

JUSTINMANIA
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INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Lena rushes in and joins Marie at a table.

LENA

Sorry...I was snap chatting with Justin and lost track of time.

MARIE

That's okay, Zunera is running late too. Lena, this new guy of yours sounds ah-mazing.

LENA

Even though everyone warned me he's too young and he wasn't ready for a serious relationship, everything's been sunny days with Justin...so far anyway.

MARIE

So that Tom guy's totally out of the picture?

LENA

Yeah, we went on a few dates. To be honest, Marie, in the beginning I thought I might end up with him.

MARIE

Really?

LENA

But Justin won me over with his charm. And Tom's beard always kinda rubbed me the wrong way.

MARIE

Literally!

Lena and Marie laugh.

LENA

Seriously though, Justin's everything I always wanted in a boyfriend but was almost afraid to hope for.

MARIE

Stephen wasn't exactly a dream date.

LENA

Well...he was a bit conservative.

MARIE

Remember that time Stephen made you leave that party when someone had a bong? And he hated when you would talk to other guys. You had no privacy at the end there.

LENA

Justin's more liberal. He's totally cool about pot. I can't believe I stayed with Stephen so long.

MARIE

How long was it?

LENA

We started dating in 2006, so...

MARIE

So, like ten years then. I have to tell you, I never liked Stephen much. Remember when I went to hug him and he just tried to shake my hand instead?

LENA

Yeah, he wasn't really into affection...

MARIE

I'm so glad you got out. It was time for a change.

LENA

Get this...before our first date, Justin asked me to list all the things I was wanted us to accomplish in our relationship.

MARIE

Whaaaaat? That's crazy sensitive.

LENA

I know! And Stephen was always so stingy, but money's no object with Justin. He's not snobby though.

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LENA (CONT'D)

I mean, he takes the bus and bikes because it's good for the environment. Stephen would never do that.

MARIE

Remember that time you guys didn't come to my play because Stephen told you he was sick, but later he just admitted that he thought theatre was a waste of money?

LENA

Justin loves the arts. And he totally believes in a woman's right to choose. We've gone to so many rom-coms since we started dating.

MARIE

It is 2015. He sounds romantic.

LENA

(whispering)

My aunt went to university with his dad, and apparently he was the same. You knew Justin was a boxer, right?

MARIE

No I didn't.

LENA

...so he's super strong...

MARIE

Ahhhhh.

LENA

...but he also does yoga, so he's super flexible...

MARIE

Mmmmm.

LENA

...and he has a tattoo, which makes him seem kind of "bad boy"...

MARIE

Grrrrr.

LENA

...but he couldn't be more gentle.

MARIE
Awwwww. Perfect!

LENA
And let's just say, there are
things that he's given me that
Stephen never could...

MARIE
Girrrrl! That's great! And I heard
he has gorgeous hair. Hey, Zunera!

Zunera walks in, wearing a niqab, and gives Lena a high five.

ZUNERA
Way to go snagging that new
boyfriend of yours.

LENA
Thanks.

MARIE
Oh yeah, remember the time Stephen
gave Zunera grief about her niqab?

ZUNERA
No one tells me what to wear!

High fives all around.