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Amber's seen and not Heard prank ?

I guess pretty much everybody heard the story about something Amber Heard supposedly would have left on the bed of her then husband Johnny Depp on the night of her 30th birthday or the morning after, 21/22 April 2016. But I guess nobody got what exactly the joke was supposed to be except Amber herself (*if it was really a prank and happened at all*), hence this tiny article. . .

According to [1], in the US trial, her younger sister Whitney recalled that on the evening of Amber's birthday the guests took turns mentioning their favorite memory of Amber and that as part of that Johnny Depp described how Amber 'came into his office [in Los Angeles in 2008 for a role in *The Rum Diary*] and she sat on the couch, and her perfect ass left a perfect imprint on the couch and he wouldn't let anyone sit there after she left that day'. Maybe you have to be a man to see the poetic side in that. It is not reducing her to just her body (nor particularly to her behind)—at least not only that. A shape is more abstract than a literal body and, maybe a bit like in Pavlov's experiment, it can evoke her whole persona, which seemed to have made quite some impression on Johnny Depp that day, to say the least. I was not present the night of her birthday, and given their apparently frequent arguments in previous months, it is not sure how exactly he meant it, but it might actually have been a true expression of this love for her. But I can also see that from the point of view of a woman it looks different, is, as so often, a much more convoluted matter.

Anyways, it appears likely to me that Amber would have decided to show him quite literally what her behind can do (and not do) compared to the rest of her persona (body, mind, etc.).

I had not been following things before July 2023, except some tiny headline bits here and there in the media. It had always been my view, mirrored maybe not astonishingly by her sister's statements in the court case in the UK, that she loved him ('I had never seen my sister be in love like she was with Johnny, and she didn't want to let go of it.'). And my interpretation of Johnny Depp refusing to look at her was in my personal view mostly because he was (at least unconsciously) afraid to completely fall for her again. It is my suspicion that the court cases might even have been mutual (unconscious) attempts to remain in some ways in contact. Maybe (!) they could try to find better ways to do that.

But what do I know, at most only my life. . . . But maybe I know love. . . .*

[1] Nick Wallis, *Depp v Heard*, Bath Publishing, 2023, p. 143 at the bottom ;).

* Normally, I change an article until it feels right to me from all aspects, but this one is different. Strangely felt like I would have to leave it as it is now, written with the sun in my 12th house in July 2023, hence maybe some kind of "commissioned work" for the collective?