

doubt: a parable

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INT. FANCY RESTAURANT - DINNER TIME

KATHERINE and SAMMY are sitting down for a lovely dinner. The only things that each table has at the start of the scene are bread baskets.

KATHERINE

Oh honey, thank you for taking me out to this beautiful restaurant. You really know how to treat a girl right.

SAMMY

Of course sweetie. It's no Hallal Guys, but it'll have to do.

FATHER TIM from the next table over overhears their conversation. He turns to them.

FATHER TIM

Katherine? Is that you?

KATHERINE

Father Tim!! What a pleasant surprise to see you here! Are you sitting alone?

FATHER TIM

Yeah! Just me and the Holy spirit!
(he laughs like a little
nerd at his own joke)
KIDDING! Yeah I'm all alone.

KATHERINE

Well why don't you come sit with us?

FATHER TIM

Oh no, I couldn't intrude!

KATHERINE

Please father, it's no intrusion. Right honey?

SAMMY

(with a mouthful of food)
Right.

FATHER TIM

Well, if you insist.

Father Tim is obviously very excited to have friends to sit with. He's a lil dorky guy. He pulls up his chair right in between the couple.

He brings his bread basket over to their table with him. Whenever Father Tim eats a breadstick, he cuts it with his fork and knife like a WEIRDO. Just as he's situated, the WAITER arrives.

WAITER

Hello everyone and welcome to the Olive Garden. My name is Jonathan and I'll be your serv-
 (he recognizes Father Tim
 mid sentence)
 Oh! Father Tim! How are you?

FATHER TIM

Hello Jonathan, I'm doing great.

WAITER

Wow. I can't believe you're here! Let me get you some water, on the house!

He's really proud of that even though water is fully free. He scurries away.

FATHER TIM

(he chuckles)
 Wow, that man is a raging homosexual.

KATHERINE

Father how do you know that?

FATHER TIM

He told me in confession!

SAMMY

Aren't you not supposed to share things like that?

FATHER TIM

Oops! Silly me! I just can't control myself sometimes!

Just as Katherine is about to say something, the waiter returns with the waters. He places them on the table.

FATHER TIM (CONT'D)

Ooh! Thanks queen!
 (whispers to Katherine)
 They like that I think.

The waiter feels around his pockets.

WATIER

Hang on, I forgot the straws in the kitchen. I'll be right back.

He hurries offstage again.

FATHER TIM

Aw, what a sweet little gay-- GUY. I mean guy. Please don't tell the church I'll be excommunicated.

KATHERINE

Of course we won't Father, it was just a little mistake.

FATHER TIM

Thank you Katherine.

Beat.

FATHER TIM (CONT'D)

Speaking of little mistakes, how is it going with those genital warts?

KATHERINE

Father!

SAMMY

How does he know about that?

KATHERINE

I told him during confession, but I didn't think he'd bring it up!

FATHER TIM

(covering his hands to his mouth like a little gossipy gossip)

Uh oh! Did I just slip again? I'm sorry! It's just so hard not to when the details are so juicy!

KATHERINE

PLEASE don't use the word 'juicy' to describe my genital warts and PLEASE stop sharing what people tell you privately!

FATHER TIM

Of course of course. I am so sorry. It won't happen again.

The waiter returns with straws.

WAITER

Here you go. Now, can I interest any of you in some wine tonight?

FATHER TIM

Ah no. Katherine here will not be having any this evening.

He winks at her.

KATHERINE

Oh my God.

FATHER TIM

Hey! Don't use God's name in vain.

KATHERINE

I told you not to say anything else that I told you in confession!

FATHER TIM

I didn't say a word!

SAMMY

Wait, why wouldn't Katherine want wine?

It hits him.

SAMMY (CONT'D)

... Katherine, are you pregnant?

She stands up and starts approaching Sammy.

KATHERINE

I didn't mean for you to find out like this...

FATHER TIM

Oops! Oh golly! I did it again didn't I! I'm such a little gossip girl!

SAMMY

I'm gonna be a dad?

Father Tim snorts, Katherine glares at him. Sammy doesn't notice! He jumps up from the table excitedly.

SAMMY (CONT'D)

How far along are you?

KATHERINE

Only two months.

SAMMY

Two months and you didn't tell me?
Wow! I'm gonna be a dad!

Father Tim is looking smug to himself and Katherine is PISSED. He hugs her super tight! He moves Katherine aside to shake Father Tim's hand.

SAMMY (CONT'D)

Those little slips were annoying before, but I can't thank you enough now! Thank you Father! Thank you!

FATHER TIM

You're more than welcome Daniel.

SAMMY

(optimisticly)
Who's Daniel?

He looks around for a reaction. Everyone else seems to get it but him.

SAMMY (CONT'D)

(still REALLY doesn't get it)
Katherine? Who's Daniel? My name is Sammy!

Beat.

SAMMY (CONT'D)

(annnd he figured it out)
Who's Daniel???

FATHER TIM

(Covers his face with his hands)
Oops!

BLACKOUT.