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A dimly lit movie theater a few minutes before the show is scheduled to start. The theater seats face the audience, as if the screen were positioned in the audience. This unseen movie screen is scrolling through the preshow ads and pop culture trivia. Liz and her friend Stephanie, both single women in their 20s, enter from the last row of the theater and head towards their seats, where their coats are draped across the seat backs. Liz's date Steve is already there, "saving" the row for them. He is sitting in the second seat in from the aisle, blocking off one seat on either side of him by spreading his arms across the tops of the chairs. Liz and Stephanie are returning from a trip to the restroom after reserving their seats, and as they reenter the theater they talk quietly to each other.

LIZ

So, honestly, you think Steve is OK?

STEPHANIE

He's cute.

LIZ

You think it'll work out with him?

STEPHANIE

I just met him, like, ten minutes ago. It's kind of early to tell.

LIZ

You don't think anything's wrong with him, do you? Or that he doesn't like me?

STEPHANIE

No! I told you, he's cute. But I can't exactly say, "oh yeah, you'll be together forever" when I just met him in the car ride over here.

LIZ

Thanks for coming tonight... you're the very first friend to meet Steve.

STEPHANIE

Thank YOU for getting me out of the house.

The girls reach their row and get into their seats that Steve had been saving for them. Liz slides over him into the third seat in, leaving the aisle for Stephanie, with Steve in between them.

LIZ

Thanks for watching our coats for us.

STEVE

No problem, ladies.

(Offers them a box of Raisinets.)

Want a Raisinet?

LIZ

No thanks. I don't like raisins.

STEVE

(Offers box to Stephanie.)

You?

STEPHANIE

Sure! I love Raisinets. I can't eat just plain regular raisins, but the chocolate makes them awesome.

STEVE

Yes. I am the exact same way.

(Pours a handful of Raisinets into Stephanie's hand and holds the box out towards Liz again.)

You sure?

LIZ

Yeah, definitely.

STEVE

(Laughs.)

OK. More for us then, I guess.

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