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Cinderella Liberty

MAGGIE

You sure are some fast worker.
Already we're kissing on the mouth.
Can I ask you a personal question?

JOHN

Sure.

MAGGIE

What's your religion?

JOHN

My religion?

MAGGIE

Mm-hmmm.

JOHN

Why?

MAGGIE

I wanna know.

JOHN

Well, I guess, uh, I'm a ba--basement
Baptist. Basement Baptist.

MAGGIE

A what?

JOHN

Basement Baptist.

MAGGIE

What?

JOHN

See, my--my, uh--my daddy, he was a
janitor in a church. On Sundays.
I'd, um, help him keep the furnace
going. Yeah. He was a good old
guy. Played the mandolin.

MAGGIE

He's religious, ain't he?

JOHN

He was, yeah. He died when I was
12. And, uh, when I was 16, my, uh,
Ma remarried. You should have seen
this jerk she married. What a jerk.
Slept with his socks on. And, uh,
when I was old enough, I enlisted.

MAGGIE

Listen, what I want to know is, do you have a lot of rules you have to follow? Don't do this, don't do that. Stuff like that?

JOHN

Well, a few homemaders is all, I guess.

MAGGIE

Yeah? Like what?

JOHN

Well, I don't--I don't use, uh, bad language, for one thing.

MAGGIE

What else?

JOHN

What else?

MAGGIE

Mm-hmm.

JOHN

Well, um, I don't like lyin'.

MAGGIE

Why not?

JOHN

Why not? It just ain't right, that's all. It's not right.

MAGGIE

Do you realize where I'd be if I never told a lie? Christ, Baggs.

JOHN

Watch your mouth now.

MAGGIE

You see? See? Won't be able to open my mouth up around you. What else, Saint John? Hmm? I'll bet there's a kicker. What else?

JOHN

Well, I wont--I won't ever hit you. Uh-uh. That's for sure.

MAGGIE

You won't, huh?

JOHN
No, ma'am. No way.

MAGGIE
Sure, Daddy.

JOHN
What's that?

MAGGIE
Souvenir.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)
Don't jump in over your head, Daddy.
Mm-mmm.

JOHN
Cut it out. You sound like a whore.

MAGGIE
I, um, I like you. But, um, we ain't
in a position for a steady thing.
I, uh--I got some worries and it's
gonna be harder for me later on.

JOHN
Well, whatever comes up, I'll handle
it.

MAGGIE
I think you better go.

JOHN
If you say so.

MAGGIE
I'll see you tomorrow.

JOHN
I might not be by tomorrow.

MAGGIE
Okay. I'll see you when you do come
by.

JOHN
I'll be by tomorrow.

MAGGIE
I might not be here.

JOHN
I'll see you when you are.

MAGGIE
I'll be here.