ΗE

Hi.

SHE

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How are you?

SHE

I'm okay.

HE

So, you made it.

SHE

I nearly didn't. When I got out of bed this morning something told me to get back in.

ΗE

Why didn't you?

SHE

I'm a big girl. I make my own decisions.

HE

I nearly got lost coming out here. I found it. You give good directions. You said by the exotic birds. (beat) Nice shopping mall you got here.

SHE

Oh yes.

HE

It's bigger than ours, um, a lot.

SHE

Thanks. You should see our gas station.

ΗE

Oh really.

SHE

Yes.

HE

I didn't think you'd come. I'm glad you did. But I, er, I didn't think you would.

SHE

Well, I have.

ΗE

Yeah, you have. ... You look great.

SHE

You look okay yourself. That's a nice shirt. You got some nice shirts.

HE

Thanks. Shall we go?

SHE

Yeah.

ΗE

Where do you wanna go?

SHE

I don't know.

HE

We'll find some place.

SHE

Would you like to see one of our gas stations? (beat) Let's stop here, I used to love this restaurant.

HE

That's a good idea.

SHE

Thank you. You like it?

HE

Well, I've never been here before.

SHE

I haven't been here since back in high school. I remember, it's very romantic here at night.

HE

I'll bet it is.

SHE

Er, you know, I'm not used to this.

HE

What?

SHE

I have been man-proof for so long. Um, when I was with Tony I never looked at another guy. He was real good to me. And, er, as I told you, he was Italian, very Latin, and he used to call me his madonna. He kept me up on this pedestal, and he never let me down. It's okay for a statue, maybe...

HE

But not for a woman.

SHE

Yeah. And then when he got sick and I, I er, tried to make him as comfortable as possible and, um, make him feel better and everything. Since then I'm just putting one foot in front of the other and now I'm sitting here, next to you, and opening up and telling you things. I mean, if I was fifteen I would understand all this.

HE

I got up this morning and I must have changed five times. Put it on, take it off, put it on, take it off. I had somebody I wanted to please. It's been a long time since I haven't known for certain what a day had in store for me.

SHE

You're really nice, you know.

HE

Thanks.

SHE

Look, I don't want to hurt you or anybody. Maybe it wasn't such a good idea.

HE

Why? What do you mean?

SHE

Since Tony died I've had to do a lot of adjusting and, er, I'm just now getting myself back together. It so nice to feel good again. I have such a list of things I want to do with my life.

HE Well, let's start it off. What's first on your list?

SHE

An ice cream cone. Can you handle it?

HE

Yeah, I can handle it. You had me scared there.

SHE

Yeah, I know.