

THE FORTY YEAR-OLD VIRGIN – by Judd Apatow and Steve Carell

BEAT SHEET

ACT ONE

ANDY STITZER, the forty year-old virgin, wakes up in his one-bedroom apartment. His apartment is very neat. It is also quite colorful because he is a man of many hobbies. A virgin needs a lot of hobbies to distract himself from the fact that he is avoiding women at all costs. So we see collections of DVD's, comic books, action figures, a wall of biographies of famous people, etc. There is also a small set of weights and an exercise bike in the corner. Andy works out a lot. He has to.

Andy rides his bike to work at Circuit City where he is in charge of the stock room. He rarely leaves the stock room. It is the perfect job for a man who seeks to avoid contact with women.

At work he deals with the employees and salesmen with smiles and people-pleasing energy. Andy comes off like a happy, warm person, but really it is a front for the fact that he is incredibly insecure and wants people to like him. Conflict is his enemy.

At work we meet his boss, KEVIN (Paul Rudd), the manager of the store. He is a burnt-out family man who works as much as possible to avoid going home. He constantly complains about not being able to get with women because he is married and “too ethical to bang every woman he meets.”

Andy also interacts with many salesmen and women. There is JASON, a cocky young man who has a girlfriend he is madly in love with, but who he also cheats on constantly. DAVID, a nice guy who is frustrated that women do not value his personality over his lack of height and mediocre looks. KYLE, an overweight, cocky, funny man in his mid-thirties who is very aggressive in his overtures with women and is just playing the statistics game. “The more I try, the better my odds.”

In the store is a sexy, slutty saleswoman in her late thirties, TARA, who they all dream of sleeping with – but who also scares them. They also work with several salespeople from Pakistan and India, RAJ and HAJI, who are very aggressive on the floor and attempt to grab any customer who comes in.

Andy is invited to play poker with the young salesmen after work. At the game Jason brags about his latest conquest. David is shocked that he is so comfortable cheating. Kyle thinks it is awesome and wants to know every detail of his sexual escapades. David tells a story about a sexual experience gone wrong and Kyle tells a dirty story which they soon realize occurred with a prostitute.

The guys push Andy to tell them a sex story. Andy looks terrified. He clearly has nothing to offer up. He tries to get out of it. "I don't think that's right. Those moments are private." They scream and laugh at him, pushing him to give one up. Andy starts lying because he has never had sex. His lie is ridiculous and the sexual details make no sense. "You know how when you hold a woman's breast it feels like a bag of marbles." They all say "no." "You know how when you take off their panties there is all that baby powder there."

Jason looks at Andy and yells, "You've never had sex! You're a virgin!" All the guys join in, high-fiving and hooting and hollering. Andy denies it, but the more he explains, the clearer the truth is. Finally, David, in a kind manner, asks him why he is a virgin. Andy says he had a few close calls, but then he got older and more nervous and then about ten years ago stopped trying. "There are more important things in life. If it's meant to happen it will happen." Jason says, "It will never happen if you are hiding in that stock room. I am making it my mission to get you laid!" They all cheer. Andy looks horrified.

Andy rides his bike home to his apartment in a frenzy. He paces around in a panic. His secret is out. We see flashbacks of his sexual history. A high school girlfriend that wants to wait till she is married. A college girlfriend who is an extreme feminist who thinks penises are evil. We see quick cuts of him in his twenties getting more and more desperate in a way that pushes women away. It culminates in a woman wanting to have sex with him. He gets in bed and clearly finishes before they get started. She is horrified. "What is wrong with you?" He says, "I am a virgin." She starts laughing and it becomes clear that he is not going to try this again.

The next morning he rides to work, hoping that they have forgotten what happened last night, but the opposite is true. They clearly were up all night talking about it, planning and scheming about how to help him lose his virginity.

ACT TWO

The first half of the second act is a series of comedic set pieces where Andy attempts to follow their advice. Jason is the ringleader of Andy's new sexual mentors.

First they realize that he has shut himself down sexually. They urge him to open up to the sexuality that surrounds him. We see Andy walk down the street and for the first time in years he notices all of the beautiful sexy women who pass by him. He sees that every magazine, every billboard, everything on television is sexually oriented. By the end of this sequence he is so overwhelmed that he is running home in horror.

Jason tells him that he needs to accept that he is a sexual being. They show him adult internet sites and walk him around the hustler store. Andy could not be more uncomfortable. While watching a porn movie, Andy fast-forwards through all of the sex scenes and watches the story.

They get him a makeover. Now he has hipper clothes from one of those lame Eurotrash stores you see in every mall. He gets a very short, hip haircut. He looks ridiculous. Jason tells him that now he must learn to walk up to women cold, and talk to them. This is Andy's worst fear. They take him to a bar and force him to walk up to a series of women and just make conversation. Andy has no idea what to say. Whatever comes out of his mouth is wrong. He asks a woman if she is pregnant. She is not. He asks a foreign-looking woman if she speaks English. She is an American. He asks women if he can buy them a drink. They think he is the manager of the bar. He asks a woman to dance, and when they hit the dance floor he barely moves. The woman gets creeped out and starts dancing over to a stranger. He is left dancing alone.

At the end of the night, they say he should hit on someone who is drunk. That way he will get lucky. He walks over to a girl who is hammered. She says she wants to take him home and screw his brains out. He gets in the car with her. They head out onto the street. She immediately gets into a drunk driving accident. When the cops come, she begs him to say he was driving since he is not drunk. He does, and gets arrested.

The next day Jason says he knows the best place to meet women, "right here at the store." He convinces the manager to let him be a salesman so he can meet women who are shopping. Andy agrees, but he only approaches men who come into the store. He allows the foreign salesmen to beat him in the race to reach female customers.

When selling stereos to the men, he is brutally honest and semi-depressed. This leads to a real soft sell which is remarkably effective. A customer says, "Is this TV good?" Andy replies, "No it's not, it just has a handsome frame. The cheaper one over here actually has a better picture." He starts making a lot of money as a salesman, but meets no women.

The guys take him out one night and bring him to a hotel. A hooker shows up at the room, and before Andy knows what has happened, his friends have left him alone with her. She is a very expensive, high-end hooker. They told him she is the type of prostitute that is only with millionaires and young Hollywood actors.

He is quite intimidated. He keeps delaying the start of their evening. She tells him that they paid for three hours. Acting cocky he tells her, "Slow down. I am the boss around here. We will do it the way I want to do it." We see a sequence where he comes up with every activity possible that will kill time and not lead to sex. They eat room service. He makes her iron his shirt. They watch the movie "Joe Dirt" on pay-per-view television.

Finally, he runs out of time. She says he has to go and he fakes rage that he didn't get what he paid for. She knows what he is up to and kisses him sweetly on the cheek and says goodnight.

At work the guys are furious. They tell him he wasted their money. Tara picks up on what is happening. She walks over to Andy and tells him that she is going to give him the night of his life tonight. "I am gonna fuck your brains out."

At home he does not know what to do. Knowing this was coming, he moved everything around in his house so there is literally nowhere to sit down or lay down to have sex. He says he is in the middle of moving and doing construction. Another catastrophe avoided.

The next day, David convinces Jason that he is being too aggressive with Andy. "He doesn't just want to get laid. He is a sensitive man. He wants to find someone he really likes." They point out a young, sweet-looking girl who works at the Barnes and Noble next door. Andy is instantly in love. She seems like an angel. He even thinks she might be a virgin, too.

He says he doesn't know how to talk to her. David says, "All you have to do with women is answer all their questions with a question. Then you seem cool." Andy walks over to the woman and asks her name. "Beth." There is a pause. "Are you gonna tell me yours?" Andy replies, "Would you like me to tell you mine?" She says, "Sure." He says, "Andy." She says, "Can I help you?" He replies, "I don't know. Can you help me?" Unbelievably, he is coming off cool, and she seems intrigued. Before Andy can screw it up, David gives him the sign to leave.

Andy is out with all the guys at a bar. He tells them he thinks he is in love with Beth, but realizes that he has to have sex with someone before he attempts to win her over and have sex with her. Jason says he knows just the person. "There is this woman, Trish, at the Olive Garden next door. She is a total slut. She will do anyone, and she is kind of hot, in an old kind of way. Get a date with her and you will definitely get your cherry popped."

Andy, Kyle and David walks over to the Olive Garden and sit in Trish's station. TRISH is in her mid-forties and is very pretty in a working-class, exhausted kind of way. When she comes over to take his order David says "My friend has a crush on you." She is flattered and gives Andy her number.

Andy goes to Trish's house where she has made them dinner. They get along great. She is very sweet and funny. She has a dark sense of humor from years of hard times and bad marriages. They move into the living room, and she kisses him. For the first time Andy seems comfortable. She takes off her shirt and puts his hands on her breasts. What follows is a comedic make out session where Andy has no idea what to do. He puts his hand on her breasts but does not know what to do with them, so he kind of mashes them around. When she takes off his shirt she is surprised to see he is kind of ripped. She kisses his chest and he looks happy, but not sure what it means. She takes off his pants, then her own. We see that he is gonna do it.

She takes him into the bedroom. She says, "Hold on. Do you have a condom?" He says no. She says, "I've got some." She opens up a drawer and it is filled with condoms. He

does not know what to make of this. She asks him to take one and put it on. He tries to put one on underneath the blanket, but clearly something goes wrong, so he tosses it aside and grabs another. Again he tries and messes it up somehow, he tosses it and tears open another. This happens a dozen more times, till there is a pile of wrappers and condoms on the floor next to the bed. She says. "Let me do that for you." She tears open the condom and smiles.

Suddenly her sixteen year old daughter, JENNIFER, walks in the room. She sees her mom in bed with a strange man and the pile of wrappers and condoms. She immediately starts yelling at her mom. "And you say I can't have sex! That is so unfair!"

Next thing you know, Trish and Jennifer are having a huge fight in front of Andy. "I am a grown woman and can do what I want to do." The daughter replies, "And you do, all the time." "Well I get lonely." "So do I mom, but I don't screw everything in the eleventh grade! At least I have a steady boyfriend." "You don't think I want a boyfriend. I am trying. It is hard when you are older!" Andy slips his clothes back on and slips out of the house. While riding his bicycle home he reaches into his pants and pulls off the condom and tosses it aside.

There will be other set pieces involving computer dating, speed dating, etc. Whatever is funny.

At work, Andy is doing great. He is now their best salesman because he is knowledgeable and isn't trying to trick anyone.

Andy continues to talk to sweet Beth at Barnes and Noble. His distant manner is making her more and more interested in him. He avoids setting a date until he has had sex, which only makes her pursue him more. At one point she goes to Circuit City and tells him she needs help finding a clock radio. All of the guys get excited. "She doesn't need a clock radio. She wants you." But Andy is determined to learn how to have sex before he pursues her. "I can't be a virgin when we go out."

Andy is slowly coming out of his shell and becoming more confident as a result of all the chances he has been taking. When Jason's girlfriend catches him cheating, he turns to Andy for advice. Jason is devastated and realizes all of his years of cheating were an enormous mistake that may cost him everything. Now Andy gives him advice about how to be nice and win her back.

Andy gets a call from Trish who would like to go out again. All of the guys at the store say "Don't do it. She has a kid. You don't want any part of that. You just want to get laid." But he goes out with her again anyway. When he gets to her home he discovers she has three kids. In addition to Jennifer she has a fifteen year-old boy, Todd, and a seven year-old girl, Jane. As he waits for her to get ready for the date, her ex-husband drops off the two younger kids. It is a very uncomfortable moment.

On their date, Trish is very different. She opens up more and reveals a hard working, compassionate, caring person who has overcome a lot in her life.

Andy starts to fall for her. They both agree they shouldn't have just jumped into bed. Let's get to know each other first. This is a big relief to Andy. Once this pressure is gone he opens up as well, and we quickly see that they make a great couple.

At work his friends are aghast. Now Andy is almost blowing off Beth from Barnes and Noble. As a result of his work, Andy is named the manager of the floor, and is now all of his friends superior. He is finally becoming more of what a normal forty year old man should be. He is no longer the child to these salesmen in their twenties. He is the leader.

As his relationship progresses with Trish, he is drawn into her home life. Trish tells him that her daughter is sixteen and wants to begin having sex. "She asked me to take her to Planned Parenthood so she can go on the pill. Will you talk to her?"

Andy takes her to a meeting of a group of teenagers who are urged by a semi-religious pastor to "Choose Abstinence." All the thirteen to seventeen year-olds talk about how hard it is to not have sex. One thirteen year-old says, "I am under so much pressure to do it. People think I am crazy for holding out this long."

Jennifer hates it and forces him to leave. Trish relents and says that he should take her to Planned Parenthood, but just for advice. On the way Jennifer bitches about her mom. At Planned Parenthood a counselor teaches Jennifer about pregnancy, the pill, intimacy, sexually transmitted diseases, but it is Andy who is on the edge of his seat. This is everything he wants to know about.

When they get home Trish's ex boyfriend is there, and he is in a rage that Andy took her to Planned Parenthood. "I am the father! Not this idiot!" He is very nasty to Andy who finally stands up for Trish and himself and punches the guy in the jaw. Andy immediately feels bad and brings the guy some ice. The ex-husband apologizes, and they all talk about their issues with Jennifer in a healthy manner. Jennifer agrees to table the idea of having sex till at least her senior year in high school.

The next day Trish comes into work with all three of her kids. They treat Andy like he is the dad. Jason, Kyle, and David can't believe it. When she leaves, they take him out to a bar and tell him he is making a huge mistake. "If you weren't a virgin, you wouldn't be doing this. Your goal is to have sex, not to marry a single mother and become the father to three kids. Are you nuts?" Jason reminds Andy that he once had sex with her. Andy gets very defensive but starts to come around to their way of thinking.

They remind him that he has blowing off the girl he really loves, and maybe he should throw out his plan to have sex with someone first and take his shot with Beth from Barnes and Noble. David says, "Anything else is pure madness."

Andy doesn't know what to do, so he shuts down. He goes home and there are a lot of desperate, needy calls from Trish who is getting freaked out because he stopped calling. He decides to go after Beth.

The next day he goes into Barnes and Noble and asks out Beth, who says yes. When he goes to pick her up at work, Trish sees him leave with her. They share a look.

On the date, Beth is really boring but talks as if she's interesting. "I'm thinking about becoming a facialist." She is uneducated and has no life experience, but tells a lot of stories about dating guys who are much older than her and all the life lessons she learned. She clearly has a father fetish. She asks him if he would like to take her home. He says yes.

At her apartment she puts on sexy music and disappears into another room. She opens the door wearing nothing but a towel. She walks him into the bathroom where the tub is filled and candles are lit. She kisses him. He kisses her back but it is not like with Trish.

She starts undressing him. Now he is naked. This is gonna happen—then his cell phone rings. He takes it out of his pants and sees that the call is coming in from Trish. He doesn't know what to do. Then he puts down the phone and gets in the soapy tub with Beth. After a beat he says, "I can't do this. I am in love with someone." He gets out of the tub, covered in suds, grabs his clothes and exits.

He rides his bike to Trish's. When she opens the door, he kisses her and says, "I am a virgin." "What?" "I have never had sex before. I wanted to, but it never happened, then I got scared and thought it was too late, but I don't think it is. Will you take my virginity?" "Sure. On one condition."

We cut to Andy and Trish getting married. The ex-husband and all the kids are there. Everyone from work is in attendance. When he kisses the bride, they cheer, truly happy for him. Then we cut to Andy and Trish in bed, after having consummated the marriage. Slowly, a giant smile forms on Andy's face. "So that's what sex is like." She replies, "That's what sex is like." Andy says, "Can we do it again?" Trish says, "We can do it as much as you like." On their kiss, we fade out.

The End.