

40 CARATS

ANN
YOU CAN'T FORCE YOUR WAY IN HERE

PETER
FOR CHRISAKE, ANN, THIS IS SO BLOODY UNDIGNIFIED

ANN
PLEASE. I'M NOT ALONE
MOTHER'S IN HER ROOM

PETER
NO SHE'S NOT. I SAW HER GO OUT JUST PAST NOON. AND TRINA. I'VE BEEN
WAITING HOURS FOR THAT BASTARD BOYLAN TO LEAVE. WHERE IS HE?

ANN
HE'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND IN THE BUILDING

PETER
DO YOU CARE?

ANN
I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO SPEND THE EVENING ALONE.

PETER
WELL, NOW YOU DON'T

ANN
PETER....
SIT DOWN, PETER. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU

PETER
OKAY, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TO.

ANN
NOW, PETER. THIS HAS GOT TO STOP
YOU. KNOW THAT.
YOU ARE A VERY INTELLIGENT BOY.
YOUR EVEN A RATHER SENSITIVE BOY.
YOU HAVE A WAY OF...A KIND OF NATURAL AUTHORITY THAT IS.....
(REACHING FOR THE WORD TO SAY)

PETER
VERY UNUSUAL

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ANN
VERY UNUSUAL IN A.....

PETER
IN A LAD OF MY YEARS

ANN
IN A LAD OF YOUR
DON'T MOCK ME
NOW, PETER SINCE YOU ARE INTELLIGENT AND SENSITIVE YOU MUST HAVE
SOME SMALL.....SOME SMALL (AGAIN REACHING FOR THE WORD)

PETER AND ANN----- INSIGHT

ANN
YES, SOME SMALL INSIGHT INTO MY POSITION....
MY FEELINGS
IT MUST BE OBVIOUS...AT LEAST. I HOPE IT IS.....
THAT I AM A RESPECTABLE WOMAN
I MEAN I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.....
WHAT HAPPENED....IN GREECE....NEVERTHELESS

PETER
MAY I SPEEK NOW? BY THE TIME I WAS TEN I'D HAD FOUR PASSPORTS. MY
MOTHER BUZED AROUND A LOT AND I'LL SAY THIS FOR HER, SHE WAS
ALWAYS READY TO YANK ME ALONG WITH HER. I WASN'T LEFT TO THE
SERVANTS. MY OLD MAN'S KIND OF STANDARD SON OF A BITCH AND MY
MOTHER.

ANN
OH, PETER
I'M SURE I REMIND YOU OF YOUR MOTHER.
YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS OF IT, BUT

PETER
I'VE NEVER KNOWN A WOMAN WHO REMINDED ME LESS OF MY MOTHER.

ANN
HUH?

PETER
YOU KNOW WHO REMENDS ME OF MY MOTHER? TRINA REMINDS ME OF MY
MOTHER.

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ANN
(LAUGHS) OH, GOD

PETER
ALL I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I'M ONLY TWENTY-TWO

ANN
I KNOW

PETER
BUT I'VE BEEN AROUND. I'VE HAD MY QUOTA OF GIRLS..AND THEIR MOTHERS

ANN
DO YOU SPARE THE GRANNIES

PETER
YOU'RE AN ASTONISHINGLY UNSOPHISTICATED WOMAN YOU KNOW. VERY
MIDDLE-CLASS.

ANN
(A SMALL SMILE)
YOU ARE RIDICULOUS

PETER
YOU'RE SMILING. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE REALLY SMILED AT ME. DO
YOU LIKE FOR ME TO BE RIDICULOUS? IT'S EASY.

ANN
PETER....I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
I'M VERY TOUCHED AND ABSOLUTELY HORRIFIED

PETER
WHY

ANN
BECAUSE I HAD NO IDEA.
PETER, I CANNOT LET YOU COME HERE AGAIN.

PETER
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT. WELL TAKE AN APARTMENT..

ANN
PETER....I WANT YOU TO GO NOW

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PETER
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT.

ANN
I MEAN IT

PETER
IN ALL THE HOO-HA AROUND HERE, I THINK I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT I
AM IN LOVE WITH YOU.

ANN
(SPPEECHLESS)
I'M VERY HONORED AND TERRIBLY FLATTERED.
BUT PETER, FOR YOU TO BE IN LOVE WITH ME,
IT JUST ISN'T CONVENIENT.
YOU CAN'T JUSTFLING YOURSELF INTO MY LIFE LIKE SOME CRAZY....SIT..IN
EVERYTME I MOVE I HAVE TO STEP OVER YOU.
YOUR UPSETTING THINGS.
MY LIFE HAS A CERTAIN BALANCE.....AND HARMONY

PETER
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF WITH A LITTLE CHAOS.

ANN
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY PROVIDE THAT

PETER
IT'S THE YOUTH BIT. SPONTANEITY, SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, MEAN WHAT YOU
FEEL..POW...ACTION NOW...YOU'LL LEARN TO LOVE IT.

ANN
NO. NO. I WON'T
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND
IVE HAD ALL THAT...THAT POW! ACTION NOW BUSINESS.
WHAT I WANT IS....POW TRANQUILITY NOW

PETER
HOW ABOUT TRYING FOR DEAD?

ANN
I MEAN IT.

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PETER
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU

ANN
THEN BELIEVE THIS. I AM NOT ATTRACTED TO YOUNG BOYS.
NOT YOU...NOT ANY

PETER
LADY THAT IS A LIE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE, BUT YOU ARE
CERTAINLY ATTRACTED TO ME. WHY CAN'T YOU BE HONEST? WHAT ARE YOU
SO FRIGHTENED OF?

ANN
IT'S HORRIBLE!

PETER
WHAT IS?

ANN
FALLING ALL OVER A YOUNG MAN

PETER
BUT YOU NOT FALLING ALL OVER ME

ANN
NOT YET....(EMBARRASSED)

PETER
WELL, THAT WAS HONEST

ANN
I AM NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU.

PETER
YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE OR NOT. YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN YOURSELF
A CHANCE. YOU'RE SO SPOOKED BY THE IDEA OF WHAT PEOPLE WILL THINK
THINK YOU CAN'T THINK YOURSELF, ANN. WHO ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE
WHOSE OPINIONS COUNT SO MUCH. YOU'RE MOTHER, YOUR DAUGHTER,
MAYOR LINDSEY. YOUR MOTHER IS CHARMING BUT SHE WOULDN'T CARE IF I
WERE STILL IN SHORT PANTS AS LONG AS SHE HOOKS UP WITH THE
HOHENHAUSERS.

ANN
WHY YOU ARROGANT.....

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PETER
AS FOR TRINA

ANN
PLEASE GO

PETER
YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL AND DESIRABLE WOMAN. I LOVE YOU ANN LET ME
LOVE YOU

ANN
OH, GOD. IT'S MY MOTHER