Antics Coffee S1. Ep. 1

I have a New Barista

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INT - ANTICS COFFEE - MID AFTERNOON SATURDAY

JAZ IS WASHING DISHES IN THE BACK WHEN SCREAMING STARTS TO EMINATE FROM THE FRONT ROOM. JAZ FOLLOWS THE CAMERA AS THEY WALK THROUGH THE CURTAIN INTO THE MAIN SPACE. BOXES ARE STACKED UP ON THE FRIDGE, AND THE COUNTER COULD USE A WIPE DOWN AS A LARGE MAN STANDS ON THE COUNTER SCREAMING POINTING AT SOMETHING.

BRADD MANN

Oh my god get that thing out of here! You horrible person, you who deserves nothing in this world. Why would you bring in such a horrid thing! GET OUT GET OUT!

A CHILD STANDS NEXT TO A GERIATRIC DOG

CHILD

Come on, scaredy cat! Make me my hot chocolate and stop acting like a baby.

JAZ

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Mann, get down! It’s just a geriatric dog there is nothing to be afraid of.

JAZ Starts making the hot cocoa.

JAZ Cont.

You want extra sprinkles?

BRADD MANN

Oh, making a devil's bargain I see! That thing probably has Rabies!

Cut to dog passed out on the ground

JAZ

Here’s your cocoa, and a little something extra for him.

CHILD

Thank you, scaredy cat. I hope you get rabies.

CUT TO JAZ and BADD MANN are in the backroom.

JAZ

What was that inferior customer service and lack of any common sense?

BRADD MANN

They brought a wild animal into the establishment! I could have contracted something.

JAZ

Look, we get a lot of animals, not just dogs that come through this establishment, mainly people.

BRADD MANN

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I just! I'm a great employee, not so great with anything outside.

JAZ

Yeah… you did have a meltdown about seeing that bug on the outside of the window yesterday.

CUT TO BADD MANN wiping down tables and seeing a bug on the window

JAZ cont.

Look… this just isn't going to work out. You should just go.

BRADD MANN

Look, I really need this job.

JAZ

Yeah, and I need to not go crazy whenever you see anything not man made, but we don't always get what we want do we? Now go…

BRADD MANN

But…

JAZ

Oh my god, don't move, don't move.

BRADD MANN

What? OH my god what?

JAZ

Is that a.. a Scorpion is below your foot

BADD MANN exits the shop screaming and does a stupid scream run to his car.

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JAZ Goes to the board in the back, it says "DAYS SINCE NEW HIRE" she erases the 7 and texts TABOR a meme.

Cut to intro.

INT - ANTICS COFFEE - SUNDAY AFTERNOON

JAZ AND ELLIOT ARE BEHIND THE ESPRESSO MACHINE LOOKING AT A PHONE. REACTING TO SOMETHING ON IT AND SWIPING LEFT AND RIGHT OCCASIONALLY.

JAZ

3…2…1… // Pass.

Elliot

Smash!

JAZ

Wrong.

Elliot

Look at him, he's so cute!

JAZ

His dog is groomed better than he is.

Elliot

How did we not match?! I never match with anyone. -- God, Portland is a compost bin of queers who can't find anyone in real life.

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JAZ

So are you the tertiary consumer or the organic residue on this highly revered app?

ELLIOT

Girl… you know I don’t science, what does that mean?

JAZ

The tertiary consumer is typically the predator like a hawk or wolf. The organic residue is what the secondary consumers eat, which then get eaten by tertiary consumers.

ELLIOT

Well, I'm of course the Apex predator, I know how to break down anything, if you catch my drift wood.

JAZ

Got it... you're the leftovers someone forgot to mix into the pile, and now you're decomposing like a forgotten gourd after halloween. Waiting for anyone to give your moldy ass a chance to be useful.

ELLIOT

Thanks, you always make me feel better about myself.

JAZ

Come on, you know I’m just being facetious.

ELLIOT

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Yeah, but the people on these apps aren’t joking. Nothing ever comes from them. I’m just gonna delete them.

JAZ

I remember you doing that last weekend.

ELLIOT

Surprise surprise, I got bored and lonely and wanted to talk to someone. I’m done. I’m just going to… there! I’m never downloading it again.

JAZ

Or! Limit time availability. Maybe a reduced use of time will make you more intentional.

Elliot

Already had one, It's just so easy to click "Ignore Limit"

JAZ

So, download it on my phone. I already have a radiant girlfriend, so I'll only use it with you.

ELLIOT

You want my personal account, on your phone?

JAZ

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Trust me, I know that left and right lobe better than you do.

ELLIOT

No, you don't.

JAZ

Okay Macbeth, (*ELLIOT LOGS INTO TINDER)*

ELLIOT

What does that even mean

JAZ

It’s okay, if we were characters in a play, I’d be Lady Macbeth and you’d be Macbeth.

ELLIOT

Done. I'm trusting you, don't you dare use it without me present.

INT - ANTICS COFFEE INT. FOH OF HOUSE - SUNDAY morning

TABOR AND CASTELLA SIT AT A TABLE WHILE JAZ AND ELLIOT ARE BEHIND THE BAR WORKING.

IN FRONT OF THEM IS A FOLDER HOLDING A LIST OF RESUMES TO COMB OVER AND PICK A LIST OF CANDIDATES TO INTERVIEW.

CASTELLA

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Tabor, why did you pull me from behind the bar? Did I do something wrong, am I getting written up for doing my homework too much.

TABOR

No no no, my sweet Tiramisu. We… as per usual are hiring, and apparently my judgement in character isn't particularly good.

CASTELLA

NO! Tabor, what are you talking about.

TABOR

Yes, I need your help.

CASTELLA

Okay, but only because you exclusively hire personality. Most of them are super incompetent, and can't withstand hurricane Jasmine.

TABOR

That's why I need your help.

CASTELLA

Gurl, You do realise I'm only available after 3:30pm and on weekends right?

TABOR

Yes… gorl, so you're good at sensing people's vibes. Which of these twelve, who should we call in for an interpersonal ceremony?

CASTELLA

The interview? Well… A.I. has its name written all over this one. A lot of experience in NFTs and Crypto. Is this a coffee ring to add to the design, or did they put their coffee right onto it? They're trying too hard.

TABOR

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I kind of dig it… *SMELLS THE PAPER* That smells like coffee.

CASTELLA

Don’t taste it.

CASTELLA Cont.

Okay! Wait, this one looks good. She has a degree in English literature, maybe she and Jaz can bond over that. That does scream introvert though.

TABOR

Good with words though! In contrast to the meme lord we hired. *(Both sigh in relief that the meme lord doesn’t work here anymore)*

CASTELLA

Girl same. Still surprised Elliot was the one who went off on him.

TABOR

I know that man can muster some rage, I never really know what he’s going to do.

CASTELLA

Tabor, when were these dropped off?

TABOR

I just keep looking over the resumes that are in the back.

CASTELLA

You interviewed Evan Kelmp over two months ago.

TABOR

Oh, so it wasn’t socially anxious people scared to return calls?

CASTELLA

You call them?

TABOR

Should I not?

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CASTELLA

Oh boy, honey, I'm gonna have to take you back to school.

INT - ANTICS COFFEE SUNDAY - AFTERNOON

JAZ IS ON HER PHONE EATING AN APPLE. SHE READS THE TINDER MESSAGES AS TABOR AND CASTELLA ARE LOOKING OVER RESUMES.

CASTELLA

Okay these are from the past two weeks! So far I like Alberto, Phoebe, and Holden.

TABOR

My energy is leaning towards Fern, Ivy, and Tulip.

JAZ

Cas, all of those people are just from books you like, Tabor stop choosing the most hippy dippy people you can find. In more exciting news, I know why Elliot gets Zero matches.

CASTELLA

What?

TABOR

Oooh, is it because his profile feels like a superiority complex?

JAZ

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Well a little bit, I had him log into tinder and hinge on my phone. He’s either so dry or he has the most eloquently worded messages. Neither of them are him.

CASTELLA

Elliot, eloquent… I’d love to see that.

JAZ

“Dearest sky prince,” this is to an Alaskan Airlines flight attendant, “I crave to hear about your tales across the far off kingdoms. Maybe sometime when you’re back I can show you my personal dungeon.”

TABOR

He has a dungeon?

JAZ

He’s talking about his bedroom.

CASTELLA

Ew, I did not need to know that.

TABOR

Jaz you know I love some juicy gossip, but this feels like triangulation. We talked about this in the last meeting, so as much as I want to hear about his dungeon I would prefer if you just talked to him about this.

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JAZ LOOKS AT HER PHONE. A TEXT FROM TABOR SAYS, “I want to hear all about this next time we get drinks, but let’s keep gossip off the floor. XOXO Tabor” JAZ WALKS OVER TO ELLIOT

JAZ

Okay, is your head made of wood?

ELLIOT

What?

JAZ

Dog, some of your texts read like a god damn memoir.

ELLIOT

I think you mean, Intriguing and mysterious.

JAZ

"I adore your investment in flora and fauna, though mine own interests do not fall that way, having your lips excerpt knowledge of mother Gaya would surely bring me joy."

ELLIOT

Yeah... isn't that hot?

JAZ

Please tell me this isn't the type of smut you read?

ELLIOT

This isn't my SMUT, I write really good smut.

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JAZ

Somehow I don’t believe that.

ELLIOT

Hey, my 151 followers enjoy it.

JAZ

I pray that only people in purgatory have followed you.

ELLIOT

As if you could write better SMUT!

JAZ

I*GNORES COMMENT* Okay, but why does it look like a seventh grader trying to imitate Sarah J Mass.

ELLIOT

I'm not! I just use theasuarus.com to be more interesting.

JAZ

You are interesting!

ELLIOT

Do you see all the boyfriends I’ve had??? Oh wait!

JAZ

Elliot!

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ELLIOT

JAZ!

JAZ

This is horrid! You are an interesting person. Not online. If you want to be interesting and yourself use my goddamn lexicon of a brain.

ELLIOT

Jaz, you speak big words, but I'm better at connecting with people.

A customer walks in, ELLIOT goes to help them.

JAZ

Oh okay, you organic residue. Let's see about that.

INT - TUESDAY AFTERNOON -BOH ANTICS COFFEE

TABOR AND CASTELLA ARE SITTING BEHIND A LAPTOP IN A COMICALLY SMALL AND CORNY EMPLOYEES ROOM. A WHITE MOM SIGN SAYING, "DON'T TALK TO ME TILL I'VE HAD MY COFFEE" AND OTHER CORNY SIGNS ADORN THE ROOM.

CASTELLA

So, this is the dashboard where you can see who has applied. With AI there are a lot of people who apply through OpenAI systems.

TABOR

Can we get rid of them?

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