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Cast Away - Chuck and Kelly

-INT. DENTIST - WAITING ROOM-

-Typical dentist waiting room. Chairs, tropical fish tanks, magazines, a few waiting patients, and Kelly, looking nervous.

Slowly and painfully Chuck enters. He's quite a sight. She stands up. There's a long moment where they look at each other.

Then she comes into his arms. Holds him tight. She's part laughing, part crying.

KELLY I'm sorry... I'm sorry...

CHUCK Hey...hey...it's okay!

Chuck is happy, he's still riding the high.

KELLY
You're so thin. Am I hurting you?

Well, maybe a little, but who cares? He hasn't been hugged or barely touched in so long.

CHUCK No...no...feels good...

She disengages, looks at him with that old smile.

KELLY

Right back, you said you'd be right back.

CHUCK

A few things came up. Or went down.

He meets her gaze, looks her over with a smile.

CHUCK

You look...wonderful. I like your hair.

He notices the ring on her hand.

KELLY

I got married.

CHUCK

I thought you might have.

KELLY

I would never --

CHUCK

I know.

KELLY

If I'd known you were alive --

CHUCK
I would have done the same thing.

His responses come so quick. Ghuck seems blissfully sure of thimself

KELLY

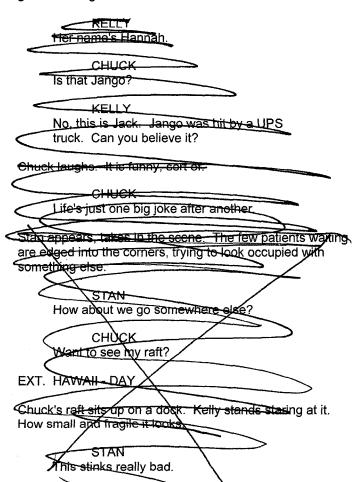
I didn't want to. It just happened. One day Gary was there. He took care of everything. He took care of me. I was a mess.

CHUCK
You have any children?

Kelly nods.

CHUCK Got a picture?

Kelly fishes for a photo, shows it to Chuck. It's a little girl with a dog.



Bad hody chemistry. Made me a little morbid. But I'm all ever that now.

And he seems really to believe it.

STAN

(to Kelly)

Lake you to the airport.

And he leaves.



KELLY
I buried you, Chuck. They had to pry my fingers off your coffin.

This interests Chuck to no end

CHUCK

There was a coffin?

KELLY

Yeah, coffin, headstone, the whole thing.

CHUCK What was inside?

KELLY

Your calendar, your cell phone, your whoc pig sooey hat, some pictures of that ketch you wanted.

CHUCK

That about sums it up.

KELLY

Maybe now's when you tell me about it.

CHUCK

The plane went down. My friends died. I washed up on an island. Then I found these barrels, built the raft, and here I am.

KELLY

Yeah?

CHUCK

The tide came in, the tide went out. I survived. That's the headline. I survived.

Ben't everyhelm me with the details

(che smiles remembering)
You know how I hate that

He tries to put it into words, isn't quite sure how.



CHUCK

Gliches, mainly. Don't take anyons for granted. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Live each day like it's your last.

Se simple to say, so hard to do

Not when you have no choice

Kelly looks down at the roft. It's so small.

KELLY

You hated being alone. Couldn't stand it. Busy every minute. Always plugged into something.

CHUCK

I didn't know what really being alone was. No one back here does.

He has something more to say. She waits.

CHUCK

We're not meant to be alone. Not like that. Share life, that's what came to me out there. Be with someone.

And that's the point, isn't it? We are social animals. No man is an island.

KELLY

This is so unfair.

CHUCK

That's what I told the fish I caught. But I ate them anyway.

And the laughter comes again. Kelly grins, embarrassed, a tittle worried.

KELLY

- CHUCK Great Really

She stares at his face, reaches out, touches it again, this time with great tenderness.

He nods, her touch feels so good.

A wave of emotion comes over her: pity: tave?

KELLY
What will you do?

CHUCK I don't know. I really don't know.

'We hear a distant beep-beep, discrete as a car⊧hern can be

KELLY

I've got to get back to Memphis. Hannah's babysitter has finals.

CHUCK
It means a lot...that you came.

KELLY
I had to come. To be sure you were okay.

They hold each other. For a long-time.

KELLY I love vou. Chuck.

CHUCK You too.

KELLY I'm so glad you're alive.

Chuck grins.

CHUCK You too.

Then she heads for the waiting car. Ghuck stands by his raft, watching her go.