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Sex, Lies and Videotape

1-4 (Reunions)

ANN

John?

JOHN

Mmmmm...

ANN

I called you Tuesday at 3:30 and they said you weren't in. Do you remember where you were?

JOHN

Tuesday. I had a late lunch.

ANN

Did you see a message to call me when you got back in?

JOHN

Yes. I just got busy.

ANN

That's interesting, because I didn't leave a message.

JOHN

Then maybe I saw an old message. There are a lot of them on my desk, you know.

ANN

Who'd you have lunch with?

JOHN

I ate by myself.

Something wrong?

SEX LIES... 2-4

ANN

Are you having an affair?

JOHN

Jesus Christ, where'd that come from? I have a late lunch by myself and now I'm fucking somebody?

ANN

Well, are you?

JOHN

No, I'm not. Frankly, I'm offended at the accusation.

ANN

If I'm right, I want to know. I don't want you to lie. I'd be very upset, but not as upset as if I'd found out you'd been lying.

JOHN

There's nothing to know, Ann.

ANN

I can't tell you how upset I would be if you were lying.

JOHN

Ann, you are completely paranoid. Not ten minutes ago I wanted to make love for the first time in weeks, and you act like I'm dipped in shit. You know, I think there are a lot of women that would be glad to have a young, straight male making a pretty good living beside them in bed with a hard on.

ANN

My sister, for one. Is that who it is?

JOHN

For God's sake, Ann, I am not fucking your sister. I don't find her that attractive, for one.

SEX, LIES 3-4

ANN

Is that supposed to comfort me?

JOHN

I was just saying, you know? I didn't get paranoid when you didn't want to make love. I could have easily assumed that you didn't want to because you were having an affair.

ANN

But I'm not.

JOHN

I'm not either!!

ANN

Why don't I believe you?

JOHN

Look, this conversation is utterly ridiculous. Maybe when you have some evidence, we should talk, but don't give me conjecture and intuition.

ANN

Always the lawyer.

JOHN

Goddam right. I mean, can you imagine: "Your honor, I'm positive this man is guilty. I can't place him at the scene or establish a motive, but I have this really strong feeling."

ANN

You've made your point.

JOHN

I'm sorry. It's just...I'm under a lot of pressure with this Kirkland thing, it's my first big case as junior partner, and I work all day, I come home, I look forward to seeing you, and...it hurts that you accuse me like that.

SEX, LIES 4-4

ANN

I'm sorry, too. I...I get these ideas in my head, you know, and I have nothing to do all day but sit around and concoct these intricate scenarios. And then I want to believe it so I don't think I've wasted the whole day. Last week I was convinced you were having an affair with Cynthia, I don't know why.

JOHN

I don't, either. I mean, Cynthia, of all people. She's so...

ANN

Loud.

JOHN

Yeah. Jeez, give me some credit.

ANN

I didn't say it was rational, I just said I was convinced.

JOHN

Isn't therapy helping at all?

ANN

I don't know. Sometimes I feel stupid babbling about my little problems while children are starving in the world.

JOHN

Quitting your therapy won't feed the children of Ethiopia.

ANN

I know.

You never used to say "fucking".