

TOMMY

Come on, let's grab a beer and play some chess. I want to see what kind of a man you really are.

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INT. LIVING ROOM

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Tommy and Daniel mid chess game. It's a beautiful old ivory pieced set. Tommy contemplates his next move.

TOMMY

... In high school I spent a summer living with an Iberian family in a little mountain village in Northern Spain. Can speak fluent Spanish. My Mom went to school with my host father. They gave me this chess set. It was hand crafted out of ivory in the village....

He moves the piece.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

(recollection) Had the most passionate affair with a local lithe flamenco dancer. (revelling) There's nothing more wonderfully painful than the heartache of a teen crush. And there's nothing more hot than making love to a gypsy.

Daniel shakes his head, and makes a move. He takes Tommy's piece.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

So, tell me about her.

Start

DANIEL

Her. Who?

TOMMY

Who do you think? Jen. Your betrothed. Tell me a little love story.

DANIEL

Me? A love story? No. I don't have the gift of storytelling that you do, Tommmmy.

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TOMMY  
Come on. Tell me about her.  
Anything.

DANIEL  
Anything? O.K. Let's see. Jen.  
(with more love, ownership) Jen.  
She's kind... umm... and funny...  
cute funny, you know, silly, stupid  
funny. But smart. Yeah, she smart  
you know in that uncomplicated way.  
And ahhh... what else... of course,  
she's beautiful.

TOMMY  
Yeah. Absolutely.

DANIEL  
Inside and out. And strong.  
Fiercely independent. You know,  
won't let you open a door or  
anything. But vulnerable. You  
see her Dad left her Mom when she  
was a little girl. It was real  
hard on her. She was very close to  
him. Daddy's little girl. Never  
really forgave him. (realizing)  
Fuck.

TOMMY  
You love her.

DANIEL  
Yes. Of course.

TOMMY  
But are you in love with her,  
Daniel?

DANIEL  
(beat) Let's talk about something  
else. O.K.?

Tommy moves a piece.

TOMMY  
Sure. (re: chess) Check. (awkward  
beat) So... I really think  
Syracuse will take it again this  
year. (beat)

DANIEL  
Syracuse?

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TOMMY

Yeah...

Daniel moves a piece.

DANIEL

I'm putting my money on the  
Tarheels. Check. (with a slight  
hesitation)

After a beat.

TOMMY

So was I really your first?

DANIEL

(with a slight hesitation) Yes!

TOMMY

So then why me? Why did you let me  
take you home that day? (tinge of  
cynicism) Or was I just at the  
right place at the right time.

Daniel doesn't respond.

TOMMY

Do you believe in love at first  
sight, Daniel?

He moves a piece and makes eye contact with Daniel.

DANIEL

Check Mate.

Daniel holds his sensual stare. Daniel shrugs non-  
committed.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

I believe that... 'Cuse will make  
it to the final four but UNC will  
clinch it.

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INT. GUEST BEDROOM -- LITTLE LATER

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Daniel and Tommy hungrily and passionately kiss as they  
undress each other.

TOMMY

(heat of passion) I love you.

DANIEL

No. Don't say that.