

**ARTHUR 1 - 1**

SHE

Look at this room! It's not easy to feel cheap here.

HE

You want something to drink or eat?

SHE

No. I feel like we're a young couple from the midwest on our first trip to New York.

HE

Come here.

SHE

So, what are we waiting for?

HE

The other girl will be here in a minute. You didn't think this was just going to be you and me, did you? You'll like her.

SHE

Why do I feel so comfortable with you?

HE

Because we are that couple from the midwest. And we're very nice people. You're a nice girl... but you don't turn me on physically.

SHE

Oh yeah? ... You're not going to marry Susan, and you know it.

HE

Let's not talk any more. Okay?

SHE

I know you're not going to marry her.

HE

Linda... let's not talk.

SHE

Let's talk for a second...

**ARTHUR 1 - 2**

HE

I'm trying to have sex here! Do you mind?

SHE

Why would you marry a woman you don't love?

HE

I have to.

SHE

What do you mean, you have to?

HE

Linda, there's not a shower in the world cold enough to fix what's going on here. Now... could we talk about this later?

SHE

Just tell me what you mean... you "have to"?

HE

My family is forcing me to marry her.

SHE

You asshole! Nobody gets married like that! That hasn't happened since 1850!

HE

They'll cut me off if I don't! Without a cent!

SHE

So?! You'll get a job like everybody else! How much money is it?

HE

Seven hundred and fifty million dollars.

SHE

Try it with her a few years. Maybe it'll work out.

HE

Linda... you see this suite? I have to be in suites like this.

ARTHUR 1 - 3

SHE

Why?

HE

Because.... that's who I am. I'm Arthur Bach. I've got nothing but the money.

SHE

Me. You've got me.

HE

Yeah. We have each other. How would you like to share the money with me?

SHE

And Susan?

HE

Yes. I have to marry Susan.

SHE

We're not that nice young couple from the midwest, are we? I'll get a cab. (beat) You can't have everything, Arthur. If you get the potato, you don't get a vegetable.

HE

Would you turn down this money?

SHE

Are you crazy? Of course not! I steal ties for Chrissakes! But when you look for a mistress, make it a mistress! She should speak French and give back rubs. Don't come to me. I want to get married. What do I know about being a mistress? You'd get me an apartment and I'd want to know if it's near a good school.

HE

Goodbye, Linda.

SHE

Don't pout. You're lovely. I'll remember you the rest of my life.