

THE REF - THERAPY

DR.WONG

The next exercise will help you both with listening. One of you will speak while the other really just listens. Will someone like to go first?

CAROLINE

Me. I have this crazy dream -

LLOYD

Do we have to do dreams?

CAROLINE

I was at this fancy restaurant having lunch and the waiter brought me my entree, it was a salad. It was Lloyds head on a plate of spinach with his penis sticking out of his hair. I said, I didn't order this. And the waiter said, "You must try it it's a delicacy, but don't eat the penis it's just garnish".

DR.WONG

Hum. Lloyd what do you think about the dream?

LLOYD

I think she should stop telling it at dinner parties to all our friends. I mean dreams should be private, don't you think?

DR.WONG

I'm not here to judge or take sides. I will say communication is healthy.

LLOYD

Healthy? Telling people she dreams of eating castrated Florentine is healthy?

DR.WONG

Are there any sexual problems in the marriage?

CAROLINE

Well the truth is we haven't had sex in quite awhile and before that it wasn't all that...Oh what's the word? Noteworthy! On our twelfth anniversary we got into a pretty stale routine...a couple of kisses, a couple of nipple twists.

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CAROLINE (CONT'D)

And it would all be over in about the same time that it takes to make a cappachino. I know because I timed it once. No wonder why I had an affair.

LLOYD

How could you tell him all that so casually like you were asking for a glass of water?

CAROLINE

May I have a glass of water?

LLOYD

Why don't you have oral sex too I'll go wait in the car.

CAROLINE

No.

DR.WONG

Lloyd how do you feel about Carolines affair?

CAROLINE

He want's me to wear a red A on my chest and sleep in the basement.

LLOYD

Is that so unreasonable?

CAROLINE

Everything is either black or white with him. He doesn't see where he is responsible. I mean it just didn't mean anything to me. It shouldn't even be counted as an affair.

LLOYD

I think we need a ruling on this.

DR.WONG

Have you forgiven Caroline for her affair?

LLOYD

Look it was along time ago, It's over, I'm fine with it. I just don't want to talk about it.

DR.WONG

Well let me ask you something. What do you want from the marriage now?

LLOYD

I want to stop talking about it. Look the truth is I want nothing. I have everything I need, I'm actually a very content person.

CAROLINE

What a liar. Your so unhappy you can hardly breathe. And I feel it in every gesture in every silence and I'm miserable. How can we both be in a marriage where I'm miserable and your content?

LLOYD

Luck.

DR.WONG

Caroline what do you want from the marriage?

LLOYD

Oh this should be good.

CAROLINE

What does that mean.

LLOYD

Because you don't know what you want. You blame everybody else for it. She's impossible to satisfy. She lives in her fantasies. I mean let's really try to understand Carolines miserable life. She lives in a beautiful home -

CAROLINE

Which his mother owns.

LLOYD

I have a successful business -

CAROLINE

Which his mother owns. We're in servant to his mother for a loan which she is charging us eighteen percent interest on and personally.....

LLOYD

We took out a loan, we need to pay it back -

CAROLINE

No no no no no you took out a loan, I mean it was your decision not mine. You took out a loan from Satan Mom.

LLOYD

She blames my Mother for everything that has gone wrong in her life. In the mean time she never finishes anything that she starts... Photography courses. Philosophy courses, Scandinavian cooking classes.

CAROLINE

Please don't go after my dreams.

LLOYD

To be what somebody that takes pictures of Lud fish to prove the nothingness of being. No wonder our son is so confused.

CAROLINE

See he blames be for Jessie, is that right?

DR.WONG

I'm not here to judge or to take sides.

CAROLINE

(to Dr. Wong) What the hell good are you.
(to Lloyd) You're the one that suffocated him with limitations. Our son is a very sensitive and creative boy -

LLOYD

Juvenile delinquent.

CAROLINE

Boy! He's got the kind of an imagination...

LLOYD

That the Mafia gives scholarships for. In the ninth grade we told him he could get a part time job, are you ready for what he did? He started an escort service for the football team and he gave out my mothers phone number

CAROLINE

And I still say that getting laid by an
eighteen-year-old linebacker is just what
she needs!

DR.WONG

Please let's hold our voices -

CAROLINE

Fuck you.

LLOYD

Fuck you.