

WHITE PALACE 5 - 1 (Judy)

HE

What are you doing out here?

SHE

The electricity is out.

HE

How come?

SHE

I didn't pay my bill.

HE

Why didn't you say something? I could have written you a cheque.

SHE

I don't need your charity. I'm doing just fine.

HE

What's the matter with you.

SHE

Why don't you take that pretty little bouquet and put it in some water. Did you have a nice time at the wedding?

HE

Shit!

SHE

They turned it off when I was at work, so I had to sit in the dark when I came home. I'm afraid of the dark. I never got to tell you I'm afraid of the dark. So I called information and I got your mother's number. And surprise! I told her I was a friend of yours in the dark. I didn't even get to watch "Some Like it Hot" on TV.... Your mom says she likes Marilyn Monroe but she thinks she was murdered.

HE

I'm sorry.

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SHE

Yeah, you're always sorry. So who'd you bring to this shindig? Some fresh, young thing with a tight little ass and a college education?

HE

No.

SHE

Bet you I got one thing up on her. Bet she can't hold a candle to me in the fucking department, can she?

HE

That's enough.

SHE

Well that's one thing I know how to do and I'll say when it's enough.

HE

There's no other women.

SHE

Bullshit.

HE

I wish there was, but there isn't. I can't even look at another woman without wanting you.

SHE

I'm afraid you're going to have to do better than that.

HE

Nora, I don't know what's happening to me.

SHE

Why did you lie to me?

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HE

I don't know what's happening to me. I've never wanted another woman as much as I want you. Never. Not even my wife.

SHE

You better be careful with words like that. Words like that can kill a person if you don't mean it.

HE

Well I mean it.

SHE

That you love me more than you did your wife?

HE

I didn't say that. I said I wanted you more than I did my wife.

SHE

What's the difference?

HE

I don't know. I only know that when I'm not with you I'm a total wreck.

SHE

And when you are with me?

HE

I'm a different kind of total wreck.

SHE

Why did you lie to me?

HE

Have you ever been to a Jewish wedding?

SHE

Not recently.

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HE

Well it wouldn't have been too easy. I wanted to save us a cross examination.

SHE

Bullshit. You were embarrassed to take me there.

HE

No, Nora. That's not true.

SHE

I want you to know that there's nothing I hate more than being lied to. I'd rather have a man beat me up than lie to me. At least then you stand a chance of defending yourself. (beat) You know, every time we have a date and you show up on time I'm so damn grateful it's downright sickening, because I don't expect you to show up at all. But you do, and every time you do I just can't believe it. I'm so damn happy because I'm thinking that maybe you're going to stick around for a while and I'm believing in you because you told me the first time that I met you that you don't gobble and you don't lie. Well I don't give a shit if you gobble, but don't you ever lie to me again. Because I'll forgive you once, but I won't forgive you twice.