L.A. Story Script - Dialogue Transcript

Voila! Finally, the **L.A. Story script** is here for all you quotes spouting fans of the Steve Martin and Sarah Jessica Parker movie. This script is a transcript that was painstakingly transcribed using the screenplay and/or viewings of L.A. Story. I know, I know, I still need to get the cast names in there and I'll be eternally tweaking it, so if you have any corrections, feel free to <u>drop me a line</u>. You won't hurt my feelings. Honest.

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L.A. Story Script



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demi-paradise...
this precious stone...
set in the silver sea of this earth,
this ground... this Los Angeles.
Anyway, this is what happened to me,
and I swear, it's all true.
"Watch out L.A., it's major gridlock
out there this morning..."
No, no, no...
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It's the perfect situation! - I can't

be in a parade. I'm in the news.

You won't see Dan Rather in a parade.

seconds to air.

What is good about waving at people?
- It's gonna make you beloved.

Waving is not what I do best. It looks fake. - That's a great wave!

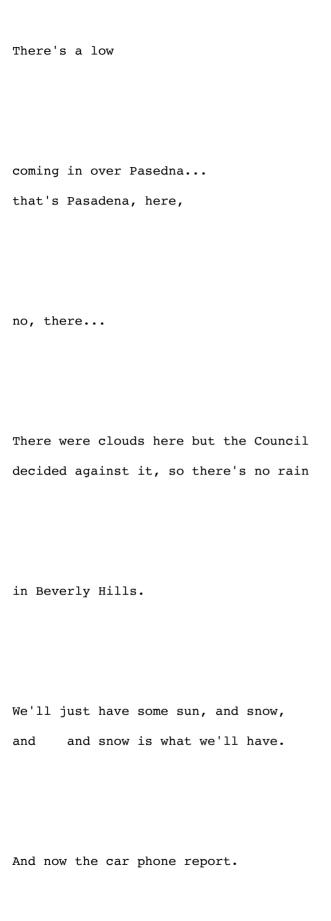
Look! I have to maintain my dignity.

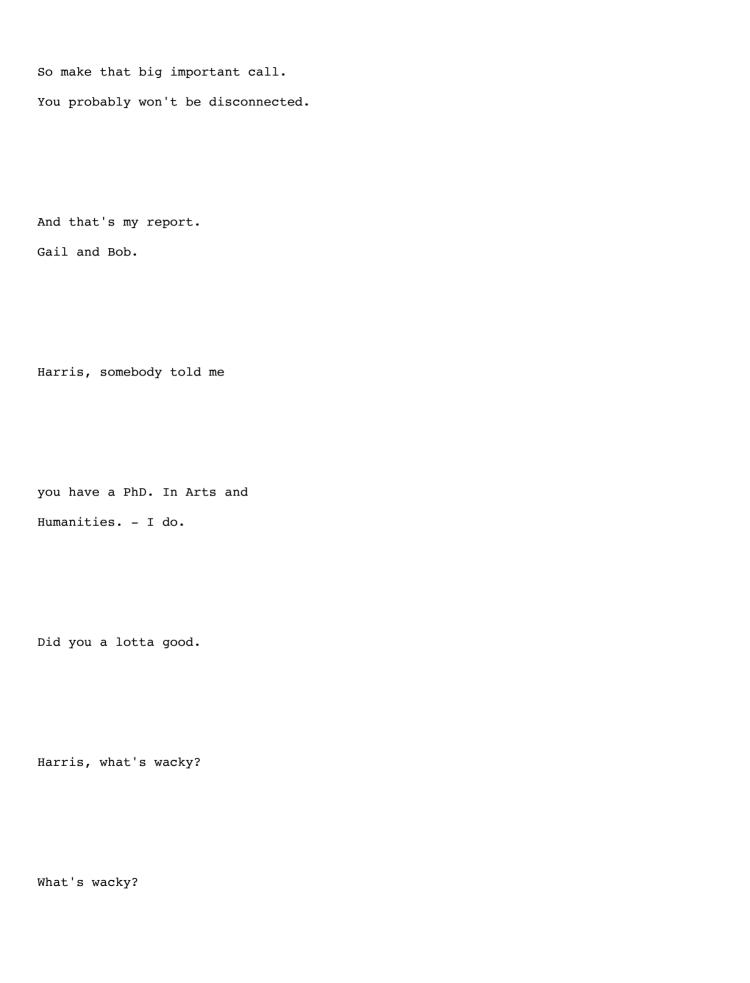
People have to believe what I say.

This is news! This is truth! ... Telemacher with his report.

Hey, it's time for the wac-wac-Wacky Weekend Weather!

Let's look at our weather map.





so there will be little interference.

No, not wacky. - Not wacky? That's we bought with you. You do intellectual stuff. - Intellectual? Maybe intellectual for you. Because of your education. This is an intellectual free zone! - More wacky... More wacky, let me make a note of that. What was your name again?

We're late, aren't we?

- It's only one.

What's wacky about your last forecast?

- To me it was wacky.

That's when we should be there. I figure if I get here at : we'll get there in plenty of time. But I don't count on the minutes of "busyness" that goes on after I get here. I'm doing minute lips. Besides, they can wait. You look so ready that I get ready and I get up and stand by the door, and I stand there for minutes

until I realize you aren't ready.

So, I sit back down.

Then, I think you're ready again.

But I realize you just gave off

an illusion of being ready that I interpreted as not being an illusion.

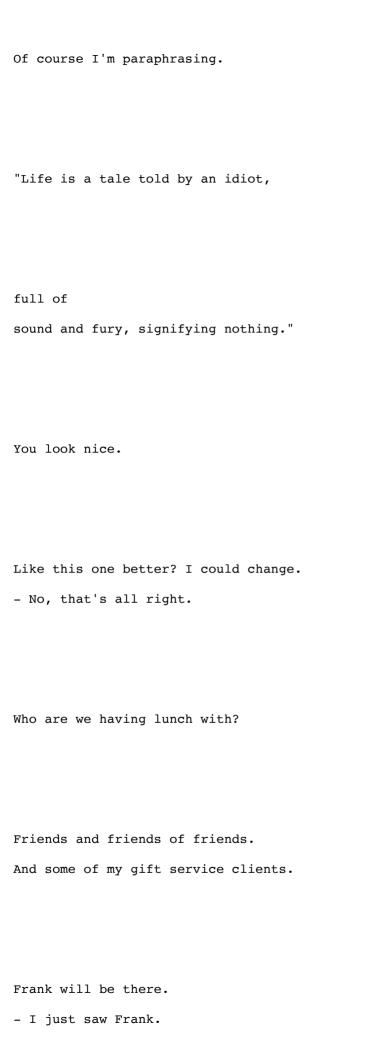
I'll be in the car.

Sitting there at that moment,

I thought of Shakespeare again.

He said, "Hey, life is pretty stupid.

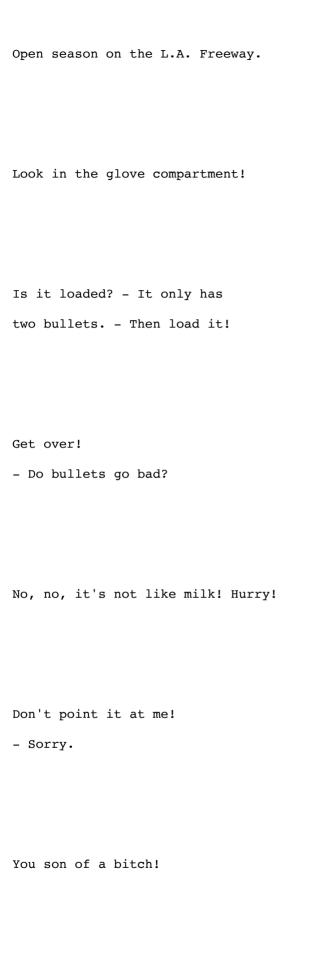
Lots of hubbub to keep you busy but really not ammounting to much."



He wanted me to be in a parade. If it weren't impossible for me to fire people, I'd get somebody else. minutes past one... Hey, if you sense something in the air, it's not the smog! It's the first day of spring! What did he say?

The first day of spring.

Shit!



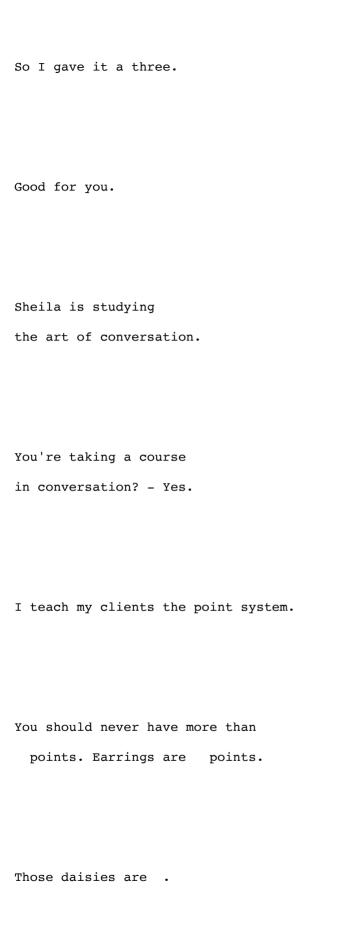
Don't ruin our brunch!

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Keep low!
- Ok!
You little cocker!
My hair!
Do you have my blue pants?
- I took them to the cleaners.
I'm not kissing anyone hello!
Just shake hands. - Are you
kidding? I just washed my hands!
Cowles, party of ten.
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Yes, you're the first ones to arrive.

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This way, please.
Hello!
- Hello! - How you doing?
I hurt my back playing tennis.
We saw them together.
- So, I see this film,
and I'm gonna give it an \cdot
As I'm leaving the parking lot,
I realize the producer
got this great space by the entrance,
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and they put me far away in back.



look in the mirror. The first thing that catches your eye has to go.

I had this thing in my hair before.

And I pulled it right out.

Marilyn Monroe did that.

- Don't get dumped

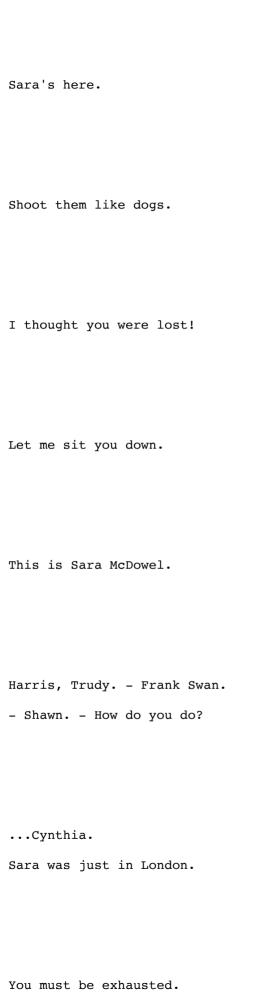
in L.A. In New York
you can meet someone on the street.

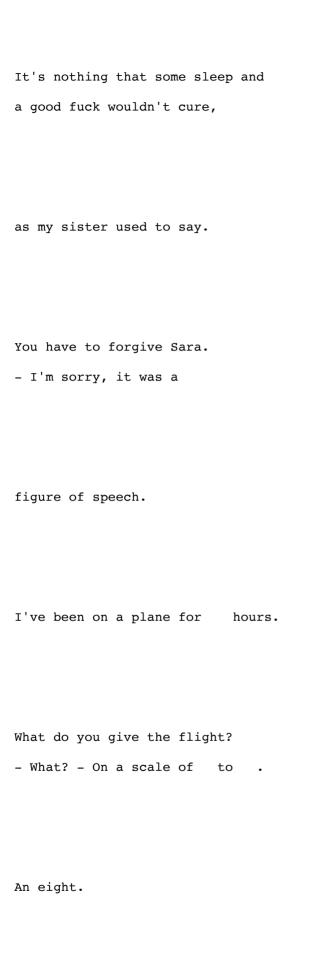
Here you have to hit someone in your car. Some girls speed to meet cops.

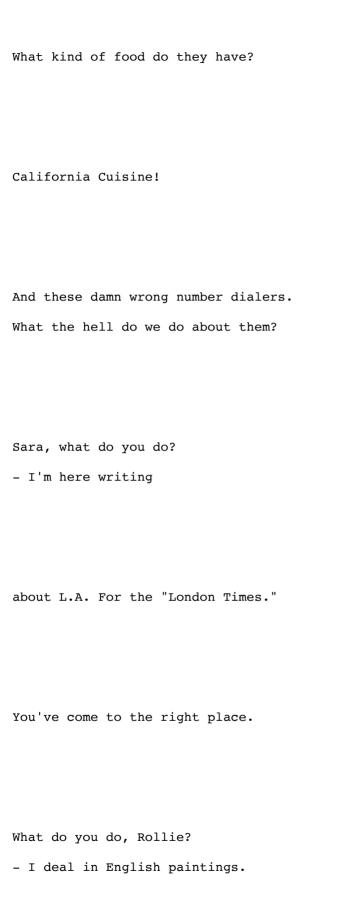
We met on a hit in West Hollywood.

Loud talkers in restaurants.

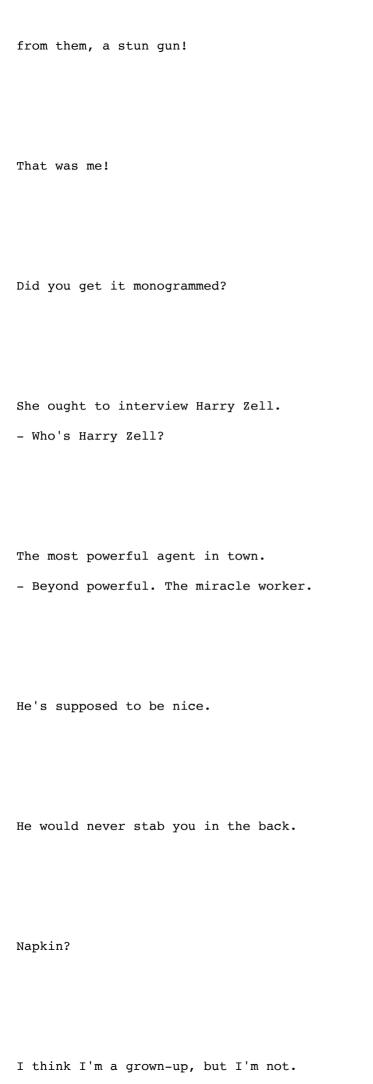
I despise them and I want them to die.











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- De-caf espresso. - Cappuccino.
Do you have de-caf coffee ice cream?
- I'll have a de-caf double half caf.
I'll have a twist of lemon.
- Me, too. - Me, too. - Me, too.
I would love to do a make-over on you.
I hope your nose turns out.
As far as I'm concerned, there are
three mystical places in the world.
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The desert outside Santa Fe,

I'll have a de-caf coffee.

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in the Arab emirates of Bahrain,
and the restaurant
at Sunset and Crescent.
Because that's
where I first met her and touched her.
Wasn't that girl, Sara, awful?
What's with that accent?
- It's because she's English.
Or she's trying to impress everybody.
- Like that big phoney, Churchill.
About what you said...
- What?
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the tree of life

sort of thing again, tie me up and gag me. We tried that once, but you started laughing. Leave off alone, there's a dicker. You've come all this way. We really should give it another try. But I'm happy the way things are. I'm getting my life sorted out. I'm so passionate about you. Let me take you for a hot dog on Sunday.

About sleep, and having a boff.

- Listen, if I say that

It's late. I've got to go.
And she kept her hat on all through
brunch. I'm sure she has bad hair.
You don't know how unattractive
hate is Excuse me!
Hello!
Can I ask you a question?
- Sure. When do people here get up?
It depends. Why?

Your ticket, please.

- It's the cream thingy, there.

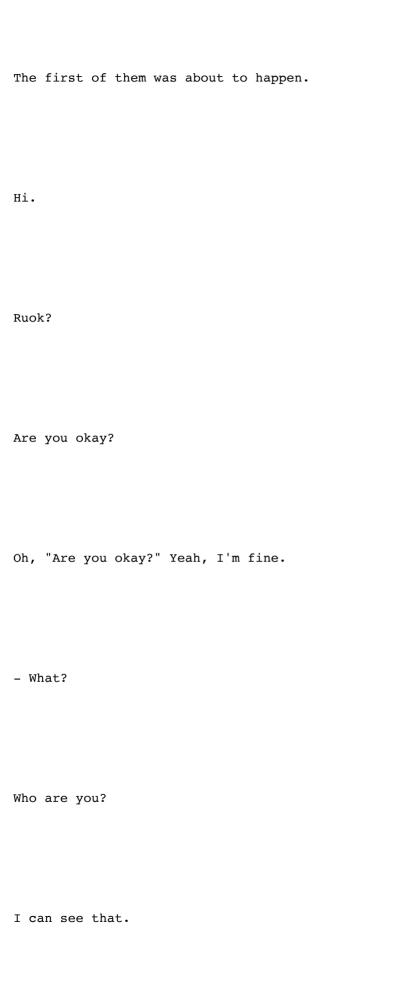
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When can a person start making noise?
- What kind of noise?
Like construction?
- No, like deep sustained booms.
Deep sustained booms...
Around or : .
Great. Thanks. Bye.
She's used to driving on the left.
I'm sorry. I was... I was just
concentrating on... - I know what.
Do you like those?
- Yes...
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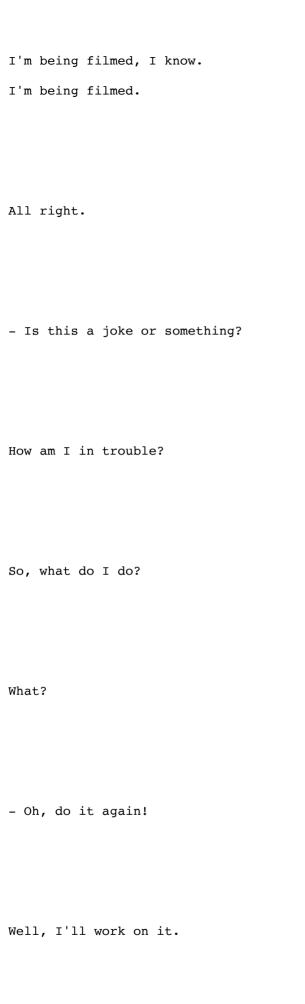
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- Your pants.
Shall I mark them for you?
- I don't know. Are these
the same price as these others?
- A little more.
How do I look in these?
You look... fabulous!
Okay, mark them.
You have to stand up straight,
or they won't be right. - Ok.
Do you like a break in them?
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- A little.

Sorry, what?



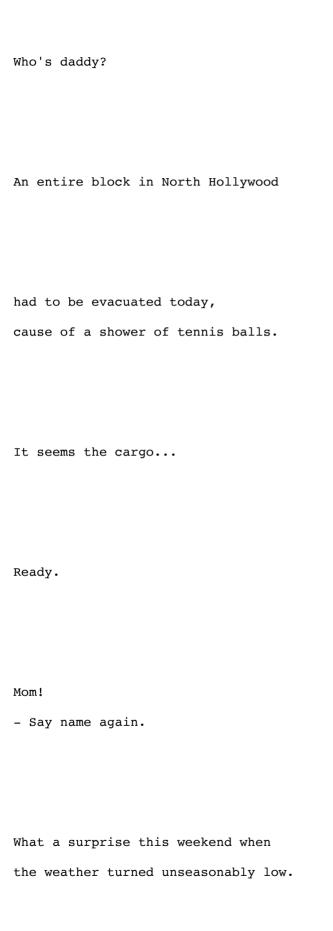


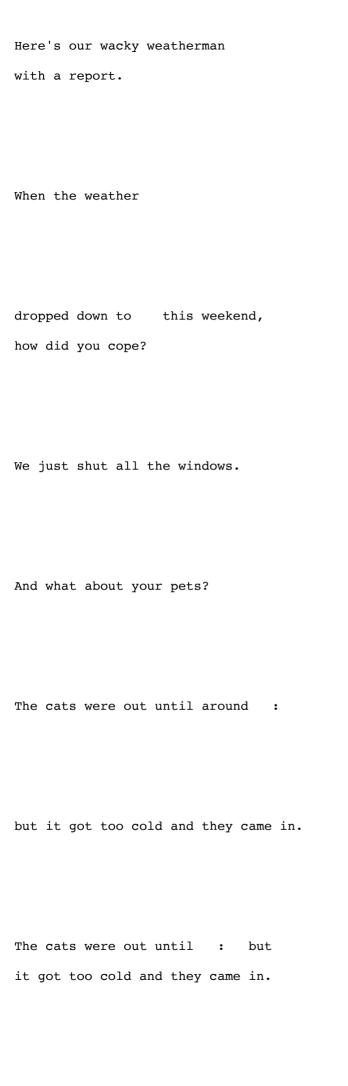


Bye, bye.

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The sign spoke to me.
It said I was in trouble.
- If you talked to a sign, you are.
So I'll see you Sunday?
- I got a shower Sunday.
Yeah, I should take a bath. Monday?
Pick me up at : .
- : ? No one eats at six anymore?
Quiet! Quiet! It's me, quiet!
Will you be quiet!
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I don't need a key.





that low of that made the weekend a real weenie shrinker.

Thank you.

And now, the toupee report.

Winds to miles an hour, gusting to in the late afternoon.

So stay indoors, or wear a hat!

This is Harris K. Telemacher

with the wiggy weekend weather.

Hello, this is Harris.
Please start talking at the beep.
Hello?
- Hello.
Is this a person? - Yes.
- ies.
Harris Telemacher?
- Yes.
This is Sara McDowel. We met at lunch?
Yeah, you're the reporter.
- Journalist.
And you're the weatherman.

- I just got

 ${\tt Meteorologist.}$



Want some trail mix? Fruit? Cookies? How do you stay so thin? Maybe women burn fat faster than men. That's disguisting. That's my friend, smart, pretty, and quite a fat burner. You're just jealous. - I don't know.

I couldn't be a woman because

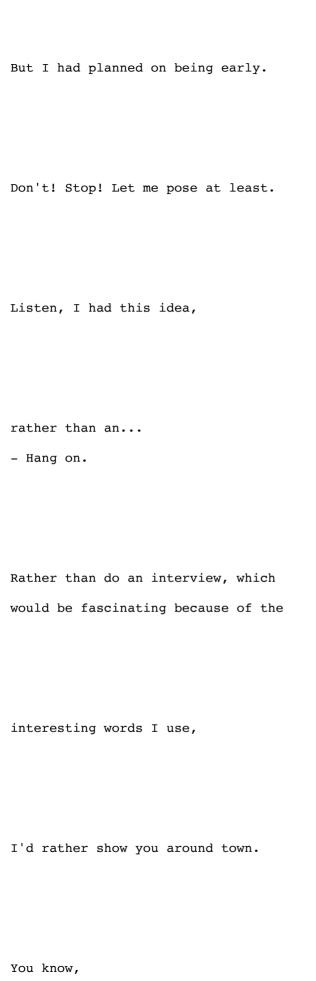
I'd play with my breasts all day.

Where's June? - Upstairs, recovering from the alcohol.

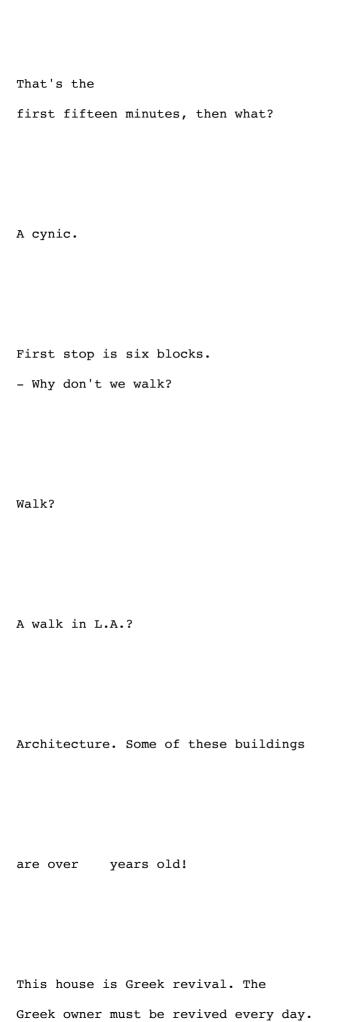


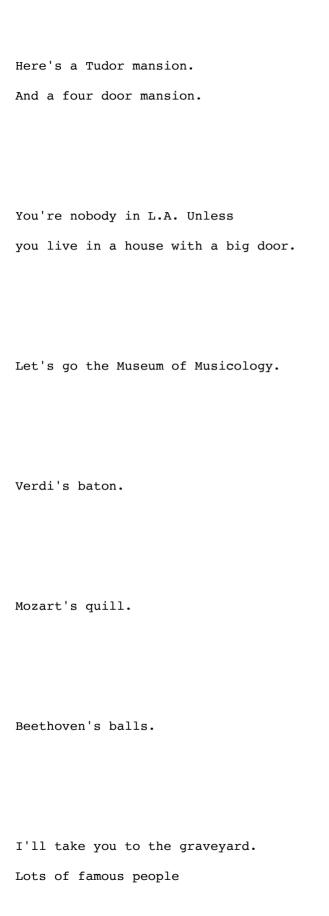


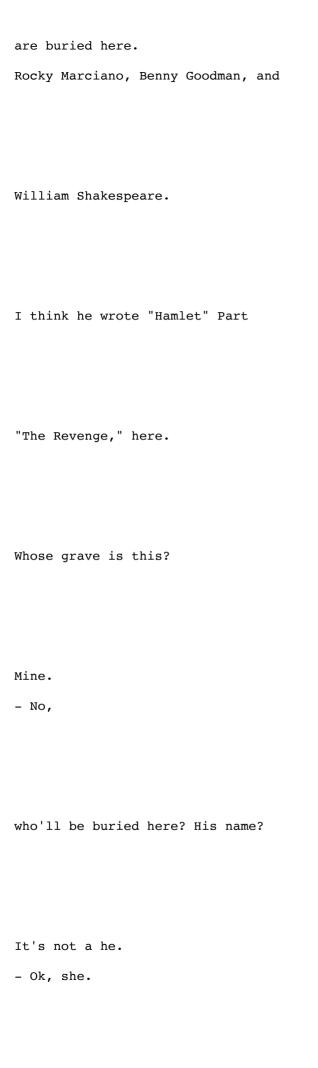
Today will be rough. There's coffee.



a kind of cultural tour of L.A.

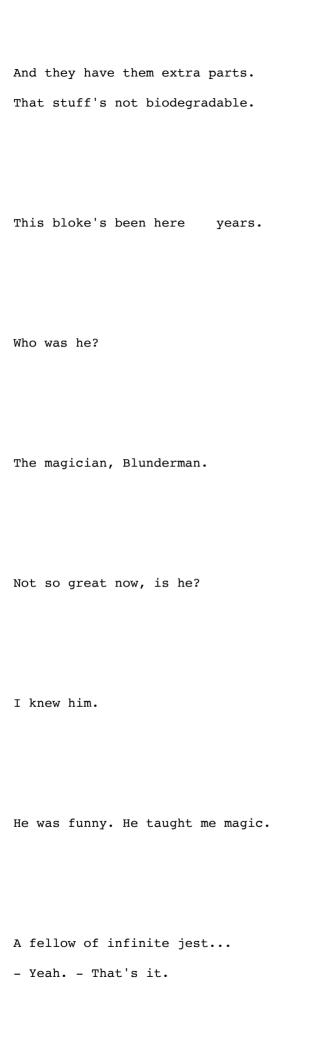




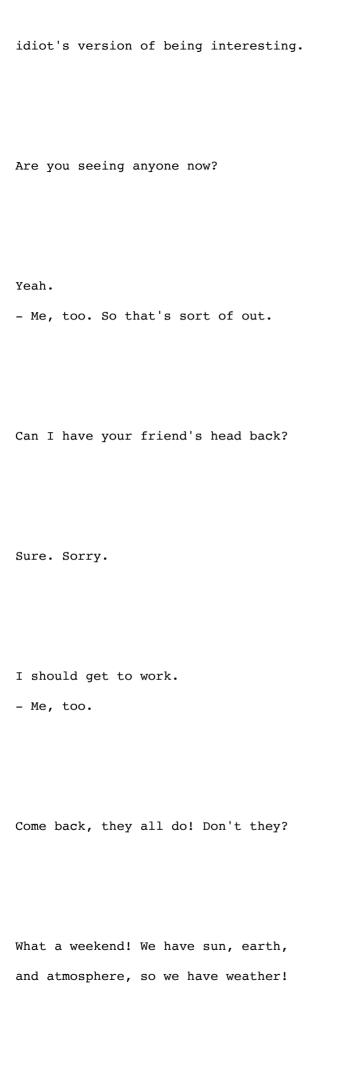


Used to be a woman, now she's dead. A funny gravedigger. Wanna know how long it takes a body to rot? - Boy, do we! Well, if they're not already rotten, or years. The Beverly Hills women can last . How come? - Their skin is so tanned. It's all stretched and polished up. That'll keep the water out, and water's what ruins a dead body.

Not a woman either.



He hath borne me on his back a thousand times. She knows, she's got it. Where be your gibes now? Your merriment that would set the table on a roar? Interesting people usually make me feel like I have to be interesting. Am I interesting? When I'm around you, I find myself showing off,



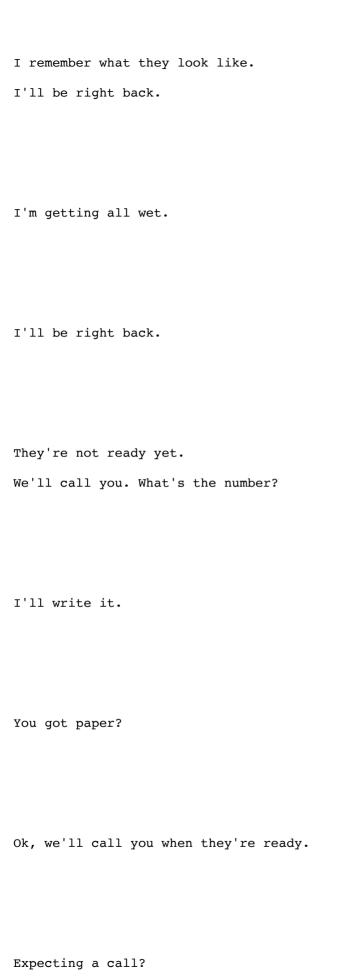
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Not weather, sun, sun, sun, sun, sun!
It will...
My watch! Turn off the magnet!
I've got it!
Okay... Turn off the magnet!
Now, the financial report.
   Mercedes
     dollars at ...
up
used ' Mercedes,
unchanged at dollars.
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You'll run that on Saturday? - Pretaping the weather?
Coming in on weekends is tough. My busy weekend schedule.
It's L. A, what's gonna change?
There are two reasons for the detour I was embarking on.
See you tomorrow!
Are you closed? - Yeah, sorry.

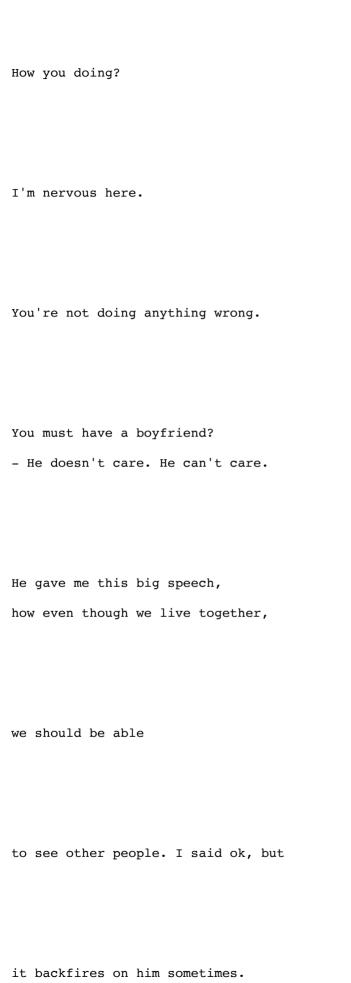
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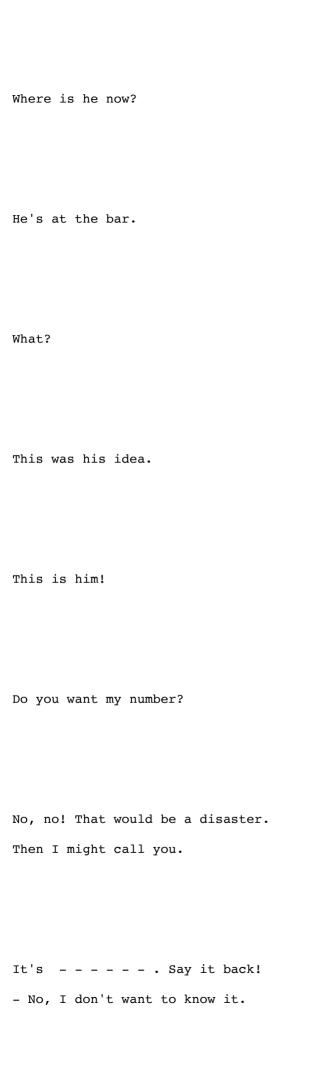
Ok, let's see what we've got.





Were you shocked?
- Shocked but glad.
I could tell you wanted my number, so I just asked for yours.
I didn't know, until it was too late.
I went to this psychic once,
and he told me I had this special fifth sense about things.
About guys?
Any guy would want your number That's sweet.





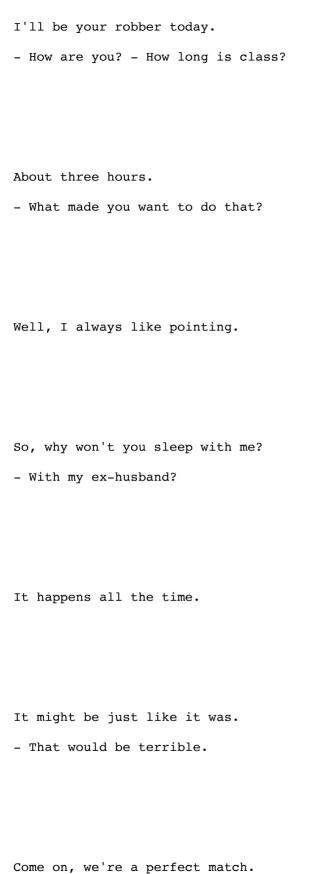
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- Stop it! You'll make me memorize it!
 - - ...
- Geez, now I know it. - - ...
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Your name again?
It's nice
but everybody has weird names now,
like Tiffany with p-h-i,
and instead of Nancy it's Nanceen.
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S-a-n-D-e-E. And a star at the end. I called you when I got out of class. What class are you taking? - For spokesmodeling. What is a spokesmodel? - Just a model who speaks, and she points at things like merchandise, like a car or washer and dryer, or a book or fine art prints.

They have classes for that?

- It's harder than it looks.

- What?

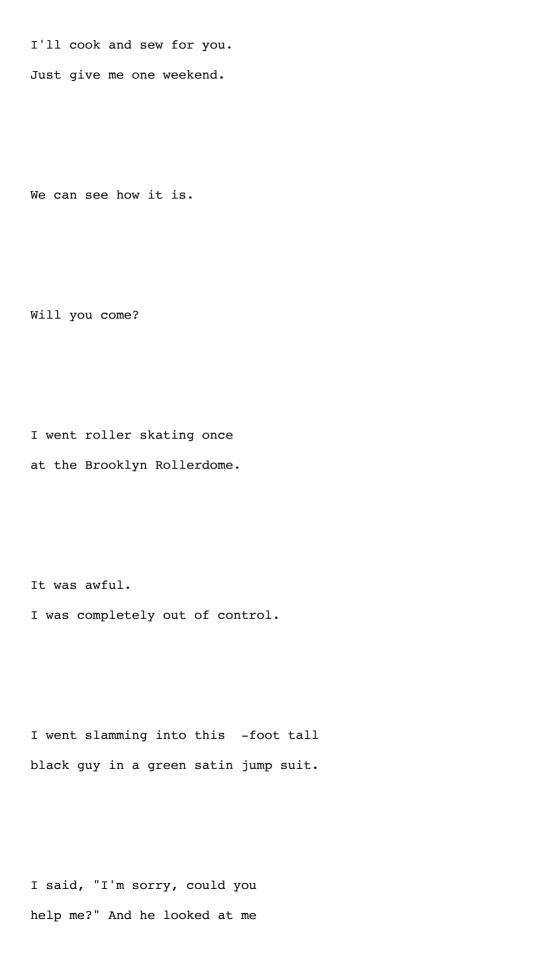


- Because our mothers hunt together?

your mother shot my mother! Someone fell, it was an accident. You're the only normal one, and you're barely hanging on. Remember when your mom found out whose dog was crapping in front of your house and she put their name on paper in the center of the pile? These are not things grown-ups do! I'm the only same thing in your life.

Yes, possibly.

For God's sake,



- I want you back.

with stoned eyes and said: "Let your mind go and your body will follow."

Well, how was that?

It was very nice, thanks.

I hope I wasn't too young in my
thinking for you. - What? - Joke.

I don't pressure you, do I?
- No. I don't pressure you, do I?

No, there shouldn't be any.

- Tell me if I do.

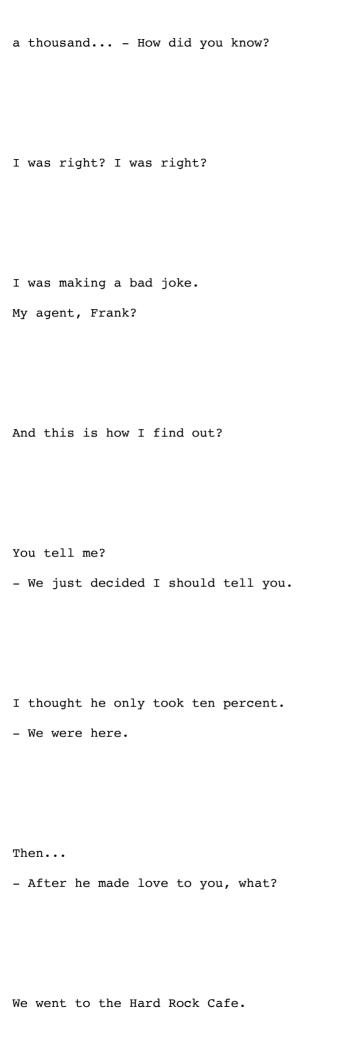
 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Ok}}\xspace$, and you tell me if I do.

Pardon me?
- A high colonic.
You mean an enema?
- Yeah.
Is this a joke?
They're great. They purify you.
They do it in a place in Santa Monica.
They're great.
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Is this where you live?
- Yeah, here.

It's really groovy.

You ever had a high colonic?

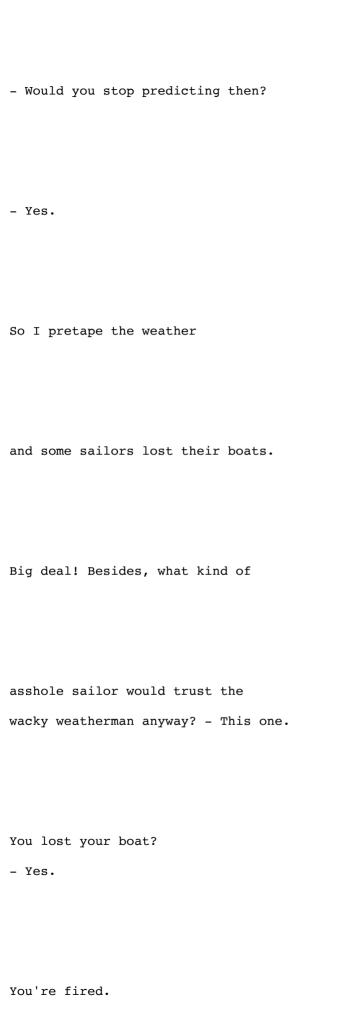
Well
Good night.
Good night.
Take me off that speakerphone! - Relax.
<pre>It's just a modern day device I have to see you.</pre>
You were out last night? - Yeah.
There was no shower? - I didn't go at the last minute.

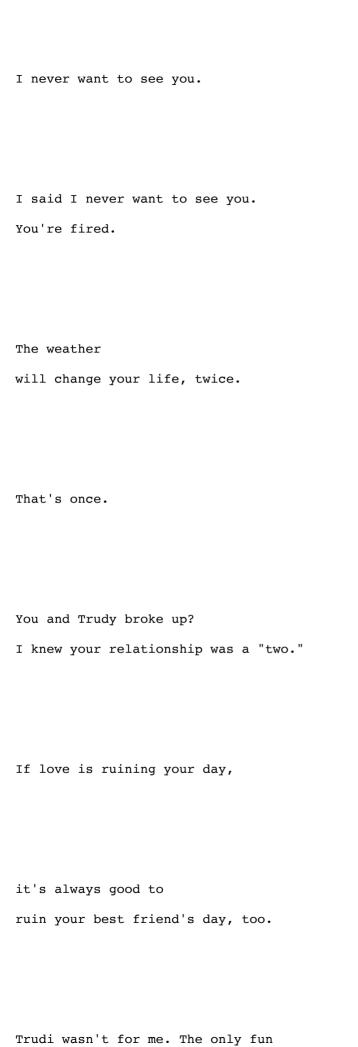


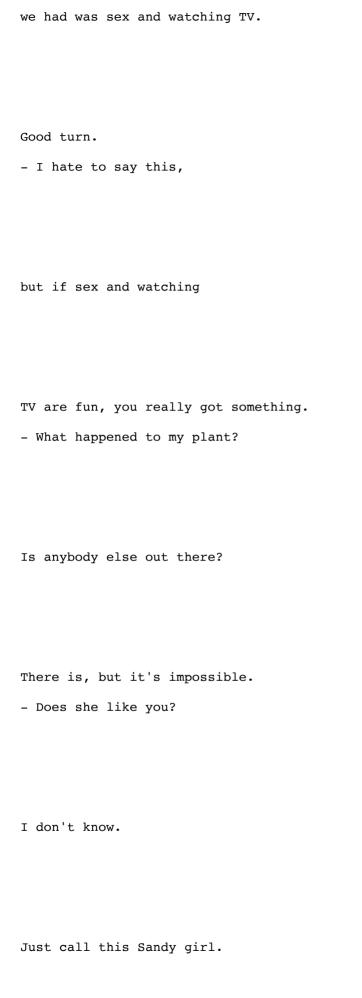
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What time?
I don't know... : or : .
I felt I had to tell you
in case anyone saw us there.
It was a dumb thing to do.
How long has this gone on?
Three years.
- Three years! - I'm sorry.
This has gone on since the 's?
I'm sorry.
I just can't be here right now.
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I'm out of my relationship, I'm out of the agency! And I only looked like a fool for years! Now, if I could get out of weather. Will you stop predicting things! Have you always been a freeway sign? Or did you start as a stop sign and work your way up from there? I BELI EVE I USED TO BE A BAGPI PE

Oh, alright.





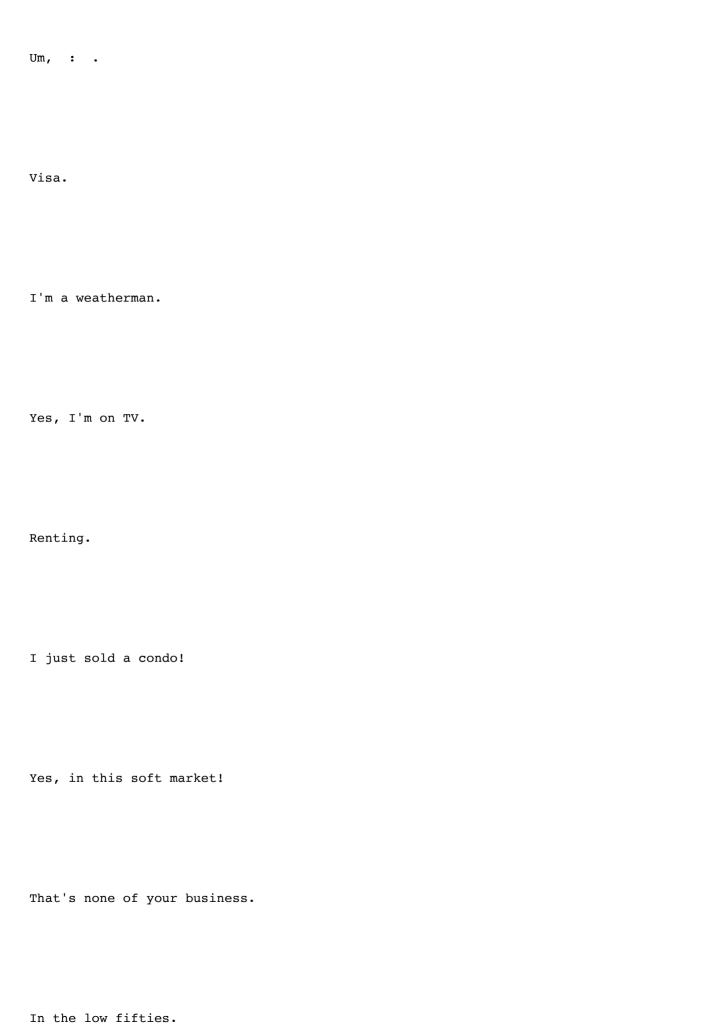


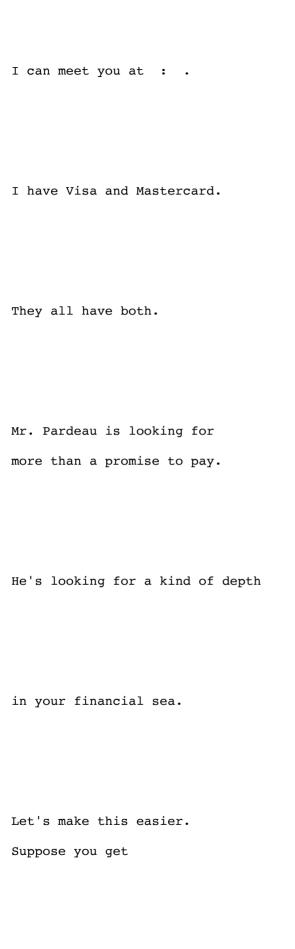


At least you could take her out.

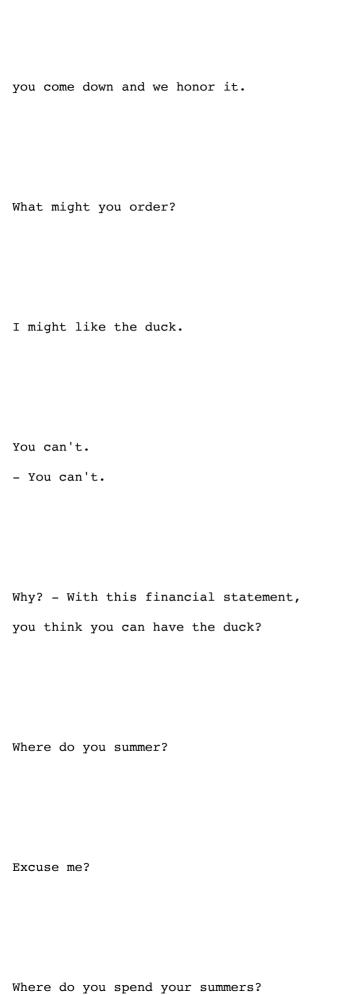
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Yeah.
- Where do you wanna go?
There's this new restaurant...
..."L'ldiot." - I've heard of that.
"L'ldiot," you and me on Friday.
Hello, "L'ldiot..."
Reservation for two for Friday.
Saturday?
Sunday? Good... : ?
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: or : ?





the reservation and suppose



Here.
The chicken.
- You can have the chichen.
What about my date?
You can urge her in one direction.
Either we go there and she orders
what she wants or let's forget it.
Alright.
I like a little gamble.

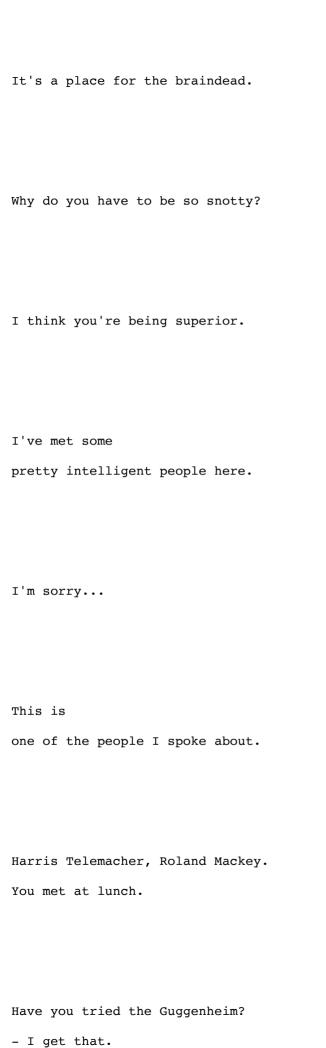
We can take you...

in eight weeks. Sandy, I heard bad things about "L'ldiot". And I went down there and the chef had a big open sore on his lip. I know, I know, I did. I'm really sorry. What if we went away for the weekend, like Santa Barbara? Roland thinks L.A. Is for the braindead. He says if the sprinklers stopped

you'd have a desert.

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But I think...
I don't know.
It's not what I expected.
It's where they've taken the desert
and turned it into their dreams.
I think it's also a place of secrets.
Secret houses, lives, pleasures...
And no one is looking
for verification
that what they're doing is ok.
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What do you say, Roland?



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Ariel, this is Roland Mackey
and Sara McDowel.
I loved your TV bit.
- I loved yours, too.
But...
- I can...
Oh I see. - It's a...
- You're very funny.
You have a lot of verve.
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Because it's circular and downhill.

- I got it.

Verve?

Want to walk with us?

I like the relationships.

Each character has his own story.

The puppy is a bit too much, but you have to overlook that.

The way he's holding her, it's almost... filthy.

He's about to kiss her and she's pulling away...

The way

his leg is smashed up against her...

Look how he's painted the blouse, sort of translucent,

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you can make out her breast,
and it's sort of touching him...
It's really pretty torrid,
don't you think?
And of course you have the onlookers
peeking out like they're all shocked.
They wish.
I must admit, when I see a painting
like this, I get emotionally...
Erect.
Those paintings of food got me hungry.
- I could eat some paintings of food.
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It was lovely to meet you.
- Great running into you.
What were you doing in there?
- That's the girl I like.
You've really blown it.
- Let's all go out for dinner.
I've heard of meeting accidentally and
going to dinner, but I never did it.
He loves me. - Everyone does.
- "L'ldiot"?
I've heard of that place.
- We'll never get in, it's impossible.
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It was fun.

There's a phone.

I can't go. Could they take you home? - I don't want to impose.
It's no problem. We got two cars Ariel, are you coming?
I can't. - Dinner for three.
It's all set. How should we do this? - Why doesn't he come with me?
I know where it is and she doesn't
so I could tell her where it was, otherwise we'd end up drawing a map,

unless I drove your car

- Suit yourself.

<pre>Is Roland your boyfriend? - No, just friends.</pre>
That's good. I mean it's fine that I can drive with you.
Right side! Get on the right side!
I don't think he can hear you.
Your usual table, Mr. Christopher? - No, a good one.
That is impossible.
Part of the new cruelty?

and you went with her...

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Table
What do you want?
Want our specials?
I'm gonna tell you
what we got to eat,
we got primavera pasta,
and six different kinds of meat!
Wow, I'm done already.
"We got spicy guacamole
and brie quesadilla,
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we got goat cheese pizza
on a blue corn tortilla..."
Floss?
I'll have floss.
- Diet or regular? - Regular.
"We got hot bread,
milk-fed veal and new potatoes,
we got a hundred different ways
to cook a couple of tomatoes."
I'll take you home.
- What?
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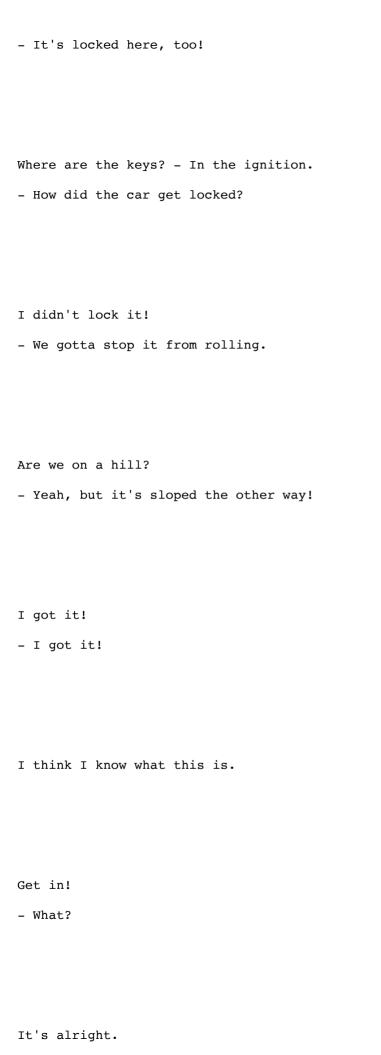
I live near you. I'll take you.

- The cars are here.

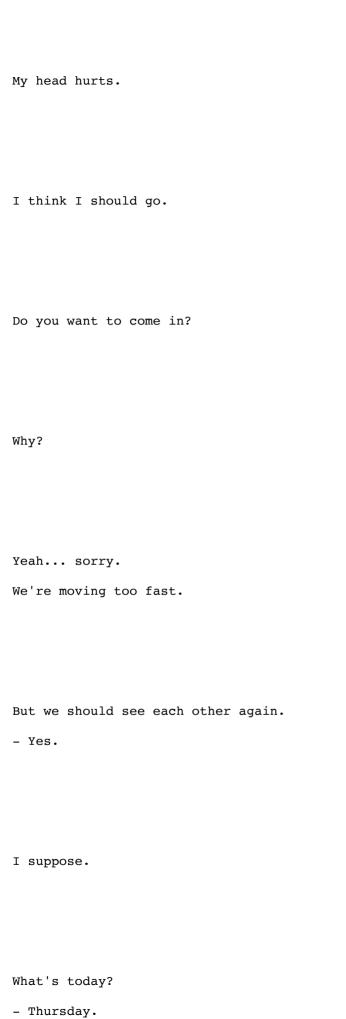


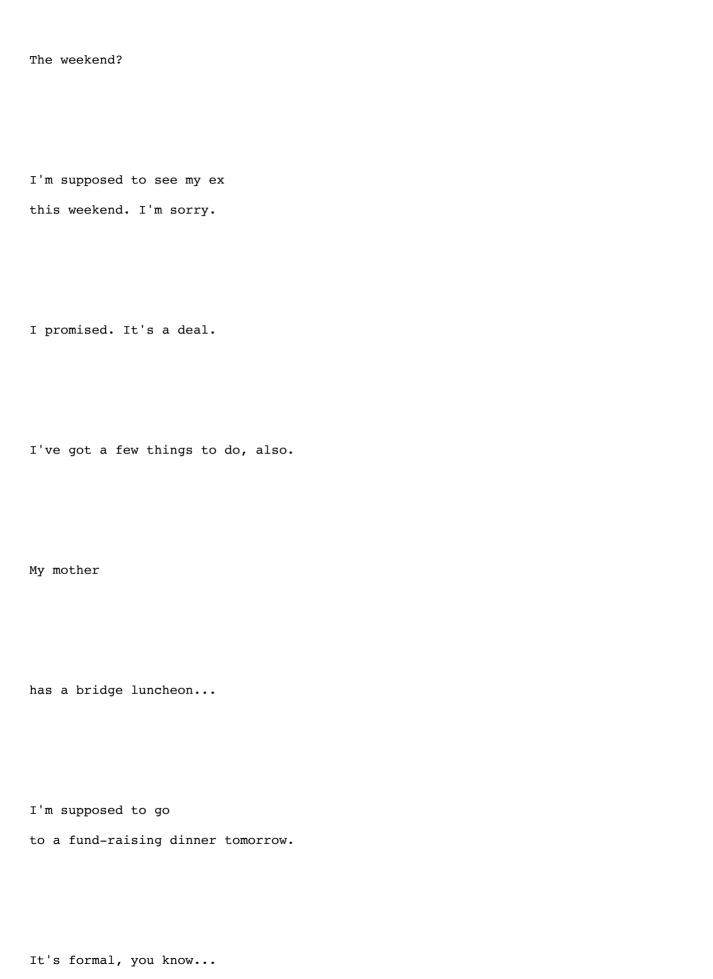
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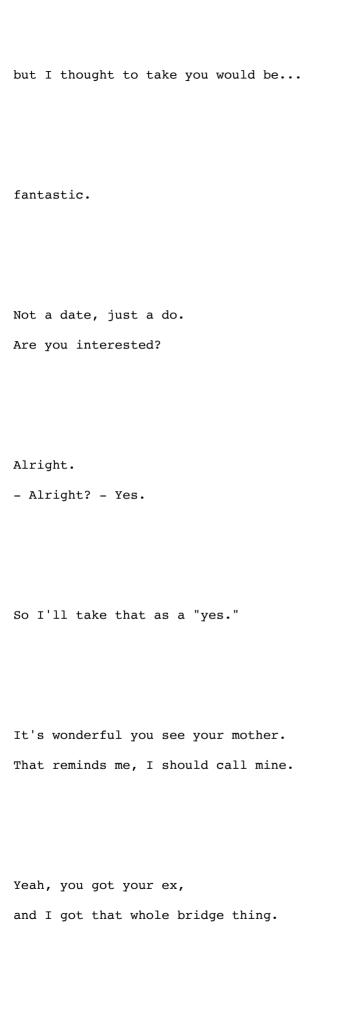
It was fun.
- Yes, it was.
I like Roland.
Vog ho'g nigo ign't ho?
Yes, he's nice, isn't he? - Yeah, it's interesting that you
can have a relationship
that's more friendly
than sexual.
So Good night.
Car's rolling!











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Hello... Mom?
- Hello, darling. How are you?
I'm fine.
Are you busy?
- I'm making
papier-mache hats.
- Do you want to play?
Always, darling. The usual?
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Night-night, mom.
- Night, darling.

You play the tuba?

- No.

I used to. But not now.

I mean, I was before you arrived.

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I forgot something.
Ready.
Are you alright?
- Yeah, I'm just going out too much.
When you go out too much,
you feel like you never stay home.
Are you upset about last night?
- No, I understand.
My car rolled,
then your tongue was in my mouth.
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I did.

That was a lozenge. - My mouth shouldn't accept lozenges right now.

You're passionate.

You just keep denying it.

Just relax and give in to it.

You don't.

- What?

I can hardly contain myself
when I'm around you. I go crazy

when I see you.

- That's the trouble.

You're rollerskating, amusing yourself, your friends, and me.

- What? I mean, we all try to prevent getting hurt. That's how you do it. Should we just forget it then? If that's what you want, fine. - Fine. Full service or self service? - Full, Tony. And I knew it was a great project. If the city were willing

It's just a lot of noise.

a great bonus for the people. And so
I met with Ron.
Ron
I toast you.
Are you alright?
I just feel a little dizzy.
I should get some air, I'm nauseous.

my private museum. It would be

I'll take him out.

And Ron felt like I did. What's the matter? - I don't know. Something in my stomach or my head or my heart or... Can I do anything? I can't, this is how Mummy met Daddy. Let your mind go and your will follow. And now let us all move forward with great enthusiasm

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Are you feeling any better?
- Much better, thanks.
Yes, thanks.
We didn't know what to say
so we wandered down Melrose
and had the kind of small talk
necessary to cover what had happened.
The station wants to try serious news
with me as the anchor.
No laughing or chit-chatting.
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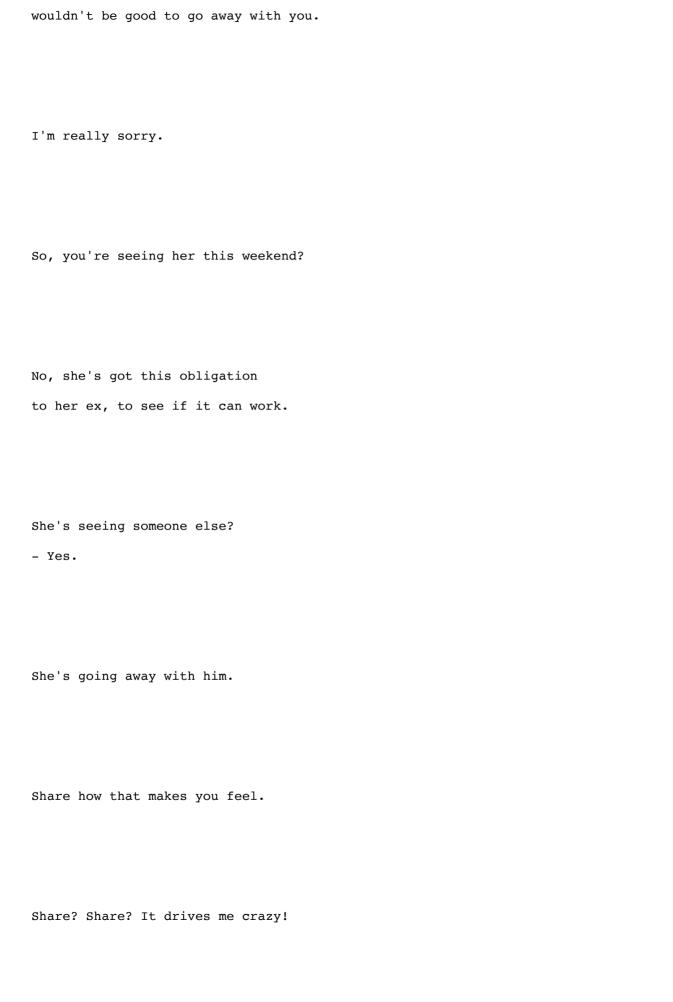
So there I was

jabbering about my new job,

to build the greatest

private museum in the world.





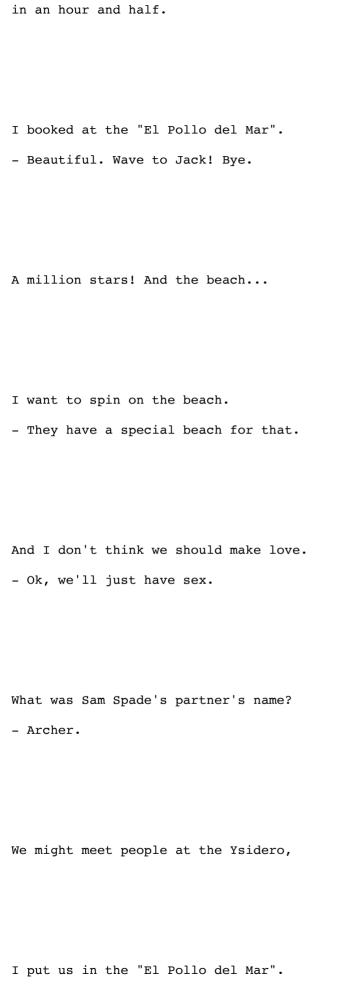
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I mean, especially since
I've been working out!
Look at the effort I put in!
But it's fair, since she had
this obligation before we even met.
But you had this obligation.
Why should you suffer all weekend?
No.
- Go away with me.
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I can't. I would just be

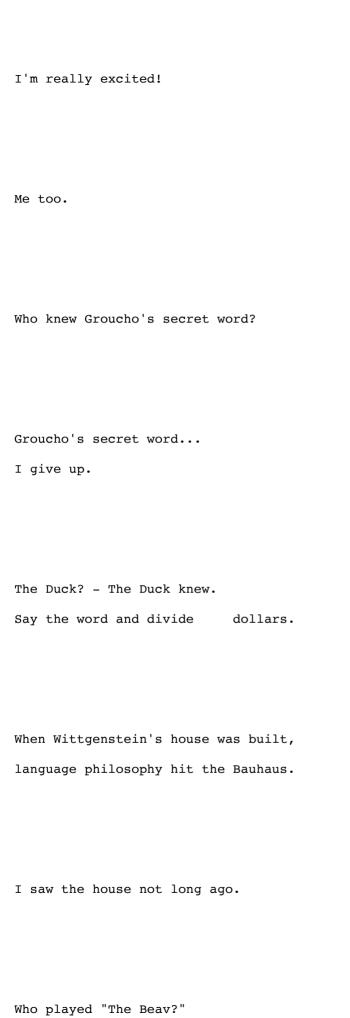
I don't mind.

- Let's go.

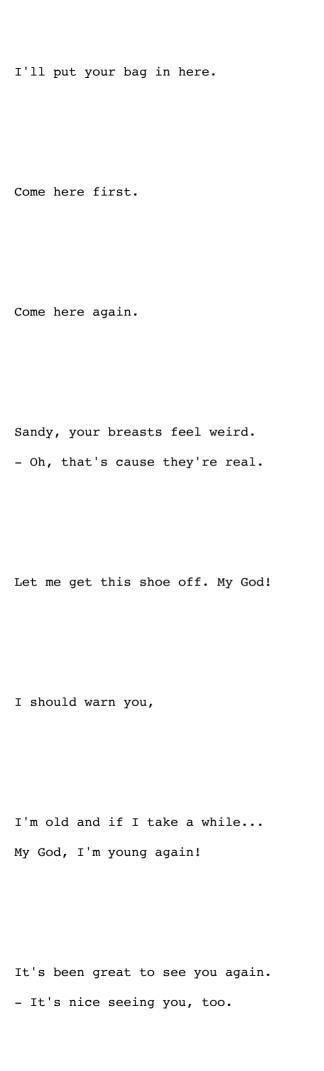
using you to get even with her.



We should be there









How are you?

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What now?
I don't know. I really like him,
even though he's not so smart.
Listen.
- What?
Through the wall.
- What is it? - Somebody's doing it.
How beautiful. - They're really
excited. They must be cheating.
I don't believe it!
Are you staying here? - Yes.
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There goes our cover. There are no

secrets anymore. - I think there is.

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Roland, this is Sandy.
Sandy, this is Roland, this is Sara.
Where are you headed?
The restaurant.
- Us, too.
Why don't you join us?
- That would be neat. - No,
you guys should be alone. - Don't be
silly. We can't do that. Come on.
What's that clanging sound?
- It's my damn testicles.
Is it okay to spin here?
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- Sure.

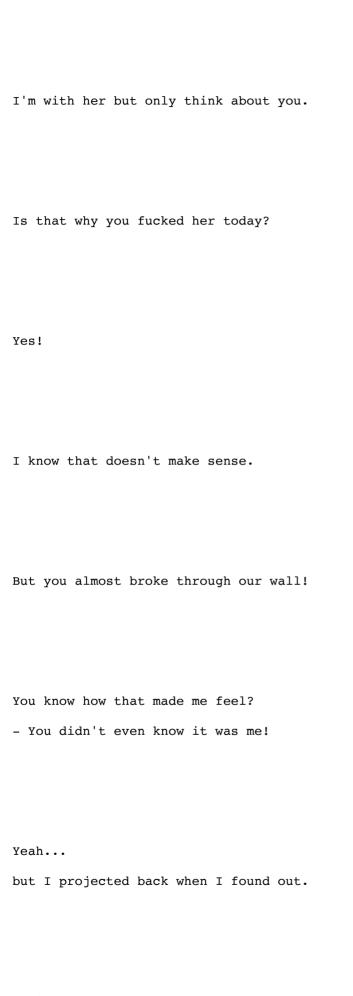
Shall I get your sweater? I'm cold. - Yes, thanks. I'll run and get it. Harris, want to come with me? - Sure. Actually, I'll stay here. Back in a flash!

You liar!

- I come here thinking

you're with your ex, and you're really giving it to my best friend!





So close, we're this close to it! Stay here in L.A. What? How would it work? We'd see each other, take it easy at first and then... marriage, kids, old age, and death. What if I were to go? All I know is, on the day your plane was to leave, if I had the power,

I would turn the winds around,

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roll in the fog,
I would bring in storms,
I would change the polarity of
the earth so compasses couldn't work,
so your plane couldn't take off.
This is everything I didn't want.
Pain... lying... complications.
I'm hot from running now.
Let's all walk down to the pier.
- Cool.
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Do you ever wonder why the water

Do you want this in the trunk or up front? - That... up front.

doesn't fly up into the sky?

What's the matter? You ok?

- Oh, sorry... I'm okay.

I've been working on Sara to come back with me. I'm her ex-husband.

England and America are different.

The English keep civil relations with their ex's.

The Americans sue them.

She told me today it's not right.

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Really? - Evidently,
she's been seeing some American.
That can happen.
- She's not going with him either.
She's going back to London
as soon as she can.
Pity,
I so wanted this to work out.
I wanted a relationship, you know,
like you and Sandy have.
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I've been thinking.

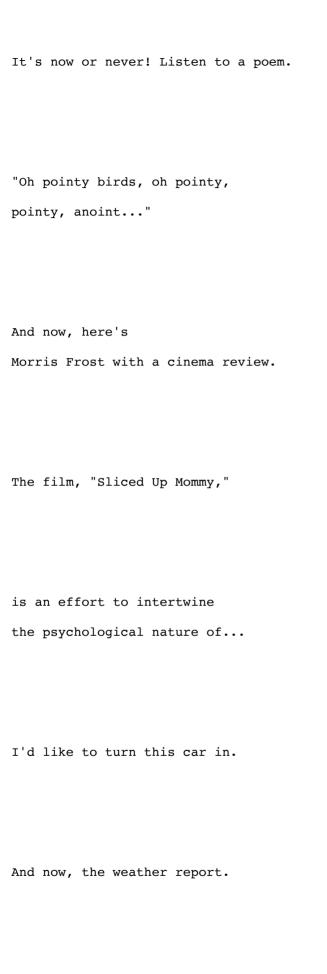
I can be a man worth staying for.

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First, I can cry. Usually,
it's when I'm hurt, but it's a start.
I know there's something
that would make you stay!
The right word, attitude, plan...
but these are all tricks!
So let's forego that!
Let's assume that it happened,
that my hand went down
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There comes a time when it's now or never!

grabbed your heart and squoze it!

your throat,



 $\mathtt{Sunny...}$

. . .

That's the weather.

Our next weather report will be in days. - Thank you.

We'll be right back after this commercial ad.

Why is it that we don't always recognize when love begins,

but we always know when it ends?

Final destination is London?

That's twice.

Forget for this moment,

the smog and the cars and the skating

and remember only this:

A kiss may not be the truth,

but it is what we wish were true.

Wow! That was really something!

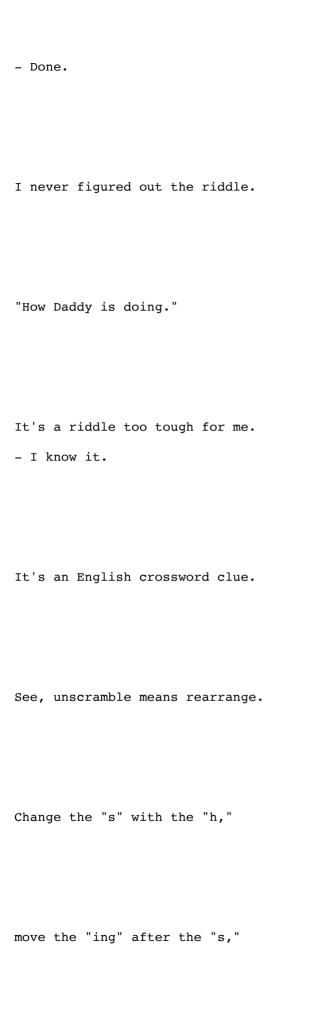
- It was fantastic,

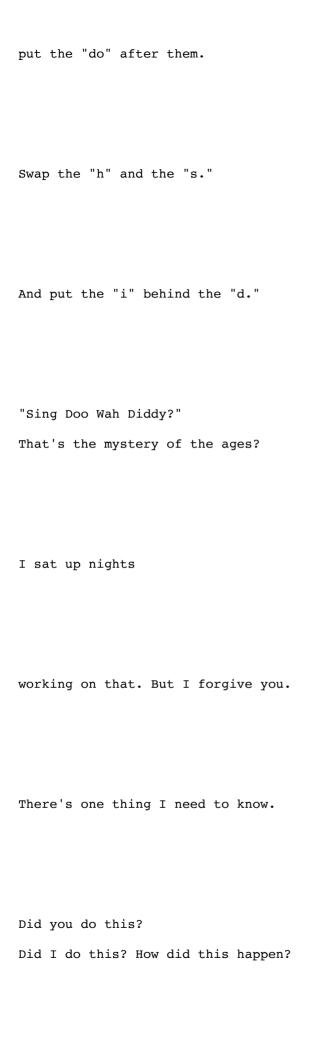
it was...

- It had real class!

Is there anything we can do
to thank you? A gift or anything?

- Name it.





There are only two things
in my life I will never forget.
One is that
there is someone for everyone.
Even if you need a pickax, a compass,
and night goggles to find them.
And the other is tonight.
When I learned that romance
does exist deep in the heart of L.A.

Hey, you got your voice back!