Barney in a Bar

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EMILY
          So, LIV, I'm really glad you agreed
          to come out tonight.

                    SHANE
               (smiling)
          Me too, EMILY. It's nice to get out
          and relax.

                    EMILY & SHANE (CONT'D)

Look at LIV

                    EMILY (CONT'D)
               (sipping their beer)
          You know, LIV, if you keep staring
          at your phone, it might just stare
          back at you.

                    LIV
               (distracted)
          Huh?

                    EMILY
          Get off your phone.

                    LIV
          Oh, sorry. Just checking the score.

                    SHANE
               (rolling their eyes)
          Typical. We're supposed to be
          having a night out, remember?

                    EMILY
          Clearly the game is more important.
          So, what's the score, LIV?

                    LIV
          We're winning! 20-10.

                    SHANE
          20 -10, who's playing San Marino
          and Gibraltar. I didn't think there
          was any football on today.

                    EMILY
          SHANE has a good point, the
          football's finished, it's going to
          quiet for a while. What are you
          watching?

                    LIV
          It's not football. It's
          professional Quidditch. Twenty
          minutes in and neither side looks
          like they have a clue where the
          snitch is. Could be a long game.

EMILY & SHANE

Look at each other in confusion and disgust

                    SHANE (CONT'D)
          Where is there professional
          Quidditch? It's not a Uni thing is
          it.

                    SHANE (CONT'D)

pauses and looks serious

                    SHANE (CONT'D)
          You didn't join a Quidditch team
          when you were at Uni did you?

                    LIV
               (Looks sheepish)
          No….. It's the MLQ, Major League
          Quidditch. From the US. It started
          about ten years ago. It's a serious
          league, with playoffs and a
          championship.

                    EMILY
          Of course it's in America.

                    LIV
          There's a league in the UK as well.

                    EMILY
               (Downs their drink)
          I need another one. The tone of the
          evening has been set and its going
          to be a long one.

                    EMILY (CONT'D)

Gets up and leaves

                    LIV
          What did I do?

                    SHANE

          You've annoyed him. EMILY thought
          you were joining us for a
          refreshing drink and good
          conversation. But instead of being
          blessed with that, we instead find
          we are the sideshow to the more
          important magical matter of staying
          up to date with global Quidditch.

                         LIV
                   (Looks guilty)
          Your right. It can wait, this
          important matter.

                        SHANE

Smiles and lets out a sigh