

Through Rose-Colored Glasses

Did you meet Harry Koslowski at 8:35 PM on February 5th, 2020 at a game night hosted by Yolanda Barnes?

Yes

No

Was the guy he came with his only friend?

Yes

No

Did Harry start by asking if people with Down Syndrome are human if they have an extra chromosome? When the other guests were horrified and spattered some genetic corrections, did he say it was just a philosophical question?

He's young and spends too much time on Reddit.

No

Did he always have a drink in his hand?

C'mon! It was a party!

No

Were his fraternity days as Pledge Master—all three years once initiated—and the various tortures Harry inflicted on guys he later called "brothers," part of the conversation?

Yes

No

When your friend Beth said "White people shouldn't use 'spirit animal,'" did Harry say that Germans and a lot of Europeans have "spirit animals"?

I mean, Beth can be annoying...

No

Does he have mutton chops because the Civil War was a "cool time"?

Yes

Ew, no

Weren't you relieved he didn't have a Confederate Flag sticker on his pick-up truck?

A little.

I wasn't that invested.

Had it been too long since you last had sex?

No

Define "too long"?

Did your stomach feel warm and squiggly when he focused on you?

Yes

No

On subsequent Game Nights, did you both make the whole group uncomfortable with your loud sex jokes?

They're offended too easily.

No

So none of your friends like him?

Well Dina didn't say anything...

No

Did Beth tell you about that night in the dive bar before St. Patrick's Day when Harry got shitfaced and told her that she didn't want what she thought she wanted in a man. Nice and clean weren't fun enough. She wanted it drrrrrry. When she stared him down and told him he got her confused with you. Did he blink with heavy lids, surprised she didn't just jump him?

He was drunk!

No

Was this the night you, a woman in her mid-30s, threw up in the car on the way home? Not that Harry checked on your status or ability to get home.

We were drunk.

No

After Harry sobered up, did Beth tell him he couldn't talk to her that way? Did he fail to apologize or look in any way sorry? Did he smirk like he didn't give a fuck?

He apologized to me for it.

No

Did Beth bake cookies and tell you about all of it? Explaining how she knew men like that...who didn't like to hear "no." Men who get explosive when denied what they feel they're entitled to?

Beth has mental health issues. She overreacts sometimes

No

Have you told him no yet?

I can handle myself.

Yes, it was fine.

Really?

Did Harry once get arrested for assault?

Some guy hit him in a bar.

No

Did you jump into sex, in large part, because cities were quickly quarantining and you needed a sexual relationship?

There's nothing wrong with a little comfort.

No

Really?

Have you invited Harry into your life only for all your friends to slowly disappear?

Schedules change.

No

So you're increasingly isolated?

Everyone's isolated! There's a pandemic!

We chat as much as before.

Is he worth it?

I had seven orgasms yesterday.

Maybe

Is that a yes?

Yes

No

Are your friends worried about you?

If they were really my friends, they'd be happy for me.

No

Do you sometimes see something dark in his eyes that you can't quite explain?

Something that makes you shudder with recognition?

Are you increasingly determined to please him?

Are you afraid to say "no"?

At night, when you struggle to sleep, his body an inferno next to you, do you wonder if Beth was right?

Are you worried about what comes next?