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CAST:

Eve – is trying to find Ambercrombie and Finch

Gus – is trying to find his wife

Bea – is having phone sex with her lover in the Food Court.

Dan – is hungry

Fay – 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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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:

Damn flip phone!

EVE

That store. What's the name--

DAN

I don't understand--

BEA

I'm really horny--

FAY

Hey there, honey!

GUS

Hello?

DAN

Where are you?

EVE

I don't know. I can't find it if I don't know what it's called--

BEA

I'm in the Food Court

GUS

Oh there you are

EVE:

What's the store called--?

GUS

Speak up, dear.

FAY

What's on your mind?

EVE

That sexy store. What's the name of that sexy store?

FAY

You can ask me anything--

DAN

I'll ask you again. Just where the hell are you?

BEA

You heard me. I'm in the Food Court with my hand up my skirt. I'm so naughty. I need to be spanked.

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! 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

*Kotex*. Bring a couple of pads. Just in case.

DAN

That makes me so hungry. I wanna eat at that place...you know--

EVE

The store where everyone runs around half-naked--

DAN

Yeah...there.

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

Hello?

EVE

Yeah. It's the store--

GUS

Hello?

EVE

Yeah the store--

GUS

Say something--

EVE

It's that store--

GUS

Hello?

EVE

The store where all the gay people work--

GUS

Boscovs? Did you say, Boscovs?

EVE

Yes! Yes. Yes. There it is. *Abercrombie & Fitch!*

BEA

Ooooo. That sounds dirty. I don't know what it is but I'll do it. Teach me how, daddy

FAY

You'll definitely need lube. What is that famous lube called?

DAN

Kansas City-Style Barbecue sauce. I'm going to smear it over everything--

GUS

Where is this thing called Boscovs?

DAN

I'm telling you--

BEA

I'm lifting my skirt, daddy. Tell me what you see--

FAY

Whatever it is, it's blinking. Oh, that's just the fire alarm console. Man, that scared me.

BEA

What else can you see when I lift up my skirt, lover?

GUS

I can see all 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

Oooo...you 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--

DAN

--I'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*--

EVE

--to keep the girls away. At that age those girls are so--so--

FAY

I know. Those toilet seats are filthy. Better get a bottle of Lysol wipes.

DAN

I'm telling you...Ribs. I'm so hungry for Ribs--

FAY

Make sure the condoms are ribbed. Just saying.

DAN

I'm salivating--

FAY

Get some *Dramamine*, too, in case the room has vibrating beds. And play it cool. Don't get too excited--  
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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

His ass looks like a sideways Smiley Face.

GUS



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

What'ya mean we're through?

DAN

I'm eating without you!

BEA

I just gave you the best phone sex on the planet. Don't you dare hang up--

DAN

You hear me?

BEA

Hello? Hello?

GUS

I'm starting to smell. Please...where are you?

EVE

I'm in Men's underwear at *Aberdeen & Filtch*. What does "crotchless" mean?

GUS

I feel so stupid--

EVE

They have no what?

GUS

What a day to forget my *Depends*--

EVE

Why bother wearing them if your junk is going to bang all over the place--

FAY

Hey, I have an idea--

GUS

Please come and get me.

FAY

How about a party? You. Me. Your new fella. I'll call Jack. He'll bring the quarters.

GUS

I want to go home.

DAN

I want to eat!

EVE

All my life I've always wanted to go crotchless but never knew it. Now I know. And now all I want to go crotchless into that good night.

BEA

I want a boyfriend who doesn't come and go!

GUS

I want my own chair. And my slippers. And my Depends.

DAN

I want--

GUY

I want--

EVE

I want--

BEA

I want--

FAY

I want to vibrate while I fuck--

*Really LOUD TRUMPETS BLARE.*

*It's a FANFARE for the ages.*

*It goes on for ten seconds then abruptly STOPS.*

*Silence. Three Seconds.*

GUS

Did

BEA

You

FAY

Hear

EVE

That

DAN

Honey?

*Eve, Gus, Bea, Dan, and Fay find themselves all ALONE in the mall.*

*They LOWER their phones.*

GUS  
Hello?

DAN  
Where are you honey? (*as an echo*) Honey? Honey? Honey?

BEA  
Anybody?

FAY  
Yoo hoo?

*All FIVE look at one another.*

GUS  
Everyone's gone.

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 freaking Rapture. Jesus fucking--

*BLACKOUT!*

*END OF PLAY*