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Act I, Scene 3 (ACE) — Two years later

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After almost a year of carrying on a passionate, beautiful, guilt-ridden affair with Karen, you have finally come to realize what you should have known all along: Barbara is truly the most important thing to you and you can't live without her. You dumped Karen, and have come back to beg Barbara's forgiveness. It's been easier since you got a job at the college and don't see Karen every day.

Poor Barbara. Your wonderful, caring, loving, faithful wife. All these months, you've treated her like garbage, and she's been always at your side, waiting for you. Sure, there have been fights, and plenty of them. And you deserved everything she threw at you. The names she called you could never be as bad as what you actually were. She was perfect, the ideal wife, and you may have thrown it all away.

You know that she's about ready to give up on you. You've seen the look in her eyes, especially recently. She must know what has been going on. Your only chance is to confess everything from the very start and beg her forgiveness. Karen never really meant anything to you. She was just an escape. You got carried away by how she was beautiful and available.

Barbara needs to understand that she is, always has been and always will be your one true love. Karen was a mistake. It will never happen again. You just need Barbara's faithful, caring love and reassurance. How could you do this to such a wonderful woman as Barbara?