

Computer Girl v1.3

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

ComputerGirl sits next to Carlton, who has his laptop in front of him.

CARLTON

I'm sorry CG, I just don't get Linux. It's complicated and boring! Windows 7 is much sexier.

COMPUTERGIRL

Give it a chance. Linux's simplicity enables a range of users to operate it, even those who are technologically challenged.

CARLTON

Are you calling me technologically challenged?

COMPUTERGIRL

Was my implication not blatant enough? Are you inference challenged as well?

Carlton stands.

CARLTON

Well, that's it. If you are going to start calling me names then I've had enough.

COMPUTERGIRL

Now you are being childish.

CARLTON

Childish! I'm tired of being insulted! I'm leaving.

COMPUTERGIRL

I am sorry. But you have not made this easy. Since we installed Linux you have done nothing but criticize it. I happen to love Linux. How would you like it if I criticized your Xbox?

CARLTON

You wouldn't.

(beat)

Would you?

ComputerGirl nods. Carlton sits.

CARLTON

I'm sorry. I didn't know Linux meant that much to you.

How about if I say something nice about Linux? Will that make it up to you?

COMPUTERGIRL
There is a high probability.

CARLTON
Okay. Uh. Linux is...Linux does...
Linux has...Linux has a great...
Logo!

COMPUTERGIRL
Do you really think so?

CARLTON
Of course I do. What's not to like about a penguin?!

Pause.

COMPUTERGIRL
He is a cute penguin.

They both stare at the laptop and smile.

INT. MISS TERRY'S HOUSE, STUDY

Sally lies on a couch.

SALLY
I can't get him out of my head. All day long I think about him and then he keeps me awake at night. When I finally do fall asleep I dream about him.

Miss Terry sits at a desk.

MISS TERRY
These dreams, are they erotic in nature?

SALLY
We do it everywhere, not just outside.
(pause)
But are they ever hot.

Sally takes a soft sigh, it starts out orgasmic in memory of the dreams and then turns frustrated.

SALLY
What's wrong with me?

MISS TERRY

It is not unusual to become fixated on another human to the point of distraction. That is normal. What makes you think something is wrong with the way you feel?

SALLY

Well, first off he's a nerd!

MISS TERRY

Some people are attracted to intelligence.

SALLY

Not me! I like macho guys. You know, the kind that aren't smart enough to have white collar jobs.

Miss Terry seems perplexed.

SALLY

The ones with big hands.

Miss Terry smiles.

MISS TERRY

Life is long. Who we are attracted to changes over time. This may be a change.

SALLY

May be. But it doesn't feel normal. I feel dirty.

MISS TERRY

Dirty?

SALLY

Carlton is C.G.s boyfriend and I feel like I'm betraying her. It makes me feel like I have to constantly make it up to her. Like C.G. asked me to clean the toilet yesterday. It's her responsibility to clean it on Thursdays! But I felt bad about Carlton so I cleaned it anyway.

MISS TERRY

It is called transference of guilt and it is perfectly normal. Sometimes we feel better when we do nice things for people we feel we've wronged.

Sally sighs.

SALLY

If you say so. One last question.
I'm not going crazy, am I?

DING! The egg timer.

MISS TERRY

I'm sorry time is up. Any other
questions will have to wait.

SALLY

But...But...

MISS TERRY

Now Sally you know the rules.
Please send in my next client on
your way out.

INT. LAIR - LATER

Miss Terry watches ComputerGirl and Sally as they watch
television in their apartment.

On their television a sci-fi film plays.

SALLY

This is boring, can we change it.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Sally and ComputerGirl sit on the sofa.

COMPUTERGIRL

But this film is the one hundred
and twenty fifth highest rated film
on IMDB. And it is one of my
favourites. I absolutely love
watching it but if you would
rather..

SALLY

No! You know, now that we've gotten
past the boring part I think it's a
good film too. Oh, look at that.
That was so good.

She smiles at Computer Girl. But Computer Girl seems
introspective.

SALLY

What's wrong C.G.? Didn't you think
that was good? Now that I think
about it I'm not too sure either...

COMPUTERGIRL

I do not want to watch the movie.

SALLY

But I thought...

COMPUTERGIRL

I have something else I'd rather do instead.

SALLY

Okay, C.G., name it.

COMPUTERGIRL

I have been researching sex on the web.

SALLY

Good! You really needed to brush up on that subject. Do you need some help?

COMPUTERGIRL

Yes.

SALLY

Okay...Go for it.

Pause.

COMPUTERGIRL

Do you love Linux?

SALLY

Do I...? Uh... But what's that got to do with...

COMPUTERGIRL

I love Linux.

SALLY

Oh, Linux! Yes, I love Linux! Linux is the best.

COMPUTERGIRL

It's important that you do. Carlton sent me a link that he said was a sexual act especially for people that love Linux.

SALLY

(unsure)
Okay?

COMPUTERGIRL

I would like try it but I need a partner.

SALLY

I'm sure Carlton will...

COMPUTERGIRL
He does not love Linux and besides
he is the wrong sex.

Pause.

SALLY
C.G.? What kind of sexual act are
we talking about here?

COMPUTERGIRL
Lesbianism.

SALLY
What?!

COMPUTERGIRL
Lesbianism, derived from the name
of the Greek island of Lesbos, home
to the 6th-century BCE poet Sappho.
From various ancient writings,
historians have gathered that a
group of young women -

SALLY
I know what it means! But C.G. I'm
not...

COMPUTERGIRL
You do not want me because I am
inexperienced?

SALLY
It isn't that... It's just that I
like guys. Like Carl -

Sally stops herself.

SALLY
I like guys.

Pause.

COMPUTERGIRL
But you love Linux?

Sally shakes her head no.

SALLY
Yes. I love Linux.

COMPUTERGIRL
Then you will be my partner?

SALLY
I'm not..

COMPUTERGIRL

It would mean so much to me Sally.
I would like to learn and it looked
like great fun in the video.

Sally sighs.

SALLY

Okay, but just this one time and
don't you dare tell anyone,
especially not Carlton.

ComputerGirl jumps up, and moves towards the kitchen.

SALLY

C.G., Where are you going, the
bedroom's that way...

COMPUTERGIRL

I need to get a cup. We can't do it
without the cup.

Sally looks shocked. She hops up and runs off.

SALLY (O.S.)

C.G.?! What was on that video?!
C.G.?

FADE OUT.