

Date Dilemma

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Based on a question that needed answering.

INT. RICKY & BRENT'S LIVING ROOM

RICKY a single-man in his early 20's who might come across a bit eccentric. He has his quirks and accepts them, is playing his Playstation 5. He's locked-in and nobody can stop him.

RICKY  
(Screaming)  
THATS A FUMBLE! LETS GO!

All of a sudden the front door opens, it's BRENT.

BRENT, RICKY's roommate and childhood best friend. BRENT is the more practical one of the two and prefers to live a simple life, he thinks RICKY's quirks are comical.

BRENT  
(Surprised)  
Ricky? What're you doing here? I  
thought you had a date with that girl  
you've been talking to?

RICKY  
(Still playing his game)  
Ehh, it didn't work out.

BRENT  
Bro what? You were super hyped up  
about it. Weren't you guys going to  
see a movie?

RICKY  
(Pauses the game and faces BRENT)  
That right there was the issue. I  
invited her to see a movie and have  
dinner afterwards but she ended up  
saying no.

BRENT  
(Confused)  
Wait, she didn't want to go to dinner  
and a movie with you?

RICKY interrupts BRENT

RICKY  
Huh? No, I didn't invite her to dinner  
and a movie, what the fuck is that? I  
invited her to see a movie and have  
dinner afterwards.

BRENT

(Even more confused)

Ricky, who on Earth does that? You're supposed to take her out to dinner, I'm sure you had a nice place picked out, THEN you hit the movies, it's a great way to end the night.

RICKY

SO, you're telling me that a good date is going to a restaurant, eating, barley speaking while we eat, then I have to sit through a 2 hour movie while I'm full? Not to mention we're in silence the entire time. And then what? after the movie we go our separate ways?

BRENT

Yes.....

RICKY

How are you supposed to get to know the person? The point of a date is to learn something about the other person, you have to get to know them.

BRENT

Yeah but nobody likes to talk that much anymore. You ask a few questions at dinner, tell a story or two, then hit the movies before it gets awkward. It's a first date, you don't want to reveal too much anyways.

RICKY

Yeah, I get that but if we have dinner first, we might run out of things to talk about. If we have dinner SECOND, we can talk about the movie. It's perfect.

BRENT

Not that perfect if she cancelled on you. Anyways, who wants to hear you break down the entire film and somehow relate it to the MCU?

RICKY

(Dead serious)

I'm on Letterboxd now. AND I want a

girl who listens to me talk about movies, it's my passion.

BRENT's eyes light up and a snarky smile slowly takes over his face. It's as if he just found buried treasure.

BRENT

Hold up, hold up, you mentioned not wanting to eat dinner first because you'll be full. Are you scared you'll have to take a shit during the movie?

As BRENT busted out laughing and RICKY prepared to answer his question, the doorbell rang.

BRENT

Tina's at the door but bro be honest, is it because you'll need to shit?  
(BRENT continued to laugh)

BRENT lets TINA in. TINA is a sometimes charming and often foul-mouthed girl in her 20-somethings who is usually the smartest person in the room and oh, she is currently dating BRENT.

BRENT

Okay Tina, check this out. This girl dubbed Ricky because he suggested a movie and dinner.

TINA

What girl says no to dinner and a movie? Ricky, you dodged a bullet. That's some weird shit.

BRENT

(As serious as he can be)  
NO TINA! He wanted to see a MOVIE AND THEN EAT DINNER

TINA

What..... you can't start the date on the popcorn line? That's insane. The girl needs to feel you out and make sure you aren't a creep. No girl wants to sit next to a stranger in a theater.

RICKY

But I'm not a stranger, we've been

texting and DM'ing on Instagram. I just thought that the movie could give us more conversation, that's all.

TINA

What makes you think she'll even know what to say about the movie? Not everybody is a critic and MCU-fanboy like you. Some of us just like to watch and enjoy the movie.

RICKY

(Taking a deep breath)

We weren't even going to see a Marvel movie but that's besides the point. You & Brent are the exact same person. The point is with the movie, we can have something in common. That's all.

BRENT

Save that for the second date. The first date is just to feel each other out, who wants to have such deep conversations?

TINA

Exactly. Look Ricky, as a girl, the first date is just a way for us to tell whether or not we'll see you again. After dinner, we know that.

RICKY

Okay, so just dinner no movie. See, I just don't get the point of the movie being after the dinner.

TINA

(Winking at RICKY, out of BRENT's sight)

OHH NAH, the movie is the most important part. The movie is a sort of litmus test to see if we'll go home with you. If you're quiet and cute, we'll probably go home with you, if not, thanks for the movie.

BRENT

(Pissed off)

Wait what? You've slept with other guys just because they were quiet during the movie?

TINA Interjects

TINA  
Relax, it's a joke

BRENT starts to pace around the room, he isn't looking for anything physical, but he's looking for some trouble.

BRENT  
Since we're all in such a joking mood,  
I figured I'd let you know that Ricky  
is just bullshitting. Before you came  
in, he said he wants to see a movie  
THEN eat dinner because if he ate  
first, he'll end up having to take a  
shit mid-movie.

TINA  
(Chuckling)  
Yeah, if you leave for too long,  
she'll know you're taking a shit. Once  
that thought crosses her mind, she's  
definitely not going home with you.

BRENT  
(More confused than before)  
Wait Tina, were you being serious?

END.