

INT. FRAZIER'S ON THE AVENUE - NIGHT

Gigi sits sipping a drink alone. When Alex comes in the door and goes directly to her table. *M-F Comedy*

ALEX

Sorry I'm late.

GIGI

That's OK. I like a little time before a blind date - prepare myself mentally, remind myself not to tell the story about my molars-

ALEX

He's not coming.

Alex motions to the waitress to bring them another round.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Can't wait to hear that story about the molars though.

GIGI

How can he already not like me?

ALEX

I screwed up. I told Bill it was Thursday, but I meant Tuesday.

Gigi is disappointed. The waitress drops off their drinks. They toast - then observe the scene at the bar.

GIGI

Awesome. I'm stuck here with a guy who can't distinguish Tuesday from Thursday - and meanwhile this girl - (motions to the girl at the bar) she's probably meeting her soul mate as we speak.

The girl is standing between two guys.

ALEX

Nope.

GIGI

How do you know?

ALEX

See the guy trying to work the Tom Cruise thing. She's interested. He's not.

GIGI

You cannot tell from a cursory glance that he's not interested.

ALEX

Actually, I can. I manage a restaurant. I see this stuff go down every night. Watch---

As if on cue, Tom Cruise guy bangs his elbow into the girl, hard, causing her to spill her drink. Tom Cruise guy sees, but doesn't acknowledge. Alex looks smug.

GIGI

Man, you have a gift.

ALEX

And check out droopy dawg on her other side. He can buy her drinks all night, and she'll insist there's no "spark".

GIGI

Maybe there isn't. You need a spark.

ALEX

The "spark" thing is bullshit.

GIGI

Really? Enlighten me.

ALEX

Guys invented the "spark" so they could not call and teat you kind of bad and keep you guessing, and then convince you that the anxiety and fear that it creates in you is actually a "spark". And you all buy it. You love it. You all thrive on it because you all love drama.

GIGI

I don't

ALEX
Really? So you don't wait until the last minute on deadlines, or phone bills, because you love the drama of not knowing whether you'll make it?

She's busted.

GIGI
Maybe.

ALEX
And let me guess, when you were stalking Conor that night, were you obsessing about him calling for days, even though the date was just kind of mediocre.

GIGI
That's beautiful.

ALEX
Thanks.

They continue drinking and observing the scene.

GIGI
Why are you sharing all this inside dating information with me again?

ALEX
I dunno. I like you.

GIGI
You do?

ALEX
Don't start doodling my name on your binder. I just mean, I like you, like I like basset hounds. They're kinda pathetic - so you want to cheer them up.

GIGI
Again with the sensitivity.

Alex smiles at her. Gigi can't help but smile back.