

EFFIE (B) 1

SHE

You look good, Franklin.

HE

Thanks.

SHE

Hey, I brought you some salt water taffy.

HE

From Atlantic City?

SHE

You bet.

HE

Nice.

SHE

You look a little thin.

HE

I lost some weight. The arm. Probably why I look different.

SHE

I'm used to it already.

HE

Hey, it's okay. They tell you it takes time to adjust. You lose a limb, this takes time to adjust. I talked to some people.

SHE

Were they nice people?

HE

They were okay. Mostly other guys who were missing things. Arms, legs, fingers. Some guys got it much worse than me, you know.

SHE

Yeah.

HE

Some guys were missing their... you know what. You step on a mine, blammo. It's gone. You can't ever get it back. Yeah, I talked to a lot of people.



EFFIE 2

SHE

You started combing your hair different.

HE

I read in a magazine that this is the new style.

SHE

I haven't seen that style yet.

HE

Oh.

SHE

But I don't read a lot of magazines about combing hair.

HE

Well, this is how they do it.

SHE

It's different.

HE

You look the same.

SHE

You look older.

HE

I'm... you know, my gums are acting up.

SHE

Your gums?

HE

Something got... something happened to my gums over in Korea, and my teeth are loose and they hurt once in a while.

SHE

Donna and me went to see a movie this week.

HE

Really.

SHE

This movie was in 3D.



EFFIE 3

HE

Huh?

SHE

This movie was especially designed for three dimensional projection.

HE

So?

SHE

So? So, well you watch this movie and things pop out at you right out of the screen. They sort of come out at you like in real life, except it's at a movie.

HE

Maybe we should go now.

SHE

Sure.

HE

I feel like laying down for a while.

SHE

Okay. You should have seen it. You turn around and hundreds of people are wearing these 3D glasses like you were on another planet, only it's the plain old Plaza Theatre.

HE

Shut up.

SHE

I thought you'd want to know.

HE

Stop talking.

SHE

I'm sorry, what did I do now?

HE

Stop talking stupid all the time. You truly embarrass me. I just got off the plane and you're talking about some stupid movie and wearing some stupid glasses. What am I supposed to do now?



EFFIE 4

SHE

About what?

HE

About working, about getting a job, about supporting us, making a God damned living.

SHE

You're still okay, Franklin.

HE

I'm not okay! I'm not... shit, my mouth hurts. You make me mad and I yell at you and my mouth hurts. I don't want to lose my teeth too, Effie. Don't let them pull my teeth. I've had these teeth since I was a kid. I need them.

SHE

It's okay.

HE

I can't eat the salt water taffy, don't you understand?

SHE

It's fine, Franklin. It's good to have you back.

HE

I'm fucking falling apart here.

SHE

You look good, Franklin. You still have all your good parts. You're not missing any of that.

HE

No.

SHE

Then it's okay. A lot of guys, they're missing everything. Many guys, they're dead, they have nothing.

HE

That's right.

SHE

We're going home now, okay?

HE

Yeah.