

FISH TACOS

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INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Sitting around a table of a Mexican restaurant are two couples: BRANDON and KELLY, along with MATT and DAVE. They're all perusing their menus.

KELLY  
Everything looks so good.

DAVE  
And I am starving!

The WAITER approaches.

WAITER  
How's everyone doing tonight? My name is Jared and I'll be taking care of you. Right now it's two dollars off Margaritas and if you're having trouble deciding, may I recommend the fish tacos. They'll change your life!

KELLY  
Ooh! I haven't had a Margarita in so long. Could I get a Margarita and an order of the fish tacos?

BRANDON  
I'll have a beer and what the heck, the fish tacos sound good too.

DAVE  
Kelly nailed it. Margarita and the fish tacos.

MATT  
If I were deciding between the botana or the fish tacos, which you would you recommend?

WAITER  
We are famous for our fish tacos. Like I said, they will literally change your life.

MATT  
I'll have an iced tea and the fish tacos then.

Everyone hands their menus to the waiter, who takes them and leaves.

DAVE

I can't wait to try these fish  
tacos.

BRANDON

He did my biggest pet peeve. He  
misused the word "literally".

KELLY

Ugh, being married to an English  
professor!

MATT

I was reading online that the  
dictionary now defines "literally"  
as "figuratively".

The waiter returns with the drink order.

WAITER

Two Margaritas, a beer and an iced  
tea. Would you guys like some more  
chips and salsa?

DAVE

Oh no, we're fine.

WAITER

The food will be right up.

The waiter leaves again.

MATT

Uh oh. I'm sure "the food will be  
right up" ended in a dangling  
something or other.

KELLY

Guys, cut it out.

BRANDON

I'm sorry. It's been a long week.

DAVE

(To Matt)

And stop checking out what the  
waiter has dangling.

KELLY

So how's the landscaping going?

MATT

Great! I'm turning away work.  
Things couldn't be going better.

The waiter returns again with the food.

WAITER  
The fish tacos!

BRANDON  
(Sarcastically)  
That will *literally* change our  
lives?

Kelly swats Brandon's leg.

WAITER  
(To Brandon)  
I think you're going to definitely  
enjoy them. They are literally to  
die for.

BRANDON  
I hope not.

DAVE  
Well I can't wait.

KELLY  
They look delicious.

Everyone is served and the waiter leaves.

Everyone takes a bite of their fish tacos.

KELLY (CONT'D)  
So good!

BRANDON  
This is literally the best thing  
I've eaten all day.

MATT  
Touché!

DAVE  
Amazing.

A LITTLE BOY approaches Kelly.

LITTLE BOY  
Mom, are we going to go soon?

KELLY  
Mom? I'm sorry little boy, I'm not  
your mom..

LITTLE BOY  
(Confused and heart  
broken.)  
Mommy?

KELLY  
Wait a second. Jacob?

The little boy hugs Kelly.

BRANDON  
You have a son?

KELLY  
I have a son.

The boy runs off.

Brandon's phone RINGS. He answers.

BRANDON  
Hello?  
(Pause)  
I see.  
(Pause)  
Thanks for calling.

He hangs up.

BRANDON (CONT'D)  
My dad died.

KELLY  
Brandon.

MATT  
I'm so sorry.

DAVE  
Me too.

BRANDON  
Thank you everyone.

A gorgeous LADY is sitting alone at the next table.

Dave leans back towards her.

DAVE  
Hey, beautiful. I couldn't help  
noticing you're alone. Give me a  
call sometime and I'll make sure  
you have some company.

He hands her a business card. She smiles.

Matt furiously swats Dave's arm.

MATT

Excuse me!

DAVE

What?

MATT

Did you just hit on someone in front of me?

Dave shrugs.

MATT (CONT'D)

And a lady?!

DAVE

Oh yeah, I'm....oh my God. I'm not gay anymore.

KELLY

The fish tacos!

BRANDON

They're literally changing our lives!

DAVE

But Matt's still the same.

MATT

(Australian accent)

Yeah, there's nothing different with me. Uh oh. I'm Australian now.

The waiter returns.

WAITER

How are the fish tacos?

BRANDON

Life changing.

WAITER

Glad to hear.

He leaves again.

KELLY

I'm scared to take another bite.

DAVE

Me too, but I'm so hungry.

Dave bites. Everyone looks at him with anticipation.

Dave looks adoringly into Matt's eyes.

DAVE (CONT'D)

I love you so much, Matt.

MATT

(Australian accent)

I love you too, you cheeky bugger.

Kelly takes a bite.

KELLY

Anyone see that kid anymore?

BRANDON

Nope.

KELLY

Oh thank goodness. I'm not ready to be a parent.

BRANDON

Me neither. And since he didn't call me dad...

Brandon quickly grabs a taco, takes a bite and calls his dad.

BRANDON (CONT'D)

Come on dad, answer the phone!

KELLY

The suspense is killing me, but I have to run to the rest room.

Kelly takes a third bite and then leaves in a hurry.

BRANDON

Dad? Oh thank the lord you're okay.

(Pause)

Nothing is wrong. I just called to tell you that I love you.

(Pause)

Say hi to mom for me.

(Pause)

Oh. I see. Okay. Bye dad.

Brandon hangs up.

MATT  
(Australian accent)  
Your old man's still spry and  
chipper, eh?

BRANDON  
Yes, but my mom's dead.

DAVE  
Matt, will you please take another  
bite?

Matt takes another bite of fish taco.

MATT  
(Back to his regular  
voice)  
How's that? Yep. Back to normal.

BRANDON  
Except for my mom being dead.

Kelly returns from the rest room, but she's now a man.

MALE KELLY  
Urinals are awesome and I can't  
wait to make thirty cents more an  
hour! Glass ceiling shattered!

Dave offers Brandon a bite of his fish taco.

Brandon bites and then kisses the now male Kelly.