

TWINNING

SAMPLE #2 PENNY PINCHERS

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Donna & Dylan are bound by blood...and killer imaginations.

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TIM

Yeah, so whats new with you? Hows
your show...whats it called again?
(He snaps twice and
thinks)
Win a *something* - with *someone*?

Donna blushes.

DONNA

Win a date with Donna! Thats me.

TIM

Thats it! Hows it coming?

DONNA

Well o em gee so funny you should
ask cuz its going...
(she does tony the tiger
voice)
...GRRRRREAT!
Buuuut, we hit a lil roadbumpie,
cuz *someone*...
(looking around for her
absent brother)
...*Fudged* up our kickstarter
campaign and entered the wrong bank
routing number...So the \$10,000 we
raised for production got sent to
ANOTHER Donna O'Connel!

TIM

What? Thats insane oh my god.
Another Donna O'Connell? Where is
she? Cant you get that money back?

DONNA

No! She in...
(thinking)
Uhh, Mumbai

TIM

Donna O'Connel in Mumbai?

DONNA

The travesty of white colonialism
amirite?

TIM

True

DONNA

But hey since you asked - what are you doing this Thursday? Maybe we could meet for a drinky and a chat about getting this show off the ground...and...
(flirtatiously)

TIM

Yeah, I mean, sure, you're passionate, and hardworking - I mean - I don't really finance reality shows, im more into queer liberation and cultural commentary type stuff - but Im always looking to support marginalized women in America. That in itself is a blow to the patriarchy.

DONNA

See...thats what im talking about!
(she pokes his chest over his heart)
A blow to the patriarchy!
And I am that woman in America, blowing the patriarchy.

Donna realizes what she's said. She presses on.

DONNA (CONT'D)

In fact - yup - Im calling it now!
2028 is the year of the *Matriarchy*.
Watch out boys.

TIM

Yes!
(smiling and excited...until...)
Ahhh, but one thing that has really been top of mind these days is *fiscal responsibility*. I do need to make sure that the projects I invest in have producers who can manage a budget. I mean I love funding passion projects but everyone seems to be so carless whenever I write them a blank check.

DONNA

Pffff! My Irish great grandma used to knit us little winter hats out of her pubic hairs.
We are true penny pinchers!
(MORE)

DONNA (CONT'D)
 (In her native Irish
 accent now)
 Not a farthing to waste sire. May I
 have another thimble of *RAT* stew my
 leige?

Donna is interrupted by front desk girl.

FRONT DESK GIRL
 Excuse me, hi, you guys really need
 to pay us.

DONNA
 Oh yeah no worries here.

She hands over the CC that Dylan snuck back into her purse.

RUBY - FRONT DESK GIRL
 No I tried this card already it was
 declined twice, I told your brother
 and he said he would be back with
 cash - but he's MIA.

Tim watching this, looks concerned.

DONNA
 You know what. Im sorry sweetie I
 didn't catch your name?

FRONT DESK GIRL
 (unenthusiastically)
 Isabella

DONNA
 You know what Eeeeettthabella, Im
 not quite done here, im gunna hit
 the cold plunge wit da boys.
 (she does a curtsie)
 ...And we can settle up on my way
 out in about 20. K?

Donna spits in her own hand and extends it for a handshake.

Front Desk Girl frowns suspiciously. Donna looks at her
 spitty hand and wipes it on her leg.

TIM
 (unimpressed)
 Donna, I gotta run but maybe Ill
 catch you in another class.

DONNA
 Wait but...

TIM

By donna.
(He leaves quickly)

Donna standing alone, angry, but undefeated.

DONNA

(Shouting to Shark
offscreen)
Hey Sharky. You wanna see these
nipples cut glass? Show me how to
heat up the cold plunge.

Shark grins like the animal he is.