

BEACHED 1

JO

Hilary, I want to help you. I came all the way from New York. Just tell me what we have to do to beat this thing.

HILARY

I've chosen medication and rest.

JO

But that's not very aggressive, Hilary. There's lots of stuff they can do for the heart now. I mean... you hear about it all the time, the new things they can do..

HILARY

Sure, I know. I'm on the waiting list for a donor. But we have to face it, Jo, it's unlikely that they'll get one with my tissue type.

JO

But you will get better?

HILARY

Look at it this way. I'll never have to take another damned aerobics class again.

JO

Why do you always go to those crappy jokes, Hilary? I mean, I feel lousy enough as it is. We have to fight this thing.

HILARY

Still fighting, huh? I can't do that any more. I'm trying to learn acceptance, that way, maybe, I can leave with some dignity.

JO

Dignity! I'm talking about your life here!

HILARY

So am I!

JO

You can't just give up.

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HILARY

I'm not giving up! I'm facing things head on instead of running away, as I have in the past. I don't know, maybe if I'd been a fighter like you I wouldn't be in this position now. But I'm not, Joanna. I never wanted to take on the whole world... I was too scared. I've spent a lot of time being afraid. Now I finally have the courage to face this thing, to accept it and maybe I'll find some peace... ... The flowers are nice.

JO

Yeah, yeah. I'll... I'm gonna put them in some water before they die, I mean wilt.

HILARY

Jo.

JO

What?

HILARY

I want to take Victoria to the beach house for the summer. We can't go alone...

JO

Well, no. Of course not. Don't you worry about a thing. I'll hire you a nurse.

HILARY

No, don't do that. It's all right, we can manage. I can hire a nurse myself. ... You'd better put those flowers in water before they die.

JO

Right. Oh heavens, just look at this. Wherever did you get this?

HILARY

Get what?

JO

This picture of us in Atlantic City. This is so great. God, how old were we? Eight, nine? We've been friends nearly all our lives, Hilary.

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HILARY

Yes, I know. Victoria found it in a box and I had it framed. Those times seem so precious now...

JO

Just look at us. I always hated my hair. What a pair we were. ... You know, now that I've finished my record, I'm free for a while. Maybe I should go to the beach with you instead of a nurse.

HILARY

I'd really like that, Jo.

JO

Yeah, sure.