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This week's couple: culture clash

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Nicole and Adam met for dinner and drinks at [Juniper Bar](#).

Bringing up social issues on a date can be a good way to demonstrate our awareness and worldliness.

They can also give the other person a reason not to see us again.

The latter happened when Nikki, 26, and Adam, 31, talked real estate and gentrification over their dinner at **Juniper Bar** in Midtown.

Find out why the two of them won't be looking for an apartment together anytime soon.

He said

When I spotted Nikki, she had on a vintage sweater and a nose ring. I picked up a hipster-ish vibe from her and I knew it was going to be a friend-zone situation pretty quickly.

Nikki was shy but also very opinionated on things like gentrification. Once we had a couple of drinks, she opened up a bit.

As for **Juniper Bar**, this place is a classy gem in Midtown West. I'll definitely go back, and I feel like everyone should check it out if they're around the Madison Square Garden area.

At the end of the night, it was raining, so I walked her to the J train. We hugged and parted ways. She's in the friend zone, but I'm not looking for new friends at this point in my life.

She said

My first impression of Adam was pretty spot-on: Murray Hill business-bro to a T. He was wearing a suit and talked like a sales dude.

Still, we had fun and laughed a lot. But I also found a lot of the stuff he said incredibly offensive.

He started out talking about real estate. Then he said rent stabilization shouldn't exist.

Also, he referred to his meal as "protein," instead of an adjective, like "delicious."

Juniper Bar was great. I got the grilled cheese and was stoked it came with avocado and on sourdough; it's how I will make grilled cheese at home from now on.

We ended with a handshake outside the subway. I have no interest in seeing him again, but if we run into each other, we'd have a laugh about the experience.