

Modern Romance

Robert  
Hi honey.

Mary  
Hi.

Robert  
Welcome back.

Mary  
That's a nice fire.

Robert  
Thank you. Come over here for a minute.  
Sit down. You seem happy.

Mary  
I am happy.

Robert  
But I mean you seem happier since the phone call.

Mary  
What do you mean?

Robert  
Who'd you call?

Mary  
Susan. What are you talking about?

Robert  
The other morning when I was staying at your house,  
I accidentally came across your phone bill.  
And who would you call in New York at 11:00 at  
night, which would be 2:00 in the morning there,  
and talk for an hour and then call at 7:00 in the  
morning and talk for another hour? I mean  
are you in love with somebody in New York?

Mary  
Why don't you just go through the rest of my fucking mail!

Robert

No I wasn't going through...honey. Just a minute, just a minute,  
Would you wait a minute? I was not looking through your mail.  
I was looking for a razor, ok?

Mary

If you really wanted to know anything about me I'd tell  
You, but you don't want to know anything anyway,  
So what the hell difference does it make?

Robert

Look, it's just that sometimes we have difficulty finding  
a level at which to communicate.

Mary

We will never find a level at which to communicate.

Robert

Alright, stop it. Let's not yell out here. Mary, that's full of snakes,  
now come on back here. This is silly. Now what did I do  
wrong? Just tell me, I'm standing with lather on my face, what  
am I supposed to do?

Mary

Ok, I don't want to talk about anything. I think  
I should just go back.

Robert

What do you mean? Go back? I mean what did I  
Do wrong here? What if you came across my phone bill?  
What do you think you'd do? You'd look at the numbers, that's  
your whole life, numbers, you work at a bank.

Mary

What difference does it make? You want to know who it is?  
It's my brother's girlfriend, ok?

Robert

Ok, alright so I asked a question and you answered me. It's not  
so difficult? You don't have to tell me it's your brother's  
girlfriend if it isn't. I mean I can take it. Let's just get  
it over with. Who is it really? Hurt me.

Mary

God, there is something wrong with you.

Robert  
No there isn't, I'm in love.

Mary  
That's not it.

Robert  
Yes

Mary  
No

Robert  
Yes, I'm in love, I love you. I called the number, ok.  
A guy answered. Obviously a guy isn't your brother's  
girlfriend. So who is it? You slept with him? Twice?

Mary  
I'm going home.

Robert  
Alright, hold it. Stop. Gimme the bag. Listen to me. I couldn't help calling.  
I called because I love you. I mean it's not so difficult to make a call,  
You press a few numbers, it's done.

Mary  
How could you call that number?

Robert  
I'd want you to call the number? I'd want you to feel that way.

Mary  
It's an invasion of my privacy.

Robert  
What should be private?

Mary  
We weren't even together then, that was August. You left me,  
remember? What was I supposed to do, not make friends?

Robert  
Well, I didn't make friends. I didn't make one long distance call.  
You want to see my bill during those months? \$8.00, \$8.50.  
Alright, this is a stupid argument. Look, I've got you bag here,  
Can we just have some fun?

Mary

We can't even have one good night together.

Robert

We can have one good night together. We have to work through this shit. This is how people do it. You have to work it out.

Mary

Sit down. I don't think we should see each other anymore. This is too painful for me. I can't do this...it's over.

Robert

Marry me.

Mary

Marry you?

Robert

Be my wife. Listen to me, listen. I know you think I'm crazy. I know about all our differences, but I love you more than anybody I've ever met. Why do you think I act the way I do? Why do you think I drive around your house? You think I circle everyone's house? I don't know what to say. I don't think you want a man who doesn't do that. Do you want somebody who doesn't think about you every single minute? Do you want someone who doesn't care where you are, or who you're talking to, or where you're going, or what you're wearing? I don't think so. I want the same things you do. I want to give you everything I can. I want the house, and the white picket fence, I want to go to the country in the summer, and have a dog, and animals. I think we should have children, Mary, I think we'd have great kids. I mean, I love you, I know I love you. You know I love you too. What do you think we are doing up here? Now, I think all of our trouble comes from the fact that we haven't made the commitment. I think if we just make it, it'll be fine. I think that's the problem. I know it, I know it is. So let's do it, alright? Just say yes. I'm asking you to be my wife, I'm asking you to marry me, just say yes. Please, please do it, please say yes. Say yes to me, say yes.

Mary

Yes

Robert

Yes?

Mary

Yes

Robert

You said it.

Mary  
Yes

Robert

I love you, I can't believe it, I love you. Now you watch, it's gonna be perfect. I promise, Oh Mary, perfect.