

Brittany Sides
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AARON KRUMM

So, it's not weed you lost - just the ring?

BRITTNEY

Right, right. Say, am I coming across like a loser?

AARON KRUMM

Could you just calm down for a minute? Let me ask you some questions.

BRITTNEY

You mean, like what kind of questions? Religious or something?

AARON KRUMM

No, no, no. There's some reason why you don't know the combination to the safe.

BRITTNEY

Plain stupid won't do?

AARON KRUMM

No.

BRITTNEY

Well, I had this safe at home here for nine years and I knew the fucking combination for all nine of them and now I don't. I think that qualifies for plain stupid, if you ask me.

AARON KRUMM

I'll tell you what, Brittney, I'm not asking you that.

BRITTNEY

Yeah, sorry, I keep getting ahead of myself. You want a smoke, sit down, something?

Aaron waves away the offer with his hand. He walks around in the clutter a little, inspecting objects and talking at the same time.

AARON KRUMM

Did you take my advice and check into those numbers I told you about?

BRITTNEY

All kidding aside, that was the dumbassedest advice I ever heard. You ask a woman to assess her height and weight - let me repeat that - height and WEIGHT - to come up with a combination to a safe, you got to have a fucking screw loose. No offense meant. Just sayin'.

AARON KRUMM

Oh?

BRITTNEY

And her age? Hah! I don't think so, motherfucker.

AARON KRUMM

Well, point taken. I deal mostly with stoner guys.

Brittney studies Aaron.

BRITTNEY

Let's say I am broadening your horizons with regard to the opposite sex. Desperately needed. Desperately. You want to fuck?

AARON KRUMM

No.

BRITTNEY

What? You're joking, right?

AARON KRUMM

No. I'm a gentleman and I'm a professional.

BRITTNEY

You're sure I don't have bad breath or something?

AARON KRUMM

Just a bad attitude. Now, can we get on with opening this fucking safe?

Brittney seems lightly dazed. She tugs at the hairs on the back of her neck.

BRITTNEY

Hey, you bat from the other side of
the plate or something?

AARON KRUMM

It's the same 'no'. May I proceed?