

P.S. I Love You

INT APPARTMENT

GERRY

I know I should know this darling but are you mad at me? Baby? Holly? I did something, right? I did something bad, right? Should I know what it is? Or is it something maybe you just think I did? No, no, I did it. I did it. It was a bad, bad thing I did and I`m so sorry, love. Holly, come on, will you? Holly, wait, baby you have to let me in on it. Are you waiting until we are in the apartment before you talk to me? Are you gonna make me sleep in the bathtub again? Oh no, I don`t know what I said.

HOLLY

You said it. You know you said it.

GERRY

No I don`t know what I said but I didn`t mean it.

HOLLY

Yes you did, you mean everything you say.

GERRY

No sometimes I mean nothing when I say something.

HOLLY

Something is never nothing. It`s always something.

GERRY

Well, most of what I say is nothing. It`s just something to say.

HOLLY

No men say it`s just something to say in order to get away with saying something. But they know they`re saying something every time they say it.

GERRY

Say what? What did I say?

HOLLY

You said at my mothers tonight, you would have a baby but that I`m not ready. To my mother! You might as well have said I`m a lesbian.

GERRY

Well I am the only man you ever had.

HOLLY

Oh I dated Timmy Harrison for four months before I met you.

GERRY

Isn't he a woman now?

HOLLY

You told my mother I didn't want children!

GERRY

I did not!

HOLLY

Yes you did

GERRY

I didn't say that

HOLLY

Yes you did.

GERRY

I did not. I didn't say...

HOLLY

You said exactly that

GERRY

I didn't say that you weren't ready to have a baby. I said that you wanted to wait.

HOLLY

Which means I don't want one right now.

GERRY

Right.

HOLLY

Thank you.

GERRY

Wait a minute. I'm confused. Could I get a ruling on this? Anybody?

HOLLY

No, you're not confused, you're just wrong. "Holly doesn't want to have a baby". We had a plan Gerry. To wait to have children until we could buy an apartment. Put 25% of each paycheck into a separate joint account with a six and a quarter interest for five years. Why did you tell me mother that!

GERRY

(Chuckling) Each Paycheck? Darling you only just started getting regular paychecks. You quit five jobs in two years, remember?

HOLLY

Well, I can't work for idiots

GERRY

They can't all be idiots

HOLLY

Yes they can. They can all be idiots, and...why didn't you tell my mother about the business loan you and John took out without asking me?

GERRY

Aha! You see, you finally said it. I knew that's why you're angry.

HOLLY

That's not the reason I'm angry

GERRY

Yes this is the reason you're angry!

HOLLY

We should have waited, why couldn't you have waited?

GERRY

Waited for what? What are you talking about? Waited for what? I've been driving limos for four years Holly. So John and me, we want to start a business. We, we buy a few cars, we get a few clients. That's a career right there. What is your problem?

HOLLY

And what if it doesn't work out? What if we always have to live here? And what about what I want, huh? You think I want to be a real estate agent, showing other people apartments to buy that I can never live in? There maybe other things I wanna do with my life.

GERRY

Okay, like what?

HOLLY

I don't know...other things.

GERRY

Then quit. All right? I mean the job makes you cranky at home every bloody day, anyway. You wanna have a baby? Lets do it.

HOLLY

See? I hate when you do that!

GERRY

(Scoffs) Do what?

HOLLY

Lets have a baby. La, la, la. In a fiver floor walkup we can barely move in. I`d have to change diapers on the windowsills. You have to have a plan. You cant act like everything`s gonna work out by itself Gerry. Why do I have to be the responsible grownup who worries? Why can`t I be the cute carefree Irish guy who sings all the time?

GERRY

Because you cant sing without making dogs bark. Look, Holly. People have babies with no money all the time. And if you`re so worried about it, why don`t you stop buying designer clothes, huh?

HOLLY

I buy everything on eBay! It doesn`t count when you`re wearing Mark Jacobs from Minneapolis.

GERRY

Do you want to have a baby?

HOLLY

Do you?

GERRY

Yes I do.

HOLLY

See

GERRY

(Sighing) See what?

HOLLY

I know what you`re really saying. Even when you don`t say it Gerry.

GERRY

Oh yeah. You mean the two conversations thing. The one we`re having and the one you think we`re having.

HOLLY

You said that to my mother because you`re mad at me for not wanting children yet, and because I`m no fun anymore, and because we don`t have enough hot, nasty sex, because I`m always bitchiing about bills, what`s what you`re really saying isn`t it? Why don`t you just be honest and say it? Say what you mean.

GERRY

All right. I wish we had more hot, nasty sex. Or the other kind is fine.

HOLLY

What you`re really saying is this isn`t the life you wanted, is it?

GERRY

Well, that`s not what I`m saying. IS that what you`re saying?

HOLLY

And what if this is it Gerry? What if this is all there is to our life?

GERRY

What do you mean?

HOLLY

It means this is it? We`re a married couple who own a limo company who may or may not have children, end of story.

GERRY

Well, what other story do you want?

HOLLY

I don`t know!

GERRY

What do you want, Hol? What? Because I`m tried of trying to figure it out. You want a bigger apartment? I`ll take a second job. You want a child? You don`t want a child? What? I know what I want, because I have it in my hands right now. Do you? Do you know what you want? Because you better tell me now if I`m not it.

HOLLY

Or what? You`re gonna leave?

GERRY

Why? You want me to leave?

HOLLY

I want you to leave if you want to leave. Don`t use me as an excuse.

GERRY

I will leave if you want me to leave

HOLLY

The leave if you want to go. Go ahead, leave!

GERRY

Don`t push me Holly.

HOLLY

You want to leave just say goodbye!

GERRY

Oh, that`s me bollocks!

HOLLY

Stop acting bilingual!

GERRY

Oh, kiss me arse!

HOLLY

Kiss mine! In English!

GERRY leaves and HOLLY walks into bathroom.
GERRY re enters

GERRY

Are we finished now love? Can I come back?

Holly

Yeah...I`m sorry

GERRY

I`m sorry love. I`m sorry I said the wrong thing to your mother. God I still get nervous around her. I still think after nine years she doesn`t like me. I know I`m being stupid.

HOLLY

No, you`re not being stupid baby. She doesn`t like you.