

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE 2-1

ANN

Honey, he wasn't right for you.

SUE

I know.

ANN

He wasn't even wrong for you, like cosmically wrong, so don't beat up on yourself for wasting... however long it was.

SUE

I know. I just want to meet someone nice and stable who I can depend on, and I want to marry him and have three children and live happily ever after. I mean I am not cut out for this--

ANN

For what?

SUE

For life as we know it.

ANN

Just make sure he isn't fat like Michael was or you'll spend too much time worrying he's going to have a heart attack while you're fucking. You should write something about this in your letter.

SUE

About what?

ANN

Whatever this is.

SUE

Whatever this is... is a desperate woman looking for love. Do you know that it is easier to be killed by a terrorist than it is to get married?

SLEEPLESS 2-2

ANN

That is not true. Nice try but not true.

SUE

I think I'm going crazy. I really do. Were you happily married?

ANN

What?

SUE

I mean, when you were married? Was it ever fireworks

ANN

I was eighteen. We got married because he said we had to break up or get married. So we got married.

SUE

But when you met him, did you believe he was the only person for you? That in some mystical, cosmic way, it was fated?

ANN

Sue, when you meet someone and you're attracted to them, it just means that your subconscious is attracted to their subconscious, subconsciously.

SUE

I don't even know him. But I'm having all these fantasies about a man I've never met, who lives in Seattle. I bet he's tall, with a cute butt.

ANN

I'll bet he hasn't shaved in a week. I'll bet he's stinks.

SLEEPLESS 1-3

SUE

Maybe I should just hustle myself out to Seattle and give him a little present with my letter.

ANN

You can go there if you want to but don't open his fridge. Single men don't cover anything when they put it in the fridge. They just stick it in there and leave it there 'til it walks out by itself. Did you know that it rains nine months of the year in Seattle?

SUE

I know, I know. I do not want to move there, but what I really don't want to do is end up always wondering what might have happened and knowing I could have done something. What do you think?... It's just cold feet, isn't it? Everyone panics before they meet someone new, didn't you?

ANN

Of course I did.

SUE

Oh, to be in love with someone, like in Casablanca. Now those were the days when people knew how to be in love.

ANN

You really are a basket case, you know that.

SUE

They knew it. Nothing could separate them because they knew. It was right. It was real. It was...

ANN

A movie! that's your problem. You don't want to be in love. You want to be in love in a movie. (beat) Okay, let me hear some of it. Go ahead and read it to me.

SLEEPLESS: 1-4

SUE

*"Dear Sleepless and Son..."*

ANN

It sounds like the name of a mattress store--

SUE

*"I am not the sort of person who listens to call-in radio shows"--*

ANN

And this woman is a writer! That's what everyone writes at the beginning of letters to strangers.

SUE

I know that. You think I don't know that? *"I know that's a dumb way to begin, but it's the only way I can think of to convey what happened to me the other night when I heard you on the radio."* On the other hand, maybe I'm just losing my mind.

ANN

You are. You're losing your fucking mind.

SUE

I just have to get this out of my system.

ANN

Right.

SUE

I should say something about magic.

ANN

What?

SUE

I don't know. I mean, what if I never meet him? What if this man is my destiny and I never meet him?

SLEEPLESS 1-5

ANN

You want to hear about destiny? Your destiny can be your doom. Look at me and Rick. If Michael hadn't gone on a diet, which caused me to leave him, I would never have been on that flight to Miami, and met Rick, and ended up having sex in the bathroom of a 727 with that knob you slide that says 'vacant-occupied, vacant-occupied, vacant-occupied'--

SUE

You never told me you left him because he went on a diet.

ANN

He lost all the weight... there.

SUE

That's impossible. A guy can't--

ANN

Can too.

SUE

No.

ANN

Yes.

SUE

And then you left him? He lost weight there and you left him?

ANN

That and he fucked his secretary.