

# LEO SIDE # 1

SAM

Yeah I mean, ultimately, it's a show about female friendship. Ultimately? That's what it's about.

*They eat. The show plays. After a minute or two.*

SAM

Ooh, sudden-death Quickfire.

START

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LEO

Can I admit something to you?

SAM

Always.

LEO

It's annoying.

SAM

I would expect nothing less.

LEO

I had.

I had a reaction the other day.

When you were talking about Gary.

SAM

HIV Gary?

LEO

Yeah.

SAM

...What?

LEO

It's just like. I feel like you were kind of judgmental about it.

SAM

I mean. I'm not judgmental that he has HIV, I'm just like. I wouldn't sleep with someone I knew had it. I know that's not like "PC" or open-minded. And seriously. I don't judge anyone who has it, but I wouldn't do it. Mostly because I just like, wouldn't be able to like GET OFF. Because I wouldn't be able to concentrate because I'd be worried I would get AIDS.

LEO

HIV.

SAM

That's what I meant.

LEO

Just. You should be correct about it.

SAM

Whatever, you're the worst misogynist/ I know so don't get all pissy with me about HIV.

LEO

Alllllright here we go again...

I'm not pissy! I was just confessing I had a reaction, that's all. And like, I just. I feel like normally you and I agree on these topics. And like, when you are mean and judgey about gay stuff, I always weirdly take it sort of personally because I just know that could be me you're talking about. And honestly, this is why I didn't tell you about the poppers last Christmas Eve.

SAM

Well poppers are fine, I would never judge POPPERS.

LEO

I know you wouldn't. But I just. On these things, I need you to be on my side. Team fat/gay.

*He accidentally points to her as he says "gay" and himself as he says fat, laughs, and reverses it. She laughs a little too. It's a weird tiny accident.*

LEO

Team gay/fat. I'm gay. You're fat.

SAM

But I have a pretty face.

So fuck, was I being like, weird and homophobic-y?

LEO

Yes! And you said it in front of Steven and Jeff. And I think Steven might be positive.

SAM

No!

LEO

I mean, I don't know for sure but...

SAM

Oh my god, really? / Fuck. That's so embarrassing. If he's positive, I sounded like a total dick!

LEO

/Yes!

LEO  
You sounded like a total dick either way.

END

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*From the TV we hear, "Coming up on Top Chef." SAM and LEO cover their ears and say, "La la la la la" until the teaser ends.*

SAM  
Wait so should I do something? Should I message Steven?

LEO  
God no!// Oh my god!

SAM  
No, you're right, that would be awful.

LEO  
Yeah, let it go, just don't be such a judgmental bitch next time.

SAM  
I can't make any promises.

LEO  
Believe me, I know.

*They eat in comfortable silence, watching TV.*

LEO  
So. Question for you.

SAM  
What's up?

LEO  
Totally fine to say no.

SAM  
I know.

LEO  
What's your money sitch like at the moment?

SAM  
How much do you need?

LEO  
Well. It depends. Like. I'm overdrawn—

SAM  
Fuck. I hate that.

**OCTOBER**

Lights up on Sam and Leo mid-fight. Sam is dressed as a giant box of popcorn. She has popcorn glued all over her shoulders. She is wearing a refrigerator box. Leo is dressed as a doctor. He has a nametag that reads "McDreamy"

LEO  
WELL HAPPY FUCKING HALLOWEEN

SAM  
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN

LEO  
HAPPY FUCKING HALLOWEEN

SAM  
FUCK YOU.

LEO  
I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD OFFICIALLY DECIDED

SAM  
OH PLEASE YOU KNEW YOU FUCKING KNEW  
LAST YEAR WAS HORSE AND JOCKEY THE YEAR BEFORE THAT WAS MULDER AND  
SCULLY AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT WAS A PAIR OF SNEAKERS.  
EVERY. YEAR.  
WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR  
THIS WAS AN AGGRESSIVE CHOICE ON YOUR PART, LEO

LEO  
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ASSUME IM OUT TO GET YOU

SAM  
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS MINIMIZE IT WHEN IM UPSET WITH YOU

LEO  
IT'S A FUCKING PARTY. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL

SAM  
NOT TO YOU! YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO SHOWED UP DRESSED LIKE A GIANT  
FUCKING BOX OF JIFFY POP

LEO  
WELL EVEN IF I HAD DONE WHAT WE'D SUPPOSEDLY PLANNED, YOU WOULD STILL  
LOOK RIDICULOUS

SAM  
YES, BUT IT WOULD HAVE MADE SENSE IT WOULD HAVE MADE SENSE

LEO  
HOW SO? HOW THE FUCK SO?!

SAM  
POPCORN AND SODA. POPCORNANDSODA. IT GOES TOGETHER. I CAN'T FUCKING—  
ARGHHHHH—I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE GOING TO PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW  
THIS IS A HUGE STAB IN THE BACK.

LEO  
YOU ARE SO DRAMATIC. MAKING ME CHASE YOU OUT OF A PARTY IN FRONT OF—

SAM  
YOU FUCKING WENT AS PATRICK DEMPSEY. TO HER FUCKING MEREDITH GREY.  
NOTHING.  
AND I MEAN.  
NOTHING.  
IS SACRED TO YOU.  
CLEARLY.

LEO  
OH MY GOD. YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD. I FORGOT. I FUCKING FORGOT. I FORGOT  
ABOUT POPCORN AND SODA. I FUCKING FORGOT OKAY?!?! OKAY!!!! I  
FUCKINGGGGGG FORGOOOOOTTTTTTTT

*Her phone beeps. The fight pauses. She goes to it. She texts.*

LEO  
Mike?

SAM  
Yes.

*She keeps texting. She glares up at him. Goes back to texting. He sits on the couch.*

LEO  
I'm sorry I went to the party with her. I did it on purpose.

SAM  
I know you did.

LEO  
I guess I wanted to see if you still loved me.

SAM  
I do.

LEO  
It makes me feel happy you were jealous of her.

SAM  
That's evil of you.

LEO  
I know.

SAM  
Stop using her against me. You have to stop. You do it all the time. I fucking HATE her. SHE WILL RUIN US. SHE IS THE NEXT YOKO ONO./ I FEEL IT IN MY BONES.

LEO  
/You're so full of hyperbole. I've been friends with you for almost fifteen years now and I swear, I've never heard you say a single in proportion thing the entire time.

SAM  
Leo. It's scaring me how much you don't seem to understand why she.  
AHHHHHHHHH

LEO  
She what? (sighing) Come on, Sam.  
All mind games aside.  
She's our kind of people. I swear. She's one of us.

*Pause*

LEO  
I'm seriously not saying that to be a dick. I'm just saying, she's actually pretty great. I genuinely think that you could like her. And this is ME telling you that.

*Sam snorts.*

LEO  
What?

SAM  
Leo. Leo's she's.

LEO  
She's what?

SAM  
She's someone we used to make fun of. Like in college. We would have crucified her.

LEO  
She's nice. And talented.  
*(He pauses fractionally)*  
And supportive.

SAM

Are you saying I'm not supportive?

LEO

No.

I'm not saying that.

You are. It's just.

I never believe it. I never believe the support from you.

It's comes through...complicated-ly.

*She looks upset.*

SAM

Okay. I guess I wish I knew what that meant.

LEO

Don't do that.. Don't make that upset face. Jesus. This is why I can never.

This is why.

I can't talk to you about this stuff. You get upset.

SAM

Well, yeah, I mean. The person.

My person.

The person who means the most in the universe to me.

Thinks when I'm SINCERELY being supportive, I'm secretly undermining him.

END

LEO

Wow, I don't remember saying that.

SAM

This is your gay man trauma speaking.

I feel this is your gay man trauma speaking.

I love you so much. I wish you knew.

I wish you could believe that I love you unconditionally.

LEO (really honest here, not punishing)

I'm not sure we have the same definition of unconditionally.

SAM

Wow.

(pause)

Listen. I know I'm judgmental. I'm the most judgmental person on the planet.

But that stops at your feet.

I draw the fucking line right there at your toes. I swear.

I fucking SWEAR, Leo.

*And here? There's a shift. A façade that melts away for this moment.*