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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. Chuck seems blissfully sure of himself.~~

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.

~~KELLY~~

~~Her name's Hannah.~~

~~CHUCK~~

~~Is that Jango?~~

~~KELLY~~

~~No, this is Jack. Jango was hit by a UPS truck. Can you believe it?~~

~~Chuck laughs. It is funny, sort of.~~

~~CHUCK~~

~~Life's just one big joke after another~~

~~Stan appears, takes in the scene. The few patients waiting are edged into the corners, trying to look occupied with something else.~~

~~STAN~~

~~How about we go somewhere else?~~

~~CHUCK~~

~~Want to see my raft?~~

~~EXT. HAWAII - DAY~~

~~Chuck's raft sits up on a dock. Kelly stands staring at it. How small and fragile it looks.~~

~~STAN~~

~~This stinks really bad.~~

~~Bad body chemistry. Made me a little morbid. But I'm all over that now.~~

~~And he seems really to believe it.~~

~~STAN~~

~~I'll be at the car.~~

~~(to Kelly)~~

~~Take 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 whoop pig sooty 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.~~

~~KELLY~~

~~Don't overwhelm me with the details. (she smiles remembering)~~

~~You know how I hate that.~~

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

~~KELLY~~
~~(gently)~~
Come on. Try.

~~CHUCK~~
~~Effies, mainly. Don't take anyone for granted. Don't sweat the small stuff. Live each day like it's your last.~~

~~KELLY~~
~~So simple to say, so hard to do.~~

~~CHUCK~~
~~Not when you have no choice.~~

~~Kelly looks down at the raft. 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 little worried.~~

~~KELLY~~
~~You okay?~~

~~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? love?~~

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 horn 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 you, Chuck.

CHUCK
You too.

KELLY
I'm so glad you're alive.

~~Chuck grins.~~

CHUCK
You too.

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