

## Consuming Cheese

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A short meal

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

REGINALD - A mouse

PETER - A cheese

They are in love.

AT RISE: A bedroom. A bed. In the bed, there's REGINALD, a sexy mouse, and PETER, a block of cheese. They just finished fucking.

Peter grabs a cigarette, cigar, or other such thing. It's more than fine for there to be no actual smoking on stage. In the world of the play, though, he will.

PETER

Do you mind?

REGINALD

You know I don't.

PETER

You know I'm always going to ask.

He lights up.

REGINALD

Is it that stressful to bottom?

PETER

You ever dated a catboy?

REGINALD

No.

PETER

Mm. Can you imagine it?

REGINALD

You know I'm not good at imagining.

PETER

Sure you are. You imagine a world where food can love the ones who eat. I like your imagination. No. It's got nothing to do with you. You're good. I'm gouda. Everyone prefers their gouda smoked. Here. Have a taste.

REGINALD

Your fingers taste like...

PETER

Dinner? C'mon, I'm just teasing. Your fingers taste like cum.

REGINALD

Yeah, well. You leak a lot when you're on your back.

PETER

I do not. Only happens with you.

REGINALD

Only say stuff like that if you want me to pounce on you.

PETER

Pounce? I didn't know you had cat blood in the family.

REGINALD

Shut up.

PETER

Make me.

REGINALD

Maybe I will.

PETER

Do it.

REGINALD

I love you. See. That always gets you to shut up.

PETER

Shut up.

REGINALD

You love me too.

PETER

...Yeah.

REGINALD  
You're mine.

PETER  
And you're mine.

REGINALD  
Damn straight.

PETER  
I don't think there's anything straight about what we've got going on.

REGINALD  
Sure there is. I keep trying to get you pregnant. There's nothing straighter than that.

PETER  
Fair.

REGINALD  
We need to do this more often.

PETER  
Before you move.

REGINALD  
We need to make up for lost time.

PETER  
You're the one who pushed me away for three years.

REGINALD  
You don't get what it's like to be scared you'll eat the person you love.

PETER  
You really wanna do this?

REGINALD  
No.

PETER  
Good. I'm sorry.