

CELEBCUBATE

WEBISODE #1

THE SYPHILITIC MONKEY PLEDGE

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Kassidy (22) is seated on a couch working away on her phone.

Sharyn (22) enters and sits down on the couch.

SHARYN

What you working on there?

KASSIDY

Checking out auditions.

SHARYN

Oh come on, what's the rush?

KASSIDY

Hey, we're in the real world now.  
We've got to get to it.

SHARYN

Real world, yahoo.

KASSIDY

You don't sound very excited.

SHARYN

How excited should I be about being  
part of the un-employed actress  
army?

KASSIDY

Un-employed? Not for long.

SHARYN

How long do we have to play this  
game?

KASSIDY

What game?

SHARYN

You know, where we pretend we're  
going to become successful  
actresses.

KASSIDY

We're not pretending.

SHARYN

And how long do we have to go on  
not pretending? A year? Five years?  
Ten years? Until we're old ladies?  
(old lady voice)

Oh, I just got a casting call.

(MORE)

SHARYN (CONT'D)

They're looking for someone to play the part of a corpse. This could be it, my big break.

KASSIDY

Yeah, that's exactly how it's going to be for everyone else, but not for us. We're going to do whatever it takes to make it.

SHARYN

Whatever it takes? That sounds creepy.

KASSIDY

It doesn't have to be creepy.

SHARYN

But it always is.

KASSIDY

Well, we've got to be all in.

SHARYN

Sure, all in, but within reasonable limits.

KASSIDY

Setting limits is not the way to make it.

SHARYN

Oh no limits? So what are you saying, that you'd be willing to ... I don't know ... screw a syphilitic monkey if that's what it takes?

KASSIDY

A syphilitic monkey? Where'd you get that from?

SHARYN

I don't know. It's just an example.

KASSIDY

And a troubling one.

SHARYN

So there is some limit on how far you're willing to go?

KASSIDY

Are you turning this into a dare?

SHARYN

No, it's just a question.

KASSIDY

It sounds like you're turning it into a dare.

SHARYN

It's not a dare.

KASSIDY

Okay, I accept your dare. Yes, I'd be willing to do a syphilitic monkey in order to get a break in this business.

SHARYN

No you wouldn't.

KASSIDY

Yeah I would, because I'm committed.

SHARYN

I'm committed too, but not to syphilitic monkeys.

KASSIDY

Oh I see, you're committed, but only if your monkeys are certified STD-free? Is that it?

SHARYN

It's not really about the STD's, it's the fact that I'm not getting busy with any monkeys, STD's or not.

KASSIDY

Look, I think you're getting hung up on the monkeys. It's not about the monkeys. It's about the commitment. The monkeys are just a symbol for that.

SHARYN

And a bad one. I'm sorry I ever mentioned this.

KASSIDY

I think it's a good thing you did. It's proving very revealing.

SHARYN

And what's it revealing?

KASSIDY

It's revealing someone who's not all in.

SHARYN

I think I am all in.

KASSIDY

I'm not feeling it.

SHARYN

Okay, so what do I have to do to convince you that I'm all in?

KASSIDY

I think you need to take the syphilitic monkey pledge.

SHARYN

Seriously?

KASSIDY

Yeah.

SHARYN

And if I don't, you're never going to let go of this?

KASSIDY

I could only let go of it if I thought that was in your best interest.

SHARYN

Oh God, I can't believe this.

KASSIDY

Believe what?

SHARYN

That I'm considering your monkey pledge.

KASSIDY

Hey, I'm not forcing you to do anything.

SHARYN

But if I don't do it, I'll have to listen to your endless nagging about not being all in?

Kassidy shrugs. Sharyn doesn't like it, but sees no escape.

SHARYN (CONT'D)  
(reluctantly)  
Okay then, we'll both do it. You go first.

KASSIDY  
Fine. I pledge that I'd be willing to do a syphilitic monkey to get a break in this business.

SHARYN  
Me too.

KASSIDY  
No, you've got to say it.

SHARYN  
I hate you!

KASSIDY  
Are you going to say it or not?

Sharyn fumes.

SHARYN  
Okay fine ... I pledge I'd be willing to do a syphilitic monkey to get a break in this business.

KASSIDY  
Some day you'll thank me for this.

SHARYN  
Or kill you for it.

KASSIDY  
Could be.