PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO

RECEPTIONIST

Thank you for calling Sunrise Photography. How can we brighten

your day?

CALLER

Depends. How long can you hold your breath?

RECEPTIONIST

Who is this?

CALLER

Leonardo DiCaprio, that's who. No, it's just me!

RECEPTIONIST

Okay... and what is your name?

CALLER

Before we get into all of that, just let me know how long can you hold your breath?

RECEPTIONIST

That's such an odd question, and I really have no idea. Would you like to schedule an appointment to have a portrait done?

CALLER

Would you say... two minutes?

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RECEPTIONIST

Um... what's this all about?

CALLER

It's a surprise. More for my mom than for you.

RECEPTIONIST (HAPPY)

Oh that's so sweet! You're surprising mom with a family photo!

CALLER

Wait. Your mom will be there?

RECEPTIONIST

No... I meant, it was just a figure of speech.

CALLER

Okay lady, I don't need to know nothin' about your figure. Unless you got photos. And seeing as you're a photography studio...

RECEPTIONIST (AGHAST)

Sir?! How dare you!

CALLER

How dare me? How dare you! We just met and suddenly you're asking me to meet your mom during a photo shoot?

RECEPTIONIST

Okay, let's start over. I can hold my breath for at about a minute. Why is that important to you?

CALLER

It's not important to me, but when you meet my father, you'll want to start the clock.

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RECEPTIONIST

Oh, I see. How does your mom deal with it?

CALLER

She lives with me.

RECEPTIONIST

And your father?

CALLER

He likes the cellar. There's a fridge down there.

RECEPTIONIST (WEARY)

Okay, so I have an opening tomorrow at 1pm. Can you bring your mom and dad in at that time?

CALLER

Mom is good to go. Dad will be tricky, but I'll get my brother to help.

RECEPTIONIST

He's frail, is he?

CALLER

Nah, he works at a titty bar and doesn't get home until noon.

RECEPTIONIST

I see, and how does your mom feel about that?

CALLER

Well, he's the last of three boys so he'll always be her baby.

RECEPTIONIST

Your mom doesn't mind that her husband works in a... showgirls club?

(Cont.)

CALLER

Ha! If only! In his condition you could slap him silly with boobies and avocados and he wouldn't know which one to grab first.

RECEPTIONIST (SIGHS, VERY CONFUSED)

So... tomorrow at 1pm? Good?

CALLER

Okay, and don't say I didn't warn you when you get a whiff of the old man. You're the only photography studio I've called that does portraits of dead relatives.

RECEPTIONIST (AGHAST)

What?!

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