

Don't Wet the Bed

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INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

JANET, early 20s, lies in bed next to NATE, mid 20s, facing away from each other.

JANET
Hey Nate?

NATE
Yeah?

JANET
What are we?

Nate turns toward her.

NATE
What do you mean?

JANET
I mean what kind of relationship is this supposed to be?

NATE
Well, I mean... you're not sure?

Janet turns toward Nate, avoiding eye contact.

JANET
I mean... I don't really know what I want out of this. I don't know what people are going to think.

NATE
People won't think much of anything. We're just a couple, going out on dates and having some fun.

JANET
I know, but... I'm a little younger than you, and you're already out of college, and...

NATE
And what?

Janet sits up in bed, covering herself.

JANET
I'm just so confused, Nate. Everything has lined up so far, but I still don't feel right about it.

Nate goes to hold her hands.

NATE
What about it bothers you?

JANET
I mean, I really like you Nate.
You've been so nice to me. Nicer
than anybody else has, Nate.

Nate kisses her hand, and starts to move forward.

JANET (CONT'D)
It's just...

She stops him from moving forward.

JANET (CONT'D)
You're a squid, Nate.

Nate's tentacle caresses her cheek.

NATE
That hasn't stopped you in the
past.

Janet grabs his tentacle gingerly and rubs it.

JANET
Nate, I love you, but... this was
never in the description for my
Marine Biology courses.

Nate puts a tentacle on either side of her head and stares
into her eyes.

NATE
Janet, I love you. And I know we
can make this work. I've got a
great job, and you'll get one too
once you graduate. We can build a
life together. We can buy a
houseboat, and start a family.

JANET
How would we start a family, Nate?

NATE
We can adopt! Janet, there are ways
to make this work.

Nate presses the part of his body where a human mouth would
be into Janet's face, and she kisses him.

JANET

What if it doesn't work, Nate?

Nate caresses her with four tentacles.

NATE

It will work. I'll see to it.

Janet smiles.

JANET

Don't you mean you'll ocean to it?

Nate laughs a gurgled, wet laugh.

NATE

That was terrible.