

ANSWERS

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FADE IN:

EXT. STREET- DAY

Raindrops fall from leaves onto a wet street on the outskirts of town.

A sedan cruises along at a safe speed.

A sports car convertible comes from behind and passes it going way too fast.

INT. SPORTS CAR

The sexy young WOMAN driver barely pays attention to the road as she chats with a girlfriend on her cell.

WOMAN

You know how I am: when I find a
guy I like it's straight to bed or
goodbye forever, ha ha ha!

She lets go of the wheel completely to switch the phone to her left hand, then looks down to get a cigarette. While still looking down, she takes a drag, exhales and puts it out. She then takes lipstick from her purse, but just before applying it-

-A sharp corner surprises her!

She FREEZES in horror. The phone and lipstick drop as she frantically turns the wheel and hits the brakes.

EXT. CAR VERSUS TREE

The car SKIDS off the road, spins and SMASHES driver's side first into a tree.

Raindrops fall from the tree all at once, SPLATTERING what's left of the car and driver.

EXT. CALL FOR HELP

The safe driver, a MAN in his forties, immediately parks his car on the shoulder. He OPENS his door, jumps out, races around his car over to her passenger door and turns OFF the engine. He then takes out his cell and calls 911.

911 OPERATOR (VO)
Emergency 911.

MAN
A woman just crashed her car, and
she's hurt bad.

EXT. CRASH SCENE

As the same man watches helplessly, emergency workers
carefully pick up the stretcher and load her body into the
ambulance.

EXT. AMBULANCE EN ROUTE

A siren BLARES as the ambulance drives to the hospital.

INT. AMBULANCE

As she lay on the stretcher, a pulse monitor lets out a
steady TONE.

PARAMEDIC
Still no pulse!

EXT. HOSPITAL

The ambulance gets to the hospital.

A doctor runs to the back.

The doors OPEN and the paramedic steps out, looks at the
doctor and shakes his head.

The doctor nods and looks at his watch.

DOCTOR
Time of death: 6 o'clock.

INT. HOSPITAL MORGUE

A double door BURSTS open as an orderly casually wheels her
body inside. He leaves it in the middle of the room, shakes
his head, then turns and leaves.

Her body lay still for a moment... then JOLTS back to life!
She sits up and looks straight ahead, gasping for air. She
looks around, then ahead again and lights up with a big
smile. She is excited because she now has ANSWERS.

FADE TO BLACK

ROLL OPENING CREDITS WHILE PLAYING "ADIEMUS"

FADE IN:

INT. OFFICE- DAY

Inside the city Public Works office, four cubicles form a short hallway that ends with a Xerox machine and digital wall clock.

The WALL CLOCK indicates **FRI 4:59**.

POINDEXTER (VO)
Here I am, doing my whole life what
should make sense.

Two women and one man wait to go home.

One person-a handsome, clean-cut white male in his early 30's-is still working. This is the POINDEXTER.

POINDEXTER (VO)
So why aren't I happy?

The clock changes to exactly **5:00**.

The other workers quickly turn off their computers, pick up their belongings and start leaving.

Poindexter saves his progress, leans back and sighs in relief.

Poindexter's supervisor, similar to Poindexter in appearance and MASTER #1 of attracting women, walks in and stands in front of the copier. He pulls out his cell and calls a friend.

MASTER #1
Hey Scott, what's up?

Poindexter looks in the direction of the call.

MASTER #1
Yeah, bring them over. It's Friday,
we'll party like we always do.

Poindexter looks off in the distance, sadly.

POINDEXTER (VO)

My boss is having another party. I would ask to go, but I'm tired of people giving me that look. School is like the Hotel California-you can graduate, but you will never leave.

While still on the phone, the Master walks slowly between the cubicles, observing the two female employees walking for the exit.

The last female walks through the exit, the door CLOSES behind her.

Still on the phone, the Master stops and quickly turns around.

MASTER #1

Hey, you remember that model that came to my last party? Slayed. ALL night. No man, you know how the game is played-she calls me.

Poindexter sags.

POINDEXTER (VO)

And some people never get to be popular.

He looks at his computer, closes the work program and then goes to a mail order bride website.

Just then, the other male co-worker peeks his head around the corner.

CO-WORKER

A-ha, caught you!

Annoyed, Poindexter turns and looks at him.

POINDEXTER

Caught me doing what, what you do at lunch?

Co-Worker moves over, standing fully visible.

CO-WORKER

Okay, got me there. You thinking about going to Russia, too?

Poindexter looks back at the computer, painfully.

POINDEXTER

Do I have a choice? You know how it is in this country, "there's something about bad boys".

CO-WORKER

And "nice guys don't get laid". I'm going home.

Co-worker turns away and walks toward the Master, who pockets his phone.

CO-WORKER

I hear you're having another party tonight!

The Master looks at him with contempt.

MASTER #1

Yeah, what about it?

CO-WORKER

Can I come?

Master shakes his head.

MASTER #1

I would, but you know the policy on fraternizing.

CO-WORKER

Maybe one day the rule will change.

MASTER #1

Maybe.

Co-worker nods and walks for the door.

Master rolls his eyes and shakes his head right after co-worker exits.

Poindexter closes the program and shuts down the computer, then leaves the cubicle looking unexcited.

Master sees Poindexter's dull face.

MASTER #1

What's wrong? It's the weekend, time to have fun!

Poindexter stops.

POINDEXTER
I have fun here.

Master takes on a different tone.

MASTER #1
I've noticed. You're the only
employee I have who doesn't care
what time it is.

POINDEXTER
I appreciate having a job!

He then goes silent, looks down again and trudges his way to the door.

The Master watches him go by, then purses his lips and makes a fateful decision.

MASTER #1
I really have noticed you bust your
ass here. Want to come to my party?

Poindexter stops and turns around in surprise.

POINDEXTER
Sure! Will there be girls?

MASTER #1
That's the only party I have. Lemme
give you the address.

Master goes to a nearby desk and writes down the address, then comes back and hands it to Poindexter.

MASTER #1
Here.

Poindexter accepts.

POINDEXTER
Thanks. But what about the
fraternizing policy?

MASTER #1
That's the old "no fucking a
co-worker" rule. I just don't want
that jackass at my party-he might
piss off someone.

Poindexter's eyes go big and he nods.

POINDEXTER

That makes sense. So, when should I
get there?

Master shrugs and his laid back personality comes out.

MASTER #1

Whenever, it's not a job.

Master pats Poindexter on the back as they go through the
door together.

EXT. MASTER'S HOUSE-LATE AFTERNOON

Scott, known as MASTER #2, parks his car in the driveway. He
OPENS the door and emerges wearing office clothes. He SHUTS
the door then walks towards the house. He gets to the
doorstep and RINGS the bell.

After a brief moment, Master #1, dressed in office clothes,
too, OPENS the door.

MASTER #1

Hey Scott.

INT. MASTER'S HOUSE

Master #1 walks away from the door as Master #2 casually
walks in and SHUTS the door.

MASTER #2

Hey Randy.

Master #1 checks his watch.

MASTER #1

You're here early.

MASTER #2

I know. But I only work a few miles
away and I showered this morning,
so I said-

Master #2 plops down on the couch.

MASTER #2

-fuck it.

Master #1 sits down next to him.

MASTER #1
That's the spirit. So you said we
got girls coming?

MASTER #2
Sure do. I met someone new and
she's bringing some friends.

MASTER #1
Cool. So where'd you meet her?

MASTER #2
At the park last Sunday. She was
walking her dog.

MASTER #1
What made her want to talk to you?

MASTER #2
Her dog liked me. Maybe that's
because I handled some lunch meat
before I left the car.

MASTER #1
Deliberately?

MASTER #2
Of course! One of the best ways to
break the ice is to get her stupid
pet to like you first.

MASTER #1
Now you're making me think.

MASTER #2
It's easier than paying for your
drink by pulling out a wad of
C-notes when-

They point at each other and smile.

BOTH MASTERS
-a hottie is watching.

Masters fist bump.

Master #1 sighs and looks down.

MASTER #1
I wish it weren't like that.

MASTER #2
So do I, but you know how women
are: if they got the look then they
want the money.

Master #1 gestures around him.

MASTER #1
Hence my degree, job, and house.

Master #2 shakes his head and sounds bitter.

MASTER #2
They just stay thin and wear a
push-up bra. We have to work.

MASTER #1
"You can't buy love". Sometimes,
maybe.

They sit for a moment in silence. The flatscreen shows a
muted game on ESPN.

Master #1 suddenly gets up from the couch and removes a
memory stick from his pocket.

MASTER #1
While we're waiting, I should work
on something I brought back from
the office.

MASTER #2
Do it Monday!

MASTER #1
I'd rather get it done now.

MASTER #2
What is it?

MASTER #1
Just some bullshit an employee
didn't do right.

MASTER #2
What about the chicks?

MASTER #1
Just let them in. I'll be done in
about an hour.

Master #1 heads for his bedroom.

Master #2 stays on the couch watching TV.

EXT. MASTER'S HOUSE PARTY- NIGHT

About an hour later, Poindexter parks his car on the street. He OPENS the door, emerges from his car wearing casual clothes, SHUTS the door and looks at the Master's house. He walks to the door and RINGS the bell.

After a moment, the door OPENS with music PULSING at a modest volume behind Master #2 as he looks at Poindexter suspiciously.

MASTER #2
We don't want any.

POINDEXTER
Oh no, I work with Randy. He invited me.

Master #2 smiles.

MASTER #2
Oh, well that's a horse of a different color. Come on in.

INT. MASTER'S HOUSE- LIVING ROOM

Master #2 opens the door all the way.

Poindexter walks in.

Master #2 SHUTS the door and shakes Poindexter's hand.

MASTER #2
I'm Scott, and welcome... to the slayatorium.

Master #2 gestures to the interior. The house is pimped out with plush FURNITURE, arcade-style DART GAME, a huge, state-of-the-art, wall-mounted FLATSCREEN, killer STEREO, even an in-house BAR with another wall mounted TV!

At the bar already is a slick, greasy-looking asshole and a cute younger woman at his side.

There are also three very sexy women standing near the dart machine.

Poindexter's jaw drops as he stares in awe.

Master #2 walks to the bar and comes back with a fresh beer and hands it to Poindexter.

MASTER #2
Here you go. So what do you think
of the place?

POINDEXTER
It's amazing!

Poindexter takes a healthy swig.

Master #2 nods and smiles.

MASTER #2
Well I'd love to talk, but I'm
busy.

Poindexter nods dumbly, staring at the scenery.

Master #2 walks back across the room to the ladies.

The women mingle with him.

Poindexter continues to stand there staring, beer in hand.

Master #2 winces slightly and then walks away to the
bathroom.

Poindexter watches him go, then takes a deep breath and
nervously walks over to one of the ladies.

POINDEXTER
Uh, hi.

She turns and eyes him, instantly looking suspicious.

HEN #1
Hi.

POINDEXTER
Uh... that's a nice dress.

She is already annoyed, but is still polite.

HEN #1
Thanx.

POINDEXTER
So... what do you do for a living?

HEN #1
I'm an underwriter.

POINDEXTER
What's that mean?

HEN #1
I work in insurance.

POINDEXTER
Oh, okay... cool! So what brings you to the party?

HEN #1
Oh, a friend of mine knows Scott. He invited us.

POINDEXTER
Ah, well I guess I know him now, too.

HEN #1
He's a popular guy.

POINDEXTER
Apparently. So, would you like to go out sometime, maybe have some coffee?

His clumsy advance turns her off instantly.

HEN #1
Uh... I'm sorry, I'm so busy all the time. I'm lucky to make it here tonight.

POINDEXTER
Well, if I gave you my number, would you call me?

She half-heartedly agrees out of the corner of her mouth.

HEN #1
Sure.

Poindexter excitedly goes to a nearby table, picks up a pen and writes down his number on a napkin, then comes back and gives it to her.

She accepts and then walks away towards the girls, shaking her head and rolling her eyes as she crumples the napkin.

As she walks off, Master #1 walks in. He sees Poindexter and confidently struts to him.

Poindexter is relieved to see someone familiar.

POINDEXTER

Hey.

MASTER #1

Hey. How long you been here?

POINDEXTER

Like two minutes.

MASTER #1

Met anyone yet?

POINDEXTER

I met this Scott guy when I knocked on the door. Then I met this chick.

MASTER #1

How'd that go?

POINDEXTER

Good! I gave her my number.

MASTER #1

Ah. Be careful about that.

Poindexter directs his attention back to the party.

POINDEXTER

Dude, theses chicks are HOT.

MASTER #1

Yeah, I know. You got here just in time.

Deathly afraid of failure, Poindexter quietly stands next to his boss for security.

Master just looks around like he always does.

The same sexy woman turns around and sees the Master. She looks him over and comes to him.

Poindexter observes silently.

HEN #1

Hi.

MASTER #1

Hi there. What brings you here?

HEN #1

Oh, I know someone who knows someone.

He rolls his eyes cracks a sly grin.

MASTER #1
Yeah, I do too.

Then back to her.

MASTER #1
So, what do you do for a living?

HEN #1
I'm an underwriter.

MASTER #1
Undertaker, what? So, you from here?

HEN #1
I just live here. I'm from Iowa.

MASTER #1
Ah. Me, born and raised.

HEN #1
Have you lived here your whole life?

Master pauses for just an instant then smiles broadly.

MASTER #1
Not yet!

She giggles at his wit and smiles back.

HEN #1
What's your name?

MASTER #1
Randy.

HEN #1
Teresa.

MASTER #1
Nice talking to you.

Master #1 walks away, leaving her in the dust.

She looks him up and down from a distance, wanting more.

IN HOUSE BAR

The Asshole takes a pack of smokes from his pocket and exits to the porch with his girlfriend in tow as Master #1 walks to the bar, looks up and checks the score.

Poindexter follows the Master in hot pursuit, then stands next to him, looking at him like he's a god.

POINDEXTER
How did you do that?

Master #1 turns to him and looks confused.

MASTER #1
Do what?

Poindexter looks at Hen #1.

POINDEXTER
Talk to that hot chick so easy?

MASTER #1
Ooooooh that.

Master's eyes go to the girl, then back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1
That's the problem-you're a poindexter.

POINDEXTER
A what?

MASTER #1
A nice guy who tries too hard.

Poindexter looks confused and shakes his head slightly.

Master leans in.

MASTER #1
You have no clue how to meet women.

Poindexter looks away in frustration.

POINDEXTER
Yeah, that would be me.

Master #1 opens his mouth to respond, but the Poindexter keeps rambling.

POINDEXTER

I get a crush and she writes me off
on the spot.

The Master rolls his eyes and motions his hand in circles.

POINDEXTER

You have to be allergic to
Kryptonite to hook up with one.

Master checks his watch.

POINDEXTER

Being "friends" is the only choice
I have in the United Sausagefest of
America.

Poindexter finally stops complaining and drowns his sorrows.

The Master nods as the lesson begins.

MASTER #1

I felt the same way for a whole
hour. Check this out:

They bow their heads together, conspiratorially.

MASTER #1

You're a nice guy, aren't you?

POINDEXTER

Of course!

Master stands tall.

MASTER #1

Not anymore. As of now you're a bad
boy.

Poindexter shakes his head.

Just then Master #2 comes back and stands next to them.

POINDEXTER

But I don't want to be a bad boy.

MASTER #1

No, you don't want to be a bad
person. I'm nice when I can be.

Master #2 joins in.

MASTER #2
 Could also say you're a nice guy
 who isn't stupid.

MASTER #1
 That works too.

POINDEXTER
 Scott, right?

MASTER #1
 Yeah, this is my boy, Scott. Scott,
 you met James.

MASTER #2
 Yeah, we met.

He addresses Poindexter directly.

MASTER #2
 What do you think about the party?

POINDEXTER
 It's great! I've never been to one
 like it.

Poindexter turns back to Master #1

POINDEXTER
 And yeah, what you were saying
 makes sense, but what about women?

While Poindexter waits for an answer, Master #2 brings
 Master #1 a few feet away. They speak in hushed voices as
 Master #2 points his thumb at Poindexter.

MASTER #2
 I'm not sure about this guy. I
 don't want him to scare off the
 chicks.

MASTER #1
 I know he's a little weird, but
 he's alright.

Master #2 shakes his head and tries to speak.

Master #1 holds up his hand.

MASTER #1
 Someone taught us, now it's our
 turn.

Master #2 pauses then nods. They both walk back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1

What you need to know is how to be cool by being calm and thinking logically.

Poindexter looks confused.

POINDEXTER

Logically?

MASTER #1

Yeah, like breastesses are just fat glands. Figure that out and you realize hey-

He gestures from his own chest to his eyes.

MASTER #1

-she's up here.

MASTER #2

Yeah, talking to a sexy woman is like rock climbing-don't look down. In other words, look at the double I's, not the double D's.

A large-breasted HEN #2 walks to the kitchen.

Poindexter just stares at her from a distance, open-mouthed.

POINDEXTER

That's hard to do.

MASTER #2

And that's the point. An attractive woman tests you. The man she wants knows she is a person too, so he just talks to her like she's anyone else.

Hen #2 walks back to her group with a glass of water.

MASTER #2

Or he's been rejected so much he quit caring.

With big eyes, Master #1 turns to him and nods.

MASTER #1
Oh yeah, I know a lot of guys who
swear by that one.

He turns back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1
But before we go on, you need to
know the most important rule:
dangerous words.

POINDEXTER
What, like I hate you and I'm going
to kill you?

Master #2 shakes his head in frustration.

MASTER #1
No. "crush," "in love," and "I want
to marry you."

He leans forward and points.

MASTER #1
NEVER say that to a woman you just
met.

POINDEXTER
Those words aren't dangerous!

MASTER #2
They make a woman think you're
going to rape her.

Master #1 then hears laughing from the women.

Standing across the room, the group of sexy women gossip.

HEN #1
What are the guys talking about?

HEN #2
Guy stuff, apparently.

HEN #1
Oh, how to get laid.

HEN #3
Probably.

HEN #2
Who's that cute guy they're talking
to?

HEN #1

Oh, that's some weirdo who hit on me earlier.

HEN #2

Oh God, thanks for telling me. I have enough weirdos stalking me already.

HEN #3

But yeah, isn't that just like men? There's more to life than sex.

HEN #1

Like shopping!

HEN #2

Oh my God, so I went to the mall last weekend and you would never believe who I saw together.

HEN #1

Who, I have to know!

HEN #2

Ben and Andrea.

HEN #1

So what about them?

HEN #2

They were shopping.

HEN #3

Boring! Tell us something juicy!

Master #1 turns back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1

Important side rule: don't tell any of her girlfriends, either.

MASTER #2

Oh yeah, ask a woman all kinds of questions, they love that anyway, but man-

Master #2's eyes get big and he shakes his head as his tone becomes deadly serious.

MASTER #2

-don't ever tell a woman ANYTHING! At least about your crush on her friend.

MASTER #1

And what we're talking about comes from experience.

He speaks to them both, Master #2 nods in camaraderie.

MASTER #1

He gets a crush, but he knows not to tell her so he tells her girlfriend instead. Her girlfriend just has to go TELL HER...

MASTER #2

And all he can do then is cry.

POINDEXTER

Why would she tell her about that!?

The Masters give each other *the look*, then give it to Poindexter.

BOTH MASTERS

BECAUSE WOMEN TALK... ABOUT EVERYTHING.

The guys turn and observe the women from a distance.

Standing in the middle, Poindexter looks at the pair with interest and innocence, while the wiser Masters look on with suspicion.

Master #2 notices the two women laughing high-pitched, ditzy laughs and looks to Master #1.

MASTER #2

I call it "the hen factor".

Master #1 turns to him quickly in agreement.

MASTER #1

I know, right?

Then back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1

And we're not just telling you this for your benefit. Ever been to a party where a guy has too much to drink and then tells a very frightened woman he's in love with her?

POINDEXTER

No, I don't get out much.

MASTER #1

Well, it happens. So he waits until she's alone and then corners her.

POINDEXTER

Why would he do that?

MASTER #1

It seemed like a good idea at the time to explain himself.

Poindexter observes the two women talk excitedly.

POINDEXTER

And if one of them asks me if I have a crush?

MASTER #1

Then say "love takes time".

MASTER #2

Which is true anyway. So before you go thinking you're in love, find out what she's like personally and whether not she has more issues than Sports Illustrated.

MASTER #1

Basically, do give your heart, to a woman you know, who wants it.

MASTER #2

And be alert to her body language, because she has been reading yours from the start.

MASTER #1

What she says and how she says it. The very first time you meet her, she will either write you off as a "friend", or decide she wants to use you to get laid.

POINDEXTER

That's fine with me, I'm the devoted type.

MASTER #1

Nice guys usually are, now listen. What we're saying is that

(MORE)

MASTER #1 (cont'd)
 approaching women is a skill
 because they're very sensitive to
 what you say and do.

POINDEXTER
 How sensitive?

Master #1 pauses momentarily, looking away for an instant.

MASTER #1
 Your eyeball's tougher.

Poindexter jolts his head in surprise, looking wide-eyed.

MASTER #1
 Yeah. And they're easily
 threatened. So if you talk or act
 like you want sex or that you're in
 love already, she's going to notice
 right away and want nothing to do
 with you.

POINDEXTER
 Arrogant, aren't they?

BLACKOUT

TEXT: 12 YEARS AGO

Master #1 in his younger days. He is in a club and coming on
 too strong to a pretty woman.

She dumps her drink on his head.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1
 No they're not. When a chick reacts
 to you like that it's because she
 wants you to leave her alone
 because you're freaking her out.

MASTER #2
 True. The woman you want is not at
 all arrogant. She's just re-acting,
 to you acting... like you're going
 to rape her.

MASTER #1
 Hey, next time that happens, just
 say:

FLASHBACK TO:

Same scene, younger Master #1 with hair soaked from mixed drink.

YOUNGER MASTER #1
Being good lookin' doesn't give you
a right to be stuck up.

He turns around and starts walking away.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1
And walk away. 99% chance she'll
say-

FLASHBACK TO:

She shakes her head and says *sweetly*.

PRETTY WOMAN
Wait, I'm really not like that.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1
Then just be cool.

FLASHBACK TO:

Younger Master #1 stops, turns around and shrugs.

YOUNGER MASTER #1
I'm sorry.

Then he says cheerfully.

YOUNGER MASTER #1
Hey, that's a drink on me!

Pretty woman laughs.

BACK TO PRESENT

Master #1 briefly turns and looks INTO CAMERA.

MASTER #1
Watch, now that we've told women
about that technique, it'll stop
working.

MASTER #2
And about that pattern he
mentioned. You need to know ahead
(MORE)

MASTER #2 (cont'd)
of time that some women are "career oriented", which is a very polite way of saying a woman who just wants to fuck.

Master #1 nods.

MASTER #1
Some women want a successful career and exciting sex life, and see marriage as a prison that ends both.

MASTER #2
Some of them are just looking for a hot beef injection from a guy who won't fall in love and get clingy.

FLASHBACK TO:

TEXT: 1 YEAR AGO

A sharply dressed Master #2 at nightclub, where an attractive woman in a miniskirt rubs herself up against him.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #2
They don't want your heart, they want your cock.

FLASHBACK TO:

That same night, Master #2 naked in bed with sheets covering up to his chest, watching in amazement as that same woman puts on her clothes, waves goodbye and leaves.

BACK TO PRESENT

POINDEXTER
That's messed up, isn't a family more important?

MASTER #2
Yeah, unless you're having too much fun getting laid.

Poindexter finishes his beer, then puts it on the counter.

Master #1 hands over a new one.

POINDEXTER
Thanx, you're a light saber.

Poindexter takes a healthy swig.

MASTER #1
In fact, that's why a lot of guys
cock-block themselves: they want a
relationship, but the women don't.

Understanding dawns on Poindexter.

POINDEXTER
So that's why I get hurt so much: I
go falling in love with a woman who
doesn't want that from me.

MASTER #2
Got it.

Poindexter starts to take another drink.

MASTER #2
Other things: lay off the booze-it
makes you look bad and say stupid
things.

He takes the cup of beer away.

POINDEXTER
But getting drunk makes me feel
good.

He reaches for the beer.

Master #2 holds it away and points an authoritative finger.

MASTER #2
Confidence makes you feel good.

Master #2 gives beer back.

Poindexter just holds it.

Master #1 cocks his head toward Master #2.

MASTER #1
What he said.

Poindexter nods and continues to just hold the beer.

Master #2 gives the "thumbs up" sign.

MASTER #1

But confidence is good. You see,
women detect confidence like men
notice D cups-just sticks out.

Poindexter hangs his head for an instant, then looks up
sadly.

POINDEXTER

I never had any confidence.

MASTER #2

Well, like a woman having sex, you
need a reason. For now, just
improvise... with apathy.

Hen #3 walks away from her group and stands nearby, sipping
a beer while watching the bar TV.

Master #1 gestures to Hen #3

MASTER #1

Yeah, she's good looking, but you
don't care-you're gonna talk to her
like she's anyone else. And you're
not concerned about getting laid,
you're concerned with what you're
having for dinner tonight.

Poindexter smiles awkwardly at Hen #3.

She gives him a weird look, but notices the Masters. She
Makes her way toward them.

MASTER #1

And I remember you saying something
about being Superman? You don't
have to be that great, and I can
prove it: Kevin Federline.

He motions to explain, but stops.

MASTER #1

Do I really need to explain that,
or like the Declaration, is it
self-evident?

Hen #3 now stands next to them.

HEN #3

What are you guys talking about?

Master #1 leans back casually on the counter.

MASTER #2
Getting laid.

HEN #3
Is that all you talk about?

MASTER #1
Well... that or sports.

HEN #3
Okay then, how do men think?

MASTER #2
Immodestly, with a mental filter.
For you to fuck, you need a reason.
We just need a location, a few of
us know not to act like it.

She puts her hands on her hips and tilts her head.

HEN #3
So you just want to fuck?

Master #1 gives her a coy smile.

MASTER #1
And you don't?

HEN #3
Pig.

Master #1 scans her sexy body and grins.

MASTER #1
You're going to look like that, and
expect me not to think sex? That's
like posting a notice that says,
"Do not read this sign".

HEN #3
I gotta do something. You don't
care about personality.

MASTER #1
Sure we do... kinda.

Her anger fades to curiosity.

HEN #3
Well in that case, teach me how to
find a man who wants commitment.

Master #1 pauses for a moment, debating.

MASTER #1
Find a shirt that says, "I hate
cats, and don't care about
birthdays or anniversaries".

Master #1 nods his head and pauses for effect, then quickly
turns back to Poindexter.

MASTER #1
So like I was saying, showing just
enough interest is a big part of
it.

HEN #3
Is that it?

Master #1 rolls his eyes and turns back to her.

MASTER #1
Never ask a man what he does for a
living, always be able to talk
about something important to him.

Master #2 nods his head in agreement and they lead
Poindexter away.

LIVING ROOM

Masters and Poindexter walk back to the living room. Now
back in their beginning spots on the edge of the party, the
guys analyze the sexy women.

MASTER #2
Yeah, showing her how interested
you really are is bad.

MASTER #1
You see, the woman goes out of her
way to look good, to attract a good
man. So the guy who knows to act
just a little interested is the man
who is interesting.

MASTER #2
What happens is she shows up
looking sexy, and then the losers
come to her, drunk and trying too
hard.

FLASHBACK TO:

TEXT: A YEAR AND A WEEK AGO

A younger Master #2 and his buddies, dressed in street clothes, are at a night club drinking beers. They see some attractive women, and then go stumbling into them trying to look cool.

The women blow them off.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #2

The guy who knows better plays it cool by making momentary eye contact. Then she comes up and talks to him, hoping he's not gay or already married.

FLASHBACK TO:

Younger Master #2 is at the same nightclub. He watches the women who blew them off, then observes one of them walk up to a well-dressed man who isn't drinking. While the well-dressed man chats with the woman, Young Master #2 walks up to him.

YOUNG MASTER #1

Excuse me, when you're done talking to her, could you teach me how to do that?

The well-dressed man looks at him confused.

WELL-DRESSED MAN

Do what?

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1

Or just walk up to the girl who maintains eye contact and say "Hi, what brings you here?"

Poindexter gets upset at some advice that just starts to register.

POINDEXTER

Wait a minute, you guys calling me a loser!?

Both Master's pause for an instant, thinking of the right response.

MASTER #1

No, we're calling you a winner who thinks like a loser.

MASTER #2

That's the thing with chicks: They're not easily threatened, they just don't want to fuck a loser. So just do what you're good at.

Master #1 nods in agreement throughout the speech.

MASTER #1

Basically, a woman with choices wants a man with choices.

MASTER #2

Do you play an instrument?

POINDEXTER

Yeah, I can play the guitar a little.

MASTER #2

That's your Trump card. You need to do something to impress them. Although playing the violin would be better.

Poindexter gives him an "are you crazy" look.

POINDEXTER

The violin? Why?

MASTER #2

Because few people play it. Guitarists are a dime a dozen.

MASTER #1

Whatever impressive thing you do is good, because you will have to act like a peacock. But the way I see it, easily threatened really means very presumptuous. I'm like, "nigga please", most stalkers are harmless. Says so in Wikipedia, so it must be true.

MASTER #2

So once you get all that down, you just let her do all the talking, then make her laugh.

POINDEXTER

That's hard to do too. How do I
make her laugh?

FLASHBACK TO:

Same scene of a younger Master #1 with hair wet from mixed
drink, as he just leans back and smiles.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1

By not even trying. We become
masters because we quit caring
about getting laid, and stop
getting crushes, and develop our
coolness... practically on
accident.

Master #2 taps his chin.

MASTER #2

I guess what what we're really
doing is showing you how to be *cool*
you.

PATIO

Master #2 takes his beer as they move away from the hens and
head out onto the patio and enjoy the cool air.

Standing far away from them is the asshole, smoking a
cigarette and holding a beer, and his much younger
girlfriend. They pay no attention to the guys.

Master #1 continues on.

MASTER #1

Yeah, cool you is the you you would
be if it weren't for things like
maybe a control freak parent, being
unpopular at school, or being
rejected now.

MASTER #2

Cool you is basically happy you.
Some people might call it your true
self. You don't need to get drunk
or high to feel good.

Master #2 pauses and blinks.

MASTER #2
I sound like an after school
special, don't I?

Poindexter looks at him dubiously.

POINDEXTER
Yeah, you're getting a little goofy
all a sudden.

MASTER #2
Okay then, what's better: an
iced-up can of baby piss-

He points to his beer.

MASTER #2
-or FINALLY knowing what NOT to say
about how you THINK you feel to a
pretty woman, and getting some
attention from one?

FLASHBACK TO:

TEXT: ONE YEAR EARLIER

A younger Master #2, at the same club and dressed sharp,
chats intimately with an attractive woman, both laughing.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #1
Get your thinking right, then
you're always cool. And chicks dig
guys who are fun to be around.

MASTER #2
Or at least cool when you need to
be.

POINDEXTER
I've asked so many people about
this, thanks for being specific!

MASTER #1
Well, I've got to do something,
because I'm tired of good women
being freaked out by good men who
don't know any better. It's
bullshit and it stops NOW!

He SLAMS his beer down on the railing, losing half of his
drink as it sloshes over the edge of the cup.

Just then Hen #3 comes and joins them, standing nearby for some attention.

POINDEXTER

I'm glad to know this stuff now, I never meant to offend anyone. So, the big question: how do I stop putting the pussy on a pedestal?

MASTER #1

I think of a pretty woman as being a stupid, spoiled slut. I write her off first, and lay down my coolness with everyone but her. If she wants to talk to me, she knows what to do.

Hen #3 hears that last comment, RAGE flashes across her face and she steps in.

HEN #3

Are you calling me a stupid, spoiled slut?

Master #1 rolls his eyes then turns to her.

MASTER #1

I THINK in whatever way keeps me from staring, smothering, and freaking you out.

She starts to argue, then gestures in understanding and goes back inside.

POINDEXTER

That makes no sense.

MASTER #1

It does when she comes to you, and you find out what she's really like.

MASTER #2

She is a person too, that's what I do.

POINDEXTER

You guys seem to understand women, so I want to know: why is it that some women deliberately go for the worst guy they can find?

He gestures to the couple on the patio, a safe distance away.

MASTER #1

Sometimes it's because her stepfather raped her, and having an asshole in her life is what she's used to. Or she had no father, and wants an older man, even if he's a bastard.

MASTER #2

Most of the time it's because older men have money and don't act stupid.

Poindexter observes the couple for a moment then turns back to Master #1.

POINDEXTER

Why would you invite that guy to your party?

MASTER #1

He's a friend of my father, in town with his girlfriend for a few days.

POINDEXTER

And she got raped by her stepfather?

MASTER #1

Yeah. Beat her up a lot, too.

Poindexter admires her carefully.

POINDEXTER

She's cute, why wouldn't she hook up with someone better?

MASTER #2

It's like when a little girl with an alcoholic father becomes a woman with an alcoholic husband, divorces him and then marries another alcoholic.

POINDEXTER

Why would she do that?

MASTER #2

It's what people do. They get involved in a bad relationship because that's all they know. Although I think some chicks are like that so they get to have fights on a regular basis.

Irritated, Master #1 looks over at the woman as she laughs loudly at something the grease-monkey said.

MASTER #1

I've had that. I left the toilet seat up, so!? Put it down! How hard is that? It's like some women want to fight because they like being upset.

In the corner, the Asshole turns and walks back inside and his girlfriend follows quickly on his heels, eager to please.

MASTER #2

I've seen that too. I know a guy who has to piss off his girlfriend to keep her interested. It's like women see nice as being weak.

MASTER #1

I think you're right. Most women don't realize that when a guy is being a pushover, or bribing her, it's because he only cares about her, and it turns them off. What else would explain it?

MASTER #2

It could also be that women don't want to be worshiped. Like I said before, talk to her like she's anyone else. A sexy woman wants to be treated like a human being, not a goddess.

POINDEXTER

It's something I noticed a long time ago: women have more sense than men, none when it comes to men.

MASTER #1

Some women have sense when it comes to men. It's just even better to be an asshole than a desperate, clingy poindexter, or to be a jerk than to tell a woman you just met you're in love with her.

POINDEXTER

So I have to be a jerk to get a girl.

He leans over the rail sadly, staring off into the night.

Master #1 takes him by the shoulders sternly and turns him back around.

MASTER #1
No, chicks don't really dig jerks.
I hear them complain a lot about
wishing they had a nice guy.

MASTER #2
Yeah, and when you find one, then
it's a timing issue.

Hen #3 comes outside for a smoke.

MASTER #2
Sad but true: when you find her,
you will probably feel that way a
long time, but you can't tell her
until she wants to hear it.

As Hen #3 lights a cig, she turns to address them.

HEN #3
What do you mean by that?

Master #2 turns to her.

MASTER #2
Honey, there are probably a lot of
nice, sweet, single guy friends you
know that have been in love with
you from day one. They just know
not to tell you.

HEN #3
Like who!?

MASTER #2
I don't know! And don't bother
asking them because they'll lie
about it.

Hen #3 squints then smokes in silence.

Poindexter grins and nods his head excitedly.

POINDEXTER
Hey, I'm finally learning something
I need to know!

Both masters shake their heads in embarrassment for Poindexter.

MASTER #1
Seems to me what we have here is a failure to communicate useful information.

MASTER #2
What we have here is a "game show education".

He turns to Poindexter.

MASTER #2
You've been prepared for "Jeopardy!", not life.

POINDEXTER
I've noticed, what's your point?

MASTER #2
That there's more to life than getting laid.

POINDEXTER
Are you sure?

MASTER #2
Pretty sure.

MASTER #1
We might as well just go shotgun. Come with me.

Master #1 goes back inside, followed by the other two.

LIVING ROOM

Leaving their empty glasses at the bar, the guys head back into the living room and pause to observe the party.

The asshole and his girlfriend have left.

MASTER #1
Many people have said it, "I never let my schooling interfere with my education".

POINDEXTER
Will you guys really do that for me?

The Master share a glance and nod in agreement.

MASTER #1
 Why not? For our sins. But one more
 rule with women: plow the field.

He waves his hand in a sweeping gesture at the many women at
 the party.

MASTER #1
 Get to know a lot of women before
 you commit to one.

MASTER #2
 You see, there are three kinds of
 women:

He counts with his left hand, holding fore and middle finger
 together, ring finger separately.

MASTER #2
 Career-just wants to fuck,
 project-wants to fight, then you
 have the field woman. You plow the
 field until find someone long term.

POINDEXTER
 Don't you mean "play" the field?

MASTER #2
 You can call it that. You will be
 playing games with a lot of them.

MASTER #1
 But that's enough for now. The
 Masters have ladies to attend to,
 so we'll just resume this tomorrow.

MASTER #2
 Yeah, me and Randy are going to get
 some new clothes tomorrow. Go home
 tonight, and then meet us at the
 mall at 2 o'clock.

POINDEXTER
 Why can't I stay here?

MASTER #1
 You probably hit on one of the
 chicks before we taught you
 anything, didn't you?

POINDEXTER
 Yeah, that one.

He looks at Hen #1.

MASTER #1

Well then you'd better just go
before you cock-block us, too.

POINDEXTER

Okay.

Poindexter starts for the door, but stops and turns around.

POINDEXTER

What's the simple answer to women?

MASTER #1

Understanding that she seduces you.
You just show up, do something
impressive, then play it cool and
she takes you to bed if she likes
you.

POINDEXTER

And the best place to meet them?

MASTER #1

What you did already. Make new
friends at work or school and get
invited to a party. I would say
nightclubs, but the music is too
loud to hear anyone.

POINDEXTER

Why do they do that?

MASTER #1

Makes people buy drinks.

POINDEXTER

Let's say I get lucky, what if I
come too soon?

MASTER #1

Go to a sex shop and buy a
desensitizer. Anything else?

POINDEXTER

Just what clothes I should buy
tomorrow.

Poindexter exits.

The Masters pick up some darts off a table and then walk
over to the ladies.

INT. MALL- DAY

A new day. All three guys are now dressed casual and finishing their meals at the food court. Bags of stylish new clothes sit on the floor right next to their chairs.

POINDEXTER

I was thinking last night, wouldn't play the field apply to lots of things?

MASTER #1

Oh sure: mechanics, restaurants... Tonight Show hosts. I would say religion, too, but I don't know.

Just then, the same woman from the wreck walks by. She hears them talking and stops to face them from a short distance.

POINDEXTER

That's a controversial subject, for some stupid reason.

MASTER #1

Tell me about it. It makes no sense that you would be tortured forever because you didn't accept Jesus, even though you acted like him.

MASTER #2

No shit, seems to me that all the religions are doing the same thing, just using different words.

The woman addresses them.

ANSWERS

I heard you guys talking.

The guys turn to see a woman dressed in sweats and sneakers, who though not a perfect 10, is still totally cute.

ANSWERS

I should tell you what happened to me.

They look at each other and shrug their shoulders.

POINDEXTER

Okay.

ANSWERS

I died.

They all look at her like she's crazy, then give each other a look-over.

Poindexter then turns and looks up at her curiously.

POINDEXTER

What, did we die too and no one gave us the memo?

Both Masters fist bump Poindexter.

MASTER #1

Here's your memo: that was you... not even trying!

She looks at them like they're crazy as she pulls a chair up and takes a seat.

ANSWERS

So about a week ago... I did something stupid.

FLASHBACK TO:

Answers is her old self. She is driving too fast on a wet road while using a cell, smoking, and paying no attention to the road. She then comes to a sharp corner and her car loses traction, swerves off the road and smashes into a tree.

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS

And I died.

FLASHBACK TO:

Her SOUL rises from her body and looks around in wonder.

BACK TO PRESENT

The three look at each again, shrug and nod.

Master #1 gestures to Poindexter.

MASTER #1

Sure, we were teaching him things that everyone should know.

He eyes her.

MASTER #1
Is this useful?

She eyes him right back and responds solemnly.

ANSWERS
Very.

MASTER #2
We were about to leave, can we talk
about it on the way to my car?

ANSWERS
Sure!

The trio gets up, grabs their bags and she joins them. They
move out of the food court as she begins her lesson.

ANSWERS
So I left my body.

FLASHBACK TO:

The WRECK. Her soul hovers over the scene, looking down at
it with wonder.

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS
It was a sensation of freedom I
just can't describe. Then there was
a light that came to me. I went
inside and it took me to Heaven.

FLASHBACK TO:

Her spirit looks down. She looks upon her poor broken body
with terrible sorrow and regret, then something above her
gets her attention-

-a brilliant BEAM OF LIGHT appears before her.

She floats up and is taken into the vortex.

BACK TO PRESENT

Poindexter stops and look at her eagerly.

POINDEXTER
Did you learn anything?

She stops and turns to him with big eyes.

ANSWERS

That's all I did.

They continue walking.

ANSWERS

It really is true that the opposite of love is not hate, it's fearing something we don't know.

Moved by the words, Master #1 responds.

MASTER #1

Never thought of it that way, deep.

ANSWERS

No, actually it's all very simple. The mistake everyone makes is putting something up on a pedestal by making it complicated.

They walk by a computer store.

Poindexter gestures to a PC on display.

POINDEXTER

Computers work and they're complicated.

ANSWERS

No, a computer is a bunch of simple things assembled together that just look complicated from a distance.

POINDEXTER

If you say so. But because of what these guys taught me last night, I know meeting women is simple. At least I won't make anymore mistakes with them.

She giggles and shakes her head at the irony.

ANSWERS

No, you still will. They just won't be as severe anymore.

Poindexter groans as they continue down the hall.

POINDEXTER

But I don't want to make mistakes, I hate mistakes.

ANSWERS

No, you fear mistakes. It's okay to fail. In fact, it's good.

POINDEXTER

How is it good!?

ANSWERS

We make mistakes because that way we can't judge anyone else. Then again, the only real mistake you make is not learning from them.

Master #1 pauses with the group in front of a bookstore. The store contains a a display of religious self-help books. The book in the center reads "God is everywhere."

MASTER #1

Makes sense. So, what does God want us to know that we don't know yet?

She lights up with excitement.

ANSWERS

I've been waiting for more people to ask me about this! This is how William Edward Deming felt.

She gets serious.

ANSWERS

There is really only one Commandment: thou shalt fulfill thy destiny.

MALL BOOKSTORE

While she revelates, Master #1 goes inside the store. He finds the book he wants, Michael Crichton's autobiography, "Travels". He starts walking toward the register, but before getting there, another book gets his attention. He walks up to it and sees "Rich Dad, Poor Dad", picks it up and gives it a look over. He then puts it down and walks to the register.

MALL

ANSWERS

And one deadly sin: arguing.

Poindexter nods and then walks a religious book display. His eyes drift to a book, "Live the Commandments".

POINDEXTER

Then what are the Commandments?
It's like God is being a control
freak. "Don't do this, don't do
that."

ANSWERS

Well, Moses wasn't told everything.
The Commandments are instructions.
Like when God says to worship, it
dynamically means every possible
way to love God back through each
other.

Master #1 comes out with his purchase, in a plastic bag, and walks over to Master #2.

Poindexter gestures to the Masters who have moved down the corridor a bit.

POINDEXTER

Like what these guys did for me
last night. I'm just fine the way I
am, as long as I keep my cool.

She walks with him as they catch up to the other two.

ANSWERS

Everyone is. You see, we are all
intelligent in some way. But, for
us to accomplish the great things
we came here to do, we need to work
together.

MASTER #1

Work together how?

ANSWERS

People need simple, specific
answers so they know how to do
things right. Like you, you just
needed a little help last night,
now you're ready to meet someone
new, right?

POINDEXTER
Why does it have to be someone new?

MASTER #1
Because a woman can be like a referee: she makes a split second decision, and never reverses it.

POINDEXTER
Never?

They continue on.

MASTER #1
You're late payments, dude. Unless that other girl gets fat, or you get rich. She shakes her head.

ANSWERS
You can't buy love.

MASTER #1
But a man with money can exude confidence and provide security.

She shrugs.

ANSWERS
Sometimes, maybe. I've been attracted to a lot of guys who were only secure personally.

MASTER #1
I give you that.

Master #2 turns to her.

MASTER #2
So what does God want us to do?

ANSWERS
To be happy. God loves us and wants us to enjoy the life we've been given.

MASTER #2
And?

They get to the mall entrance.

ANSWERS
That's all. God is love, but love is not just what God is, that's
(MORE)

ANSWERS (cont'd)
 what God does. God loves us all
 like a man loves a woman. The way a
 parent loves their child.

Master #1 OPENS the door and they all go outside.

EXT. MALL ENTRANCE

ANSWERS
 The way we all love a parking spot
 close to the entrance.

POINDEXTER
 Did you park close to the entrance?

ANSWERS
 No, I took the bus. I lost my car
 in the crash.

POINDEXTER
 I'm sorry.

ANSWERS
 It's okay. Besides, I get lots of
 exercise this way.

As they walk, Master #2 takes his keys from his pocket.

MASTER #2
 You were talking about how God
 loves us. I can prove it. Let's go
 to MY church!

INT. PUB- AFTERNOON

The four sit at a table, the trio have mugs of premium beer
 in front of them and Answers has a glass of ice tea.

ANSWERS
 Quoting Ben Franklin? Beer can be
 proof, if you enjoy enough.

POINDEXTER
 Didn't Jesus drink wine?

ANSWERS
 Actually... yes. But here's a
 newsflash: Jesus Christ... was not
 his real name.

Mugs stop halfway to mouths as the trio stares at her.

ANSWERS

It was Jeshua Hanashia, Aramaic for Jesus of Nazareth. Jeshua became Jesus, and Christ is the Hebrew term for Messiah.

MASTER #1

Too bad they crucified him for it.

ANSWERS

Actually, he was crucified because he messed with their money at Herod's Temple in Jerusalem.

FLASHBACK TO:

Jesus, shown as described by forensic anthropologists, at Herod's Temple, TURNING over tables and SMASHING jars, causing coins to SPILL all over the pavement.

Starving people pick up the coins.

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS

So officially it was because he claimed to be the messiah, but unofficially because he cost them money. But that's just nice to know. What's useful is a passage in the Koran that says that if a person calls themselves a Christian, then Muslims must be nice to them. So to bring peace to the middle east, the Israelis just officially call themselves Christians, but unofficially stay Jews.

Poindexter puts his mug down and holds up his hand.

POINDEXTER

That's all they have to do!?

ANSWERS

Just that simple.

MASTER #2

And you're telling me that fundamentalists keep telling me to accept Jesus Christ, and that wasn't even his name!?

ANSWERS

Pretty much. The strategy is less accepting Jesus as your savior, and more understanding that love itself is what saves you.

They all nod.

Poindexter eyes her curiously over his mug.

POINDEXTER

So you met Jesus?

ANSWERS

Yes.

POINDEXTER

What was he like?

FLASHBACK TO:

Jesus is shown momentarily in GLORIOUS SPIRIT FORM.

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS

Words(?). I will say that as much as he loves us all, in some ways he's frustrated.

POINDEXTER

How so?

ANSWERS

What he taught was changed by hateful people. Like with original sin: sex isn't sinful, it's just risky.

Poindexter's attention drifts over to a hot waitress in short shorts.

POINDEXTER

So sex really isn't sinful?

She snaps her fingers at him to get his attention.

ANSWERS

Of course not. Although you can do it with the wrong person. It's like money: it's what people do for it that's evil.

Master #1 watches a man with dark hair and a large nose gets out of his booth and exits without leaving a tip.

MASTER #1

That makes more sense. But in regards to the crucifixion, I don't mean to be anti-semitic, but Jews can be the greediest people.

ANSWERS

It's just a fact of life that there are a few people of all different kinds of religions that will kill you if you mess with their money. It wasn't about them being Jewish.

MASTER #1

And maybe that guy didn't leave a tip because it was just coffee.

Master #2 finishes off his beer and signals to the waitress for another round.

MASTER #2

That sounds better. What about the other Commandments?

ANSWERS

Two means no false idols. You know how some people worship celebrities?

SHOW FOOTAGE OF:

A celebrity being worshiped by fans.

BACK TO SCENE

ANSWERS

Well don't. I mean, enjoy watching them, sure. Admire them, maybe. But don't worship them. Celebrities are people too. Three is about blasphemy.

POINDEXTER

I don't get that. Goddamn is just a word people have come to use, no one means to be blasphemous.

ANSWERS

You know how I said that God is love? Well, "in the name of love,

(MORE)

ANSWERS (cont'd)

I..." People assume they're doing God's work, and end up using weapons.

SHOW FOOTAGE OF:

George W. Bush ordering invasion of Iraq, and of Osama Bin Laden declaring jihad on America.

BACK TO SCENE

ANSWERS

No. Be nice... to everyone!

POINDEXTER

Ah.

ANSWERS

Four is the sabbath day. Choose a day of the week to listen to good advice, then share it. Like with a mentor. She gestures to the four of them doing exactly that.

POINDEXTER

It's supposed to be Sunday, isn't it?

ANSWERS

Can be. Our weekdays are really just named after Pagan gods. Most people are going to have a day off, so they make the time to learn something useful. Not hard.

MASTER #1

Then they go to church.

Conversation pauses as the cute waitress puts new mugs full of beer in front of them.

ANSWERS

If they want. You see, most people believe that church is the house of God. No. A church is a building, just part of the equation. The entire Universe is God's cathedral.

MASTER #2

How you figure?

ANSWERS

Every day prayers are answered, miracles happen, and people have faith... everywhere. I mean, when Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, he just picked a spot.

FLASHBACK TO:

Jesus preaching The Sermon on the Mount.

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS

Its not like you leave church when the rituals are over and that's it. God is everywhere, just be alert to it.

POINDEXTER

Then why do bad things happen to good people?

ANSWERS

That's a long list. Sometimes it's to set them up for success, it just isn't obvious at first.

MASTER #1

And that's how history is made.

ANSWERS

Jesus was put to death to amplify his message. Ever notice you learn a lot about someone after they die?

MASTER #1

It certainly motivated his disciples.

ANSWERS

Exactly.

They sit in silence, momentarily philosophizing, when Poindexter has a new question.

POINDEXTER

Why are there bad people?

She sighs, shakes her head slightly, looks down momentarily and replies sadly.

ANSWERS

There are no bad people. Everyone starts good, just bad things happen to some of them, and that lack of love distorts them.

MASTER #1

Like with physics-there is heat, or lack thereof in the form of cold.

ANSWERS

Exactly. And there is no evil, only stupidity.

POINDEXTER

I've always wondered this: why was the King of Kings born to homeless parents in a mangy animal barn?

ANSWERS

As a lesson to us all in potential.

They look at each other confused.

ANSWERS

Potential: instead of seeing someone for what they are, see them for what they can be.

POINDEXTER

But they need to know something to use their potential?

ANSWERS

Yes. You see, we are more than human.

Confused looks from the trio.

ANSWERS

We are in fact angels, we just don't remember. This is our human life.

POINDEXTER

Why don't we remember?

ANSWERS

In Heaven, you know everything. If you took any of that with you, you couldn't function. You know how it feels cramming for finals?

Poindexter rolls his eyes and nods his head.

ANSWERS

Imagine that, but worse, and all the time. You have to give up your knowledge in order to do things here. Then events happen in your life that bring you from one destiny to the next.

They all sit in silence for a moment, taking the words in.

POINDEXTER

Learn what?

ANSWERS

What you love.

Master #1 leans forward.

MASTER #1

What do you mean?

ANSWERS

The angel within is receptive to the wealth of brilliance in heaven. That's how all those geniuses have brilliant ideas "come to them". Discover what you love, and learning it is effortless, even fun.

SHOW FOOTAGE OF:

Einstein explaining relativity.

BACK TO SCENE

ANSWERS

It's like a radio: you just keep playing the field with the frequencies until you get to something that makes sense. Then you write it down, like with a screenplay.

POINDEXTER

Like the guy who said "the sculpture was always there, he just chipped away the rough edges". But I don't like going to church. So is what you're saying mean I don't have to anymore?

ANSWERS

Of course not! You will meet nice people, make connections, and receive guidance if you ask for it.

MASTER #2

Why don't you like going to church?

FLASHBACK TO:

Poindexter in Church, rolling his eyes as he sings a boring gospel song.

BACK TO PRESENT

POINDEXTER

I can't stand the singing.

MASTER #2

That's like saying "I would like going to the beach, if it weren't for the sand and the water".

POINDEXTER

Well, if churches would sing top ten stuff that had something to do with love or peace, I would be all for it.

MASTER #1

Right?

MASTER #2

Yeah, I'm like if worship was like a KISS concert, I'd go all the time!

She addresses him directly.

ANSWERS

I actually saw them in Irvine Meadows once.

Master #2 grins ear to ear.

MASTER #2

What was THAT like?

ANSWERS

I wish I hadn't done it now.

MASTER #2

What!? I'd give my left nut to see
KISS!

SHOW FOOTAGE OF:

KISS in CONCERT, **KI**cking a**SS**!

BACK TO PRESENT

ANSWERS

KISS spoiled me. I haven't been
able to enjoy another another
concert since. And if you don't
like worship, then just go to
Sunday school, because that's where
the worship really happens. Back to
God-

Master #2 leans forward with another grin.

MASTER #2

What's the difference between KISS
and God?

She grins right back.

ANSWERS

Not much. Now stay focused. Five is
honor thy mother and father. At
least listen to them.

Poindexter shakes his head.

POINDEXTER

I can't be in the same room with
them!

ANSWERS

Then listen to someone else's
parents.

MASTER #1

I've always said it: advice is like
humor-got to deliver it right.

She nods and continues.

ANSWERS

Six is do not kill.

Master #2 looks at a person reading a newspaper which
features a headline about a recent murder.

MASTER #2

Isn't it obvious you shouldn't kill people?

ANSWERS

It also refers to dreams. Look at what we have, know, and can do now because of someone ambitious. How many examples are there?

MASTER #1

It's a long list. I know that a lot of people broke the four minute barrier after Roger Bannister did. But no one did it before.

ANSWERS

Exactly. If their dream proves a mistake, they learn. Then again, they can be the next one to change the world, and everyone learns.

MASTER #1

Maybe that is part of, what are we on, seven? I mean, maybe adultery doesn't just mean being unfaithful to your lover, but to your dreams, too.

ANSWERS

Very good. You know a lot about The Commandments.

MASTER #1

I dated a Hispanic chick for a while, she made me go with her to Catholic mass.

Master #2 gives him a serious look.

MASTER #2

She must have been good!

MASTER #1

Yeah.

MASTER #2

What happened?

MASTER #1

No sex is that good.

She rolls her eyes, shakes her head.

ANSWERS

Eight is do not steal. Keep your things from being stolen.

Poindexter cocks his head to the side, confused.

POINDEXTER

What else?

ANSWERS

When a control freak tells you it won't work, do it anyway.

MASTER #1

One of the things I've learned in this world is that it's the aggressive critic who has the problem, not you.

She looks at Master #1.

ANSWERS

I know what you're saying, try explaining it differently.

MASTER #1

Basically, the only thing wrong with you is you think there's something wrong with you, and anyone who says different is the one who had the problem. My dad taught me that.

Poindexter looks at him.

POINDEXTER

Must be nice.

MASTER #2

Hey, you don't steal, you *appropriate*. Like the Senate Appropriations Committee.

POINDEXTER

Why do myself, and a lot of people like me, go out of their way to be good, but end up getting, well, fucked?

MASTER #1

Well, it's like I said about not being nice all the time.

MASTER #2

You got to be a dick sometimes.
There are people out there that
detect your kindness and try to use
you. Don't let them.

MASTER #1

And it does hurt, but it hurts more
in the long run if you let them
push you around.

ANSWERS

Good job. Anyway, nine is tricky
because it's most frequently
violated. The only way to submit to
God's will on this is to be
responsible to begin with by
setting yourself up for success in
the first place so you have nothing
to lie about anyway.

She shrugs.

ANSWERS

I know it's a lecture, but you will
suffer if you go through life only
hearing what you want.

MASTER #2

You don't lie, you sell. Whether
it's an interview, or a date.

MASTER #1

Just don't volunteer bad
information. That's my policy.

POINDEXTER

That happened to me a couple months
ago. I offended this girl I worked
with.

MASTER #1

What'd you do?

POINDEXTER

I said something personal to her
and she took offense to it, even
though it wasn't even about her. So
she went to the president of the
company and I got fired.

Master #1 looks at him enlightened.

MASTER #1
That's how you came to work for me.

POINDEXTER
Yes.

Master #1 leans forward.

MASTER #1
I got a term for that: land mine.

POINDEXTER
Okay, so how do I avoid... stepping
on a land mine?

MASTER #1
Just don't talk about anything
personal around women at work.

MASTER #2
You see, women everywhere tend to
be easily threatened, or jealous,
so you only talk about what they
talk about.

MASTER #1
Oh, and if a woman asks you if
you've never had a girlfriend, be
respectful, but don't explain.

MASTER #2
Only explain yourself to someone if
they want you to. Sometimes just a
yes or no, then coolness.

POINDEXTER
How did you guys know I've never
had a girlfriend?

Both masters give him *the look*.

MASTER #2
Yeah, don't be a poindexter and
volunteer that you've never had a
girlfriend.

MASTER #1
Yeah, don't be a poindexter.

ANSWERS
You guys keep interrupting, but it
makes sense. Ten is about jealousy.
Well, don't get jealous, get
(MORE)

ANSWERS (cont'd)
excited-if they can do it, you can.
Learn something from them.

POINDEXTER
Like I did with these guys last
night.

MASTER #1
It's another lesson in meeting
women. Say you meet another guy's
smokin' hot wife or girlfriend.
Don't hit on her, just be thy cool
self and make her laugh. She should
introduce you to one of her single
girlfriends.

MASTER #2
The hen factor working for you...
for once.

He indicates a group of attractive college co-eds sitting at
a table off to the side, occasionally glancing at the four
of them.

MASTER #1
Be careful about that, though.
Approaching a married woman you
don't know can be as dangerous as
doing the same thing with a police
officer or a kid.

POINDEXTER
Okay, why the different religions?

ANSWERS
Different lessons. God's word is
love. If we all learned the same
thing, we couldn't do much.

MASTER #1
You will learn more from each other
than you will from me.

ANSWERS
I was about to say that! How did
you know?

MASTER #1
Learned it in school.

POINDEXTER

I thought you said school was useless.

MASTER #1

The curriculum is mostly just nice to know. An instructor said that when the class started.

ANSWERS

And what you were saying is one of the two reasons God loves us—we can figure out things on our own.

MASTER #1

One of the two? What's the other?

ANSWERS

We are one with God.

MASTER #1

So it's God inside that gives us our potential?

ANSWERS

Yes. What God has been preparing us for is to become human through us. When you live up to your potential, and help others do the same, it helps God implement the big plan we've all heard about.

She looks at the guys while they think about it.

ANSWERS

Would you throw away a Ferrari just because you couldn't drive it?

MASTER #1

No, but I'd probably sell it!

ANSWERS

Not if you loved it.

POINDEXTER

So was that it?

ANSWERS

Of course not, but words are too primitive to describe it all.

POINDEXTER

So who goes to Heaven?

ANSWERS

Everyone comes from Heaven, so that's where they go back. So the real question is who stays. Some learn how much pain they caused others, and punish themselves.

Table goes silent, then Master #1 takes it a step further.

MASTER #1

I've never heard about any scripture that said one man is qualified to calculate the fate of another. Like, whether I go to hell or not is between me and God. No fundamentalist can predict that.

MASTER #2

Dude, those people say the earth is 10,000 years old. That's from the 7 days thing. That couldn't have been the earth rotating 7 times, those had to be God days—a day to God is probably billions of years to us.

MASTER #1

Fundamentalists say that God put fossils in the ground to test our faith. No, I think God put fundamentalists here to test our faith!

ANSWERS

Scriptures are like a fill-in-the-blank question: we have to add in the answer that makes the most sense. Like when it says that the dead shall rise, it means the people who are dead *inside*.

MASTER #1

You realize if you go any deeper, you're going to strike oil?

ANSWERS

You think that's deep, you notice the Bible is full of contradictions?

MASTER #1
Everyone has.

ANSWERS
The Bible contains contradictions because we do. Everyone is different because we all possess a gift unique to us, and God wants us to use them in unison. The time is near for us to use our combined potential to reach a critical mass and bring Heaven to Earth.

Master #2 puts his hand on his forehead.

MASTER #2
I feel dizzy.

Poindexter shakes his head and then gets back into the conversation.

POINDEXTER
If God loves us, then why do we get judged?

ANSWERS
You learn what you did with your life and judge yourself.

POINDEXTER
I do that all the time, now.

MASTER #1
That's why you cock-block yourself, too.

POLITICS

Just then, the same man who called in the accident walks in. He wears casual-formal clothes and carries a magazine. He is immediately recognized by Answers.

ANSWERS
Alex!

POLITICIAN
Light!

Poindexter is surprised.

POINDEXTER
You're name is Light!?

ANSWERS
It is now, I changed it after I
returned. Nice, isn't it?

POINDEXTER
Yes it is.

Politics sees the guys.

POLITICIAN
New friends?

ANSWERS
Very new, but very intriguing.

Politics pulls out a chair and takes a seat.

POLITICIAN
So what are you talking about?

ANSWERS
Things everyone should know.

POLITICIAN
Oh, well I'm all about that. What
do you know about politics?

MASTER #2
I know 9/11 was an inside job.

POLITICIAN
You're wrong.

MASTER #2
Oh, really?

They all lean forward to listen.

POLITICIAN
Bush had nothing to do with 9/11.
9/11... worked.

Master #2 shakes his head.

MASTER #2
I've seen the evidence, the New
World Order planned it for years.

Politician pauses to order a beer from the waitress, then
resumes.

POLITICIAN

I'm sorry, I could just never believe they would do that to this country.

MASTER #2

Do you know how much money Halliburton has made from this!?

POLITICIAN

Someone is always going to make money from war.

MASTER #2

Say what you want, Bush was the worst president we've ever had.

Waitress brings him a pint of bitter, setting it on the table.

POLITICIAN

I know, but do you know why?

He picks it up and takes a sip, then holds it.

Scoffing, Master #2 leans back.

MASTER #2

Yeah, he's an idiot.

POLITICIAN

No, we've had a few idiot presidents. Bush's problem was that he only listened to people who agreed with him.

He looks around.

POLITICIAN

Did any of you see "The Fog of War"?

They all shake their heads.

POLITICIAN

It's a documentary about Robert S. McNamara. He talks about the Cuban Missile crisis, and what he said blew my mind.

Poindexter leans forward.

POINDEXTER

Go on.

POLITICIAN

Well, there was the threat of nuclear missiles in Cuba. Kennedy was going to invade. All his advisers agreed, except one. Tommy Thompson stepped up to the plate and said, "Mr. President, you're wrong". 30 years later, McNamara met Castro and asked him:

Politician counts his fingers while he talks

POLITICIAN

1) did you have nuclear missiles,
2) would you have recommended to Khrushchev that you use them, and
3) even if it meant Cuba was destroyed? yes, I had them, I did not would have I DID recommend they be used. And yes, even if it meant Cuba was destroyed. THAT close!

Politics holds fingers 'that far' apart.

MASTER #1

I'm glad Bush wasn't in office then!

They all nod in agreement.

Master #2 looks up.

MASTER #2

No, we still wouldn't have invaded, because they did have weapons of mass destruction, but they didn't have oil!

Everyone laughs.

Master #1 shakes his head.

MASTER #1

I don't think Bush was that bad. It was just the media that profited from his shortcomings.

POLITICIAN

Okay then, if Bush came to you for a job, what would you give him? And

(MORE)

POLITICIAN (cont'd)
you already have janitors and
security guards.

MASTER #1
Er... uh... shit.

Poindexter chuckles then shakes his head sadly.

POINDEXTER
I can't wait to we get all our
troops out of Iraq.

Politician nods.

POLITICIAN
Neither can I, but we have to wait
until Iraq can defend itself.

Master #2 looks at Politics like he's lost his mind.

MASTER #2
You're either crazy, or own
Halliburton stock.

Politics sets his pint on the table and leans forward to
explain.

POLITICIAN
Neither, listen. Iraq borders Iran
to the east, Israel to the west. We
leave Iraq before it's people can
defend their country...

Poindexter nods as understanding dawns on his face.

POINDEXTER
Then we'll have a World War
One-style powder keg waiting to go
off.

POLITICIAN
Exactly, but with nuclear weapons.

POINDEXTER
So our soldiers have to stay in
Iraq until the Iraqis don't need
them anymore?

POLITICIAN
Until the insurgents calm down, and
their people unite. Then we can get
our troops the hell... outta there.

ANSWERS

In reference to the Cuban Missile Crisis, that's just one example of how we haven't had that many wars.

Poindexter looks at her strangely.

POINDEXTER

What do you mean?

ANSWERS

The few wars we've actually had taught us to avoid it.

MASTER #1

That's why I love "MASH" so much, it taught me about war: how stupid it is.

She nods in agreement and then gets up to order a coffee.

In her wake, Poindexter turns to Master #1, confused.

POINDEXTER

I thought it was about Korea.

MASTER #1

No, it was set in Korea because Vietnam was going on and that would have been controversial. "MASH" was about all wars.

MASTER #2

War-a rich old white man declares it, a young poor man fights it. Someone gimme a better definition.

MASTER #1

All these people want world peace, well that's easy: make the people who declare war have to fight it, too!

They raise their mugs and CLINK them together in agreement.

The door to the pub opens and a hippie enters wearing an anti-Bush t-shirt.

POLITICIAN

It still bothers me though, about Bush.

POINDEXTER

What?

Master #2 sips some beer.

POLITICIAN

So many people hate Bush. Bush is a good man.

Master #2 quickly spits it out.

MASTER #2

What!? I don't know what you're on, but I want some!

POLITICIAN

Ha ha. He stopped drinking for his wife, and he signed into law the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

POINDEXTER

Sar-what?

POLITICIAN

Sarbanes-Oxley. Keeps corporations from cooking the books, like with Enron.

MASTER #1

If he's such a good man, then why all those bad decisions?

Politics stabs a finger at a magazine he brought with him. The cover addresses the Bailout.

POLITICIAN

The bad choices come from not listening to good advisers. And, being a republican, he can never change his mind, even if he's wrong. But right about here I just have to let everyone know what Dick Cheney said about the war.

They lean forward in anticipation.

POLITICIAN

On March 19th, 2008, a reporter told Cheney that two thirds of Americans are against the war in Iraq.

MASTER #2
And what did he say?

POLITICIAN
"So?"

They all shake their head in shame and disgust.

Answers quietly rejoins them with her cup of coffee.

MASTER #2
Bush talks about sendin a message.
"Fuck you".

ANSWERS
Oh, you're talking about Cheney.
Well, what could be done to help
all future presidents do their job
better?

She gives them all a knowing look.

POLITICIAN
It's a very simple thing. Next time
the President is signing a bill in
front of a camera, he should read
it first. I mean, (stuttering) what
kind of message does it send when
you sign something without reading
it?

They all smile.

MASTER #1
I would love that, but would he
listen?

MASTER #2
Well, it does make too much sense.

He leans back crossing his arms, still somewhat obstinate.

ANSWERS
I love your idea of reading a bill
in front of the camera.

POLITICIAN
Well, the pen is mightier than the
sword, but the camera is mightier
than the pen. Rock, paper, Sherman
Tank-type deal.

The other three watch the debate in tense silence.

Finally Master #2 sighs to break the tension.

MASTER #2

I still say 9/11 was an inside job.

POLITICIAN

I don't. I'm telling you, this is what happened: you-know-who and his Al-Quaeda network decided to teach our government a lesson about foreign policy, and in the process gave Bush an excuse to invade Iraq.

MASTER #1

Why don't you say his name?

POLITICIAN

I'm fighting back by ignoring him. Hopefully Al-Jazeera will do the same and delete his next tape, or just hand it off to the CIA. Either way, we need to cut him off, because the publicity just gives him more power.

Poindexter addresses Politics directly.

POINDEXTER

That's nice, but what about actual politics?

MASTER #2

What you need to learn is that we need another revolution in this country!

POLITICIAN

You say you want a revolution? Well, you know... participate.

POINDEXTER

By voting?

POLITICIAN

At least. But before you do, look up their voting record, which shows what a public servant is doing when they're not on camera. And hopefully you vote conservative.

Poindexter gives him a wide-eyed look.

POINDEXTER

Why would I vote for a conservative!?

POLITICIAN

Because the government screws up everything. Conservatives keep that to a minimum.

POINDEXTER

That'll only work when everyone does it.

Politician looks at Poindexter seriously.

POLITICIAN

I know. And be careful about bonds.

POINDEXTER

Except for school bonds.

POLITICIAN

Especially school bonds. Other than keyboarding or driver's ed... name one really useful thing you learned in public school.

POINDEXTER

I learned math, that's always useful.

POLITICIAN

True. Then again, the only math I know is the first and the fifteenth.

POINDEXTER

Why do so many politicians suck?

POLITICIAN

Because most people only vote for the six-footer with a catchy name and executive-style hair cut.

POINDEXTER

So who should we vote for?

Before Politician can answer, Answers speaks up.

ANSWERS

Voting for someone with financial backing can eventually prove as painful as marrying a man just for his money.

POLITICIAN

I know, look at Bush-his father had to invest a record amount to put him in office.

MASTER #2

It's not investing, it's rigging.

They sit in tense silence again, then Answers asks another important question on purpose.

ANSWERS

You were talking about voting, just for the President?

POLITICIAN

Of course not! The President is not all powerful, he's all vulnerable, to special interests. We should be more concerned with local elections.

POINDEXTER

The homework never really ends. What more is there to know?

POLITICIAN

Well, I could go on all day, but I don't want to get worked up. I will say though, you notice that almost every politician is a lawyer?

They all nod.

POLITICIAN

Well, lawyers go through money like a fish goes through water. Let's elect accountants from now on.

MASTER #1

Jewish accountants?

POLITICIAN

Is there any other kind?

MASTER #1

I don't think so. Anyway, I'm up for going somewhere else now.

Master #2 finishes his last beer.

MASTER #2
Fuckin A.

They all get up, but the booze has the best of Master #2.

MASTER #2
Uh... either I had a stroke or one
too many.

MASTER #1
Well I've been drinking, too.

ANSWERS
I can't drive your car.

MASTER #2
What's with you commie bastards and
your automatics?

MASTER #1
You have a car.

POLITICIAN
No, it's in the shop.

MASTER #1
Then how did you get here?

POLITICIAN
I live down the street. I have to
come here for my fresh tap beer.

MASTER #1
You could just build a bar in your
own house.

Politician freezes, his jaw gapes as rest go outside.

EXT. PUB

MASTER #1
I'll just call a cab.

Master #1 gets his cell as Politics walks out to join them.

POLITICIAN
Actually, I'm going to stay inside
and watch the news. Late, Light.

Politician walks back in the pub, waving.

Just then a large van-style cab pulls up and unloads some
passengers.

MASTER #1
 Damn, I wish getting a cab was
 always this easy. I need to get
 something first.

While the other three get into the van, Master #1 runs to
 the car and gets his book and then comes back.

INT. CAB

Answers sits up front next to the MUSLIM cab driver and the
 other sit in the back two rows. The cab pulls away and the
 cab driver greets his new customers.

MUSLIM
 Where to?

MASTER #1
 The park.

Cabbie nods his head and the van starts moving.

POINDEXTER
 Why are we going to the park?

MASTER #1
 You'll see.

The group becomes silent for a moment, then Muslim breaks
 the ice.

MUSLIM
 How is your day?

ANSWERS
 Enlightening.

MUSLIM
 How so?

ANSWERS
 I've been teaching these guys about
 God.

MUSLIM
 You could learn something from me.

POINDEXTER
 Who are you?

MUSLIM
Who I am is less important than
what I know.

Muslim glances at them all in the rear-view mirror.

MUSLIM
What do you know about Islam?

ANSWERS
Ooo, you do need to listen.

POINDEXTER
I know the terrorists were Islamic
extremists.

Everyone listens as he drives down the street and begins to
chat casually with them.

MUSLIM
They may have called themselves
Muslim, but what they did was not
the Islamic thing to do.

He comes to a stop at a light.

MASTER #1
What do you mean?

Muslim fingers a symbol of Islam hanging from his mirror.

MUSLIM
Islam is an Arabic word. It means
"peace acquired by submitting
yourself to God's will".

POINDEXTER
So that's the Islamic thing to do?

MUSLIM
That's the translation. The Islamic
thing is to submit to God.

Master #1 leans over the seats in front of him.

MASTER #1
Kinda sounds like you're trying to
convert us.

MUSLIM
I've always thought that as long as
you are nice to people, there is no
need to convert you to anything.

ANSWERS

He's right.

MASTER #1

So, peace through submission. In other words, stop doing what isn't working and join the winning team.

MUSLIM

Correct.

POINDEXTER

So why are you teaching us about Islam?

MUSLIM

I don't like it when someone judges me before they meet me, (to Poindexter) do you?

Poindexter sighs and slumps down in his chair.

POINDEXTER

No, story of my life.

Stopped at another red light, Muslim turns around to look Poindexter in the eyes.

MUSLIM

We're not all bad. In fact, we're just like you in many ways.

Muslim turns returns his attention to the road.

POINDEXTER

So far so good.

MASTER #1

What about killing a woman because she got raped?

POINDEXTER

Why would you kill a woman because of that?

MASTER #1

Adultery.

POINDEXTER

That's not adultery, adultery needs consent.

MASTER #1

Tell him.

Master gestures to driver.

MUSLIM

Sometimes our laws make no sense,
but the same can be said of yours.

MASTER #1

Like what?

MUSLIM

Making Catholic priests take a vow
of celibacy. I'm like, is that rule
really more important than the
children that get raped because of
it!?

The light turns green and the van starts moving again.

MUSLIM

Anyway, I will stick to some of the
basics. As I said, Islam is about
submitting yourself to God's will.

ANSWERS

I don't mean to interrupt you, but
this is necessary.

Muslim waves his hand.

MUSLIM

Go ahead, I'm used to it.

ANSWERS

When someone gives you advice,
listen to them.

They drive by someone's front yard where two kids play
catch.

Master #2 sees the kids out his window.

MASTER #2

Like with Game 6 of the 03 World
Series. Josh Beckett was mowing
down the Yanks, and all he really
did was listen to his catcher the
whole time.

SHOW FOOTAGE OF:

2003 World Series game 6. Beckett gets the sign from his catcher.

BACK TO PRESENT

POINDEXTER

I remember that. His catcher told him what pitch and where, and the pitcher was like, "Okay".

FLASHBACK TO:

Beckett delivers, and mows down another dreaded Yankee slugger.

BACK TO PRESENT

MASTER #2

Yep. Good pitching beats good hitting, especially in the post season.

MASTER #1

I golf, And when I listened to my instructors and swung as relaxed and smoothly as I could, with good follow-through, I hit the ball way better. I just quit trying too hard.

ANSWERS

The person with potential obeyed the expert. I learned that "up there".

She points a finger upwards.

Muslim looks at her funny, but doesn't ask.

POINDEXTER

So I just lay off the booze and be my cool self, and I'll do better.

MASTER #1

Yeah. But we're not really teaching you seduction. Just find your true love, and don't offend the rest.

POINDEXTER

So if the next one doesn't want to hook up, I'll find one who does, and the other won't write me off completely.

MASTER #1
Just don't fuck it up, that's all
you really got to do.

MUSLIM
What are you talking about?

POINDEXTER
Attracting women.

Muslim smiles broadly.

EXT. PARK

A minute later they all pile out of the van, Muslim
included.

MUSLIM
So just make her jealous. That
works almost as well as money.

Surprise and confusion cover Poindexter's face.

POINDEXTER
Does everyone know how to attract
women but me!?

Both masters nod their head vigorously.

MASTER #2
Can seem like that, sometimes.

MASTER #1
Oh yeah, everyone but you.

MUSLIM
But whoever you marry, make sure
she signs a prenuptial.

Muslim rolls his eyes.

POINDEXTER
Is it that big a deal?

Muslim looks at Poindexter seriously, gesturing to the cab.

MUSLIM
I'm not driving that for a social
experiment.

MASTER #2
You taking a break from the taxi?

MUSLIM
Yeah, been at it since five this morning. You guys in a hurry?

MASTER #1
No, it's cool. But anyway, yeah, except for money, jealousy can be the best way to attract them.

POINDEXTER
Why?

They start to make their way toward an empty grouping of picnic tables in the center of the park.

MASTER #1
Makes her think you're not a loser after all. Now that you've proven yourself, she might change her mind.

MASTER #2
Women are notorious for that.

Poindexter nods his head, then turns to Muslim.

POINDEXTER
What can you teach me about Islam?

MUSLIM
Do you really care? Seems to me learning to score would be better.

He gestures to a group of nearby women.

Master #1 puts his book on a table, then he a Master #2 head off in the direction of the women.

Muslim, Answers, and Poindexter hang back while the Masters go strut their stuff.

Poindexter sees them walk off.

POINDEXTER
Where are you going?

Master #1 stops and turns around, slowly.

MASTER #1
All be Bach.

MASTERS AT PLAY

The Masters walk to the yoga girls, too busy yoging to notice.

Master #2 walks over to the girl on the side, while Master #1 does his thing.

MASTER #1
Hi.

She opens her eyes in surprise.

YOGA
Oh... hi.

MASTER #1
Yoga, right?

She nods.

MASTER #1
Does it really work that well?

YOGA
Sure. Loosens me up, stimulates my chakras. Makes me feel better.

MASTER #1
Well, that's one way to do it.

YOGA
What do you mean?

MASTER #1
I don't know, I just saw a joke in there. Although I did see a picture of someone's chakra, once.

YOGA
What did it look like?

MASTER #1
I thought it was a tie-die at first. So is yoga all you do?

YOGA
Of course not. I like to read, ride my bike, swim, blah blah blah, blah blah blah...

As she yaps, Master #1 nods, smiles and a thought bubble appears above his head: "pretending to care, pretending to care".

YOGA

And I'll go to watch live theater sometimes.

MASTER #1

You just love the outdoors, don't you?

YOGA

Oh yes.

MASTER #1

Are you stuffed in an office too? Just getting outside when you can?

YOGA

Oh, I could never do that. I'm a wildlife photographer.

MASTER #1

That sounds fun. Anyway, I'm going to have a party at my place tonight.

YOGA

I guess you're inviting me?

MASTER #1

Yes.

She looks him over and shakes her head.

YOGA

I don't date players.

Master #1 takes a serious tone.

MASTER #1

I'm just playing the field.

YOGA

Are you going to love me in the morning?

MASTER #1

That takes time.

She nods approvingly and gives him a quick look-over.

YOGA

So what do you do for a living?

Master looks irritated at her for an instant.

MASTER #1

I work for the city.

While Master #1 does his thing, Master #2 makes a good first impression.

MASTER #2

Master Yoga?

She cracks a smile and shakes her head while continuing her workout.

YOGA 2

Right, you are.

MASTER #2

This is a beautiful day, what do you think?

YOGA 2

Oh it's a great day.

MASTER #2

I just love the fresh air, what do you think?

YOGA 2

Oh, of course, better than my stuffy apartment.

MASTER #2

Oh I know, can't stay inside all the time, what do you think?

YOGA 2

Who wants to stay inside? I do have a life, after all.

MASTER #2

I know what you mean. I say meet new people, what do you think?

YOGA 2

Make new friends, always a good idea.

MASTER #2
Tell me about it. So what do you do
for a living?

YOGA 2
Paralegal.

MASTER #2
Paratrooper?

She giggles.

YOGA 2
I feel like one sometimes.

MASTER #2
What do you mean?

YOGA 2
Oh, politics, deadlines, looking
good constantly because people are
always inspecting me. Can I just do
my job without other people making
it complicated? It's bullshit.

MASTER #2
Speaking of bullshit, how about
Texas Alabama?

YOGA #2
Oh God, you got me started. You ask
me what I think... new rule: when
the starting quarterback on one
team leaves the game due to injury,
the other team has to bench their
starting quarterback to keep things
fair. What do YOU think?

Master #2 goes quiet and a thought bubble appears above him,
showing his heart pounding.

MASTER #2
I think I want to give you my card.

YOGA 2
Sure.

He takes out his wallet and removes his card, showing his
name, picture and contact info. He gives it to her.

YOGA 2
Thanks, I'll call you sometime.

MASTER #2
Hopefully before the next season.

The masters turn and walk away.

MASTER #1
How'd it go?

MASTER #2
She has potential. Although, I have to say that as nice as it is knowing how to play games with American women, sometimes I think about getting a Russian mail order bride.

MASTER #1
Pffft! What do you think I do at lunch?

ISLAM CONTD

At the same time, Poindexter wants to learn more.

POINDEXTER
What's the difference between Islam and Christianity?

They walk over to a bench.

MUSLIM
Not that much, really. We do not believe Isa, peace be upon him, to be the Son of God, but to be a prophet.

POINDEXTER
Peace be what?

MUSLIM
We show our respect for any prophet by saying, "peace be upon him."

ANSWERS
What did you think of 9/11?

Muslim sighs sadly as he takes a seat at a bench with the others.

MUSLIM
I was more upset than any of you. Islam is peaceful. What they did was NOT the Islamic thing to do.

ANSWERS

What should we do to get back at them?

MUSLIM

Ignore them. Their leader is just an attention whore, so stop listening to him.

Poindexter stares at him in surprise.

POINDEXTER

Good idea. I'm like, if they're jealous of our freedom, they should fight for their own.

Muslim shakes his head in frustration at Poindexter.

MUSLIM

They didn't attack us because of our freedom. Bush said that because he was *told* to say that. Al Queda attacked us because of our foreign policy. They could care less about our freedom.

ANSWERS

It's possible they did us a favor.

Anger covers faces and everybody starts to open their mouths to argue, but she holds up a hand to calm them down.

ANSWERS

Jesus said to turn the other cheek. That means if someone spites you, then you let God teach them a lesson.

She leans forward.

ANSWERS

If we needed to learn something, I'd rather a bunch of terrorists do it than suffer God withdrawing our blessings.

POINDEXTER

So lemme guess, we keep our blessings by using our Department of Defense money to help impoverished people in third world countries?

She nods.

ANSWERS

In God we trust.

Poindexter up a good one on the spot, and says with a sly grin.

POINDEXTER

All others pay cash.

They smile at each other.

MUSLIM

So someone hits you and you do nothing?

ANSWERS

No, if someone takes a swing at you, you can still duck or block it.

POINDEXTER

It's like I heard Chuck Norris say in a deodorant commercial, of all places: "The best defense... is not to offend."

The Masters come back, catch the last few words, and sit down.

MASTER #1

The best defense is *knowing* how not to offend.

MUSLIM

So we're done talking about Islam, then?

MASTER #2

If we want to learn more, we can just Google it... which will take us to Wikipedia. What you're saying is that Muslims are mostly good, it's just the extremists that make the rest look bad.

MUSLIM

As with all people.

POINDEXTER

Why do we only hear about the bad ones?

MUSLIM

Because bad news means good ratings. One bad news story will outsell all the good ones combined. It is human nature to focus on the negative.

ANSWERS

And spiritual strategy to look on the bright side, towards the light. By the way, can I get your card?

MUSLIM

Sure, here.

Muslim hands over the card.

Master #2 is still processing the dialogue.

MASTER #2

Can we get any deeper? I'm getting dizzy!

ANSWERS

Well someone's got to, that's the only way to grow.

MUSLIM

How long do you anticipate staying here?

POINDEXTER

Why, you leaving?

MUSLIM

Yes. You needed a ride, didn't you?

ANSWERS

I called a friend of mine when we got here, he's on the way. Go make yourself some money, I have your card.

Muslim collects money from Master #1, then walks to the minivan and leaves.

An instant later, another friend of Answers, BUSINESS, another man in his forties and wearing business casual clothes, approaches the table.

ANSWERS

Hi Jack! I can say that since we're not at the airport... this time.

BUSINESS

Good idea.

MASTER #1

You know this guy too?

ANSWERS

Yeah, I called him when we got here.

She addresses Business directly.

ANSWERS

We were learning from each other.

BUSINESS

I can help!

MASTER #1

What do you got?

Business slides over closer on the bench.

BUSINESS

Business.

Poindexter looks at him like he's crazy.

POINDEXTER

You came out to the park to talk business?

Business shakes his head.

BUSINESS

Light told me what was happening, thought I could share a few things.

Master #1 gestures to the exercising women.

MASTER #1

That's why I'm here.

All the guys check them out.

ANSWERS

All you men think about is sex.

Master #1 turns to her.

MASTER #1

Sorry, I was thinking about sex. What?

ANSWERS

No, let's talk money, that's important, too. But (addressing Business) can we talk about it on the way to your car?

POINDEXTER

That's right, we've left a car behind.

MASTER #2

And I'm not getting arrested. They can tow me, that's better than a dui.

MASTER #1

I've always wondered that: why do rich people get fined as much as we do?

MASTER #2

Yeah, take them to the cleaners, too.

ANSWERS

And that's why equality is bad.

They all look at her like she's crazy.

POINDEXTER

How is equality bad!?

She stands up.

ANSWERS

Equality treats us all the same. That's bad because we're all different. We should be concerned with *balance*.

The group of new friends nod while they get up and start walking to Business' car, parked a good distance away. Master #1 gets his book.

BUSY STREET

The five of them wonder down toward a busy street with stores and customers aplenty.

POINDEXTER

So what about business?

BUSINESS

Well, it's really about money and the way you use it. I mean, there's a difference between spending and investing.

They start to pass small businesses.

POINDEXTER

What do you mean?

BUSINESS

First, you all need to know about a book called "Rich Dad, Poor Dad".

MASTER #2

Oh, that's an old trick: get rich by writing a book about how to get rich.

BUSINESS

Then don't buy it. But at least look at it, it's got good stuff.

They move along down the road.

MASTER #1

I've seen it. It was on the bestseller list, wasn't it?

BUSINESS

Oh yes. And what it teaches makes a lot of sense. Do you all think a house is an asset?

POINDEXTER

Everyone knows that.

BUSINESS

No, a house is a liability. It sucks money out of your pocket like you wouldn't believe.

POINDEXTER

What if I sell it, make a profit?

BUSINESS

Well, that's if you can. It's harder to do all the time.

POINDEXTER

So I shouldn't buy a house?

BUSINESS

You should buy a house if you really need it and can afford it. If you do, then you have to pay the mortgage, property taxes, insurance... at least.

Master #1 nods throughout the speech.

MASTER #1

My house eats me alive.

Business stops and turns to him.

They all stop with him.

BUSINESS

Then why'd you buy it?

MASTER #1

To get laid.

Business looks at him like he's an idiot for a moment, then turns to the rest like it was nothing.

BUSINESS

Most people are broke because they have assets and liabilities reversed. An asset makes you money, a liability takes it away. Shiny possessions you get on credit are liabilities.

POINDEXTER

I used to like credit.

Poindexter shakes his head emphatically.

POINDEXTER

NOT ANYMORE.

BUSINESS

You shouldn't. Credit is only really useful for background checks.

MASTER #1

So, what can you tell us? I'm always up for a warm-fuzzy.

BUSINESS

Here's one: what does everyone have in common?

They look around, no one responds. Answers stays quiet on purpose.

BUSINESS

24 hours in a day. You all have as much time as Donald Trump, why aren't you as rich as him?

POINDEXTER

True, but what about money?

They start walking again.

BUSINESS

Well, like with your signature, it's a big deal. I mean, what's easier, getting into something, or getting out of it? It's better to just stay out of debt and live within your means.

POINDEXTER

I own my car. Feels nice.

BUSINESS

Exactly. And don't just work to earn, work to learn. Like Einstein, when he got a job as a clerk at a patent office.

Answers starts asking questions because she knows exactly what to ask.

ANSWERS

What kind of job should a person get?

BUSINESS

Learn to sell. At the very least it will teach you how to handle objections and say cool things on the spot.

MASTER #1

You need to learn to sell. That's how you meet women.

Business nods back.

BUSINESS

I was at a meeting when this one guy said to my upline, "I don't want to be a salesman." My upline

(MORE)

BUSINESS (cont'd)
 gave him a funny look and said,
 "You're telling me a guy as ugly as
 you is hooked up with Miss America
 right there, and you're not a
 salesman!?"

Business shrugs.

BUSINESS
 His girlfriend thought it was
 funny.

Poindexter interrupts.

POINDEXTER
 But what if they're just trying to
 get a job at all?

BUSINESS
 You get a job because you know
 someone. Develop connections and
 you'll meet someone who's hiring.

MASTER #1
 That's another good reason to go to
 school. Make new friends. It's a
 statistical fact that half the time
 you get a job not because of what
 you know.

She continues.

ANSWERS
 What other reason are so many
 people broke?

BUSINESS
 I don't mean to beat up on the
 school system, but it does not
 teach people how to make money work
 for them.

ANSWERS
 You were talking about signing,
 what about cosigning?

BUSINESS
 Oh, NEVER COSIGN. Only about 1% of
 those work out. In fact, wouldn't
 surprise me if a lot of those
 foreclosures we all heard about
 were a result of cosignings.

POINDEXTER

Then why isn't cosigning illegal?

BUSINESS

Because when something bad happens 1% of the time, hell is raised and laws are passed. When it happens 99% of the time, people write it off as being normal.

Poindexter takes a moment to digest the information.

POINDEXTER

It's definitely something I would do to help someone.

MASTER #1

And that's why most co-signings happen: someone nice wants to help.

MASTER #2

And most of them get fucked.

They all stop and look at Master #2. He shrugs.

MASTER #2

There's a reason I bring girls to Randy's house. It'll be a long time until I can buy my own.

BUSINESS

And, like I said, if you're not sure about buying something, but then the salesman says, "You have to sign it", don't. Show the contract to someone you know.

POINDEXTER

So where did you learn all this stuff?

BUSINESS

Amway.

Master #2 freezes in horror.

MASTER #2

You're not going to sell Amway products, are you?

BUSINESS

Well not with your attitude!

MASTER #2

I don't want in. Just change the subject.

BUSINESS

Then stay out. But it's not about getting into Amway.

Master #2 looks at him reluctantly, but rolls his eyes and gives him the 'go ahead' nod.

BUSINESS

Okay. First off, Amway is short for American Way. What is the American Way?

POINDEXTER

Freedom.

BUSINESS

NO. Free Enterprise. It's business. Owning your own business, and using it to get rich.

He gestures to the various small business around them.

BUSINESS

Think about it, you are all surrounded by opportunity, but hardly anyone does anything with it. There are so many people would love to live here. C'mon, this is the country where even Johnny Knoxville can make it.

He turns on Poindexter.

BUSINESS

So can you! Getting excited yet?

Poindexter gives him a half-assed shrug.

POINDEXTER

Yes.

BUSINESS

Notify your face.

MASTER #2

I'll give you that, we have the best country.

BUSINESS

Yes, but why?

MASTER #2

We're free.

BUSINESS

No, we have the best combination of civil liberties and economic opportunities. And it's not going to change.

MASTER #1

But our pledge of allegiance should be.

Raised eyebrows all around.

MASTER #1

I pledge allegiance to the people of the United States of America, and to the republic, which serves them. One indivisible nation in service to God, with liberty, justice, and opportunity for all.

POINDEXTER

Better than pledging allegiance to laundry.

BUSINESS

As for those opportunities, you know how The Declaration of Independence says "pursuit of happiness"? That means the pursuit of profit. So, our government provides us with tax breaks.

POINDEXTER

Heard of them, never used any.

BUSINESS

Well, if you start your own business, you have two years to turn a profit.

POINDEXTER

How?

BUSINESS

Document your expenses, like your mileage, and show it all to the IRS in April.

MASTER #1

I've actually heard of the mileage rule, what's it up to now?

BUSINESS

47.5 cents a mile.

POINDEXTER

That's pretty good, actually.

They continue down the street.

BUSINESS

It's just the start. There are deductions out the yin-yang, just find out what they are and learn to use them.

POINDEXTER

So if I get into that Amway thing, I can deduct my expenses?

BUSINESS

Of course. But it applies to any business. Could be a coffee shop or a car wash. But Amway is good because you don't have to beg someone else for startup money.

POINDEXTER

Sounds nice, but it's a stupid name for a business.

BUSINESS

I know. Sounds like someone's middle name, doesn't it? If it makes you feel better, it got changed to Quixtar a long time ago.

MASTER #2

Ok, so next time I hear about Quixtar, I run the other way.

Anger flashes onto Business' face and he stops and turns to address Master #2 head on.

BUSINESS

People like me make you rich, so you never have to be imprisoned by your job ever again.

MASTER #2

I like my job.

BUSINESS

Then keep it, this will only enhance it. Although it would be nice to go to work not because you have to. Be careful about that, though.

MASTER #2

Why?

BUSINESS

Lot of places push around their employees for a power rush. You'll have to do that job you like somewhere else.

MASTER #2

Amway just makes money off people.

BUSINESS

I've never given my upline any money. And if you feel that way, then why do you have a job?

MASTER #2

At least I make money!

BUSINESS

That's because you do the work. But they only pay you so much.

MASTER #2

And if I say "no", no matter what you say?

BUSINESS

My upline told me to just show it to who wants to learn more about it. And they keep their money in their pocket until they decide otherwise. And no means next.

MASTER #2

I wish they all did that.

The anger on Business' face slowly fades and changes to frustration.

BUSINESS

So do I. I haven't made any money at it yet, but at least I've learned good things from it.

MASTER #2

See!? They're just using you.

BUSINESS

Well, I just got in. And I can't use my deductions right this second. Besides, ask any business owner, you can go years before you turn a profit.

MASTER #1

What other things have you learned from it?

BUSINESS

Things like be nice, but not all the time, be alert to how a prospect responds to you, and don't make a project out of people who aren't interested.

Both Masters look at each other with surprise.

MASTER #2

Oh really?

Business calms down and starts toward his car again, they all follow him down the street.

BUSINESS

Yeah, it's about sales, and this is how I define it: giving someone a clear understanding of what you have to offer, then they sell themselves.

Poindexter nods.

POINDEXTER

I remember I became a salesman for 5 minutes after I saw The Sixth Sense. I talked 2 of my buddies into seeing it.

BUSINESS

And why did they listen to you?

POINDEXTER

I was excited and had nothing to gain.

BUSINESS

Exactly, you knew it worked, and had no ulterior motive.

MASTER #2

You have an ulterior motive!

Business stops again.

BUSINESS

You know, you're right.

MASTER #2

See?

Master #2 smiles triumphantly in his victory.

BUSINESS

I want everyone in my downline to get rich as soon as possible.

Feeling defeated, Master #2 levels with him.

MASTER #2

I hear what you're saying, I've just had bad experiences with those people.

BUSINESS

So you're against multilevels? Do you support the troops? E-1, E-2, E-3, sounds multilevel to me. You just don't like salesy people. I mean, you are part of a multilevel already. You noticed that almost every business out there has a customer referral program? Same if you recruit a new employee. But, if you don't want to hear anymore, then take the blue pill.

MASTER #2

I hope you're done, I don't want to get brainwashed.

BUSINESS

I was trying to un-brainwash you.

MASTER #2
Hell do you mean?

BUSINESS
What's retirement age?

MASTER #2
65.

BUSINESS
There, you've already been
brainwashed. You don't have to be
old to retire, you just need to
have money.

MASTER #2
Let's talk about something else.

BUSINESS
Were you in it once?

MASTER #2
Yeah.

Business squints his eyes, nods his head and inquires.

BUSINESS
Did they say you would make money?

MASTER #2
Yes.

BUSINESS
Well they shouldn't have. You can
make money from it, but you got to
do the work.

MASTER #2
It's a pyramid, and I lost a lot of
money to those stupid CD's.

BUSINESS
Pyramids are in Egypt. And did you
listen to those CD's?

MASTER #2
I didn't have time.

BUSINESS
Then turn off the TV.

MASTER #2

I work too much. I don't feel like it.

BUSINESS

Think you're tired now? Work another 30 years.

MASTER #2

I like my job anyway, good pay and benefits.

BUSINESS

We call that dangling a carrot. Does your company really care about you that much, or are you there until they find someone cheaper?

MASTER #2

So you expect me to get into Quixtar now?

BUSINESS

I don't expect you to do anything. It's your life, but I hope you do something big with it instead of using it to make someone else rich until there's nothing left of you.

Master #2 knows he's right, but can't say anything.

Answers asks two more important questions on purpose.

ANSWERS

Why do people get into Quixtar?

BUSINESS

A big reason is because whatever they've doing now they have to put too much time into it and don't make enough money.

ANSWERS

And how does a person succeed in it?

BUSINESS

Same way they succeed at anything else-by becoming a master of the basics. You ask good questions.

ANSWERS

I told you what happened to me.
While I was up there they reminded
me that the most important skill to
develop is learning to learn, by
learning to ask good questions.

Everyone nods their head.

Just then Master #1 gets a phone call.

MASTER #1

Hello? Oh, hi Teresa. Sure, but I
have to get back home first. Be
ready in an hour. Okay.

He hangs up and addresses the group with the good news.

MASTER #1

One of the chicks from the party
last night wants to come over again
tonight.

MASTER #2

Bringing her friends?

MASTER #1

Duh.

He turns to Business.

MASTER #1

Drive us there?

BUSINESS

Sure.

ANSWERS

I'll call that Muslim guy, he
seemed nice enough.

POINDEXTER

What about the girl you were
talking to?

MASTER #1

I got her number, now I just ice
her for a week.

POINDEXTER

Why?

MASTER #1

I really am busy, but some guys do that to make her think he has a life.

MASTER #2

And even then just call her once.

Business comes to his minivan, they all get in.

INT. MASTER'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM- NIGHT

Same house, but a new party. The music PULSES to a wild beat. While the Masters play, the rest stand off to the side of the crowd in the same spot it all started.

Answers takes a small, hesitant sip of beer and turns to Business.

ANSWERS

You seem to really believe in what you do.

BUSINESS

Actually, I'm just aware of things that make sense. But that's even better than believing, because no amount of fear can defeat it.

Enlightened look from Poindexter and Muslim.

POINDEXTER

Wow.

BUSINESS

Yeah, wow. Say it backwards.

MUSLIM

Sounds like scripture.

ANSWERS

That's what the scriptures really mean when they talk about beliefs. But you all should know some other things that are even more important.

She makes her way to the patio. They look at each other and follow her.

MASTER'S PATIO

MUSLIM

What other things?

Poindexter turns to him.

POINDEXTER

Oh, she had died and met God.

Muslim's eyes go wide and he turns to her.

MUSLIM

Do tell!

She stands before them.

ANSWERS

First, when you leave this world,
you take your beliefs with you.
That's very important because if
you die while you hated someone,
you may end up trying to kill them
in spirit form.

Poindexter looks at her as if she's lost her mind.

POINDEXTER

How do you kill someone in spirit
form?

ANSWERS

You can't. But when I was up there,
I saw spirits that had been
Christian or Muslim in this life
that were fighting because of their
differences.

Muslim shakes his head.

MUSLIM

I don't get that. The Koran says in
Surah 5, verse 82, that "nearest
among them in love to the believers
are those who say WE ARE
CHRISTIANS".

ANSWERS

And that's what Muhammad told me.
He also said that Al Queda needs to
realize that the hypocritical
Christians they hate are to be
loved anyway. We do just say we are
Christian, but that's the point.

Muslim looks at her seriously.

MUSLIM
You met Muhammad!?

She takes a quick moment to calm down.

ANSWERS
Only briefly. JESUS is the man.

A look of surprise and dread crosses Muslim's face.

ANSWERS
Don't worry, Muslims go to Heaven, too. At least the peaceful ones do. But to live a life where you're nice to others, and learn from their differences, will make your Heaven better.

MUSLIM
What about martyring yourself?

ANSWERS
Good question! Like celibacy, martyr means sacrifice, and in either case you are supposed to sacrifice your choice of selfishness so you can help someone in need, like using your life savings to put your kid through school, or something. Committing murder-suicide to please a loving, merciful being... c'mon, people.

Concerned and curious, Poindexter inquires.

POINDEXTER
Is what you were describing Hell?

ANSWERS
One of them. There are multiple levels of Heaven, and of Hell.

BUSINESS
See?

ANSWERS
The Heavens don't need to be mentioned, but the Hells should.

Everyone looks at each other wide-eyed.

ANSWERS

One hell was an ongoing holy war. Another was the suicides, souls who were earth-bound. One of them would constantly hover around apologizing to his mother.

She looks at the others sadly.

ANSWERS

The damage from suicide is really caused when you hurt someone who loves you.

Sadness crosses Poindexter's face.

POINDEXTER

So the suicides, they just rot, or something?

ANSWERS

Until they get reincarnated. We come here to learn and get things done. Life is hard because it takes effort to discover our divine purpose, and then find someone else who can actually do something about it.

MUSLIM

Are beliefs all you take?

ANSWERS

And addictions. I was shown a bar with people getting drunk, surrounded by ghosts who trying to get one more drink, or drag.

POINDEXTER

But you said that in spirit form you can do anything.

ANSWERS

You can know everything. We come here so we can actually do something. So love yourself and each other... love yourself so that you can love others.

POINDEXTER

How?

ANSWERS

You combine what hurts you the most with your angelic power. The pain we all feel is God's blessing in disguise that drives us to make happen an idea that makes too much sense to ignore. I should talk about the life review, also. It is, in fact the most important thing to know about life.

POINDEXTER

What, when your life flashes before your eyes?

ANSWERS

Yes. You're finding out how you made other people feel. That's why Jesus was so nice to mean people, he knew what they were in for! Not to mention, he knew who they really were, before their human experience. Now like I was saying, if you went out of your way to "be excellent to one another", then it will be good.

While Poindexter and Answers get to know each other, Hen #1 turns and sees Poindexter talking to Answers, looks surprised and and looks him over.

Poindexter glances at the hen but shows more interest in the woman in front of him. He smiles at her and sets his beer down on a small stand. He turns to sees the Master's trying to get his attention. He goes inside.

FINALE

POINDEXTER

What's up?

MASTER #1

It occurred to us that the only woman at this party worth talking to is the one out there.

Poindexter gives them the look.

POINDEXTER

You just now figured that out!? Why do you think I'm outside with her?

The other three come inside with him.

ANSWERS

Don't walk away when I'm starting
to like you.

POINDEXTER

I like you too, but love takes
time.

ANSWERS

That's because there's so much of
it to discover.

MASTER #1

I bought a book at that mall you
should all know about.

Master #1 holds up a finger in a 'just a sec' motion. He runs off and ducks into a room. He returns with a book in hand.

MASTER #1

You should all read this.

MASTER #2

What is it?

MASTER #1

Michael Crichton's autobiography,
"Travels". It's the "They" chapter.
It's only eight pages and makes a
lot of sense.

He sets it on the bar.

MASTER #1

I want to say one more thing about
women. My mom taught me something:
you get what you want when you
prove you don't need it. And I
listened to her because I'm a
mamma's boy-

He leans his back against a wall, sticks out his left knee and turns his head to the left, nodding with a big smile.

MASTER #1

-yes I am, yes I am.

MASTER #2

And my mom taught me that the rules
that apply to one situation can
apply to lots of things. It's as if
everything and everyone is
connected.

ANSWERS

Your mothers are right. And there's another thing you all should know. The Christ was actually born in October of 4 BC.

POINDEXTER

So why do we celebrate Christmas when we do?

ANSWERS

What we call Christmas actually started as the pagan Winter Solstice Festival. Early Christians just-

She glances momentarily at Master #2.

ANSWERS

-appropriated it. Now, there is a more important question no one has asked me yet: the meaning of life.

Most of them listen with interest.

The hens look at her like she's crazy.

ANSWERS

I asked Jesus before I was sent back, and he reminded me of the angelic potential of our true being, and that all knowledge of that ability must be lost in order to come here and function normally. So, the meaning of life is REMEMBERING what that ability is.

She looks around the room as the rest ponder the information.

ANSWERS

And the last thing Jesus told me was that our history transpired the way it has to teach us the consequences of our actions, and that the only reason people get hurt is because they did not know something useful ahead of time.

play "Heaven on Earth", by Belinda Carlisle.

ANSWERS

That said, the end of the painful
world as we knew it, and the
fulfillment of the Prophecy is
going to happen starting right...

BLACKOUT

TEXT:

THE BEGINNING

TEXT: Just be careful: what you say and do have
consequences, so remember...

HEAVEN

Answers, as a angel in God's kingdom.

ANSWERS

(facing camera)

The Beginning... is a very delicate
time.

BLACKOUT

text: Now go ye forth and simplify

text: And while you do so

text: Learn more from each other than you have from me

-The Metatron, highest archangel and unpunishable Voice of
God

FLASH FADE OUT THEN FADE IN TO SCENE FROM "DOGMA":

METATRON

You people! If there isn't a movie
about it, it's not worth knowing,
is it?

BLACKOUT

TEXT:

APOCALYPSE

Revealing knowledge hidden from the majority of humanity.

TEXT:

RAPTURE

The ecstasy of being transported from the old confusing world to the new heavenly one.

TEXT:

1 Thessalonians 4:16

-For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of **the archangel** and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.