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AT THE ORGY (from **ROMANTIC FOOLS**)

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The present. A swinger's club. The man and woman survey the scene in front of them.

MAN

So here we are at the orgy.

WOMAN

Wow!

MAN

You know, I'm very impressed that this is what you wanted for your birthday.

WOMAN

Wow!

MAN

Nice bunch of people, huh?

WOMAN

And how. Wow!

MAN

Now members of a swinger's club are just like everybody else. They like to be addressed by name. But, since society frowns upon what they're doing, they also want their privacy protected.

WOMAN

Gotcha.

MAN

So everyone has a sort of *code name*.

WOMAN

Gotcha.

MAN

Tonight I see *Who's* on top, *Why's* on bottom, and *I Don't Know* is doing *What*.

WOMAN

I'm not sure, but it looks like fun.

MAN

It is.

WOMAN

So tell me their names.

MAN

I just did. Oops, now *Who's* on bottom, *What's* on top, and *I Don't Know* is fondling *Why*.

WOMAN

Because he likes to, I guess...
I wonder if they'd like a third.

MAN

Ask if you can join in.

WOMAN

How can I if I don't know their names?

MAN

Just go up to them and say, "I Don't Know, Why, I'd like to join in."

WOMAN

They'll laugh at me.

MAN

They will not.

WOMAN

Let's start over.

(pointing:)

What is that person's name?

MAN

(pointing elsewhere:)

No, What's over there.

WOMAN

Two people doing I don't know.

MAN

Only one person's doing I Don't Know.

WOMAN

Well, the other person's helping!

MAN

Oh, here come some more people.

WOMAN

More names I'll never know.

MAN

What a scene! Over there, Who's doing What with It. And over there, a new member whose name I keep forgetting is fondling I Don't Know, Why and How.

WOMAN

Maybe he's double-jointed.

MAN

The new member's from Moscow.

WOMAN

He's Russian.

MAN

Yes, and several women have complained about that.

WOMAN

Can we start again?

MAN

Fine by me.

WOMAN

Let's say I have fun with that person over there.

MAN

The one doing It.

WOMAN

Everyone's doing it but us!

MAN

I've had It. It's not that great.

WOMAN

Nevertheless, let's say I have a wonderful time with that person.

MAN

Okay.

WOMAN

Afterwards, I say, "Thank you, who?"

MAN

Exactly.

WOMAN

I say "Thank you" to who?

MAN

That's nice.

WOMAN

The name of the person I'm thanking –

MAN

Who?

WOMAN

I'm asking you. Who is that person?

MAN

Yes, he is.

WOMAN

(angrily)

Forget it.

MAN

It looks a little worn out, anyway.

WOMAN

(convinced she's bound to get a straight answer to this one)

All right. Who wore it out?

MAN

Yes, he did.

WOMAN

You're not being very helpful.

MAN

I'm trying.

WOMAN

I just want to get to know
the lay of the land here.

MAN

Well, now you're talking about How.

WOMAN

I know how.

MAN

Then introduce yourself.

WOMAN

I don't know how!

MAN

Make up your mind!
(pointing to How:)
He's very good, you know.

WOMAN

How good?

MAN

He's the best.

WOMAN

How come?

MAN

Constantly.