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Ja, sure, let's have a drink. The bar's better than here.

I was just looking for a cigarette. Huh -- ja, that old queen, I always see him here. He's disgusting. He'll grab you any time, in the passage, any time.

Er, Smirnoff Spin. Thanks. Hey, these cigarettes are quite light, hey? Me, I smoke Camel if I got a chance. But they're expensive, hey. More than the other smokes. Ja, I been smoking since I was five. Five, man. Sometimes I think my lungs is just going to fuck out one day and I'll sommer vrek on the spot, hey, huhuhuh! No worries, though, I don't care. You got to have your kicks while you can, hey?

Thanks, cheers, hey. Mmmm. I like a Smirnoff Spin. It's a great drink. You only drinking Coke? You a Mormon or something, hey, man?

Huhuhuh. Only joking. I know you couldn't be a Mormon in a place like this. I had a uncle who was a Mormon, he tried to convert the whole family, but my Mom, she's gone now, but she was a Catholic, we were raised Catholic, in the beginning, and she didn't dig those Mormons hey. She said they have more than one wife, and that's immoral. Lucky she didn't know about the moffies, hey? I'm not gay but I haven't got anything against it. I like to come here. In the bar, I mean. In the back there you can get yourself into some strange situations.

Ja, well, life can get you into strange situations, like you say, in any place. But, no, I come here for the company, you know. I like the gay men. They nice. The owner can

be kak to you, though. One time he threw me out cos he said I was hustling the clients, you know.

No, course not. I was just trying to be friendly. I'm a friendly oke, like you can tell. Hey, you want to go outside? It's cooler there. We can smoke a joint. You got a joint?

You can buy one from the security guard, there by the door. You want me to get one?

It's five rand. Sorry, I haven't got any bucks on me. I haven't been working lately, you see ... Thanks.

Here it is. They don't put any mix in, though, so it doesn't burn so good. Burns a bit skeef. You got to watch out, you got to keep your eye on it. You got a light?

Mmmmm, aaaaah. Hey, this dagga's not bad. Sometimes they sell you real majat, you know? You got to be careful.

Ja! It can make you cough like that when it's got no mix in. Here, take a sip. Cool. It's okay now, hey?

Ja, like I was saying, I've been out of work now for three months. I was in Benoni, I was working in a shop, but, fuck, man, I couldn't get on with that ou, the one who runs the place. He was really kak to me. So I fucked off. I prefer it in Jo'burg, anyway. I hate Benoni. Since my mom died I just been mad to get out. Had to get away. It's finish for me, Benoni. Hey listen where do you live?

Greenside, that's cool. Are you Jewish if you don't mind me asking?

No, I was just wondering. Lots of Jews live in Greenside. I got nothing against the Jews. I been ... friends with some Jewish guys. But mostly they married, you know. They married but they want a bit on the side. I don't mind it with Jewish guys, but I won't go with the blacks, no coloureds or Indians. Some Indians are rich, though, hey.

I'm not a racist, but I couldn't go with any Indians. Even if they offered me a lot of money.

Ag, this and that, you know, oddjobs, here and there. I get around. Now my friend Kobus he's a fitter and turner by trade, and he can get work any time he wants, but he don't want to. He's heavy into the crack, you know. Me, I'm not into the crack, I just like a bit of e now and then, you know, a joint, that kind of thing. When I wanna dance, when I wanna rave, that kind of thing. And I like my drink, hey. I like a good Smirnoff Spin. Usually I drink a beer, but tonight I was feeling like a Smirnoff. My mother, she drank too much, she died of the liver.

Ja, it's sad, but she had her life to live, you know what I mean? So you live on your own?

Ja, it's good to have a housemate, specially if you got a big house. You got a big house? Some of those houses in Greenside are big, I been there.

Ja, maybe it's better if your house isn't so big. I couldn't live in a big house. Now me and Kobus, we stay in a flat in Hillbrow, with this other guy, Josh, he's earning, so he lets us stay there, and if we get a bit of money here and there we give him some money. You wanna see my sixpack? Look.

Huhuhuh, that's funny, a eightpack. And I never do no exercise, I never been to the gym in my life. I'm just naturally muscled. My arms isn't so big but I got good pecs and a sixpack. Here, feel it. Give me your hand. Feel it.

You like it? Lots of guys around here they really dig a sixpack, you know what I mean?

Ja ...

Hey, have you had a massage?

You know, a full body. Sometimes they say pelvic massage. I'm learning to do the massage. Here, let me show you. Turn round.

Ja, like that. Sit straight up, I just want to show you. See, like that. You got to find the muscles, where they're tight, you know, and press there, like there, you got to release the tension. You got a lot of tension in your back, hey. You should let me give you a massage. The guys really like that. You like that?

Well, I'm still learning. A lot of guys like a massage. It makes them feel horny. You want a massage? I can give you a good massage, I won't charge a lot, I'm still practising. I'll give you a good price cos I'm still learning.

Uh ... a hundred bucks?

Ja, it's a lot, I suppose, but you know some of these guys they charge three hundred. For the massage, and for extra, you know. Listen, I know it's a bit funny, cos you don't know me and all, but could you maybe lend me fifty bucks? I got no money, you see, and me and Kobus we got to give this guy we staying with something tonight, you know, or he's not gonna let us in the flat.

I can take your number, I can get a paper and a pen from the barman, I can take your number, and I can call you and I can pay you back, maybe next week, you know?

Ag, don't be like that, man, you can trust me, promise. Swear to God. I'm a good oke, I promise. If I say I'll pay you back then truesbob I'll pay you back. I don't care if I have to sell my body if I say I'll pay you back then I'll pay you back. I'm a honest ou, swear to God, I'm not like some of these ous, you know, they try to rip you off, you can't trust them. They'll fucken rip you blind. Hey, just fifty bucks.

Okay, look, I can give you something. Lots of guys in here they like me, they like a sixpack, you know. I mean, I can do massage, I can do extra, you know.

Hey, what you mean you going? No, man, I wanna give you a massage. I can give extra, too. Okay, listen, I'm coming with you, we discuss it on the way.

No, let's go this way round, I don't want to go round that side, there's an ou there who hates me, if he checks me he'll donner me. He's a fucken madman, I'm telling you, he's crazy, he'll donner me.

Hey, is this your car? Great car, hey, man. I like a VW. They the best cars, man, go forever. My uncle he had a VW, the old Golf, you know, it was a great car. The German cars is the best.

Ja, thanks, hey, listen, can I have a cigarette?

Thanks, man. I got no money to buy cigarettes even. It's kak, man, when you got no money, it's very kak.

Ja, so, what I'm offering ...

What you mean no thanks? I got a sixpack, I got a good cock, man. I don't usually do this, I'm not a whore, you know. I don't just go and sell myself to anyone. I got to like the guy, you know, I got to have a connection. Like with you, there's a connection. When you gave me that smoke, man, I knew there was a connection.

Come on, you want to see my cock? I've got a really good cock. Look. You can feel it if you want. It doesn't look so big now, but it gets really big. Ja, look, you can feel it, it gets big. If a guy sucks me, it gets really big. You'll be surprised.

Okay, look, okay, no, that's fine, you sure you don't want me to come to your plae? I'll come to your place, you won't regret it. I promise you you won't regret it.

Okay, well, look, have a nice night, man ... Hey, listen, is it possible ... Is it, maybe, you could go past the Mimosa for me.

It's in Hillbrow, you know, on Louis Botha.

I wanna get an e, man, I'm really hanging for a e.

Ja, I got no money, but you can get a e there for fifty, you know, it's cheap, it's not like in the clubs, they charging eighty to a hundred in the clubs. It's a rip-off.

You can give me fifty now, hey, just fifty, and you stop outside the Mimosa and I go in and I get me a e and we can share it, sex is great on e, man, I tell you. Then you give me the other fifty later, afterwards.

No, man, it's not dangerous. You can just stop outside, I'll show you, I'll be quick.

Okay, listen, I really got to get something there by the Mimosa, I got to tell my friend, I mean it. If he doesn't know where I am he'll freak out, serious. I just need a little bit of money to pay this guy I'm staying with, hey, don't go, what you doing?

Okay, listen, I'll give you a blowjob in the car. Fifty bucks.

Come on, man, I'm not a crook, I'm telling you, a ou treats me right and I'll treat him right. I'm straight, I'm telling you, straight as a arrow. I won't fuck you round.

Okay, listen, I just need thirty bucks ... I got to pay this ou, you know, I'm desperate, you know what I mean? It's kak to have no money.

Okay, twenty. Twenty, we call it even stevens. Ja, that's fine. Listen, I'll pay you back. Give me your number, I'll call you tomorrow, I'll pay you back. Next time, hey, you get the full house, everything, the whole works. At your place. No question.

Thanks, hey. Listen, isn't it possible, maybe, you could lend me another thirty ...

Okay, okay. I get the message. Can you drop me back at the bar? I don't wanna walk from here, it's uphill.