

"MeHarmony"
For *Single...and Hating It* Madness

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Living room. A couple on a first date enter, WOMAN SEEKING MAN and MAN SEEKING WOMAN. They are accompanied by a man in shirt and tie and carrying a clipboard. He is the HARMONIZER.

The couple is in good spirits. The Harmonizer has a clinical demeanor. He makes or references notes on his clipboard at times. Man and Woman do not acknowledge Harmonizer's presence.

MAN

It was funny!

WOMAN

It was funny!

HARMONIZER

Both enjoy the movies of Adam Sandler.

MAN

When he was trying to help the old lady?

WOMAN

And he got his leg caught in the...?

Man and Woman LAUGH again.

MAN

Thanks for picking up the tickets.

HARMONIZER

Her annual income: 25-to-34 thousand.

WOMAN

Thanks for buying the popcorn.

HARMONIZER

His annual income: under 20 thousand.

WOMAN

Sit down, sit down please.

Man and Woman sit on the couch. Harmonizer hovers behind them.

MAN

This is a really nice place you got here.

WOMAN

Thank you.

HARMONIZER

She loves to decorate.

MAN

Feels really comfortable. Made for chillin'.

HARMONIZER

He likes to party.

WOMAN

I really like your shirt.

MAN

Thanks.

(Simultaneously)

I picked it up at--

HARMONIZER

(Simultaneously)

He likes to shop at--

MAN & HARMONIZER

Urban Outfitters.

WOMAN

Really brings out your eyes.

HARMONIZER

Eye color: blue.

MAN

Thanks. I like what you got on too.

HARMONIZER

She likes to shop at: Gap, The Limited, Banana Republic, Cole Hahn, Lane Bryant and--for their t-shirts--Aeropostale.

WOMAN

Hey, you want something to drink?

MAN

Sure, whattya got?

HARMONIZER

He likes to party.

WOMAN

Chardonnay?

For a second, Man and Harmonizer show disappointment. Man recovers cheerily.

MAN

Okay!

WOMAN

We don't have to. If wine's not your thing.

MAN

No, that's fine.

WOMAN

It's okay. Maybe I'll have some later. Something to snack on? Cookies?

MAN

I'm good, thanks.

An awkward pause. Harmonizer waits.

HARMONIZER

She likes walks on the beach. He's really good at Guitar Hero.

WOMAN

Hey, you know what drew me to your profile? Your online profile?

HARMONIZER

"Travelling Salesman Seeks Farmer's Daughter."

MAN

What?

WOMAN

It was written in a really charming way. I mean it was funny and interesting and...well, a little sexy.

HARMONIZER

Quote: "I'm okay being vulnerable 'cuz I like to get naked."

MAN

Know what I liked about your profile?

HARMONIZER

"Affectionate Gal Seeks Deeper Connection."

MAN

Your picture. You're pretty hot.

WOMAN

Oh. Thanks.

Man moves over to Woman and slips his arm around her.

HARMONIZER

Status: looking for that special someone, possible L-T-R.

Man starts to nuzzle Woman's neck.

WOMAN

Can I ask you something?

HARMONIZER

Sagittarius. Honest and straightforward.

MAN

Sure.

WOMAN

(Pushing Man to stop)

Can we...stop for a second? I've been here before--I bet you have too--and it would be great to get to know you a little more.

Man and Harmonizer are confused.

MAN

We've read each other's profiles.

WOMAN

I know.

HARMONIZER

Her favorite poet: Emily Dickinson. His favorite rock band: Stain'd.

MAN

We're compatible!

HARMONIZER

(Trying to convince)

Both enjoy the beach. Both hate stuck-up people.

WOMAN

We have common interests--

HARMONIZER

Both are concerned about the environment. Both are nonsmoking Caucasian single straight people!

WOMAN

Common interests, but I really want to get to know you. As a person. Before we...

MAN

I don't understand.

HARMONIZER

He likes to party.

WOMAN

Look, I like you. So we should talk. Really talk. I can start. My last relationships have been kind of crummy, so I'm a little wary. I'm not perfect, nobody is, but I'm a really good person. I'm worried that I'll never find that one special guy, and if I do find him I worry that he won't love me as much as I love him. I don't talk to my parents as often as I should. I was two weeks late sending my niece's birthday present. It's a cliché, but I really do want to be loved by someone who's worth it. Because I'm a good person. I just want to know that you're a good person too. So please, tell me about yourself. Just talk. Please talk.

Man is at a loss for words.

MAN

I-- I mean, my profile.

HARMONIZER

(Salvaging it, desperate)

He likes cool cars, he's into anime, he played high school football.

WOMAN

I know your profile, but who are you?

HARMONIZER

Five foot ten, blond hair, blue eyes.

MAN

So we're not-- Tonight, we're not gonna get together?

WOMAN

I don't know you yet.

MAN

(A bad taste)

Yet.

(Pause; decides)

I should go.

Man starts to leave. Harmonizer follows.

WOMAN

I just wanted to get to know you. You to know me.

Man shrugs.

