CHEQUE YOUR PRIVILEGE

FADE IN:

EXT. CAFE - DAY

A person walks past

 WIPE TO:

INT. CAFE - DAY

There are people inside, in the centre of the dining area is a couple, both looking uninterested in each other.

The Woman thinks to herself and Man struggles to twirl a curly straw with his tongue.

WOMAN (V.O.)

This date sucks, why is this guy is so weird, I mean who orders off the kid's menu on a date? Well, at least I’ll get a free meal out of this.

A male waiter walks up to the table dropping off a cheque and taking the plates.

WAITER

Was everything alright?

MAN

Yeah, thanks it was great

WAITER

Awesome, well here’s your cheque you can just pay when you ready.

The waiter walks away from the table. Leaving the cheque in the middle of the table. The cheque emits a bright white light.

MAN

So the food here was great huh?

WOMAN

Yeah, it was... So, who’s going to pay?

Woman looks at man and gestures towards the cheque with her eyes

MAN

(confused)

Are you alright? Is there something wrong with your eye?

WOMAN

What? No, i’m saying you should take responsibility?

WOMAN stretches her arms along the table whilst pushing the cheque to

MAN.

MAN

Wait why me?

WOMAN

well , won’t it help your masculinity or something?

MAN

Um, It’s 2019, the year of equality

MAN slides check back to WOMAN.

WOMAN

Year of equality huh, then why is there still a 14% wage gap?

WOMAN grabs a napkin whilst pushing the cheque back to MAN, she takes a drink and looks at the drapes. MAN smiles and pushes the cheque back to WOMAN so he put her drink there. MAN smiles back.

MAN

Well that’s just too bad, but i’m nothing like those guys, i open doors...

WOMAN pushes cheque towards him and WOMAN grabs his hands and puts them on the cheque.

WOMAN

Opening doors, wow, how valiant of you, really doing your part for equal pay.

MAN puts his hands on top of hers and pushes them back, with the cheque.

MAN

But is it really just my responsibility to even the gap, not yours?

WOMAN goes for a yawn and blows the cheque back to MAN

WOMAN

A bit hard for me to make a change when we work in a male-dominated workplace.

MAN looks at the cheque and the light shines onto his face. He tries to swipe away the light it emits and swipes away the cheque.

MAN

Well if women get paid so much less wouldn’t it be more efficient for employers to just hire women?

WOMAN

They do, but diversity only comes into play in the lower paying jobs.

WOMAN goes to stretch and her elbow knocks it back towards him.

MAN goes to put on a jumper, and the arm pushes the cheque back into the middle.

WOMAN(CONT’D)

OK, i guess we both agree who should pay.

WOMAN stares deeply into the eyes of MAN, and he stares back. WOMAN tilts her head right. WOMAN leans on the table. MAN raises his eyebrow. She clears her throat whilst looking and using her elbow to point at the cheque.

MAN AND WOMAN

You pay

Man and woman gasp and clutch their chests. The waiter returns to the table concerned.

WAITER

Hi, are we okay here?

WOMAN

(Argumentatively)

Yeah, Just figuring out who should take responsibility for the Pay ga- i mean cheque.

WAITER looks confused.

MAN

(Argumentatively)

Well it seems we both present valid points and that the only way to create social chan- I mean pay for the cheque, is to work together.

WOMAN

(Argumentatively)

Well i agree, equal responsibility is a good step in the right direction.

MAN

(Argumentatively)

Fine

WOMAN

(Argumentatively)

Fine

MAN

(Argumentatively)

Cool

WOMAN

(Argumentatively)

Awesome

(BEAT)

WAITER

(Confused)

Wait, so who’s paying?

MAN and WOMAN realise that the waiter is still there.

MAN

Um, split bills i guess

WOMAN

yeah

WAITER

We don’t split bills.

Props and gear checklist

* Waiter apron +
* Checkered table cloth
* Dinner plates and glasses
* Bill
* Lights
* Camera
* Tripod
* Sound stuff

Costume

* Smart casual attire, business shirts and dress pants or dress attire.
* I want to film SUnday or Monday