

Gravity
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INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

JAMES sits facing JANINE by a table for two. Curries and sides are on the furniture. On both their sides are similar occupied tables. The lighting is dim and traditional Indian music plays in the background.

JAMES

Janine, you haven't told me you have a bomb on you or something equally crazy, are you feeling ok?

JANINE sighs.

JANINE

I'm fine, I'm fine...

JAMES twiddles his fingers.

JAMES

So... I heard the local ice cream factory is making more vanilla flavoured ice cream than ever before.

JANINE

And?

JAMES

Did you know vanilla is the supposed to be the nicest smell in the world?

JANINE

Is that a fact?

JAMES

It sure is. So... have any thoughts of blowing it up? When all the staff go home, of course. I mean... imagine the smell!

JANINE

That's terrible!

JAMES looks shocked.

JAMES

You're not yourself today, Janine!

JANINE

Not only is that an awful thing to do, the smell of the smoke alone would be terrible!

JAMES

You have to wait for it to clear!

JANINE

And what about the smell of the strawberry ice cream? You know I hate strawberry ice cream, don't you? Or don't you know anything about me at all??

JAMES

I know you like bombs and you're not feeling yourself right now!

JANINE

I think I'm going to go.

JANINE leaves her seat and then storms out of the foodery. A concerned WAITER in a smart suit approaches JAMES.

WAITER

Are you ok, sir?

JAMES

You don't think Janine has stopped being attracted to me? Do you?

WAITER

Judging by the fact she left you mid conversation, without saying goodbye? Well... it's not looking good.

JAMES

I don't know what to do!

WAITER

Do you know what gravity is?

JAMES

Of course...

WAITER

You know what I think you should do?

JAMES

What?

WAITER

Stay here and eat as much food as you can. Then you'll get bigger and have a greater gravitational pull.

JAMES

Of course!

WAITER

Yes, next time you see her, sit as close to her as possible and she'll be yours once again, she literally won't be able to leave! But to be clear, you MUST put on as much weight as possible. But don't worry about that, let me help you!

JAMES

Wow, you'd really do that for me?

WAITER

Of course! Your bill will be a little more than usual, some might say drastically more, but you can't put a price on love.

JAMES

Thank you! What foods do you recommend?

WAITER

A fantastic question. Fried foods such as samosas are very fattening, as are creamy curries and milkshakes. I think you should have all of them.

JAMES

Then that's what I'll have!

JAMES

A wise choice. I can't cook you the samosas and curries immediately obviously, but I can get you a triple chocolate shake right now!

JAMES

Then that's what I'll have!

The WAITER nods and walks away.

JAMES retrieves a mobile from his pocket and makes a call.
All DINERS stare at him.

JAMES

Janine?

JANINE

Hello?

JAMES

I've just ordered a MASSIVE meal!

JANINE

Ok...

JAMES

So... sound attractive to you?

JANINE

What do you mean?

JAMES

I bet you'll soon be getting closer
and closer to me without you even
realising! Who knows, there may be a
point where you'll be literally stuck
to me.

JANINE

How?

JAMES

You'll never know!

JAMES hangs up and puts his phone back in his pocket.

The WAITER approaches JAMES with shakes in both hands. He
then puts them on the table.

JAMES

Thanks!

WAITER

Enjoy.

The WAITER walks away as JAMES downs both drinks quickly. A
FLY then lands on him. He stares at it, full of joy.

JAMES

I KNEW drinking that stuff would
work! My gravitational pull has grown
already!

JAMES makes another call.

JAMES

Janine, a fly has already landed on
me! Give me an hour or so and YOU'LL
be the one attracted to me!

JANINE

You're not making any sense! Are you
comparing me to a fly??

JAMES

Well, technically yes, but...

JAMES goes red.

JAMES
She's hung up...

JAMES stares around the room in silence as others cough nervously.

JAMES'S phone rings and he answers it.

JANINE
James, look... How about we meet up again? But less talk about bombs. Ok? You need to grow up. We both do.

JAMES
I knew it!

JANINE
Knew what?

JAMES
Oh never mind.