

GEMMA

(Trying to make conversation.)

So why did you pick BlueSphynx as your handle?

DANIEL

Did you ever play Sub Commander?

GEMMA

No.

DANIEL

Oh. Well it's from that.

GEMMA

Oh.

DANIEL

Yeah.

*Another awkward pause.*

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Why are you AlpacaFan?

GEMMA

I like alpacas.

DANIEL

That makes sense.

*Another awkward pause.*

*They both try to speak at the same time.*

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Could you please-

GEMMA

How do you-

DANIEL

Oh, sorry

GEMMA

No, you go -

DANIEL

Mine's not -

GEMMA

I'm just -

DANIEL

Okay. Would you mind passing me a glass of water? I get really nervous on dates when I have to talk to people and I start to get dry mouth and then I become aware of it and I start trying to swallow and I can't because I'm all dry mouth.

GEMMA

Of course!

*She pours and as she hands him the glass.*

GEMMA

And you don't need to be nervous.

DANIEL

And when people tell me not to be nervous, it only makes me more nervous.

GEMMA

I won't mention it again.

*Daniel takes a big swig of the water. He starts swishing and gargling. Really making a show of it. After some time.*

DANIEL

It didn't work.

GEMMA

Lovely.

*Awkward pause.*

DANIEL

Can I try something?

GEMMA

Whatever.

*Daniel reaches into his backpack and pulls out his laptop.*