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JILL(30) sits drinking scotch on the rocks. She shoots what is left in her glass and then taps on glass for a refill.

JACQUELINE (O.S.) (flirting) Didn't know you could have a rough day by 11:30AM.

JACQUELINE(29) sits at the other end of the bar having the same drink. Jill smiles slightly and raises her glass to her.

JACQUELINE (CONT'D) (yelling as if they are further away from each other) MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

Jill LAUGHS and shakes her head. Jacqueline comes down and sits right next to her, extends her hand.

JACQUELINE (CONT'D) Jacqueline but my friends call me Jackie or Jack.

JILL (she laughs at the irony) Jill.

JACQUELINE

Jack and Jill, huh? Cute. Must be destiny then. So you come here a lot?

Jill raises her eyebrows at her.

JACQUELINE (CONT'D) I'm sorry. I'm no good at this thing. I just - what do they call it now? 'Came out of the closet' so to speak.

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I'm sure when you were pretending to like men you had no game either. Also I'm not a lesbian and I'm gonna need another drink if we're gonna take it to that level. Day drinking is a-whole-nother ball game.

JACQUELINE

So you say you're not, but have you ever tried it?

JILL

Day drinking?

JACQUELINE

Being a lesbian or more specifically being with a woman.

JILL

I've had opportunities that I didn't take.

JACQUELINE That you considered but missed?

JILL

I've definitely had the stereotypical thoughts and some back pocket fantasies I've used on lonely nights.

JACQUELINE

First of all, those are not stereotypical thoughts. Curiosity may be stereotypical. Kissing a chick drunk at a party when all the bros are watching cause you want to make them hard, whole other story. But back pocket fantasies that you've used on lonely nights? Sounds like some suppressed sexual expression if you ask me.

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m JILL}$

You're biased.

JACQUELINE

How so?

JILL You want to sleep with me.

JACQUELINE (gasp) You sure know how to make a girl blush.

JILL (flirting) It's not your fault. Everyone does. JACQUELINE I do love a humble woman.

Jill LAUGHS out loud. Catches herself being loud and it echoing in the empty bar. Glances about to make sure she's not disturbing anyone.

> JACQUELINE (CONT'D) Don't worry. We're the only lone drunkards here.

JILL (defensive) Speak for yourself.

JACQUELINE Sensitive nerve?

JILL My teacher gave me a pep talk after class and gave me this.

Jill passes over AA flier. Jack takes a moment to look at it.

JACQUELINE So in your rebellion to prove them wrong you came to a bar at 11:30AM?

 JILL

Yup.

Jack and Jill both burst out LAUGHING. Jack raises her glass and they cheers. Suddenly Jill notices the clock.

JILL (CONT'D)

SHIT!

Jill stands up and starts grabbing her stuff.

JACQUELINE

What?

JILL I'm gonna be late for a meeting and I CAN'T be late. I'm sorry I gotta go.

Jill starts to head out. Jack pursues and gets in the way of her exiting.

JACQUELINE When and where can I see you again?

Jill is about to shut her down before she softens.

JILL I bartend at The Humpty Dumpty on 5th every weekend. I'll be there tonight.

JACQUELINE 'Til we meet again.

Jill exits.