

LOVE BITES - FRANNIE

INT. WEDDING RECEPTION, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - NIGHT

...a CHERRY that is dropped into a drink at a hip wedding reception. We see the BRIDE and GROOM, who are incredibly happy and in love. This is not their story.

Beyond the bride and groom, in the distance, we find ANNIE and FRANNIE, both bridesmaids, sitting at their table sipping champagne and watching the happy couple:

The groom stands behind the bride, his arms wrapped around her waist as they chat with their GUESTS.

FRANNIE

Were they married or surgically attached?

ANNIE

Doesn't it make you happy to see Jill so happy?

FRANNIE

This is my fifth wedding this summer. I'm running out of happy.

ANNIE

I think it's encouraging when everyone around you is falling in love. It's like you're next.

FRANNIE

We have to be next. We're the only ones left. In fact, I wanted to talk to you about that, Annie.

ANNIE

About what, Frannie?

FRANNIE

That. The Annie-Frannie of it all. It's no good.

ANNIE

For meeting men, you mean?

FRANNIE

Ding ding ding. In a group it was okay, but just the two of us...

(she mimes gagging)

Do you ever go by Anne?

ANNIE

No.

FRANNIE

Want to start?

ANNIE

No. Anne sounds too serious. Like Anne Frank. Who wants to date Anne Frank? It's depressing.

FRANNIE

Okay, tell you what. I'll go by Fran, which I don't even like, if you will stop telling people you're a virgin.

ANNIE

But I am a virgin.

FRANNIE

I know. Everyone knows. It's like your thing.

ANNIE

It's not my thing. It's just a fact.

FRANNIE

Fine. But then, why do you have to bring it up right up front, as soon as you meet someone?

ANNIE

Because a lot of men aren't into that.

FRANNIE

Please! Men loooooove the virgins.

ANNIE

No, they love the idea of sex with a virgin. Which is like going to a vegan restaurant for a burger. Hello? It's VEGAN! I'm a VIRGIN!

People stare. Annie doesn't care, but Frannie does.

FRANNIE

(quietly)

Okay, the problem is... when you say you're a virgin, it makes me, by contrast, look like a slut.

ANNIE  
If the condom fits...

FRANNIE  
(indignant)  
I have only slept with three men.  
(a beat)  
At this wedding.

Frannie smiles. Annie shakes her head.

ANNIE  
Alright, when we're together, I  
will not mention that I'm a virgin.

FRANNIE  
And I'll be Fran.

ANNIE  
Should we try it here?

FRANNIE  
On who?!

ANNIE  
Don't be so negative!  
(looks around, then)  
What about those guys at that table  
over there?

Frannie looks where Annie is looking.

ANNIE (CONT'D)  
They don't have dates with them.  
And they're cute.

FRANNIE  
(playing along)  
Yes, they are.

ANNIE  
(looking into her drink)  
Are they checking us out?

FRANNIE  
They're kissing.

ANNIE  
Ah.

On Frannie, not sure this relationship is going to work...