The Champion of the Universe

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INT. RESTAURANT

WALLMAN -20 year old, average looking- comes to the table where AMY -21 year old, good looking, visibly nervous- is waiting impatiently.

WALLMAN
Sorry I'm late, the guys were not letting me leave the apartment.
(WALLMAN sits down at the table nervously)

AMY
It's fine, I was stupid and arrived 15 minutes early. Should've known that the guy would be late and not early like a gentleman.

WALLMAN
This isn't going well, is it

AMY
No, no it is not.

WALLMAN
If you think about it, I'm just a loser that is sorry that I wasted some of my time with you.

AMY
Fine, lets restart, that way you have a free chance to screw it up.

WALLMAN
Alright!

WALLMAN makes weird and awkward noises that somewhat resemble time reversing, but is stopped midway through when he sees a group of his friends come into the restaurant.

AMY
What is it?

WALLMAN
I'm sorry for what is about to happen to you and I.

AMY
What do you mean?
Loyd -19 year old, drunk, frat boy- comes to the table followed by a bunch of other dunk guys in partying hats that also look exceptionally drunk.

LOYD
Look, boys! The Champion is here, our Champion of the universe!

WALLMAN
Loyd, I think we need to go to the bathroom.

LOYD
Nah, I'm fine.
(to AMY)
Listen you are a very lucky lady. If I could I'd date WALLMAN, but we live in Texas and I think I'm straight.

AMY
Are you drunk?

LOYD
No, I'm LOYD.

WALLMAN
Loyd, come with me, I'll show you where the Russian whiskey is.

WALLMAN gets up and leaves with LOYD behind him

LOYD
It better be Russian, that way I can do the accent.

CUT TO:

EXT. RESTAURANT

WALLMAN is shown yelling at LOYD that has mentally checked out.

WALLMAN
LOYD! What the hell are you doing here?!

LOYD
I got really lonely when you left.
WALLMAN
This is my first date in the last
15 years, and what, you couldn't
let me have this?

LOYD
I thought this was a really good
idea, she'll get to see the
champion from 2nd hand accounts
over what happened last night.

WALLMAN
Wait, they're sharing what happened
last night.

LOYD
Yeah, we got your back.

WALLMAN
...you can stay for an hour, but
you have to be very vague over the
actual ending of it. I want to tell
her the hero part.

LOYD
Alright, sure. But you know 15
years ago, was like elementary
school.

WALLMAN
Yeah, so? I used to be quite the
player in 2nd grade.

The two stand in silence for a little while.

LOYD
Want to talk about it?

WALLMAN
No

FADE OUT.

INT. RESTAURANT

A party is happening at the table, and after a little way of
AMY and WALLMAN being seiged by the drunks, AMY speaks up.

AMY
Why are you called WALLMAN?

LOYD (O.S.)
He ran into a wall last year!
WALLMAN
Waiter! Do you have any bloody Marys back there?

A "TWO HOURS LATER" FRAME APPEARS ON SCREEN

The party is shown leaving while some of the attendants scream "Champion"

AMY
You have very... interesting friends.

WALLMAN
Yeah, you could say that.

AMY
Now, they kept calling you the champion of the world, universe, one time I heard 'of the taco stand'

WALLMAN
They didn't tell you the story behind that one, did they?

AMY
No, but can you explain?

WALLMAN
Well, I did this amazing thing, just picture it. It's warm, sunny and I feel like I'm about to puke-

AMY
Fast forward please.

WALLMAN
Bottom line I got 2nd place in the county fishing seniority contest.

AMY
Is this what all of this was about?!

WALLMAN
I know, you should of let me tell the whole story.

AMY
You were called a champion because you lost a contest.
WALLMAN
Well, I didn't lose per say, I almost won.

AMY
But to a bunch of what, 70 year-olds.

WALLMAN
That one 90 year-old was incredibly spry.

AMY
Don't call me again.

AMY leaves the Table, leaving WALLMAN awkwardly alone.

WALLMAN
I thought that was gonna go a lot better. Could've been worse if she found out that I burned down that taco place.

FADE TO BLACK.