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CAST:

 \underline{E} ve – is trying to find Ambercrombie and Finch

 $\underline{\underline{G}}$ us – is trying to find his wife

 $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ ea – is having phone sex with her lover in the Food Court.

 $\underline{\boldsymbol{D}}$ an – is hungry

 \underline{F} ay – is helping a friend prepare for a sexy date

All are occupants of the Steamtown Mall on a Saturday in September, 1994. All ACTORS are on Flip-Phones.

NARRATOR

Allow me to walk you back Thirty Years. To 1993. When two important occurrences occurred. 1). Flip Phones became rampant. And 2). They opened a mall in downtown Scranton. Ladies, Gentlemen and Everyone Else, I give you:

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TEN THOUETOGOE
GUS Hello?
EVE Yeah
GUS Hello?
EVE Yeah
GUS Hello?
EVE Yeah. It's me. What's the name of that store?
DAN What was that?
BEA I'm horny
DAN Repeat that please
GUS:



FAY

What you need is Vagisil. You don't want your thing smelling like--

DAN

The Parking Garage?

FAY

Not on your first date, anyway. You don't want him saying--

DAN

It's nothing but dangerous exhaust fumes down there

FAY

So you're going to need a few things. Smart thing you did, coming to me for help. Meet me at the *Rite Aid*. Now let me see...what else will you be needing--?

GUS

Don't get too complicated, dear. I just need to find you--

BEA

That's easy. I am currently between orgasms.

DAN

Get up here now!

EVE

How can I find it when I don't even know what it's called?

DAN

The first floor! I'm on the first floor! Near the store with the wooden totem poles--

BEA

Ooo...I love talking dirty with you...on my flip-phone...in the Food Court where everyone can hear but no one knows. You're so *up* for it.

DAN

You bet I'm hungry. For something special. And you know what that is.

EVE

Yeah, that clothing store where all the Hip-Hop kids go--

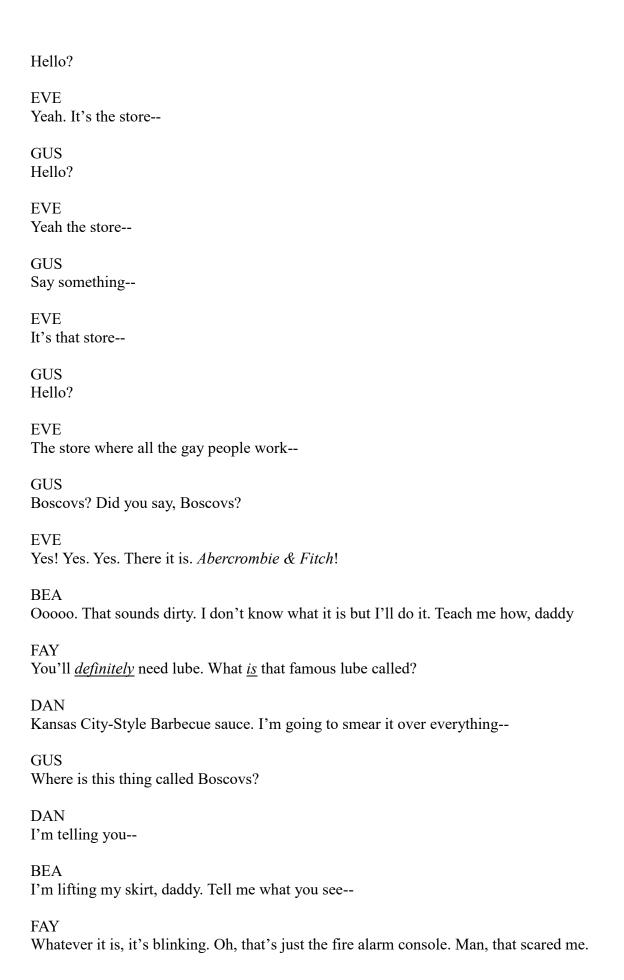
GUS

I'm not going anywhere until you tell me where to go

EVE

The store where the gorgeous hunk at the entrance hands out--

FAY <i>Kotex</i> . Bring a couple of pads. Just in case.
DAN That makes me so hungry. I wanna eat at that placeyou know
EVE The store where everyone runs around half-naked
DAN Yeahthere.
FAY You'll need condoms
DAN I'm talking Ribs.
FAY Lots of condoms.
DAN Ribs, I say.
FAY Condoms
DAN Ribs
FAY Condoms
DAN Ribs. And more
FAY Condoms
DAN With a frothy gallon of
FAY Lube. What is the name of that lube Jack likes?
EVE It's on the tip of my tongue.
GUS



BEA
What else can you see when I lift up my skirt, lover?
GUS I can see <u>all</u> the way to the other end of the mall. Is that where it is, this Boscovs?
BEA Oh, yeah, baby. Put it in
GUS Okay.
BEA Is it in?
GUS Yeah, okay.
BEA Now do me
GUS Okay, I'm walking towards you. But you know what I'm thinking?
DAN If I don't get my mouth on a succulent spare rib soon
BEA Ooooyou make me so hot. You know what I want, baby? What I really want?
EVE My little Peter?
BEA Oh, yeah, that's it, daddy
EVE My Peter's doing fine. He ain't so little no more, though
DANI'm going to pass out.
EVE He's off to college.
GUS I hate being old. Life flew by too fast

EVE He's easily distracted. Needs to keep his eyes on the books. So I'm gonna buy him some gay stuff
FAY Tic Tacs—don't forget Tic Tacs
EVEto keep the girls away. At that age those girls are soso
FAY I know. Those toilet seats are filthy. Better get a bottle of Lysol wipes.
DAN I'm telling youRibs. I'm so hungry for Ribs
FAY Make sure the condoms are ribbed. Just saying.
DAN I'm salivating
FAY Get some <i>Dramamine</i> , too, in case the room has vibrating beds. And play it cool. Don't get too excited-
EVE Dear God!! The gorgeous shirtless gay guy out front is wearing the tightest leather pants
GUS I gotta pee.
EVE Dear God!! He just bent over
GUS I really gotta pee.
EVE Oh my God he's got dimples for days
GUS Where do I go to pee?
EVE

GUS

His ass looks like a sideways Smiley Face.

I can't just crack a smile and ask a stranger where the bathroom is--**EVE** He's got a black leather smiley face on his ass. **GUS** (drops phone and smiles at someone passing by) Excuse me, dear, where are the bathrooms? **EVE** (to Gus) Second floor, I think. (back on Phone) Just an old coot asking for the bathrooms. Okay. I'm ready. Stay on the line and say a prayer. I'm going in. **BEA** Oh Baby--**EVE** Yeah, here I go--**GUS** I'm not going to make it--**DAN** Honey? **BEA** Yes...yes...oh yes! **GUS** Oh no **BEA** Oh yes **GUS** No. **BEA** Oh my god--**GUS** I peed myself. **BEA** Yes...yes...oh my...wait...What?

GUS

I'm a mess. Go to to that place called Boscovs, buy me some shorts, and meet me in the men's room.

EVE

I can't believe I'm actually inside Abernathy and Flinch

BEA

What about me?

EVE

Oh my God, it's packed in here. Nothing but gay men--

DAN

How did you end up there?

EVE

I haven't been around this many gay men since that last City Council meeting--

DAN

Okay, that's it. I'm done.

BEA

You are such an amateur

DAN

You heard me. I'm done.

BEA

You get all hot and bothered. I get nothing.

FAY

Wow, look at all these people, coming and going. It's going to take me a few moments to get to you--

BEA

This is so typical. What's happened to you?

GUS

I'm here. Finally at Boscovs. Sopping wet. Where are you?

BEA

You used to spend hours between my legs. You even had a nickname for it.

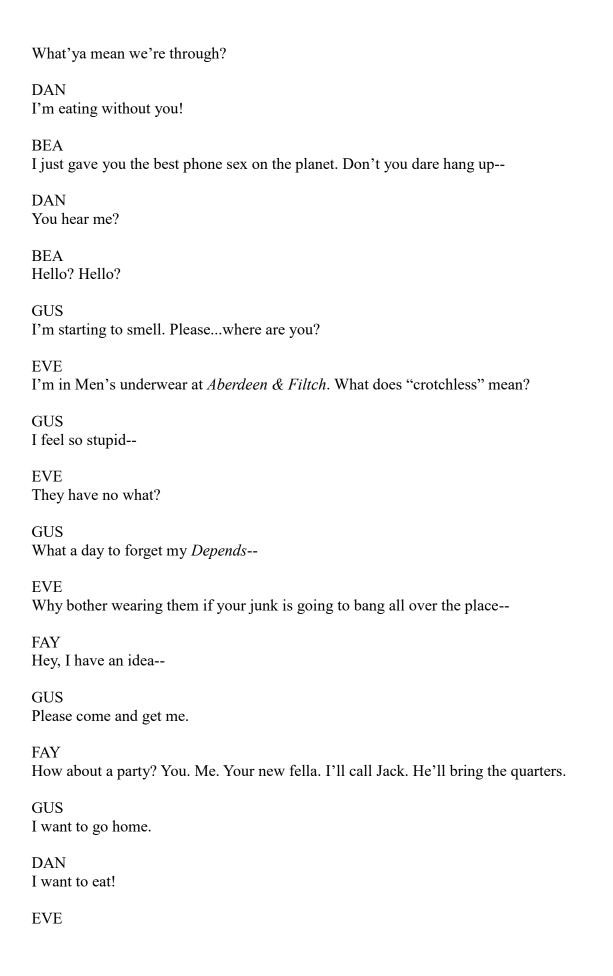
GUS

The GAP! What are you doing at the GAP? This is outrageous.

DAN

You're on your own, madam. I'm going to the restaurant. If you're not there in ten minutes--

BEA



Eve, Gus, Bea, Dan, and Fay find themselves all <u>ALONE</u> in the mall. They LOWER their phones.

GUS Hello?		
DAN Where are you	n honey? (as an echo) Honey? Honey?	
BEA Anybody?		
FAY Yoo hoo?		
	All FIVE look at one another.	
GUS Everyone's go	one.	
FAY Vanished		
DAN Disappeared.		
BEA The same thing happened at my Senior Prom when I accidentally farted during "Runaway Train."		
GUS We've got no one to talk to anymore		
FAY Nobody		
BEA Nowhere		
DAN No how		
	They DROP their phones.	
EVE Oh great. Just great. On what was to be my first gloriously crotchless day. What happens? The free Rapture. Jesus fucking		
	BLACKOUT!	
	END OF PLAY	