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INT. RESTAURANT - EVENING

Jordan (21) sits at a two top table in a dimly lit restaurant. The restaurant oozes with ambience and reeks of fine dining.

Jordan is dressed semi-casually in a t-shirt and a blazer, clearly waiting for someone to arrive. He starts a live stream:

JORDAN

What's up guys! Ya boy's back to let you know that she did not cancel! Date night is a go.

Jordan turns around in his chair, throwing a leg over the seat back, facing away from the table.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Drop some recs for a good make out spot in the DM's. Talk to you trolls in the A.M.. I'm out!

Jordan reviews the video on his phone. Clearly impressed with himself.

AMELIA (22) approaches the table from the other side, Jordan unaware of her presence.

AMELIA

Are you Jordan?

He bends over backward to get a look at her.

JORDAN

Wow.

He spins around.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Ah. Stunning. I mean, look at you.

Jordan stands up to hug Her. Their height difference apparent.

Jordan goes in for a hug. She accepts awkwardly.

AMELIA

And you're... not 6'3".

JORDAN

Hey, I'm not a Virgo either. Total Gemini. Like dating two people for the price of one.

AMELIA

Right. I'm just-

Amelia turns to leave.

Jordan turns her around, corralling her back toward the table. He pulls out her chair and takes her coat, tossing it on to the empty table next to them.

JORDAN

Okay, okay, here we go.

AMELIA

I think I forgot something in my-

JORDAN

Come on now! It's just a little ice breaker. If I distract you with a tall tale, we get to skip the awkward small talk.

AMELIA

So you lied about your height?

JORDAN

A minor thing.

AMELIA

And your astrological sign.

JORDAN

Tiny, tiny details.

AMELIA

Anything else?

Jordan struggles to remember. His face balled up in thought.

JORDAN

No. Well, yes. No.

Jordan pulls out his phone, reviewing his profile.

AMELIA

Find something?

JORDAN

I don't have a cat. That's not true. I don't know why I put that, honestly.

He puts his phone away, and pours water into their glasses from a pitcher stationed there.

AMELIA

The cat would've helped.

JORDAN

I'll buy a cat.

AMELIA

I've got to say, red flags are popping up everywhere.

Jordan looks pleased rather than perturbed.

JORDAN

My favorite color is red.

He gives her a flirtatious grin.

AMELIA

I, oh-

She looks surprised.

JORDAN

How'd you know that? Mind reader? Huh? Did you look me up on social?

AMELIA

Your page was private. Where is our server?

Amelia looks around the room for a distraction, or an escape route.

JORDAN

Everybody loves a mystery.

AMELIA

I can't say that I do.

JORDAN

Ahh, you might.

AMELIA

I don't. I love clear, concise and honest.

JORDAN

What is this a court?

AMELIA

No. I just-

Jordan slams a hand down on the table.

JORDAN

(Shouting)

I object, your honour!

AMELIA

Are you always like this? I mean I can't get a word in edge wise.

JORDAN

I'm holding back a little. Nerves I guess.

AMELIA

You sure you didn't take a speedball?

JORDAN

A who?

AMELIA

Okay, so not a drug addict. I'll take what I can get. Honestly though, our server?

Amelia looks around desperately.

JORDAN

If you stay through the entrees, I'll pay for the whole meal.

AMELIA

And if I don't?

JORDAN

Well they usually don't.

AMELIA

Uhuh.

JORDAN

They get up dramatically, throw some cash on the table, and storm out.

AMELIA

I wonder why.

JORDAN

Me too.

AMELIA

Honestly?