

MEET JOE BLACK

YOUNG MAN

Oh, haven't heard that one before. I'm sorry. I had to say it. Honey. Honey. Honey, you have to go on. Okay? There's a time to sow and a time to reap. You have to sow. No, I liked him. I don't like him anymore. 'Cause your my honey. Someone messes with you, they mess with me. That's it. I'm on a plane in a heartbeat. You let me know. Yep, when I get my phone in, you're my first call. I promise. Hit the books, get the degree. One day we'll be hanging out a shingle together. How's that? Mmm? Okay. You all right? (Laughing) Yes. You bet. Be strong. I love you. Bye-bye.

YOUNG MAN (CONT'D)

Morning. I was talking kind of loud there. Sorry.

SUSAN

Oh, not at all. It was fascinating.

YOUNG MAN

Yeah, what was fascinating about it?

SUSAN

Um...you and uh "Honey".

YOUNG MAN

It's my kid sister. And she just broke up with her boyfriend and was thinking about dropping out of law school.

SUSAN

Oh, I'm sorry.

YOUNG MAN

No, nothing to be sorry about. That's the way it is with men and women, isn't it?

SUSAN

What's the way?

YOUNG MAN

Nothing lasts.

SUSAN

Oh. Yeah, I agree.

YOUNG MAN

Really? Why? No, I'm interested.

SUSAN

I was just trying to be agreeable.

YOUNG MAN

Okay. All right. I was sharp shooting. No, just that "nothing lasts" stuff. That was the problem with Honey's guy. He didn't know what he wanted. So, he's fooling around and she catches him at it. You know, like one girlfriend isn't enough for him.

SUSAN

So, you're a one-girl guy.

YOUNG MAN

Yes, I am. That's right.

SUSAN

Right.

YOUNG MAN

Looking for her right now, actually. Mmm. Who knows? You might be her. No, don't laugh. I just got into town. I got the new job. I'm trying to get into this apartment. Anyway, so you're a doctor.

SUSAN

Mmm. How'd you know?

YOUNG MAN

'Cause everyone's a doctor around here. This apartment building...everyone's in green slippers, the green pajamas. The guy I'm waiting for to vacate-he's a doctor. What kind of doctor?

SUSAN

I'm a resident - internal medicine.

YOUNG MAN

So, if I needed a doctor, you could be it.

SUSAN

I could be her. Yeah.

YOUNG MAN

You could be...her.

SUSAN

Uh huh. Yeah, I could. I'm...I'm working at the hospital, so...

YOUNG MAN

I see. This is just my lucky day. I just get in the big, bad city, and not only do I find a doctor, but a beautiful woman as well. Do you mind me saying that?

SUSAN

Oh...No, of course. No, it's fine. It's fine. It's just...

YOUNG MAN

(Chuckling) Listen, could I buy you a cup of coffee?

SUSAN

I have some patients coming in, so I should probably...

YOUNG MAN

Yeah, yeah. I gotta get going. I gotta get to the apartment and get off to work. But I'd still like to have another cup of coffee. Would you let me do that?

SUSAN

Well, yeah, okay.

YOUNG MAN

Deal.

YOUNG MAN (CONT'D)

It's kind of a pro bono job.

SUSAN

Pro bono. Meaning, doing good?

YOUNG MAN

That's me.

SUSAN

Going to be doing good all your life?

YOUNG MAN

I know what you're saying. It doesn't pay so well, but, I like it. Eventually it'll depend on the woman I marry, I think. Maybe she'll want lots of kids, a bigger house, better car. College doesn't come cheap. You know? I don't know.

SUSAN

Wow. Give up what you want for the woman you marry. Hmm.

YOUNG MAN

Yeah, you know what? I would.

SUSAN

Yeah?

YOUNG MAN

Gladly. 'Cause you make your choices, you know? Say, you and I, if we were married, I would...No,, for an example, okay? If you and I were married, I would want to give you what you need. That's all. I'm talking about taking care of each other the best you can. What's wrong with taking care of a woman? She takes care of you.

SUSAN

You'll have a hard time finding a woman like that these days.

YOUNG MAN

Shoot, you think so?

SUSAN

Mm-hmm.

YOUNG MAN

I don't know. Lightening could strike.

SUSAN

I've gotta go.

YOUNG MAN

Yeah. Listen, did I say something wrong?

SUSAN

No. No. It was...

YOUNG MAN

Sure?

SUSAN

It was so right, it scares me. That's all.
Just...

YOUNG MAN

You know, I was thinking, I don't want you to
be my doctor. I don't want you to examine
me and...

SUSAN

Why?

YOUNG MAN

Because I like you so much.

SUSAN

And I...I don't want to examine you.

YOUNG MAN

You don't? Why not?

SUSAN

Because I like you so much. Oh, boy. Okay.
Now I gotta go, so...

YOUNG MAN

Yep, understood.

SUSAN

All right. All right.

YOUNG MAN

Fair enough. Bye.

SUSAN

Bye.