

# Fe(e)ed

*a networking deslice by johnmichael rossi*

## CHARACTERS:

MAN WITH EARPIECE

FRIEND 1 (Brian Michael Richardson)

FRIEND 2 (Nick Dunning)

FRIEND 3 (Sasha Kramer)

FRIEND 4 (Amy Shots Cafferty)

## SETTING:

A Bar. The Bowery Poetry Club. A Flat Screen of a Stage.  
The Four Friends are placed throughout the space. They log-in  
and migrate to their docks, led by their electronic devices;  
1. iphone, 2. Blackberry, 3. Droid, 4. Macbook Pro.

They speak in a highly presentational manner. Their speech  
and physicality is heightened. There is the sense that the  
bar is filled with other people (YOU, the Audience).

MAN WITH EARPIECE exists inside and outside of the action and  
inaction that unfolds.

YOU have just logged on...

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**What's on your mind?**

FRIEND 1

At the bar!

FRIEND 2

Bowery Club. Don't know why\*. Guess it's Thursday again.

FRIEND 3

Drink to that!

FRIEND 4

At work. Late shift. Come on over.

FRIEND 2

Drink to what Sash?

FRIEND 3

Quit my job. I'm sooooo outta there.

FRIEND 4

Shit! Congrats! Have a drink on me.

FRIEND 2

losing... focus... why do I come here?

FRIEND 1

Ho... Hum...

FRIEND 3

Absolutely! By order of the queen, more drinking is occurring this evening.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Amy Shots Cafferty likes this.**

FRIEND 1

Looking at old photos...

FRIEND 4

Bartending. Come on by!

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Zach's Birthday Weekend. 36 new photos**

**Amy Shots Cafferty likes this.**

**Write a comment.**

**Hide**

FRIEND 4

LOL.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Amy Shots Cafferty became a fan of 'Drinking On Thursdays.'**

FRIEND 1

I just deleted someone & it felt goooooood. Debating on one more...

FRIEND 3

No worries, Dee. I've already got something lined up. Super exciting!

FRIEND 2

Cashed my last unemployment check today. Guess I should start looking for a job.

FRIEND 4

I need to find another job.

FRIEND 1

Just kidding. No more de-friending.

FRIEND 3

Can't say. Not official yet.

FRIEND 2

Craigslist.org here I come...

FRIEND 4

Nah not really Bill. I'm actually applying to grad programs.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Billy McMann and 13 other people like this.**

FRIEND 4

Thanks y'all!

FRIEND 1

Stomach hurts... Too. Much. Rum. Too many cigarettes. Need to quit.

FRIEND 4

Speech Pathology.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Brian Michael Richardson became friends with Aunt Jujalene.**

FRIEND 1

Great. There goes my privacy.

FRIEND 3

So excited to never go back to that place again.

FRIEND 1

Privacy out the window!

FRIEND 4

But I want to travel first before I start. So I'm saving up for a summer trip.

FRIEND 2

You'd never believe the shit that's on here. Gross.

FRIEND 3

I will miss some of my bff's on the 3rd floor. Love you gals!  
And Jim!

FRIEND 2

This jobsearch stuff is kind of tiring... especially on my slow ass crackberry.

FRIEND 3

I won't miss the crazy witch that's for sure.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Jim Smolkinblatt and 3 other people like this.**

FRIEND 4

Come keep me company at the Bowery!

FRIEND 2

Anybody out there got a job for me?

FRIEND 3

Free at last free at last, thank god almighty I am free at last.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Joe Shmoe and 3 other people like this.**

FRIEND 4

Apps are due in Feb.

FRIEND 2

Scratch that. I don't want a job. I want a career. Career anybody?

FRIEND 3

Tots need to go shopping and get some new attire.

FRIEND 4

Yeah I've got it all together. Just need some recommendations. Thanks for asking. How are you sweets?

FRIEND 2

I should go back to school.

FRIEND 4

We totally need to get together soon.

FRIEND 3

Anybody free this weekend to go outlet shopping?

FRIEND 2

Anybody ever hear of Bedrouin University? They do online courses.

FRIEND 4

Remember when we used 2 play pool in ur basement? we had color me bad played out!!! Miss ya.

FRIEND 2

Who am I kidding? I hated school.

FRIEND 4

Yeah we totally rocked Color Me Bad. hahaha we were herbs!!!

FRIEND 1

Dick Cheney is full of crap. And with your help, we are going to fight back, demand he's held accountable, and... build the world's biggest pile of crap in his honor.

FRIEND 4

I think its time I treated myself to a shot. Shots anyone?

FRIEND 3

Another drink? Why not?

FRIEND 1

How did I end up here? Anybody coming to the Bowery? It's kind of dead here.

FRIEND 2

Maybe I should have another drink.

FRIEND 1

I feel dead.

FRIEND 2

At the Bowery Club. Text me if you're on your way.

FRIEND 4

I've got the greatest playlist going on my itunes. Come to the Bowery for some random shuffle classics.

FRIEND 3

Where is everybody? This place is dead. Where are you people?

FRIEND 4

You'll have to come by to find out Dave...

FRIEND 2

Whys this place so sparse today?

FRIEND 1

Fine don't come out because of the snow. We didn't need you anyway.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Brian Michael Richardson changed his profile pic to Frosty The Snowman.**

FRIEND 4

Sometimes I take requests. Come. On. Down!

FRIEND 1

I didn't want to go out. I didn't want to go out. I really didn't want to go out.

FRIEND 3

Photos of me celebrating my liberation.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Sasha Kramer posted 3 new photos.**

FRIEND 4

Whys it so quiet here tonight? I mean, uhhhh, we're packed and rockin' here at the Bowery. Come on by!

FRIEND 2

I hate slush.

FRIEND 3

Today may be one of the best days I've had in a long time. And I lovvvvve snow.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Sasha Kramer** needs to get laid.

FRIEND 2

Why do people in this city use snow as an excuse to not come out. Fine! Stay in and be cozy with yourselves. I'm gonna cozy up to my whiskey.

FRIEND 3

Did the FB just announce that I needed to get laid. No seriously. WTF?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Brian Michael Richardon likes this.**

FRIEND 1

Hahahahaha. Haven't laughed all day. Thanks Sasha.

FRIEND 2

Cozy whiskey.

FRIEND 3

Didn't I de-friend you last week, Brian?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

*I like this.*

FRIEND 1

I recognize this song. But can't place it. I think it's...

FRIEND 4

Come on people!

## MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Amy Shots Cafferty joined the group Shotglasses from Around the World.**

**Amy Shots Cafferty became friends with Donald Pickling**

**Amy Shots Cafferty became friends with Rory Epstein**

**Amy Shots Cafferty became friends with Al Gore**

**Amy Shots Cafferty is attending Without A Healthcare in the World**

**Amy Shots Cafferty became friends with Blaine McReynolds.**

## FRIEND 3

Change, change change... Change is gonna come. I heart change.

## FRIEND 2

Hungry. Wish this place had food.

## FRIEND 4

This guy at the end of the bar is annoying the heck out of me.

## FRIEND 2

Where? Which guy?

## FRIEND 1

Old memories, down the drain. Delete. Delete delete delete!

## MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Brian Michael Richardson became a fan of Class of 97.**

**Brian Michael Richardson became a fan of Deleting People.**

**Brian Michael Richardson became a fan of The Power of**

**Grayskull.**

**Brian Michael Richardson joined the class of '90 Miggglewood Elementary page.**

**Brian Michael Richardson changed his relationship status from Engaged to It's Complicated.**

## FRIEND 2

Hate annoying people at ends of bars.

## MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Nick Dunning joined the group "I Hate The Annoying Guy At The End Of the Bar."**

## FRIEND 4

I know right!

## FRIEND 3

On the verge of great things...

## MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Sasha Kramer became a fan of Daily Horoscopes.**

FRIEND 3

I am destined for great things. It says it in my stars.

FRIEND 2

Maybe I should go to culinary school. Learn a trade. Get a skill.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Get a life.

FRIEND 4

Just a few more months of pouring drinks and then backpacking Europe, and hopefully then grad school. Fingers crossed!

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Nobody likes this.

FRIEND 4

I think FB just had a glitch.

FRIEND 1

Wow. Can't believe the people that are popping up on here.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Pop!

FRIEND 4

Dude is reaallly weird.

FRIEND 3

If you wanna know about my new job, come on out to the BPC!

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Amy Shots Cafferty likes this.**

FRIEND 4

Awwwww y'all are so sweet. I know- Totally a stupid glitch.

FRIEND 2

Anybody out there know anything about culinary schools?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Nick Dunning became a fan of The Culinary Institute.**

FRIEND 3

Dylan. Hurricane. Love this song!

FRIEND 4

Kinda weirded out by people who wear big cellphone earpieces in a bar and talk on them with a creepy voice.

FRIEND 2

Oh that guy at that end of the bar.



FRIEND 4

Uh huh.

FRIEND 1

I'm getting tired.

FRIEND 2

Anybody got any suggestions about what I should do with my life? Unemployment has run its course.

FRIEND 4

Come on guys, I know you'll miss me but I can't be pouring whiskey through my entire 20's.

FRIEND 1

Think I'll do some drawing. Brought my sketchbook. There's a strange guy with a huuuuge earpiece in his ear.

FRIEND 4

Chillax guys. I'll be here for a few more months. Need to make money for Europe remember? So tip good. And get your butts over to the Bowery!

FRIEND 2

I think its almost time for me to get out of here. One. More. Drink.

FRIEND 4

Drink specials start at 10pm peeps.

RUPERT

Free shots for all!

FRIEND 4

Wait a minute?

FRIEND 2

I just had a craving for a cig.

FRIEND 4

Thank god he left.

FRIEND 2

Where'd he go?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Amy Shots Cafferty was tagged in a photo.  
Amy Shots Cafferty was tagged in the album 'Blast from the Embarrassing Past.'**

FRIEND 4

Freak didn't tip!

FRIEND 1

He just stepped out to have a cigarette. Screwed up my drawing.

FRIEND 4

Oh. LOL. Drawing?

FRIEND 2

Anybody know any good job listing websites? Not craigslist.

FRIEND 4

Where's the rest of my Thursday crew?

FRIEND 2

Maybe I shouldn't be jobsearching at a bar. Ha!

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Duhhh....

FRIEND 1

Life sucks.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

For Brian Michael Richardson life does suck. Because, he sucks. And there's nothing he can do about it.

FRIEND 2

I think I'm gonna take a trip. Just got an e-mail about some getaway package deals.

FRIEND 4

Glad I have the weekend off. I hope a blizzard hits.

FRIEND 2

Anybody wanna go to AC?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

No.

FRIEND 1

Uhhhh the FB just said i sucked. You suck FB!  
Has this happened to anyone else?  
No seriously. I didn't approve that comment!

FRIEND 2

Wasn't I gonna leave? Why does this place always trap me?

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Nick Dunning will not find a job today, tomorrow or for the next six months. Nick Dunning will do very little to acknowledge this unauthorized comment.**

FRIEND 2

Huh?

FRIEND 4

I don't trust the weatherman.

FRIEND 3

This celebration is wearing down.

FRIEND 4

Madonna!

FRIEND 1

why does this shit always happen to me?

FRIEND 4

No Jim, from Ray of Light.

FRIEND 1

Stupid stupid stupid! First they suggest I re-connect with my dead friend. Now it says I suck! What a day!

FRIEND 4

Nope. That's *Music*, not *ROL*.

FRIEND 1

I'm pissed.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**22 People like this.**

FRIEND 4

Come on over here and you'll find out.

FRIEND 1

Goodbye Farmville. I's deleting you. Wiping out an entire farm feel great.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

**Brian Michael Richardson changed his relationship status to single.**

FRIEND 1

There. I did it.

FRIEND 4

You live right up the street.MAN WITH EARPIECE  
 Amy Shots Cafferty has 86 invites.  
 Amy Shots Cafferty has 1,246 friends.  
 Amy Shots Cafferty has no one. And she is nothing.  
 She will never go to Europe.

FRIEND 4

What, the, F???

MAN WITH EARPIECE

She will never mail in her application for grad school. She won't have the weekend off, because she will be asked to fill in. A blizzard will hit. She will make no money.

FRIEND 1

I should go.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Brian Michael Richardson will soak himself deeper into the world wide web of lies.

FRIEND 2

Gonna find a job by the end of the week.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

Nick Dunning is a big nothing-

FRIEND 3

The end of the week is tomorrow.

MAN WITH EARPIECE

(as MAN WITH EARPIECE has a networking meltdown, the Four Friends overlap in response with a series of web-linguistics, i.e. WTF, LMAO, g2g, etc.)

Sasha Kramer is a big fat liar.

Amy Shots Cafferty- waste of time- Brian Michael... Sasha... Nick, attending, Brian wasting, Sasha did, Amy didn't, Sasha Sasha Sasha, Amy hunting, Nick punting, Brian nothing, Brian nothing Sasha was something, You are wasting, you are connecting, you are selling, Sasha spelling, Tori Spelling, Friend-ing, Fak-ing, Networking, Consuming me I am consuming you are emoting, voting, quoting, doting, hoping that someone is listening, reading, likes this, attends that, didn't forget about that time that you can't wash out of your memory, scanned in scanned out, upload me and i'll download you don't forget...don't regret... Don't don't do do do log on and off and on and on and off and refresh, own own up and own yourself, RSVP, VIP, PCP, attending not attending mending your ego- Hide. Options. Hide. Make a Comment. Hide. Minutes, many minutes ago. Hide.

**What's your mind on?**

(log off, or maybe not)