

THE FISHER KING

PARRY

Tell me more about yourself. I'd like to know everything!

LYDIA

There's nothing more to tell.

PARRY

Don't say that.

LYDIA

No, that's it.

PARRY

It's enough for me.

LYDIA

You don't have to say that.

PARRY

I never say anything I have to.

LYDIA

I mean, you don't have to say nice things to me. It's a little old fashioned considering what we're about to do.

PARRY

What are we about to do?

LYDIA

You're walking me home. I think you're a little attracted to me...

PARRY

Yeah.

LYDIA

...and you'll probably want to come upstairs for some coffee...

PARRY

I don't drink coffee.

LYDIA

...and then, we'll probably have a drink and talk and get to know each other a little better, get comfortable and then you'll sleep over, and then in the morning you'll awake and you'll be distant and you won't be able to stay for breakfast...maybe just a cup of coffee...

PARRY

I don't drink coffee.

LYDIA

...and then we'll exchange phone numbers, and you'll leave and never call, and I'll go to work and I'll feel so good for the first hour and then ever so slowly I'll turn into a piece of dirt. I don't know why I'm putting myself through this? It was so very nice to meet you...night.

PARRY

Night...excuse me, wait, just, hey, sorry. Wait one minute! Excuse me, please, wait...

LYDIA

No. listen, I'm not feeling very well.

PARRY

Well no wonder. We just met, made love, and broke up all in the space of 30 seconds and I don't even remember having the first kiss which I think is the best part.

LYDIA

Listen...it was so very special to meet you...

PARRY

It was for me too...

LYDIA

...and I had such a wonderful time...

PARRY

...but I think it's time you should shut up now. Shut up, please? I'm not coming up to your apartment. That was never my intention.

LYDIA

Oh God, you mean don't want to.

PARRY

Oh no, I want to. I have a hard-on for you the size of Florida. But I don't want just one night. I have a confession I have to make to you.

LYDIA

You're married?

PARRY

No.

LYDIA

You're divorced?

PARRY

No, I...

LYDIA

You have a disease?

PARRY

No, please stop. I'm in love with you! Not just from tonight. I've known you for a long time. I know that you come out from work at noon and you fight your way out that door and then you get pushed back in and 3 seconds later you come back out again. I walk with you to lunch. I know it's a good day if you stop and get that romance novel at that bookstore. I know what you order and on Wednesdays you go to that dim sum parlor. I know that you get a jawbreaker before going back in to work. I know you hate your job, and you don't have many friends, and I know sometimes you feel a little uncoordinated and you don't feel as wonderful as everybody else, and feeling as alone and separate as you feel are...and I love you. I love you! I think you're the greatest thing since spice racks, and I would be knocked out several times if I could just have that first kiss. And I won't be distant, and I'll come back in the morning and I'll call you if you let me...but I still don't drink coffee.

LYDIA

You are real, aren't you?

(KISS)

You can call me.

PARRY

She didn't give me the number!

