

the talk

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CHARACTERS

Earnest, Trixie's ex

Dana, Earnest's Friend, a cool new yorker, heavy accent

Trixie, Earnest's ex

INT. DIVE BAR

Two friends, Dana and Earnest, are playing darts.

EARNEST

I really think I messed up.

DANA

Aye, come awwwwwwwn whatchu talking about?

EARNEST

I just think I blew it with Trixie, I absolutely blew it.

DANA

There's always a chance! I one time lost 3 fingers in a crazy scooter accident and I got em all sewn back on.

EARNEST

Yeah but this is different, it felt like she was dumping me for good.

DANA

If there's anything I know about women, and trust me, I'm like a fuckin' encyclopedia ova here when it comes to the ladies, it's that it's never over if you just speak from the heart, my little meatball.

EARNEST

She just hated the way I talked to her.

DANA

What? Were you mean to her or did you tell her the webbings of her toes looked funny?

EARNEST

Well, no not exactly.

DANA

Then there's no way it's ova...look, I learned this word and it's really helpful in relationships...com-promise.

EARNEST

Com-promise?

DANA

Com-promise.

EARNEST

Sorry I just don't quite underst-, oh COMPROMISE.

DANA

Yeah okay "Compromise" Mr. fuckin Harvard ova here correctin' my gramma' and shit.

EARNEST

Sorry, Dana, Sorry, it's just...I think if she took me back things could be different. I can't imagine a world without her. She was the reason I woke up every morning, the reason I believed in myself...she made me a better person. She made me believe things could be right in the world.

DANA

That's some beautiful stuff, gettin my eyes all misty...why don't you just try sayin' THAT. She'll forget about how you talked to her poorly if you just open up your heart.

EARNEST

You really think so.

DANA

I knows so.

EARNEST

Okay...I'm gonna call her.

Earnest takes out his cell phone and dials Trixie.

TRIXIE

Hello?

EARNEST

(baby voice)

Hewwo.

Trixie hangs up.

EARNEST

See?

DANA

Wait what was that?

EARNEST

What?

DANA

Did you say, "hewwo"

EARNEST

Yeah but it's not what you think.

DANA

Okay, well-

EARNEST

I'm gonna call her back.

Earnest dials Trixie.

TRIXIE

I told you not to call.

EARNEST

(baby voice)

I know, I know, I just...weeewy weewy
wuv wu vevy much. I miss my suguh
spice appwe pie wittle cwumb cake.

DANA

What are you doin?!

TRIXIE

I can't do the baby voice, Earnest,
either talk to me like an adult or do
not talk to me at all.

EARNEST

(baby voice)

Sowwy, sowwy, I just think you-w
weawwy weawwy specialw, with you-w
wittle cheeks I just wanna squeeze em,
and you-w beautiful eyes.

TRIXIE

No, Earnest, ever since you started
doing the baby voice I just can't take
you seriously. It's over, Earnest.

EARNEST

(baby voice)

Wait wait, wemembuh? When we went to
da movies? And you always didn't like
that it got weally weally cold in da
theatew? So I bwought bwankey?...See
babe, i'm super considewate!

She hangs up.

EARNEST

Dammit...she hung up.

DANA

Well I think it's pretty clear why she
hung up, Earnest.

EARNEST

Yeah, you're right, she just isn't
seeing me for who I really am.

DANA

No it's because you're doin' the voice
of a baby when you're talkin' to her!
That's disgusting, it's horrifying.

EARNEST

Look I know that's just a *little* quirk
of mine, but I can't help it! It's
just what I do, it's how I learned to
love, my parents did it, my parents
parents did it, but no one seems to
like it! But...I can change if that's
what it takes.

DANA

Earnest, it's fine, just call her back
and explain that you're willingt o
change.

EARNEST

Okay, okay.

Earnest calls Trixie.

TRIXIE

I thought I told you, Earnest, I don't-

EARNEST

No no no, Trixie, I'm sorry...it's just...I Weally miss my cwute wittle girlfiend, who's my cwute girlfiend? You were...and I miss you vevy much, pwetty pwease wit a chewwy on top, make wuv wit me one more time.

Trixie hangs up.

DANA

What in the gabagool was that?! You can't keep talkin' like a freakin baby!

EARNEST

I'm sorry Dana I just don't know what to do! It's like...I don't know I guess I only do that when I'm really in love, and I'm feeling really hopeless now...I tried my best, maybe it's time to give up on love, maybe it isn't for me.

DANA

Look, Earnest, maybe she just wasn't right for you...these things take time, like makin' a good marinara sauce, you know, finding the right person won't happen overnight...but I'm sure you'll find someone who, I guess, accepts you and your baby voice, y'know, you're a great guy, you are.

EARNEST

(baby voice)
...you weally think so?

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DANA

What do you mean?

EARNEST

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DANA

Hey come on now, there's always a chance you can fix things!

EARNEST

Yeah but this is different, not like that one time I lost 3 fingers in that crazy scooter accident and I got em all sewn back on. This time it felt for real, like she was dumping me for good.

DANA

Well, have you tried just asking her for another chance?

EARNEST

If there's anything I know about women, and trust me, I'm like a fuckin' encyclopedia ova here when it comes to the ladies, it's that I messed up permanently (pronounced,

poymanenetly).

DANA

You couldn't have messed up that bad.
What did you do?

EARNEST

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her.

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EARNEST

It's not like I'm mean to her or told
her the webbings of her toes looked
funny, she just didn't like my tone or
somethin' I dunno. I even tried to
com-promise, and she didn't care to
hear me out.

DANA

Com-promise?

EARNEST

Com-promise, yea.

DANA

(correcting)

Compromise?

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DANA

Sorry, Earnest, Sorry, just...what
would you say to her if you had
another chance?

EARNEST

Well...I think if she took me back
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