

Romance Senior Style: Boys Will Be Boys

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ROMANCE, SENIOR STYLE:
BOYS WILL BE BOYS

by Sherry Churchill

CAST

JOE KENNEDY: Late Sixties, single, claims to be rich, overly self-absorbed.

BOB WESTON: Late Sixties, single, rich, sophisticated, a private person.

CHASTITY: 55 years old, single, attractive, not as dumb as she seems.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN: In his 50's, dashing, a man's man.

CAROL NEWMAN: Mid-sixties, single, sweet, attractive; dated Bob in college.

Place

The deck of the Cruise Ship Folly.

Time

The Present. It is summer.

Setting: The deck of the Cruise Ship Folly. Three lounge chairs are set in a line, facing the audience at center.

At Rise: Bob is in the chair left, reading a magazine. Joe enters from R and sits in chair right, leaving the center chair vacant. He finds a magazine on his chair and flips through it.

JOE: Nice day, eh?

BOB: I beg your pardon?

JOE: Nice day, isn't it?

BOB: I suppose, if you like slathering yourself with sunscreen.

Silence follows.

JOE: Well, if you lived up north, you would appreciate some sunshine and warm weather. *(Another silence)* So, what made you decide to take a singles cruise?

BOB: I'm single.

JOE: Oh! Haha! That's a good one!

BOB: Hmmm.

Another silence.

JOE: My name is Joe Kennedy. What's yours?

BOB: Robert Weston.

JOE: So, Bob...I'm sure your friends call you Bob. Have you met anyone yet?

BOB: Excuse me?

JOE: Have you met anyone yet? You know, met anyone?

BOB: *(with some exasperation)*. Do you mean a woman?

JOE: *(confused)* Of COURSE, a woman! Oh! Well...I guess it depends on...I mean...

BOB: Yes, I like women and yes, I've met a few, and no, I haven't met anyone special.

JOE: I like women too. ALOT! *(He laughs at his humor, then leans in)* But don't you find that this cruise has way too many older women?

BOB: This is an AARP cruise.

JOE: Well, of course it is, but I was hoping to find, you know, some 50 year olds.

BOB: Fifty year olds don't need to take a cruise. They meet men at the gym during zumba.

JOE: Oh, I guess you're right.

BOB: Pardon the observation, but you don't appear to be in the 50's range to me.

JOE: I didn't say I was 50! I'm actually 60. Okay, not quite 70...ish. Okay, actually, I'm 69.95, plus shipping and handling! Bahahahaha! But with my good looks and my money, I ought to be able to land a young one, don't-cha-think?

BOB: Hmmmmm.

JOE: Yes, I still have a lot of energy at my age, if you know what I mean, and I need a woman who can keep up with me. I want someone with a little zip in her doo-dah. She doesn't need to be bright, mind you, brains just get in the way, you see. Brainy women always want to know "where the relationship is heading." Awful.

BOB: *(still trying to read)* Hmmmm...

JOE: Do you know what positively strikes terror into a man's heart? Well, do you?

BOB: I can't imagine!

JOE: When he comes home and his wife meets him at the door and says, "Sit down, we need to talk." Now that is terrifying! Absolutely heart-stopping!

BOB: I do beg your pardon, but I'm trying to read.

JOE: Well, so am I! It's called multi-tasking. Oh. Perhaps you're one of those who can only do one thing at a time?

BOB: Not really, but...

JOE: Oh, good. So, then, there's the woman who thinks a man should get up from his recliner and get his own coffee and beer. Those are the worst. I seem to attract that type, for some unknown reason.

BOB: Unbelievable.

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