DAVID SHOOTS HIS SHOT

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Two young men JASON and DAVE are waiting by their computer. Jason is sitting down, logging in etc whilst Dave paces around in the background.

DAVE

I'm gonna do it.

JASON

Don't do it.

DAVE

I'm gonna.

JASON

You can't ask out Hayley out on a work Zoom call.

DAVE

It's romantic.

JASON

It's unprofessional.. And stupid.

DAVE

Basically synonyms for romantic.

JASON

She's your boss.

DAVE

She's my queen.

JASON

She's about twenty years older than you.

DAVE

Age ain't nothing but a number, that indicates how long she's been living without me in her life.

JASON

She's engaged.

DAVE

But not married. You see, there's still time.

JASON

You're an idiot.

Dave grabs Jason's wheelie chair and wheels him away.

DAVE

Be gone with ye hater.

He sits at the computer.

DAVE (CONT'D)

Let me go and get my lady.

Jason wheels himself back in to shot.

JASON

Fine, if you wanna make a fool of yourself.

Jason starts up the zoom call.

JASON (CONT'D)

Go ahead.

They enter a zoom call with some other work colleagues including the aforementioned HAYLEY.

HAYLEY

Hi Dave, hi Jason. Thanks for joining us.

DAVE

JASON

Hi Hayley.

(bashful) Hi Hayley.

HAYLEY

I take it you both read the email in full, I don't wanna have to repeat-

DAVE

Hayley I love you. I love the way you smell, the way you walk, the way you talk, the way you... pretty. I love everything about you. I want you to have my babies. Will you go out with me?

Jason covers his mouth. He can't believe what he just said. Everything goes silent. Everyone on the screen is frozen.

JASON

Hello? I think we lost connection. Did the wifi cut out?

DAVE

Hopefully-

HAYLEY

No, we heard you. I think were just all in shock. How embarrassing.

DAVE

I didn't mean to embarrass you-

HAYLEY

For you. I'm embarrassed for you ya little creep. You know I'm engaged.. To Phil.

Hayley points to PHIL who is in the chat. He looks awkward... or angry.

HAYLEY (CONT'D)

Plus you're way too young and I'm way out of your league. Please keep your fantasy dream fallacies to yourself and away from professional work conversations.

DAVE

Yes Hayley.

HAYLEY

Sorry everyone, due to David's little outburst we will have to adjourn for the day. I will reschedule.

Everyone groans. Dave puts his head down on the desk.

PHIL

You suck David.

The call ends and Dave and Jason are left sitting there.

JASON

Well that didn't go well did it.

Power down sound as Jason turns on the TV. The broadcast plays.

JASON (CONT'D)

Oh wow, look. The internet just went out world wide. If you just waited 1 more minute.

Dave turns and looks Jason in the face.

DAVE

Oh fuck off Jason.

Dave walks away.

JASON What did I do?