

**Francis:** Oh, shit!

**Jessica:** I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

**Francis:** Jesus!

**Jessica:** I'm sorry.

**Francis:** [sighs] oh, you scared me to death.

**Jessica:** I'm so sorry.

**Francis:** You shouldn't sneak up on people in the dark like that.

**Jessica:** I wasn't sneaking. I just... You know, I read in the... in the... the pamphlet, uh, to be mindful of others that they might be meditating and try not to... to disturb. So that's...that's what that...Yeah.

**Francis:** Well. I'm not meditating, just despondently staring into the gaping void.

**Jessica:** Hey...um...the...the...like, welcoming thing, that was...

**Francis:** It was bat shit.

**Jessica:** Yeah.

**Francis:** Yeah.

**Jessica:** Okay, cool. Cause I thought I was just like losing my mind—okay.

[Francis chuckles]

**Jessica:** Hey, um, you probably don't want to hear this. Uhm, you know, people come to retreats to get away from it all and I have to say...I am such a huge fan.

**Francis:** Oh.

**Jessica:** I've read Nathaniel's Kiss like, three times. I think it's the most romantic book... in the world.

**Francis:** Thank you for that.

**Jessica:** So, what's, uh, what's your crisis?

**Francis:** What's my what?

**Jessica:** The British dude, he said that, uh, Masha like picked us all for a particular crisis. With all your success, I just...was wondering, I—Now I'm realizing that... I am kinds crossing a line. So, I'm gonna... just gonna take it back.

**Francis:** It's okay, I... I'm just here for a little R&R. Maybe my crisis is I don't have a crisis [chuckles].

**Jessica:** Mm-hmm [chuckling] Oh.

**Jessica:** So are you writing anything new—

**Francis:** What's your crisis?

**Jessica:** Oh, uh. Marriage counselling. Yeah. Well, ben and I just...a little bit of a bumpy patch. [chuckles]

**Francis:** I know that road.

**Jessica:** Oh, you're married?

**Francis:** [inhales] Not currently. Have been. Twice. Uh, optimist-masochist. Fine line [inhales]

**Jessica:** "He saw her". [chuckles]. That's my favorite part of, um, Nathaniel's Kiss. You wrote, um, "He saw her." "And until then, she never knew." "She'd never been seen before." "It was like coming home." [chuckles]

**Francis:** it's a little clunky.

**Jessica:** No. No, it's not. It's the most wonderful feeling in the world. To be seen. [chuckles]

**Francis:** You want a little grown-ass lady advise? You can take it or leave it?

**Jessica:** I'll take it.

**Francis:** I wouldn't look to novels, or music, or movies, to tell you the truth about love. They lie. And we're just a pack of dirty liars.

**Jessica:** Right? [chuckles] I mean, yeah.

**Francis:** Hustlers of the heart.

**Jessica:** Did you just make that up?

**Francis:** I—Yeah, I guess I did.

**Jessica:** God! You're good.

**Francis:** [chuckles] Oh... [sighs]

**Jessica:** I'm gonna... get back to—Ye—um, thanks. [clear throat] I'll see you tomorrow, I guess? Maybe it won't be as...

**Francis:** Weird?

**Jessica:** Yeah [chuckling]

**Francis:** Yeah. Let's hope.

**Jessica:** [chuckling] Good night.

**Francis:** Good night.