

I am Fine

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A public service announcement detailing the dangers of the
statement, "I'm fine."

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INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING

A large crowd of people are gathered together in a party, with a singular person sitting in the middle. Everyone is separated into groups.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 1

Three friends are standing together chatting.

MAN 1

How did that thing go with your boss yesterday?

MAN 2

Oh, fine.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 2

A couple are standing together away from everyone else.

WOMAN 1

Is everything ok? Should we leave early?

MAN 3

No no no, I'm fine.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 3

Two women are by the kitchen counter sorting out canapes.

WOMAN 2

So tomorrow, you can pick me up at 5am, and we'll head out to hills and go for a nice, steady climb up to get our legs going. That good?

WOMAN 3

Yeah, yeah, that's fine.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, MIDDLE

A single man, drinking alone, looks at the camera.

JARYD

Ever wondered what people are really saying when they answer "Yeah, fine" or "Sure, I'm fine."? It's a normal way for human beings to hide their true feelings so they don't feel vulnerable and embarrassed in case they get rejected by the other person. But, imagine if we could hear what they truly meant.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 1

MAN 1

How did that thing go with your boss yesterday?

MAN 2

Are you fucking shitting me? It went horrible. I stood up there with my bright idea about life-saving plastic vaginas and, man, I got shot down so badly I might as well be dating your parents. Then, I got told to pack my things and go. I was fired. You got me fired, just recommending me to pitch my idea, I got fired. Because of you.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 2

WOMAN 1

Is everything ok? Should we leave early?

MAN 3

No, everything is not ok. We're at this stupid party, I'm feeling gassy, and the guy you slept with is standing right over there. The drinks feel watered down, the

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MAN 3 (cont'd)
canapes ripe like they've been
standing in the sun for 2 days, and
the guy you cheated on me with is
standing over there. Over there.
Look, he's even winking at me.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 3

WOMAN 2
So tomorrow, you can pick me up at
5am, and we'll head out to hills
and go for a nice, steady climb up
to get our legs going. That good?

WOMAN 3
No. No, goddammit, no, I will not.
I hate climbing up hills, it's sore
and it hurts, but worst of all I
have to listen to you the WHOLE WAY
UP. Oh, and do you know that, when
I'm behind you on a climb, you fart
sometimes, and I'm huffing and
puffing, and my open mouth catches
that fart that comes out from your
butt? Hmmm? You think I'm choking
because I'm out of breath?

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, MIDDLE

JARYD
But while it's healthy to relieve
some of the anxiety and stress from
deep inside you, you're not taking
into consideration the other
person's reaction.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 1

MAN 1
Buddy, I did NOT tell you to pitch
live-saving plastic vaginas to your
boss. That's...just wrong.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 2

WOMAN 1

You know what? Don't worry about
leaving early. Cos I am. For him.
Cos you're a whiny bitch.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, GROUP 3

WOMAN 2

Firstly, I've never farted in your
mouth. And secondly, I'm helping
because Mark left you for someone
with a smaller ass.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM, EVENING, MIDDLE

JARYD

Lesson to take home,
kids...appreciate the sentence,
"I'm fine." Cos the problems you're
having, aren't half as bad as the
problems you'll end up with.
Goodnight.

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