

Annoying hipster

COLLINI
Whether you know it or not, Runkle,
you're a maverick. A renegade.
You beat off to the march of your
own drummer. That's the kind of
agent I want representing me.
Because that's exactly the kind of
agent I've tried to be all these
years.

CHARLIE
Well, I'll have to think about
this.

COLLINI
You do that. In the meantime, you
can take me if you want.

CHARLIE
Oh, I see what this is all about.
You're dangling your memoirs --
which I know I can sell the shit
out of, by the way -- as an excuse
to continue our torrid little
affair.

COLLINI
I don't see why the two ventures
can't peacefully coexist.

CHARLIE
Because I love my wife, Sue. We're
on a serious upswing right now.
And I'm sick and tired of your
constant sexual harassment.

COLLINI
You say harassment... I say a
couple of big, juicy orgasms
between friends... But have it
your way, Runkle. We'll keep this
strictly professional. And utterly
boring.

Collini offers her hand. Charlie takes it, shakes on it.
Collini pulls him into her bosom for a big hug. Can't help
but rub his head for old time's sake. Collini... out.

INT./EXT. EQUATOR BOOKS - NIGHT

We drop into the tail end of the Q&A portion of Mia's
appearance, which has attracted a healthy sampling of VENICE
BOHEMIA.

We find Hank, Karen and Becca amongst the crowd.

Hank is both fascinated and disturbed by the sheer amount of HOT YOUNG GIRLS in attendance who seem to idolize Mia.

An ANNOYING HIPSTER raises his hand.

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ANNOYING HIPSTER
Love the writing. So visceral and real. Who are some of your influences?

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MIA
God, there are so many... but if I had to narrow it down, I'd say... Bukowski...

Hank groans for the world to hear...

HANK
Nigga, please...

Both Karen and Becca elbow and shush him.

MIA
... Nabokov... But the writer who really shaped me... the one who was my last true influence before I started doing this professionally... that would have to be Hank Moody.

Some fairly enthusiastic HOOTS and HOLLERS from the crowd. Hank can't help but smile. Karen catches him enjoying the shout-out.

KAREN
You're so easily pleased.

HANK
What? These are my people.

The STORE OWNER stands and addresses the crowd...

STORE OWNER
Well, that's about all the time we have for questions, but Mia will be signing copies of Fucking & Punching over here...

The crowd moves over to the signing portion of the evening. Hank, Karen and Becca get up. Hank is eager to hit the road

KAREN
Well, that was fun.