At naked pop-up I take all my food with no dressing

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The Bunyadi
Secret location, London

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On Friday night, I got naked with my friend’s errant brother Tom, who I fleetingly dated a decade ago. According to recent research, collecting exes is a sign you’re a narcissist, but why would anyone go to naked pop-up restaurant The Bunyadi if they weren’t? And who better to go with than someone who’s already seen your cellulite?

After a Pavan signature cocktail at the bar, we get changed together in what is a cupboard the size of a single mattress. It is dark and hot, and I am quicker than Tom, who I urge to hurry up before I come over all claustrophobic. We wear our dressing gowns into the restaurant. Tom is wearing the slippers provided but mine are missing, so I sully the spirit of the place by keeping on my plastic Primark flip flops.

The first course consists of a radish and later there is some fish. Also, a spoon the waitress says we can eat, but it feels like it’s made out of an egg box, so we decline. It is too dark to see what we’re eating, but the waiting staff talk us through the dishes. I feel a bit wrong talking to topless waitresses, but Tom assures me it’s fine.

Each table is surrounded by bamboo, so you only share the sight of sexy bits with your dinner date. Tom can’t see the point of this, and I’m a bit meh too. I’d say find a fun table and join them. It’s not in the etiquette guide, but rock up with a bottle – what can go wrong?

I’ll give it four stars, for novelty value and the untapped potential to gatecrash another booth.

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