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Characters: A prostitute and her client

A MOTEL ROOM. A PROSTITUTE AND HER CLIENT ENTER. THERE IS A BED AND A SCREEN AND A BEDSIDE TABLE. SHE SETS AN EGG TIMER.

HER

Only ten minutes tonight?

HIM

It's all I can afford. Is that ok?

HER

I normally wouldn't, but for a regular like you... ok. I don't want you spending money on me if you can't afford it

HIM

I'm not. I'm saving. That's why I can only afford ten minutes.

HER

Oh. Ok. Good. Do you still want me to wear the outfit you like?

HIM

Of course! The costume's critical!

HER

Ok, fine.

SHE GOES BEHIND A SCREEN TO CHANGE

HER

I know this is we've done this like a dozen times, but it still feels weird. Don't you think it's a little weird?

HIM

Just put the damn outfit on!

HER

Ok.