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Dear Mr. Solomon,

On behalf of the Parents Television Council and its over 800,000 members, I am filing an indecency complaint against the NBC network television program, *Coupling*. The episode that contained the indecent material originally aired at 9:00 p.m. on September 25, 2003. This program was seen in homes across the country on NBC, and in Washington DC, the program aired on WRC.

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Partial Transcript
Coupling
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Episode Airing September 25, 2003

- Jeff: "So what goes wrong?"
- Steve: "We have sex."
- Jeff: "You have sex?"
- Steve: "She makes me."
- Jeff: "How?"
- Steve: "She suggests it."
- Jeff: "Evil."

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- Susan: "It's nothing serious. It's just sex with occasional breaks for conversation."

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- Sally: "A woman's breasts are a journey."

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- Steve: "She'll lean over, look me in the eye and say, 'I'm not wearing panties'...And she's always worn panties before. Always. I begged."
 - Jeff: "Skirt with no panties or pants with no panties."
 - Steve: "Skirt."
 - Jeff: "Well, there's no defense against that."
 - Steve: "If I went around telling people I wasn't wearing underwear, would anyone care?"
 - Jeff: "I might be a little uncomfortable."
 - Steve: "Not the same. Now, all I can think about is her no panties. So I crumble."
 - Jeff: "But, Steve, you're entitled to her no panties."
 - Steve: "How do you figure?"
 - Jeff: "You still have your hand stamped."
 - Steve: "What?"



- Jeff: "You know when you go to a club, you get your hand stamped so if you leave, you can come back in. It's like that in a relationship."
- Steve: "And that means I'm entitled to see her..."
- Jeff: "If she offers, yes. As long as you have your hand stamped, you have full in-and-out privileges."

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- Jane: "Can I be on your serious face later?" [Reference to oral sex]
 - Steve: "No. Well...no."

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- Steve: "In a relationship there should be a certain growth. A coming together."
 - Jane: "We did that last week."
 - Steve: "Yes, I remember."

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- Patrick: "Then how come you're always checking out my ass when we're talking?"

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- Analysis: Susan: "Are we in a relationship?"
 - Patrick: "Aren't we?"
 - Susan: "It's just that I thought it was more like having a little fun. And sex...it's not like we were being faithful or anything."

Patrick looks hurt.

- Susan: "I'm sorry, I had no idea."
 - Susan: "It's just, we were only seeing each other once a week. That's not exactly a sex life. You must have been doing a lot of solo flights." [Reference to masturbation]
 - Patrick: "I was not, I was saving it all for you."
 - Susan: "You're serious?"
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- Steve: "We annoy the crap out of each other."

- Steve: "...or doing that thing with your breasts."

- Steve: "There's no level of cheap manipulation that will work Jane."

Steve puts his coat on to leave.

- Jane: "I might have felt something similar once. With Tanya."

Steve stops and turns around.

- Steve: "She played the bisexual card."
- Jeff: "Diabolical."

Later...

- Steve: "You never mentioned a Tanya."
- Jane: "I told you about my relationships with women."
- Steve: "No, no you didn't. Not once. I begged."
- Jane: "Would you like to hear the details?"
- Steve: "Yes, please."

Steve and Jane are in a bathroom stall. She takes off his jacket while kissing him.

- Jane: "Wait, wait, wait. Do you have a?"
- Steve: "Oh, be right back."

- Steve (on the phone): "Jeff. Do you have a condom?"
- Steve: "Jeff, do you have a condom?"



- Jeff: "Yeah. I've had one in my wallet since college."

Jeff takes a condom out of his wallet.

- Steve: "The same one?"
- Jeff: "It's a good luck charm."
- Steve: "But you've never used it?"
- Jeff: "Come to think of it, that's not good luck, is it?"

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- Jeff: "My name's Jeff. Do you have a condom?"
 - Patrick: "Sure."

Patrick gives Jeff a condom.

- Sally: "Aren't you going to ask what it's for?"
- Patrick: "I may not know him, but I know what it's for."

Susan tries to go into a stall in the women's bathroom, where Steve has left Jane. Steve stops her.

- Steve: "I'm using it."
- Susan: "You are?"
- Steve: "Yes. I was taking a break. It's been a tricky one."

Jane begins to undress herself, apparently stripping naked.

- Steve: "No matter what you may think. No matter what everybody may think, it just so happens I am not completely (Steve looks down at Jane's naked body) SHAVED!?!? I mean shallow."

Jane pulls Steve to her kiss.



- Steve: "So, you slept with her?"
- Jeff: "One night we were working late. All of the sudden, bam, kissing, grabbing at each other, tearing at each other's clothes. Rush into an empty office. Lock the door..."
- Steve: "Nothing, huh?"
- Jeff: "Wasn't my fault."
- Jeff: "You and I have never made out Steve."

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- Jeff (about his friendship with Steve): "Close, we're porn buddies."
 - Susan: "Porn buddies?"
 - Jeff: "Yeah, in the event of Steve's death, the first thing I'll do is go straight to his place and remove all of the pornography before his parents can find it. And he's promised to do the same thing for me. That's how close we are."
 - Susan: "You guys have seriously made arrangements to destroy each other's dirty videos?"
 - Jeff: "Who said destroy? Remove."
 - Susan: "You wouldn't keep them would you?"

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- Jeff: "Sex can be very stressful for men. I mean, you judge us on technique and stamina and we're just happy if you're naked. Half naked. One breast."
 - Susan: "What do I have to do, beg? Show you a breast?"
 - Jeff: "Look all I'm saying is... (stops) Okay. Okay on the breast thing. I'll go in exchange for a breast."
 - Susan: "Jeff, I wasn't serious."
 - Jeff: "Too late, I was."
 - Susan: "Do you really think I'm going to flash you in front of everybody."
 - Patrick: "We're in a corner, I don't think anyone else will see."
 - Susan: "Patrick, what are you doing? You've seen them lots of times."
 - Patrick: "Yeah, but now you're an ex."
- Jeff: "Oh, yeah, that's the best."
- Sally steps in.
- Susan: "Sally?"



- Sally: "I just want to see how your breasts are holding up. I haven't seen them since Mardi Gras."
- Jane (smiling at Susan): "I just like to see breasts."

Patrick and Jeff look at Jane.

- Jeff: "Oh, this gets better and better."

Steve goes over to the group.

- Steve: "...I don't want to end up a breast behind everybody else."
- Jeff: "He'll see 'em anyway."
- Susan: "Which one, any preference?"
- Jeff: "Either one."
- Steve: "Yeah, doesn't matter."
- Patrick: "The right one. Trust me."
- Susan: "What's wrong with the left one?"
- Patrick: "Don't be that way, there has to be a second place."

Susan opens her shirt to the group, baring her breasts (her back is to the camera).

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NBC

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Show Summary: Susan invites Steve over for dinner which both Sally and Jeff believe means she's invited him over to have sex. Sally turns Patrick down for a date because she thinks he's dull. When Susan informs her that he is sexually well endowed, Sally decides to give him another shot even though she disagrees with everything he stands for. Jane thinks she's on a date until Howard informs her that he is 100% gay and not bisexual like she is. Steve finally gets over his feelings of inadequacy in Patrick's shadow and he and Susan have sex. The sexual innuendo includes many references to penis size, masturbation, bisexuality, and sex in general.

Steve is talking to Jeff and Patrick about his date

- Steve: "Jeff, only in your twisted world does 'I'll cook for you' mean 'Let's have sex.'"

Susan, Jane, and Sally walk into the bar.

- Jane to Susan: "So you're going to have sex with my ex boyfriend tonight."
 - Susan: "What?"
 - Jane: "I just want you to know that I'm fine with it and you're going to love it. He's really bouncy."
 - Susan: "Whoa, whoa. What makes you think I'm gonna have sex with Steve?"
 - Jane: "Well you said you'll cook."
 - Sally: "She's right. 'I'll cook' says 'Let's have sex'."
 - Susan: "No, 'Let's have sex' says 'Let's have sex'."
 - Sally: "Oh, my mistake. 'I'll cook' says 'Let's have sex and I'll cater'."
 - Jane: "Anyway I just want you to know that I've moved on from Steve. I have a date of my own tonight. So, if you want to you can go ahead and cook your brains out." [Euphemism for "fuck' your brains out"]
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Jeff is asking Steve about his foreplay plan, specifically when he's going to take his socks off.

- Jeff: "...that's the sock gap. Miss it, suddenly you're a naked man in socks, and the gates of paradise never open for a naked man in socks."
- Patrick: "Do you really have a lot of experience at the gates of paradise Jeff?"

Jeff tries to give Steve more advice.

- Jeff: "OK, or play tip number two. Whoever you normally fantasize about during sex, start calling her Susan. That way you won't shout out the wrong name when you've got your eyes closed."

Susan has walked up behind him.

- Susan: "Or you could call her God."
- Jeff: "Yeah that would work."
- Susan: "So is it absolutely necessary to think about somebody else?"
- Steve: "Of course not."
- Jeff: "Sometimes you think about the person you're with, you just give'em bigger breasts."

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- Susan to Steve: "Can I clarify Steve. When I invited you to dinner I meant dinner, just dinner."
 - Steve: "Well I wasn't expecting an elaborate spread."

Patrick has just asked Sally to go to the car show with him. Sally wants to make sure it isn't a date.

- Sally: "Cuz don't get me wrong, I'd love to go, but only as your friend."
- Patrick: "What'd you mean, friend?"
- Sally: "Well what'd you call people to go out with, but don't sleep with."
- Patrick: "Men."
- Sally: "OK. Well since I'm only a friend date, do you wanna take this ticket back and get an upgrade?"
- Patrick: "No, that's cool. We can go as the friend thing."
- Sally: "There is no chance of me sleeping with you Patrick. Ever, ever, ever."
- Patrick taking the ticket back: "OK thanks."



Sally is telling Susan that she turned Patrick down because he is so dull.

- Sally: "From now on I'm not going to settle for anything less than personality, whit, and intelligence."
- Susan: "Good for you."
- Sally: "At least now I know why you called him donkey brain."
- Susan: "Actually I called him the donkey."
- Sally: "Yeah, but I got the point."
- Susan: "Oh, no you didn't."
- Sally: "What?"
- Susan: "Well some men are born lucky."
- Sally: "What was Patrick born?"
- Susan: "A tripod." [Innuendo for a large penis]
- Sally: "You bitch. You let me shoot down a tripod?"

Patrick walks by and stumbles.

- Patrick: "Sorry ladies. I seem to have a little bit of a balance problem."

Sally stares after him in disbelief.

Sally takes the car show ticket back from Patrick. [This exchange refers to Patrick's penis]

- Patrick: "I thought you didn't want to go."
- Sally: "Yeah, but now I've heard more about it and I decided I really wanna see it for myself."

Susan pulls Sally aside.

- Susan: "Whatever happened to personality, whit, and intelligence?"
- Sally: "I'm hoping it has all three!"
- Susan: "No, no. There's something you should know. Patrick is a republican."
- Sally: "There are some lines I'm just not willing to cross. How big?"

Jane brings her date, Howard, into the bar and introduces him to everyone.

- Howard: "Hey does a big red headed guy still work the bar here?"
- Patrick: "Sometimes."
- Howard: "Good, he's my ex, I think I still owe him a slap."

Jane is very excited about Howard.



- Steve: "Jane isn't he gay?"
- Jane: "Yeah, but I'm bisexual."

Steve picks up one of many remotes from Susan's coffee table. He doesn't know what it operates, but he points it at something and pushes the power button.

- Susan, from the kitchen: "Oh, yes, yes." [Implying orgasm.]
- Steve, startled, drops the remote and fumbles for it.
- Susan: "This sauce came out perfect."

Susan tells Steve to watch TV while she takes a shower. He tries to use the remote.

- Steve: "I think your batteries are dead."
- Susan: "Oh I probably put them in something else. I'm always running out of batteries."
- Steve about the other remotes: "These are all empty."
- Susan: "Oh wait I know where they ended up."

She goes into her bedroom and opens her bedside table drawer. As Steve watches she reaches into the drawer and a buzzing starts. Steve runs back to the couch.

- Susan: "Here you go."
- Steve: "Ooh, still warm."
- Susan: "Oh what am I thinking I just bought some new ones."

She brings out a very large package of batteries.

- Steve: "Wow that's a lot of stored energy."

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- Steve: "What is it that you told Sally about Patrick."
 - Susan: "Oh just that my ex is, um, how should I put it, one very big boy."

Sally, Patrick, Jane, Jeff, and Howard are sitting in the bar talking.

- Patrick: "And the best thing about George W. Bush is that we finally have President with enough guts to stand up to the left."
- Sally: "Ah, well, I think its healthy in a two party system to have a spirited debate between differing points of view."



- Patrick: "Yeah, but now that we control both houses and the Presidency we don't have to waste time with all that."
- Sally: "Patrick it had better be enormous."
- Patrick: "What?"
- Sally: "The car show. It had better be a really big car show."
- **Patrick leaning back on the couch: "The biggest one in the Midwest."**
[Reference to penis]

Steve and Susan are talking about why first dates are harder for guys than girls.

- Steve: "The guy is sitting there wondering if he's gonna get lucky. All night, that's all he's thinking about."
- Susan: "That's true."
- Steve: "And the woman already knows."
- Susan: "Also true."
- Steve: "So, we are dealing with the unknown."
- **Susan: "I always thought it was because you were worried about your equipment."**
- Steve: "My what?"
- **Susan: "Whether he's gonna blast off too soon or something." [Reference to ejaculation]**
- **Steve: "You really are up front aren't you. Well personally I've never had a problem with premature blasting off." [Reference to ejaculation]**
- **Susan: "Just the unknown."**
- Steve: "Exactly."
- Susan: "Steve."
- Steve: "Yes."
- Susan: "You're definitely getting lucky tonight."

Howard has just said that he thinks Bush is the greatest president there's been in his lifetime.

- Sally: "How dare you say that. You're gay, you're on our side."
- Jane: "Actually Sally, Howard doesn't think of himself as gay."
- Howard: "Oh yes I do."
- Jane: "There are no homosexuals. There's only people-sexuals."



- Howard: "No there are definitely homosexuals."
- Jane: "Howard do you want gay men to be labeled."
- Howard: "That would be fantastic."
- Jeff: "It would make life easier on everyone."
- Howard: "Absolutely."
- Sally: "No it wouldn't, its homophobic you stupid queen."

Jeff gets up to go to the bathroom, but Sally makes him wait for Patrick. The implication is that she wants him to check out the size of Patrick's penis. [Penis reference]

Susan and Steve are talking about their exes.

- **Steve: "Well I hope I can measure up to your ex." [Penis reference]**

Steve has just told Susan that learning about something silly his girlfriends' exes have done in bed helps him relax.

- Susan: "Well, OK. Just as he was about to, um, start the show, as you put it. He would say, 'Just say when.'"

Susan gets up and leads Steve into the bedroom.

Jeff tries to go to bathroom again and Sally stops him for the same reason. Just then Steve calls and tell Jeff to go the bathroom with Patrick. Again the implication is that Jeff should check out the size of Patrick's penis. [Penis reference]

Sally forces Jeff into the bathroom with Patrick. They stand beside each other at the urinals. Jeff looks over at Patrick's penis and has a shocked expression on his face. [Penis reference]

Meanwhile Steve is opening Susan's bedside table drawer. In his imagination he can pull the drawer out so that it is as long as Susan's bed.



Susan comes out of the bathroom in skimpy lingerie and sees Steve looking in her drawer, presumably at her vibrator.

- Susan: "Yes, but can it open a jar of pickles."
- Steve: "It looks like it could."
- Susan: "I get the feeling you're getting unrelaxed again."
- Steve: "No, no, I..."
- Susan pulls him down on the bed.
- Susan: "Don't worry. I know just the thing."

She kisses him and then disappears down his body. He smiles. First she tosses his socks up to his head and then her teddy hits him in the face. She reappears and kisses him and the picture cuts away.

Susan and Steve are kissing in bed. She is wearing a robe and the sheets are tossed around.

- Susan: "That was amazing."
- Steve: "Incredible. At one point I was able to hear colors."

She gets up and goes to the bathroom. Steve looks very pleased with himself until he hears what he thinks is the buzzing of Susan's vibrator from the bathroom. Susan walks out with an electric toothbrush.

- Steve: "Oh thank God."

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Coupling
 NBC

Episode Airing October 9, 2003

Show Summary: Jane's aunt dies and she asks Steve to go with her to the funeral. She has yet to tell her family that she and Steve have broken up so she asks that he go as her boyfriend. Susan gets jealous and demands that she go too. Then she asks her ex, Patrick to accompany her. Patrick then asks Sally to and Jeff end up in the mix as well. While at the funeral Patrick helps Jeff discover a tool to curb his interview phobia, picturing people naked. Jane reveals to Jeff that had she know he was turned on by her bisexuality she would have arranged some threesomes while they were dating. Both Jeff and Steve spend the rest of the funeral fighting off erections. This episode has the usual over the top sexual innuendo. There is talk about sex games and role play, threesomes, anatomical references, and erections.

[This sequence contains references to genitalia]

- Jeff: "What if the wrong word pops out of my mouth back accident."
- Steve: "Like what?"
- Jeff: "Nipples."
- Steve: "Why would you say nipples in an interview?"
- Jeff: "Because I just planted the idea in my head. 'What leadership qualities could you bring to the position Mr. Clancy?' 'Oh, nipples'."
- Steve: "Why nipples? Why not thighs?"
- Jeff: "Thank you Steve. Why not just throw in vulva? Vulva!"
- Patrick: "Evening. What's the matter with him?"
- Steve: "He's got female body parts multiplying in his brain."
- Patrick: "Excellent."

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- Jane: "Oh Steve my Aunt Min is dead. Well say something."
 - Steve: "Crap."
 - Jane: "Crap?"
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Susan and Steve are in bed together. Susan gets up to get dressed, but doesn't know where her clothes are. Steve reminds her that her blouse is in the kitchen and her skirt is behind the TV. Susan and Steve look at each other, thinking about whatever they just did sexually and giggle.

Susan calls Patrick.

- Susan: "Patrick. I need you."
- Patrick: "Excellent. When and where?"
- Susan: "I want you to be my date to Steve's ex girlfriend's aunt's funeral."
- Patrick: "I like it. And then I can be the pizza boy, you working late."
- Susan: "Patrick this isn't a sex game....so I want my ex there so I can show him what it feels like."
- Patrick: "I couldn't do that to Steve. He's a friend now."
- Susan: "Oh tell me about your friend, pizza boy."
- Patrick: "Are we playing?!"
- Susan: "Patrick does your penis do all your thinking?" [Reference to genitalia]
- Patrick: "No, but I do like to bounce things off him."

They are all at the funeral and Jane is telling Steve that she's happy he is with Susan.

- Jane: "She's very sexy."
- Steve: "She is, isn't she."
- Jane: "Absolutely. I would definitely sleep with her."
- Steve: "What?"
- Jane: "Really. You're lucky you saw her first."
- Steve: "What, why, why are you doing this to me?"
- Jane: "What?"
- Steve: "You know what happens to me when you talk about you and women."

He reaches down and moves a tall picture frame on the table in front of him so that it covers his crotch. [Reference to character's erection]

- Jane: "Oh God Steve. We're at a funeral. Its too bad you didn't mention this lesbian thing of yours when we were going out. We coulda had threesomes."
- Steve: "We coulda had threesomes?"
- Jane: "A couple of my girlfriends mentioned it. Hmm, I didn't think you'd be into it."
- Steve: "We coulda had threesomes?"



- Jane: "Well there's no point in talking about it now, its too late."
- Steve: "We went out for a year."
- Jane: "Well Steve, its hardly my fault you missed the window."

Jeff is telling Patrick about how nervous he gets in interviews.

- Patrick: "Have you tried picturing everyone in the room naked?"
- Jeff: "Everyone always says that, but how's it supposed to help?"
- Just then a beautiful woman walks by and both men follow her with their eyes.
- Jeff: "OK it helps."

Jeff is standing with Patrick. He watches a woman walk by and is apparently picturing her naked.

- Jeff: "Oh yeah. I can't believe I've had this power all my life and I never knew it."

Susan and Jane walk up to Steve and Jeff. They tell Steve that they are friends now. Sally walks up. Jane puts her arms around the two women.

- Jane: "Oh there's my other new friend Sally. Aw isn't this nice. Look at us Steve. Don't we make a lovely threesome?"

Steve's eyebrows lift and he clinches his jaw.

- Jeff (picturing the women naked): "You should see this the way I do!"

[This segment contains anatomical references and refers to erections] A man comes up and tries to move the casket. Jeff and Steve, who are standing behind it, ask him not to as it is covering their erections.

- Man: "I know it must be very hard."
- Steve and Jeff glance down and grimace.
- Steve: "You have no idea."
- They say they just need to say goodbye to Min.
- Man: "Would you like me to open the casket so you can see her?"
- Jeff: "Yeah that oughta do the trick."

There is a moment of silence at the funeral. The guys barely manage to make it through without laughing. When its over Jeff accidentally yells:



- "Nipples!"

A beautiful woman comes to get Jeff from the waiting room for his interview. He smiles as he pictures her naked. As he walks into the room, prepared to picture everyone naked,

he sees a mirror that covers the back wall. He sees himself completely naked. He stands there, actually naked, with his hands covering his penis.

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Susan and Steve start to doubt their relationship when their friends give them bad advice. Susan pays for dinner one night and she and Steve fall into a pattern in which good sex becomes repayment for money spent. When things get weird between them they turn to their friends. Jeff and Patrick tell Susan to try to make sex more exciting by talking dirty and getting a little rough. Sally and Jane tell Steve to turn on the romance with a homemade dinner, a poem, and a song. Interestingly enough Steve hates rough sex and Susan doesn't like sappy romance. Fortunately they realize their mistakes and decide to be honest with each other.

Patrick tells Steve and Jeff that he bought a Hum-V.

[This sequence refers to genitalia]

- Jeff: "Patrick its the biggest car on the road. Guys who buy cars like that are compensating."
- Patrick: "Oh my God. I bought myself a small penis car. I don't have a small penis. My car's a liar!"

Susan is telling Jane and Sally about her date with Steve.

- Jane: "I don't care what Sally says, a woman picking up the check can be a very castrating experience for a man. I bet poor Steve was so humiliated he couldn't even perform."
- Susan: "Actually..."

Cut to Susan in bed. She is breathless.

- Susan: "Wow. I mean seriously, wow. That was..." [Reference to oral sex]

Steve crawls out from under the sheets.

- Steve: "That was nothing."
- Susan: "So what'd you want to do now?"
- Steve: "Let's cuddle."



Cut back to the bar.

- Sally: "Of course he cuddled last night. You picked up the check. He was paying you back."
- Susan: "...the fact that I picked up the check has nothing to do with him being a sensitive lover."
- Jane: "Eewww."
- Sally: "Come on Susan in sex you get what you pay for. That's rule number one."
- Jane: "I thought it was location, location, location."

Steve is talking to Patrick and Jeff about his date with Susan.

- Jeff: "So Susan pays for dinner, you didn't do anything creative in bed did ya?"

Steve smiles. Cut to Susan falling back on the bed. Just her face and shoulders are visible. She is breathless.

- Susan: "Wow."

Cut back to the bar.

- Steve: "I don't know I'm always pretty terrific in bed. Why?"
- Jeff: "Because there would be absolutely no return on that deposit in the foreplay bank."
- Steve: "Its all just a lot of words Jeff."
- Jeff: "Every act of foreplay a man performs gets credited in the foreplay bank. Eventually as your account matures you can kick back and have her do all the work. Its economics 101."
- Steve: "I took that course, actually its not. Look Jeff I'm telling you, my relationship with Susan is real. Its based on actual feelings not commerce."
- Jeff: "Are you sure?"

Cut to Steve and Susan in bed.

- Steve: "Let's cuddle. Oh and thanks for dinner."

Steve picks up the check on his date with Susan. Steve pops up from beside the bed.

• Steve: "Wow. I don't know what to say. That thing that you did with your..."
Susan comes up from beside the bed, breathing hard and licking her lips. [Reference to oral sex]

• Steve: "What did I do to deserve this?"
(Jeff's statement "Economics 101" runs through his head.)



Susan, rubbing his shoulder: "I guess I was just really in the mood. Thanks for that delicious dinner."

(Only's statement "When it comes to sex you get what you pay for" runs through her head.)

Susan is talking to the guys and Steve is talking to the girls about their relationship.

- Susan: "I mean here we are in this great new relationship. Everything is going fine and somehow we've fallen into this weird twisted situation."
- Steve: "Where we've been paying each other for sex."
- Susan and Steve: "I think."
- Susan: "What do you think?"
- Patrick and Jeff: "Umm."
- Susan: "And don't give me any of that guy code crap where you can't repeat anything Steve ever says about me."
- Steve to Sally: "So has she said anything to you?"
- Sally: "About paying for sex? That is crazy talk. Where'd you even get an idea like that?"
- Susan to Patrick and Jeff: "Sally and Jane thought maybe I was paying him for sex."
- Jeff: "That's crazy talk."
- Sally to Steve: "Oh Steve your friends have led you astray. Neither you nor Susan are whores."

Susan begs the guys to tell her how to be more exciting for Steve.

- Jeff: "OK here it is. Steve wants more dirty talk. There I said it. Steve forgive me."
- Susan: "Dirty talk? I do dirty talk. Right Patrick?"
- Patrick: "Well, you do naughty talk, uh sometimes even nasty talk, but I wouldn't characterize it as dirty."
- Susan: "Oh I can get dirty. Maybe I just wasn't feeling dirty when I was with you."
- Patrick: "I know you're hurting now, don't lash out."
- Jeff: "Listen you gotta kick it up a notch. Steve likes it rough. Maybe a few slaps. Huh?"

He slaps his hands together.



Jeff: "He spanking that's what Steve likes."

- Susan: "Really?"
- Jeff: "Yeah who doesn't?"
- Susan: "I don't know. That just doesn't sound like Steve. I know him pretty well."
- Jeff: "Whoa, you've know Steve what, two months? He's been my best friend since college. I think I know what he likes in bed."

Steve is asking the girls for advice about Susan.

- Steve: "Look I'm willing to try anything to get over this weird hump."
- Jane: "Well I think she'd prefer you call it love making."
- Sally: "You know what she likes, she likes to be treated like a lady. She likes to be romanced and worshiped."
- Steve: "I'm romantic. Jane we went out for a year. Tell her."
- Jane: "All we did was hump." ["Hump" refers to the sex act]

Jeff tells Patrick than none of the three cars he wants to purchase reflect well on his manhood.

- Sally: "Are you just screwing with him?"
- Jeff: "Yes I am."
- Jane: "Fun."
- Jeff: "I mean come on that guys got everything. Looks, money, that magnificent unit. I'm talking about his apartment. Minds outta the gutter people."

Susan is practicing her dirty talk in the mirror.

- Susan: "Get over here you dirty jerk...you dirty, nasty...son of a bitch. Get on your knees and worship my...who am I kidding."

The car behind her begins honking.

- Susan: "Hey you [silence] son of a [silence] get outta my [silence] you [silence] sucker. Hey that's not bad."

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- Jane to Jeff: "Dirty talk. Take it from me Steve hates that."



Patrick: "Your advice was just as bad. Susan hates that sappy romantic stuff."

- Sally: "Wow. So because of us our friends are about to make complete asses of themselves. We gotta get over there."
- Jeff: "Yeah we gotta stop 'em."
- Sally: "Stop 'em? Well if you wanna ruin the fun fine."

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- Susan: "Why are you doing this?"
 - Steve: "I don't know. I'm, ah, just a romantic. And I was feeling a little romantic if you know what I mean."
 - Susan: "Oh. Oh I think I know what you mean. I think I know exactly what you mean bitch."
 - Steve: "Pardon."
 - Susan: "You heard me you horny little [a tone blocks everything she says]"
 - Steve: "What?"

Susan pushes Steve down on the couch and straddles him.

- Susan: "Oh come on you love it."
- Steve: "I do?"
- Susan: "Yeah. Now shut up and take it."

She slaps him in the face. He hears the oven timer go off and slides out from under her.

- Susan: "What's gotten into you?"
- Steve: "What's gotten into me? Why are you being so mean?"
- Susan: "Because you like it."

She slaps him on the butt.

- Steve: "No I don't."

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- Steve: "Rule number eleven, more honesty."
 - Susan: "Agreed. I'll go first. Did you give me better sex the other night because I picked up the check?"
 - Steve: "Maybe. I don't know. I was grateful and I wanted to do something nice for you."