

HOMEWARD BOUND

SHE

I really appreciate the ride home.  
Can I offer you a drink?

HE

You got any beer?

SHE

Yeah.

HE

Great. This is a nice place you've  
got here.

SHE

It's too big for me.

HE

Really. Aren't you married?

SHE

No. Came close a few times, but I  
think I'm better off on my own.  
Shouldn't you tell your wife where  
you are? You can use the phone  
upstairs.

HE

She's away. She and the kids are at  
our weekend place on the lake.

SHE

Oh. You were probably on your way  
to dinner when I bumped into you.

HE

Yeah, I was heading over to a little  
spot I go to when I'm "baching it."

SHE

You could have a bite here. I mean,  
I usually eat by myself and go to  
bed early.

HE

You sure it's no bother?

SHE

Not at all. You like pasta?

HE

Absolutely.

SHE

Good. Pasta it is, then.

HE

So, what kind of name is Nicole Jacobs?

SHE

I don't know, really. It just sounds good to me. I had it changed a long time ago. My real name is Missy Morris.

HE

Well, I don't blame you for changing it.

SHE

Thanks. Can I ask you something?

HE

What?

SHE

Are you going to make a pass at me?

HE

No, why should I?

SHE

Well, if you don't make one at me, I'm going to make one at you.

HE

I don't get it.

SHE

Neither do I, but I don't care because I'll probably never see you again, so it doesn't matter.

HE

Are you sure you want to do this?

SHE

Not if you're going to talk about it.

HE

Of course I want to talk about it. I don't usually hop into bed with someone just because I think the mood might be right.

SHE

You think I'm attractive, don't you?

HE

Of course I think you're attractive.

SHE

Then what's the problem?

HE

Boy, we're really in different worlds, aren't we? The problem is, that I'm married and I have children. Besides, I seriously doubt if I could get it up anyway.

SHE

You look pretty healthy to me.

HE

I am healthy. That's not the problem. The problem is guilt. I've been true blue Odie for eight years.

SHE

Look, I'm not asking you to leave your family. It's just that the attraction was obvious and it seemed like you were a little shy. I just thought I'd make it a little easier for you.

HE

I think I'd better get going.

SHE

Don't rush off. Stay and have another drink.

HE

Why?

SHE

We'll just sit around and see if anything else interesting pops up.