

From THE TROUBLE WITH CASHEWS

Comic

PAUL, Male (20s-40s)

Just look...right over there. Yes, you do. You do see it. Waves of light are pinging around off your retinas and forming images in your brain. What do you see? Yes, I know it's Aunt Dorothy! And? What is she doing? Just watch her...there! She did it again! What, do you think I'm losing my mind? I know it's an old woman, sitting at a table, drinking a glass of wine, and eating some nuts from a bowl. Anyone can see that. But look more closely. Watch when she goes for a nut. And...she did it again! Seriously? You don't see it? Okay, let me ask you something. What's in that bowl? Right, nuts. Now, what kind of nuts? Exactly! Assorted nuts. You get me? Please tell me you're beginning to understand...there! Did you see that? No! I know she's eating them one at a time, but you don't see what she's doing? She's only eating the cashews! Oh my God, you're missing the point. It's not that I want cashews, but...okay, just like you said, that bowl is full of assorted nuts. So, what does that typically mean? It means there's peanuts, almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, and cashews. Does that sound about right? Good. Now, is it just a random assortment? Equal amounts of every nut? Right! It's mostly peanuts. Now, why would that be? Listen, I know you're not some kind of nut expert, but it means that peanuts must be the easiest to grow and the cheapest to harvest and people like them less than other nuts. And off the top of your head, of all the nuts in that bowl, what kind of nut do people like the most? Cashews. Aunt Dorothy is deliberately eating only the most expensive and tastiest nuts. And the worst part? She knows what she's doing. That's why she keeps looking around to see if anyone is watching. It would be one thing if she was so out of it that she was only eating the nuts she liked best, you know, like a chimp or something. But she knows what she's doing. And it would be okay if it was just Aunt Dorothy eating all of the cashews at a family party, but there are plenty of people out there in the world just like her. People who not only want their fair share, they want everyone else's share too. In fact, do you know what we're witnessing here? The end of humanity. The total and complete destruction of human beings as a species. It may be just a bowl of nuts to you, but we are doomed. Completely and utterly doomed.

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