

Courting

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INT. BIRDHOUSE - DAY

JOHN appears to be watching two parakeets on the other side of a glass wall.

The male bird desperately tries to court the seemingly uninterested female. He approaches, she moves away, over and over like an endless waltz.

John's eyes wander over and over to a big-busted young woman watching the birds just a step from him.

He takes that step.

He stands close to her.

JOHN
They are parakeets.

The woman takes a step sideways away from John.

WOMAN
Yes, I know.

John takes another step to catch up.

JOHN
They are from Sumatra.

WOMAN
Oh, I thought they fetched them on the Moon.

The woman moves.

When John follows, the woman crosses her arms and gives him a stern look.

WOMAN (cont'd)
Get lost, okay?

The woman strides away. John sighs.

On the other side of the glass the courting finally has paid off. The male sits on the female's back, mating.

John watches. He turns and runs after the woman, catching up.

JOHN
Do you know where penguins come from?