EATING MONSTER MACHINE

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BILL gives off a disgusted look to his friend JOEL who eats his food head down.

BILL
Don't you know how to eat a donut without being such an animal?

JOEL
This is how I like to eat...what?

BILL
You nauseate me. This is why we don't go out to eat too often because you're such a slob.

JOEL
You're really mean.

BILL
Just eat the donut, you don't need to suck every finger on your hand. Do that in the privacy of your own home.

JOEL
I wasn't sucking my fingers, I was licking my fingers.

BILL
Licking your fingers? You call that licking?

JOEL
How do you lick?

BILL
I don't lick.

JOEL
Don't say that too loud.

BILL
Stop acting weird.

JOEL
I'm not.

BILL
Never in my life.

JOEL
Take it easy, I was enjoying my donut. I got into it.
BILL
Yeah? You got into it? Do you have to moan and make slurpy sounds too?

JOEL
I didn't make no slurpy sounds.

BILL
Yes you did. (imitates him) Hmmmm, arrrrrrrrrrnnn, mmmmmmmmm. Like you've never eaten food before.

JOEL
This is how I eat. What can I say?

BILL
Is your whole family like that though? Do you all eat like that? Seriously, I want to know.

JOEL
You've been to my house, you tell me.

BILL
No. It's just you.

JOEL
So what? This is how I like to eat my food. The way I eat is what makes it so enjoyable. It's my own way.

BILL
So, you're telling me that you can't eat a single meal without making noises, slurping and licking your fingers?

JOEL
I don't know. I wasn't even aware of it until now.

BILL
Hold on...here...eat my donut. I didn't touch it yet. And I challenge you to eat it without making a noise and no finger licking aloud. Do you think you can do that?

JOEL
Yeah.
BILL
Do it then. The whole donut. No noise.

JOEL
Well I'm gonna make a noise when I chew.

BILL
No noise. Like normal people. With your mouth closed. I want you to eat that donut completely silent and I want to see.

JOEL
See what?

BILL
Call it a science experiment. I want to see something.

JOEL
You're not going to tell me what it is you're seeing?

BILL
Will you eat the donut?

JOEL
...It's uncomfortable with you staring at me like that. You don't have to be so serious, it's a freaking donut.

BILL
Just eat the donut.

Joel hesitates again.

JOEL
I can't.

BILL
Why not?

JOEL
The way you're looking at me. It's making me self-conscious.

BILL
Are you serious?

JOEL
Yeah. Look the other way or else I can't do it.
BILL
Can't do what, make noises?

JOEL
Can't eat the freaking donut.

BILL
Pain in the ass you are....here, that better?!

Bill looks away.

JOEL
Just stay like that now and I think I can do it.

BILL
You think?

JOEL
I'll do it. Just stay like that.

BILL
Fat bastard you are, hurry up.

JOEL
Stop it.

BILL
Bite the donut!

JOEL
Stop talking and I'll do it. Keep breaking my concentration.

BILL
I'm gonna get a stiff neck by the time you do it.

JOEL
Shhhh. (whispering) I'm taking my first bite....silently.

Joel takes a bite of the donut, then another and then another and he chews quietly but then he finally lets out a "AAAAAMMMMMM"

BILL
You see you son of a bitch?! I told you, you couldn't do it.

JOEL
I cleared my throat, I cleared my throat!
BILL
No, you didn't. Liar! You made that sound you always make. I heard it loud and clear.

JOEL
Alright, FINE, so what?! Can't a man enjoy eating his food the way he wishes to eat it?

BILL
Yes.

JOEL
So why'd you put me through all of this?

BILL
I wanted to break your balls. It's what I do.

JOEL
All for nothing?

BILL
Yeah, I don't care. I'm actually used to it. I expect you to eat like a billygoat. In fact, if you actually ate quietly, I'd think there was something wrong with you.

JOEL
Thanks. Now I want to eat quietly just to piss you off.

BILL
Impossible. You just tried.

JOEL
Fifty bucks says I can do it.

BILL
You couldn't do it for a hundred you fat slob.

JOEL
No really. I'll prove to you I can eat like a real gentleman.

BILL
It's too late. It's who you are. You can't control it. You can't stop it. You've trained yourself to be this eating monster machine.
JOEL
I can control it, I swear.

BILL
I'll make a bet with you but it can't be over a donut.

JOEL
What then?

BILL
Soup.

JOEL
Soup? Where we gonna get soup?

BILL
We'll take a ride to the diner. We'll pick up some soup. If you slurp one single time, that's it, you lost a hundred bucks. Deal?

JOEL
Everybody slurps their soup though.

BILL
That's the challenge. You either accept it or pass.

JOEL
Soup...alright, alright I'll take your stupid bet.

BILL
You got that hundred ready for me? You might as well give it to me now because there's no way you won't slurp your soup. No way! Last chance. I'll give you one last chance, you sure you want to take the bet, cause you don't have to?

JOEL
I'm going to prove your dumb smiling face wrong.

BILL
Okay, let's go to the diner.

JOEL
Let's go.