NOT WORKING OUT

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FADE IN:

INT. GYM - DAY

The usual gym. Treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, steppers.

JASON, 20ish, cute in an awkward way, walks to a small row of bikes.

ASHLEY, same age, gorgeous and with blonde hair, is trying to work one of the bikes.

The pedals won’t move.

JASON

Those things are tricky, huh?

Ashley doesn’t look up.

JASON (cont’d)

Between you and me, I never really liked working out with bikes anyway. Treadmills work more areas of the body.

Ashley looks up.

ASHLEY

Are you trying to imply something?

Jason LAUGHS, but then catches himself when Ashley gives him a piercing stare.

JASON

Oh, no! No! I wasn’t implying anything. I just thought since you couldn’t get that to work right --

ASHLEY

You just thought you could be like any other clueless guy that comes to this place? I’m not interested.

JASON

Huh? I was just trying to help. I’m sorry if I offended you --

ASHLEY

You know what really offends me? I come to this place all the time to work on my body so somebody worthwhile will see me and want me.

(MORE)
ASHLEY (cont’d)
But no. All I get is lesbians and average people like you.

Ashley points to a man lifting weights.

Physically, this guy is the perfect man. Beautiful face. Washboard abs. Strong arms.

ASHLEY (cont’d)
You see that guy?

JASON
Who -- him?

ASHLEY
That is the type of guy I’m looking for. One of these days I’m going to be good enough to impress somebody like him. And he’ll do anything he can to have me.

JASON
What makes you think he’ll be interested?

ASHLEY
When you see somebody like that, you instantly know they only accept the best. He looks amazing, and he won’t settle for anything less than him.

Jason gives a small smirk.

ASHLEY (cont’d)
But not you. You’re average. You’re boring. You’ll never have someone like me, so don’t even try.

JASON
Honestly, I’m not.

ASHLEY
Good. Because here comes my future man now.

RYAN, the man who was weight-lifting, approaches Ashley and Jason.

ASHLEY (cont’d)
Hi there.

Ryan smiles innocently, alluringly. Ashley does the same.

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RYAN
Hi. How are you?

ASHLEY
Just fine. And you?

RYAN
Never better.
(beat)
Jason, is this a friend?

Ashley is dumbfounded.

ASHLEY
Wait. What? You two know each other?

JASON
Yeah. This is my boyfriend.

Ashley is shocked, completely taken back.

ASHLEY
You’re gay!?

JASON
We’re gay, and so is everyone else here.

Ashley nearly collapses. Her knees buckle.

JASON (cont’d)
Congratulations. You’ve been coming to the only gay gym this side of the country.

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