

LOVE BITES - CARTER

INT. IRISH BAR - THE NEXT DAY

Carter and Kell are having a beer at a New York pub.

CARTER

So I've been replaced by a machine at work and in bed.

KELL

At least it wasn't a guy.

CARTER

A guy I could compete with. How am I supposed to compete with "the Cadillac of vibrators?"

KELL

You don't require batteries.

CARTER

It's not battery operated. It plugs in.

KELL

Jesus.

CARTER

Exactly. It never gets tired. It can go forever.

KELL

You've got trouble, man.

CARTER

That's what I'm saying!

KELL

It's not that damn bunny, is it? My ex-wife had one of those, and I still say it's why she didn't cry when she left me.

CARTER

No, that I might have recognized. This just looks like a back massager. That's the insidious part. It could be lying around, you might not even notice it, then boom! She tells you it's better in bed than you are.

A moment as they sip their beers and contemplate their very tenuous position in the world.

KELL

I blame her friends. That's a gift for a woman who's getting dumped, not a woman who's getting married.

CARTER

Says who? Emily Post... coital?

KELL

Liz has you whenever she wants. She doesn't need... a device. That should be the first thing to go when two people move in together, just like your porn has to go.

CARTER

It does?

KELL

Yes. Then when you get divorced, you've got no woman and no porn. And now... no job!

Kell raises his glass, then takes a long swig.

CARTER

At least now we can drink during the day.

KELL

Yeah. There's that.

CARTER

The thing is, I can't forbid her to use it. I mean, I still plan to...

KELL

...Pat the Buchanan?

CARTER

Yeah. Right? When you were married, you still--

KELL

Sure. More than ever -- which was maybe a bad sign. And it could be challenging, knowing someone was just outside the door, waiting to use the blow dryer, or to fight about something. So sometimes I did it at work.

CARTER  
That's why you logged so many hours!  
Not in our office, I hope--

KELL  
No! In the john.

CARTER  
So when I was on my cell yesterday--

KELL  
I only did it at work when I was  
married. Now I can do it at home.

CARTER  
Now you can do it all day.

KELL  
Another perk of unemployment.

They both raise a glass to that, then...

CARTER  
I don't want her to leave me.

KELL  
She's not going to leave you.

CARTER  
But I don't even have a job.

KELL  
I don't even have someone to lose  
over losing my job, so consider  
yourself lucky.

CARTER  
I do. I am lucky.  
(determined)  
In fact, you know what? My job, while  
I don't have a job... is to become as  
good in bed as the Cadillac of  
vibrators.

KELL  
How are you gonna do that?

CARTER  
Business 101: Know your competition.