the... We're crazy about each other. What are you talking about?

MISS YOUTUBE

I don't think you're good-looking.

BEN

Okay...

MISS YOUTUBE

But I'm hot for you anyway. Actually, what's hot is thinking that you're ugly but sleeping with you anyway.

Like, when we sleep together, I imagine that you're kinda my torturer, and I'm, like, in prison, and you're disgusting, and at first, I don't want to sleep with you, but I don't have a choice, but I'm so horny that I get excited anyway, and then I come. Like a bitch in heat.

BEN

Okay.

MISS YOUTUBE

Okay.

BEN

We have never talked about this.

MISS YOUTUBE

Uh-uh...

BEN

I wouldn't mind being your "torturer". But I'd prefer it if I knew.

MISS YOUTUBE

Oh, don't bother.

BEN

What do you mean, don't bother?

MISS YOU.TUBE

I can do that just fine in my head, all by myself.

BEN

Yeah, but at that point, we're not experiencing the same thing.

MISS YOUTUBE

What difference does that make?

BEN

All the difference! I make love to you. When I'm with you... I... I get off on you for real.

MISS YOUTUBE

Sure, but... I'm, like... Hotter than you. So, duh.

BEN

Hey, I don't feel too good.

MISS YOUTUBE

You're getting salty over nothing. I just told you that I like being a bitch in heat and getting off on sleeping with you.

BEN

Because I disgust you.

MISS YOUTUBE

But that's what's so hot. Would you rather be a good-looking guy who doesn't make me hot?

BEN

So basically, I'm not the best lover you've ever had. I'm just the guy who disgusts you the most.

MISS YOUTUBE

Oh no, not even. One time I boffed this lawyer who was just revolting, like, his odour? And the noises he made? They just made me sick, and it just wasn't working for me, you know? Like, it was too high a step. But you're perfect... You're not attractive, like, at first, but you're not repulsive either. You're a human being that I respect.

BEN

But I wasn't dreaming it: all of that meant something. Something was happening.

MISS YOUTUBE

Some really great sex.

BEN

It was more than that. It wasn't just sex... There were feelings, there was... I mean, pornography is... *that's* what it is when it's "just sex".

MISS YOUTUBE

Yeah, exactly, that's exactly it! It was pornography! Except in real life.

BEN

I feel sick.