

THE NEWLYWED GAYME

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CAST

MAX - Bri
JAKE and LUCY Dawson - Zack and Holly
PETER and MARIA Gibson - Ella and Jackson
LISA and CAMILLE Campbell-Jones - Maggie and Lockne

(A game show stage. Three couples sit next to each other in clumps across the stage. One member of each couple has a whiteboard and a marker.)

MAX

Hello, viewers, and welcome back to **[The Woke Newlywed Game]** with your host, me, Maximilian McDonald! You all know how it works, we ask couples questions about each other, and see if their answers match up! This week, we've got: The Dawsons! The Gibsons! And the Campbell-Joneses!

(As each name is announced, the couple poses and the audience applauds.)

MAX

We'll start with the Dawsons, Jake and Lucy. Alright, Jake, we asked your wife what her biggest fear is. Jake, what do you think her answer was?

JAKE

God, Max, I don't know. I'll have to say... **[Me only giving her one kiss before she goes to work instead of two]!**

MAX

Lucy, what did you write?

(LUCY turns her board around. Her answer matches JAKE'S. A correct dinging noise sounds.)

LUCY

It's true! That really is my biggest fear!

MAX

Way to go! The Dawsons are on the board! Onto our next couple: The Gibsons. How are you two feeling tonight!

PETER

'Swell, Max. It's our tenth wedding anniversary and we couldn't be happier!

MAX

And Maria? How are you doing?

(MARIA glares. She doesn't want to be here.)

MAX

Excellent! Same question for you two— Peter, what is Maria's greatest fear?

PETER

Ooh, ahh, that's gonna be a tough one, Max. I'm gonna take a guess and say... Clowns?

(A buzzer sounds.)

MAX

Ooh, sorry, Peter. It looks like the answer Maria was going for was...

(MARIA flips the board. The answer: **[Getting stuck in a half-mascot, half-animatronic suit full of spring traps that slowly impale me to death, like what happened to Matthew Lillard in the 'Five Nights at Freddy's' movie.]** MAXIMILLIAN reads this out loud.)

MARIA

I've told you this a million times, Peter.

PETER

Aw! We'll get 'em next time!

MARIA

Will we?

MAX

And finally, we're at the Campbell-Joneses! Lisa and Camille. You two having a good time tonight?

LISA

We're doing great!

MAX

Alright, Lisa. We asked your wife—

LISA

(Cocky) I think I know what this question's gonna be...

MAX

—To explain what scissoring is.

LISA

Excuse me?

MAX

Sorry, is that term outdated? We had to fire our DEI consultant so we just went off of Google.

LISA

No, I mean— What about the fear question? You asked the other wives their greatest fears? Why aren't you asking my wife about her fear?

MAX

You're the first lesbians on the show. Maybe even the last. Do you really think we're going to waste this one opportunity asking you about spiders?

LISA

Her biggest fear isn't spiders, it's ghosts.

MAX

Is that what you put, Camille?

(CAMILLE turns over her board. It's a detailed drawing of how scissoring works. A buzzer sounds.)

CAMILLE

I thought I was answering the scissoring question.

MAX

Better luck next time! Round Two! Jake and Lucy, how are you two doing?

LUCY

Stronger than ever, Max!

MAX

Love to hear it. Now, Jake. We've asked your wife, what does she think your biggest flaw is?

JAKE

Aw, Max! I already know what my biggest flaw is! I don't need Lucy to tell me! My biggest flaw is that I **[love her too deeply]**.

(LUCY flips the board. It's exactly what JAKE said. A correct dinging noise sounds.)

LUCY

He just spends too much time loving me! Save some for the rest of the world!

MAX

Adorable! Peter, the same question for you! What does Maria think your biggest flaw is?

PETER

Aw, gosh, Max. You know, I have to say, I'll bet Maria doesn't think I have any flaws.

MARIA

I do.

PETER

I don't suppose it's about how I shout a bit when I watch sports?

MAX

Maria?

(MARIA flips the board. A buzzer sounds. It says: **[He missed the birth of our second child because he decided to go camping two days before my due date, and when I tried to call him I was sent directly to voicemail because his phone was at the bottom of the lake when he confused it with a rock while he was trying to prove to his friends that he was good at skipping stones.]** MAX reads it out loud.)

MAX

Well, Peter, did you at least skip it like you thought you would.

PETER

No, it didn't have enough gyroscopic effect.

MAX

That's a tough one! Well, time for the Campbell-Joneses! Lisa!

LISA

I feel suspicious.

MAX

We asked your wife—

LISA

What my biggest flaw is?

MAX

What man she thinks could turn her.

LISA

Turn her?

MAX

To be bi, at least.

LISA

She is bi.

MAX

Well, she's married to a woman, so not anymore.

LISA

This is incredibly offensive.

MAX

Are you refusing to answer?

LISA

Yes. I'm refusing to answer. Camille is, too.

(CAMILLE flips the board. The buzzer sounds. It says:
["**The Property Brothers.**"] MAX reads this out loud.)

MAX

No points for the Campbell-Joneses! Final round, Lisa and Camille—

PETER

Wait, what about us?

MAX

Who gives a shit. Lisa and Camille, your question is: Kiss.

LISA

Huh?

MAX

Kiss. Right now. Prove it. Prove you're gay. Do a gay kiss.

LISA

A gay kiss?

MAX

Like a regular kiss except you have to tell a priest about it otherwise you go to hell.

LISA

This is insane. Absolutely insane. Clearly we're together.

MAX

You don't act like you're together?

LISA

What do you mean?

MAX

You haven't frenched once.

LISA

This is so weird! You paired us up against a couple that clearly should have been divorced years ago and those two who are close enough that they could be siblings—

JAKE and LUCY

Half-siblings.

LISA

And ask them the most normal, basic questions. But when it gets to us—

MAX

The lesbians—

LISA

You ask the grossest, most uncomfortable questions I could possibly imagine. I bet I could tell you every single detail about their relationships based on the questions you asked them

LISA (cont.)

all, but you haven't given either of us a chance to shine. Did you know Camille does a really good **[something]** impression? Camille, show them.

(CAMILLE does the impression.)

LISA

See? But you haven't even tried to get to know us. Come on Camille. Let's go.

(LISA and CAMILLE stand, and attempt to make a dramatic exit.)

MAX

Are you sure? You're playing for a U-Haul.

(LISA and CAMILLE look at each other, and slowly sit down. Blackout.)