PUT A FINGER DOWN

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INT. CHURCH - DAY

A Minister with a starched white color, stands in a church sanctuary in front of two couples seated in long back chairs.

FINN
Hi Minister Karl.

Finn waves jazz hands.

MINISTER KARL
Thanks for joining me for marriage compatibility counseling with Minister Karl Karma before your impending nuptials.

FINN
Your last name is Karma?

MINISTER KARL
The lord works in fun ways. In only my first month at this parish, it's been a great pleasure getting to know some of you.

ELLA
God Bless.

FINN
Shouldn't this be a private meeting, one couple at a time in the Ministers chambers?

MINISTER KARL
I'm not a judge. I had to combine you both because the rest of the week I DJ at Bondage A Go Go.

GINGER
Thought I recognized you.

ELLA
God Bless.

ROWAN
Are we gonna be usin' bible scripture Goddamn hell damnation?

GINGER
Spell scripture...

MINISTER KARL
Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all.
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MINISTER KARL (CONT'D)
And the marriage kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

GINGER
Are we really using finger down?

MINISTER KARL
Fun and modern

ROWAN
Ginger’s the best at it.

ELLA
Variety is the spice of life some say.

MINISTER KARL
Now hands up, up, up.

ELLA
God bless.

ROWAN
I’m savin’ two fingers for last, Guess which ones.

Ginger elbows Rowan in the ribs hard.

MINISTER KARL
Time for compatibility. Are we ready?

GINGER
Ready!

The couples hands snap up, fingers wiggle.

MINISTER KARL
OK put a finger down if you don’t believe in God.

The couples look quick at each other wide eyed.

MINISTER KARL (CONT'D)
Ah that’s a trick one I thought of for you.

Ella puts a finger down.

FINN
She kids.

ELLA
God Bless.

MINISTER KARL
Real question. Put a finger down if you've ever lied to your spouse to be.

ROWAN
Like that dress looks good on you? Or--

GINGER
I'm so used to your snoring I couldn't sleep without it?

MINISTER KARL
OK scratch that one, more specific.

MINISTER KARL (CONT'D)
Finger down if you've made a dramatic exit and came right back.

Rowan elbows Ginger in the ribs.

Everyone puts a finger down but Finn.

MINISTER KARL (CONT'D)
Finger down if you've hung up mid-call on your spouse to be.

FINN
So rude.

ROWAN
Everyday.

Everyone puts a finger down but Finn.

MINISTER KARL
Finger down is you've purposely Dutch ovened your significant other.

ROWAN
We have contest at that.

GINGER
I always win.

FINN
Ella takes gas pills. She can't help it.

Minister Karl rubs his nose.

ELLA
God Bless.

Everyone puts a finger down but Finn.

MINISTER KARL
Put a finger down if you have a storage locker full of furry costumes.

Finn glances and stares hard at Ella.

FINN
Well somebody has learned to gossip. And for everyone's information I am in recovery.

ELLA
God Bless.

ROWAN
What the hell is a furry?

Ginger whispers in Rowan's ear.

Rowan looks at Finn and shakes his head no.

Finn puts his middle finger down.

ROWAN (CONT'D)
Do we get a bathroom break?

MINISTER KARL
I'll hurry things along.

ROWAN
Sorry, I'm about to shoot out a Rolo.

Rowland squirms in his seat.

MINISTER KARL
OK. OK. Finger down if you've checked your partners location and secretly follow them when they say they are going to be at choir practice.

Everyone's finger goes down but Finn's.

FINN
That would be a horrible breach of trust.

Ella glances and smiles at Finn.

ELLA
God Bless.

Ginger slaps Rowan’s thigh.

GINGER
Rowan, I choose to believe those massages relax your from the stresses of the upcoming wedding.

FINN
You both are all AI hopes to be.

Rowan smiles and gives Finn a thumbs up.

MINISTER KARL
And now, and now for the strike lightning round. Put a finger down if you’ve sent naughty pics.

ROWAN
OH yeah!

GINGER
Another contest we have.

ROWAN
We are gonna win this compatibility easy.

All fingers down but Finn’s

Finn ganders at Ella.

FINN
Indiscreet youth.

ELLA
God bless.

MINISTER KARL
Finger down if you’ve called someone Daddy.

Everyone puts a finger down but Rowan.

Rowan slaps Ginger’s knee.

ROWAN
Winning Babe!

Finn glances down the row.

FINN
As children we all have called someone Daddy. That's a gimme question.

ELLA
God bless.

MINISTER KARL
Hooked up with a stranger you met at church.

Every finger goes down.

ROWAN
That's how we met.

GINGER
At my Mom's funeral.

FINN
We met at the April Fools ice cream social, extra sprinkles.

ELLA
God Bless.

MINISTER KARL
Finger down if you've failed a pregnancy test in the last month.

Ella's finger goes down.

Finn stares up at the heavens.

FINN
That's why we are hurrying the wedding.

Minister Karl gazes at the sanctuary floor.

ROWAN
Shotgun my man!

GINGER
Whoop!

Rowen puts a hand up for a high five. Finn swipes back with a week slap.

FINN
Don’t believe what they say about the Mormon method. Don’t believe it.

ELLA
God bless.

MINISTER KARL
Finger down if you’ve woke up in only a Ministers collar.

Ella’s finger goes down.

Finn looks over and faints on the floor.

Ginger and Rowan’s heads sink as they hook pinkies.

ROWAN
Damnation, we had this won.

Ginger hugs him.

GINGER
We’re gonna be married babe, who needs a silly God.

Minister Karl gets down on one knee in front of Ella.

MINISTER KARL
Put a finger down if you would like to marry me.

ELLA
I have no more fingers left to put down.

MINISTER KARL
So you don’t love me?!

ELLA
God Bless.

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