

The Champion of the Universe

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FADE IN:

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 drunk 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.