

Crime and Punishment
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INT. LIVING ROOM

ARLIE, 30s, and GABE, 30s, are on a couch.

ARLIE

Weirdest thing you ever stole?

GABE

I stole an orange traffic cone when I was in college.

ARLIE

Please! There are more traffic cones in college dorms than there are on the highways.

GABE

Which may explain the state of our roads.

ARLIE

I stole a stuffed porcupine when I was 13.

GABE

That is pretty weird.

CAROL

Yeah. Unfortunately, nobody told me the quills were still sharp, and I... accidentally sat on it.

GABE

(chuckling)

Ouch!

CAROL

If you connect the dots, you can still make out the shape of Florida on my ass.

Beat.

GABE

I stole my mother's diaphragm when I was six.

ARLIE

Whoa! Okay you win, but we're now into some seriously Oedipal territory.

DARREN

Not really. I just wanted a baby brother.

ARLIE

You knew what a diaphragm was at six?

GABE

My parents had some... interesting ideas about child rearing.

ARLIE

Wait a minute? Don't you hate your brother?

DARREN

I do. It was my first lesson that crime doesn't pay.