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SHE

This looks very familiar.

HE

Yes. The house we rented the year before Jenny was born is just down the road.

SHE

That wasn't a bad summer, was it?

HE

I thought it was terrific.

SHE

Yes, well, the ocean looked more interesting in those days. Would you like a cigarette?

HE

No. I gave them up eight years ago.

SHE

Don't you miss the coughing and hacking in the morning?

HE

It woke the dogs up. I have dogs now.

SHE

Isn't divorce wonderful? You have changed Billie, you've gone clean on me. Tell me, what else do you do to keep that winsome, adolescent look?

HE

You're just dying to make a little fun of me, aren't you? No, I don't mind, I have an hour to kill. Would you believe I run five miles every morning?

SHE

After what?

HE

After a good night's sleep. I don't even have a pill in my medicine cabinet and I gave up analysis.

SHE

I heard that. Why did you quit?

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HE

I went sane.

SHE

Sane? My God, how boring. Tell me something Billie, don't you ever get depressed?

HE

Yes.

SHE

When?

HE

Now. I hear you went in for an operation.

SHE

Yes, a hysterectomy. It was nothing. I have one every year. I understand you had prostate trouble.

HE

It's a small world.

SHE

Well, our past seems to have a way of catching up with us.

HE

Jenny tells me you have a new boyfriend.

SHE

No. I have a lover. Jenny has boyfriends.

HE

A writer on the Washington Post, I'm told.

SHE

He's fifty-four years old, has a heart condition, asthma, leans toward alcoholism, he also has the second best mind I've met in this country since Adlai Stevenson. What's with you, matewise?

HE

Matewise? Matewise I'm seeing a very nice girl.

SHE

Are you? Where are you seeing her to?

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HE

Come on Hannah.

SHE

I beg your pardon if I offended you.

HE

My God, it's a long time since I've been involved in a smart-ass conversation.

SHE

I'm sorry, but you're the one who said things like "I hear you have a boyfriend" and "I'm seeing a very nice girl". I'm not the one with the Bobsy Twin haircut and Peter Pan phraseology.

HE

I can see you've really come to hunt bear, haven't you?

SHE

Hunt bear? Is that what you said? Hunt bear? Is that the kind of nifty conversation you have around the campfire out here in the rugged West?

HE

Can we talk about Jenny?

SHE

What's your rush? She's only seventeen, she has her whole life ahead of her. If I am going to turn my daughter over to you, which I am not, at least I want to know what you're like.

HE

Jenny is our daughter. Ours.

SHE

Maybe, we'll see. They've been a little slow with the blood test.