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KATE

Hi, where were you?

HILARY

At a fashion show. I got fed up with looking at all those skinny bodies so I left early.

KATE

You're looking marvellous, Hil.

HILARY

Achieved through the miracle of modern cosmetics and advanced malnutrition. So.... what's new in Thornton Falls?

KATE

There's never anything new in Thornton Falls, that's part of its charm.

HILARY

Maybe I should try it some time.

KATE

Sure. You'd last two days. It's very small with very simple people.

HILARY

Great, I could be the town neurotic. How are the kids?

KATE

Just fine. Kathy gets her braces off next week, yesterday Peter fell out of a tree - again. How's Grant?

HILARY

He left home and shacked up with an older woman.

KATE

You can't be serious.

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HILARY

She's twenty-two. Older women are getting younger all the time.

KATE

But he's only eighteen.

HILARY

He's always been an over-achiever. He'll tell you all about it. He tells everyone. He's treating the whole thing like a Boy Scout merit badge.

KATE

But didn't you put up any arguments to stop him leaving?

HILARY

What could I do? Offer to buy him a new erector set?

KATE

Have you met the girl?

HILARY

Yes. He couldn't build anything like her. How's Michael?

KATE

Oh.. okay... I guess.

HILARY

Anything wrong between you two?

KATE

What makes you ask?

HILARY

You don't seem your disgustingly normal, well-adjusted self. Well?

KATE

Hil, do you realize that you and Joe are the only couple we know who are still together?

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HILARY

Yeah. Sometimes I wonder what the hell's wrong with us.

KATE

Do you ever get scared it won't last?

HILARY

Sometimes I get scared it will.

KATE

You mean that?

HILARY

Not today. Oh, Joe's not exactly Cary Grant, but then neither is Cary Grant any more.

KATE

Someone made a pass at me while Michael was away. Can you believe that?

HILARY

Well, why the hell not?

KATE

He was an almost total stranger. We needed a fourth for a mixed doubles at the tennis club and he filled in. It really shook me up.

HILARY

Why? Did he grab you in the middle of your overhead smash?

KATE

It's not funny. He was very attractive. That's what makes it so upsetting.

HILARY

Upsetting? It sounds like one of my better fantasies.

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KATE

I suppose we all like an ego-booster once in a while. The thing that scared me was that I was tempted. Just for a moment. He was so charming and casual about it and he made it sound so - so damned healthy. My God, I actually considered it.

HILARY

I think you're losing your marbles.

KATE

You don't understand. It's not me I'm worried about - it's Michael.

HILARY

What are you talking about?

KATE

Well, I've always thought of our marriage as, well, invulnerable. But if this could happen to me, it could happen to him.

HILARY

And, of course, being a man he's made of less moral fibre than you are.

KATE

I suppose so. Anyway, I panicked. It's me that's insecure not him. I don't know, maybe it's all part of growing up and being thirty-four.

HILARY

Thirty-nine.

KATE

Thirty-eight! Some friend you are.

HILARY

Can I help it if I have total recall and a talent for bitchiness?