Jules + Pete 1

DO NOT REPRODUCE

PETE

Well, no.

JULES

And I've been reading about object-oriented ontology.

PETE

Oh, sure.

JULES

You've heard of it?

PETE

Yeah, it's like a medical thing right?

JULES

It's a school of thought.

PETE

Oh, yeah, right. Remind me.

JULES

It's about how non-human objects aren't necessarily worth less than human objects.

PETE

What's a human object?

JULES

Well, a human is a human object. But anyway the point is it's the idea that cats are just as worthy an audience as the hipster dipshits I usually make stuff for.

PETE

Well, I can get behind that.

JULES

Like if what I'm really interested in is evoking feeling, why does it matter if that feeling comes from another person or from an animal. Like maybe getting a response from an animal is more pure because the animal doesn't care about me. They're not trying to protect my feelings, they're just trying to watch some gorgeous birds because it makes their brains excited.

Start

PETE

I can help you. Show you the ropes.

JULES

Oh, I think I got it.

PETE

Right.

JULES

I mean, how hard could it be. No offense.

PETE

None taken. It's not very hard. Especially if you put your birdseed on the ground.

JULES

I thought a tree shot would be more...

PETE

Realistic? Cats don't really care about that.

JULES

How do you know?

PETE

Just a feeling.

JULES

Sorry, I'm sure you have...some kind of wisdom. I just don't really like...being taught things.

PETE

Oh. Well, here's your camera.

JULES

Thanks.
Sorry.
I had this thing that was like, kind of big deal for me. This film fellowship. And it was postponed and then postponed more and then today it was, it was just...Cancelled. So I'm in just like a bitchy mood.

PETE

So you do like being taught things just not right now?

JULES

Oh no, that's true always, I just wouldn't have said that normally.

PETE

So you're in an honest mood not...what you said.

JULES

Try hopeless.
Desperate even.
Hey, Pete can I...

PETE

What's that?

JULES

Can I just come observe you film? Like don't try to teach me anything, but I'll just watch how you do it. I can stay six feet away and wear a mask and—

PETE

Yeah, that'd be fine. As long as you can stay real quiet.

JULES

Yeah, that's not a problem.

PETE

And I should just absolutely not explain what I'm doing...?

JULES

That would be ideal.

PETE

And if I were to find some articles or readings on the subject I should...

JULES

Do not give them to me.
But like if they ended up falling open in front of me I would maybe take a look.

PETE

Understood. Eight a.m. tomorrow?

JULES

Uhhhhh...yeah. Yeah I can do that.

PETE

Nine?

JULES

Nine is perfect.

PETE

I think you're the most catlike human I've ever met.

JULES

I'll take that as a compliment I guess.

PETE

Uh, your parents...

JULES

They're still away.

PETE

Yeah they asked me to uh...never mind. I'll uh, see you.

JULES

What did they ask you?

PETE

Uh they asked me to...check on you. You know, with your sister all the way in Lancaster and you out here by yourself—

JULES

—Jesus Christ. I'M AN ADULT!

PETE

I can see that. Jan and Bill, they just worry, you know. It's sweet.

JULES

Okay well, you don't need to check on me.

PETE

Okay. I'll tell them you're good.

JULES

Okay, but that's the last interaction you need to have.

PETE

Well, I don't know. Jan and Bill are my friends. Jan sends me memes.

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