

## FREUD/LEWIS 2

FREUD

Not at all! Philosophically, I advocate freedom of sexual choice. Personally, I choose not to make use of that freedom.

LEWIS

And when you were younger? Before you were married?

FREUD

I met Martha very early. We fell deeply in love.

LEWIS

And you've remained monogamous ever since?

(FREUD regards LEWIS)

Start

FREUD

Are you married?

LEWIS

No.

FREUD

Do you live with anyone? A woman? A man?

LEWIS

Pardon?

FREUD

Does homosexuality offend you? It should not. All human beings are intrinsically bisexual.

LEWIS

I live with my brother and the mother of a close friend who was killed in the war.

FREUD

Why is that?

LEWIS

I promised my friend that I'd look out for her and he'd do the same for my father, if we didn't make it back.

(PAUSE. FREUD waits for more. LEWIS is uncomfortable)

Mrs. Moore and I look out for each other, actually.

FREUD

But your brother; wouldn't he have taken care of your father?

LEWIS

My brother was also fighting. We didn't know what our future was.

FREUD

It seems it was Mrs. Moore. How long have you been in this relationship?

LEWIS

I wouldn't call it a relationship.

FREUD

Any bond between two people is a relationship.

LEWIS

When I was in hospital in France, Mrs. Moore came to care for me. She was a great comfort.

FREUD

How old was she?

LEWIS

Mrs. Moore was in her early forties.

FREUD

Does "Mrs. Moore" have a first name?

LEWIS

Janie.

FREUD

Janie. Did you think Janie an attractive woman when you met?

LEWIS

She was the Mother of my friend.

FREUD

Which might make her more attractive.

LEWIS

I resent your implication, and my personal life is not your concern.

FREUD

Your conversion is. You lived with her in your days as an atheist. Many men who lose their mothers at an early age are drawn to mature women. Now, you are still with her but proclaim your sexual abstinence. So I would like to know whether your conversion caused this newfound virginity?

LEWIS

I won't discuss this further.

FREUD

As you wish. But I always consider what people tell me less important than what they cannot.

Stop

(PHONE RINGS. FREUD answers it)

FREUD

(On phone) Hello. . . Yes, Anna, Yes! I will turn it on, but you must come home immediately. . . It's cutting into my jaw.... Then cancel it! I need you here. Good. Good.

(FREUD hangs up the phone)

(LEWIS picks up a photograph on Freud's desk.)

LEWIS

Is this you with Anna?

FREUD

(Turns) It is.

LEWIS

Is she married?

FREUD

No.

LEWIS

I'm surprised. She's an accomplished, attractive woman. Between her colleagues and yours I'm sure there's no lack of eligible young men.

FREUD

It is not a simple task for us to choose the right mate.

LEWIS

You mean, for Anna to choose.