

(The doorway of a house. ELIZABETH – pretty, but unshowered and carrying a duffle bag - stands in front of KEVIN – tired, with glasses. They’re both 36 years old.)

ELIZABETH

I *told* you.

KEVIN

When-

ELIZABETH

Several times.

KEVIN

I haven’t even-

ELIZABETH

On Facebook.

KEVIN

Oh, I don’t-

ELIZABETH

Several times.

KEVIN

I don’t read Facebook.

ELIZABETH

I even posted it this morning - all caps: “HERE I COME!”

KEVIN

You-

ELIZABETH

“Ready or not, Kevin!! TWELVE SHARP!”

KEVIN

I didn’t even know I was still *on* Facebook.

ELIZABETH

You haven’t been reading my posts?

(Kevin shakes his head.)

ELIZABETH

None of them?

(He shakes his head again.)

ELIZABETH
On your *wall*?

KEVIN
I don't read my wall.

ELIZABETH
You don't read your *wall*?

KEVIN
No.

ELIZABETH
I post to you, like, every day.

KEVIN
Sorry.

ELIZABETH
Every day for the last four years.

KEVIN
Every *day*?

ELIZABETH
Who doesn't read their wall!

KEVIN
You post on my wall every day?

ELIZABETH
I tell you *everything*.

KEVIN
Why would you post day after day, if-

ELIZABETH
Everything. How I'm doing, what I'm doing, where I am, who just left me, the headaches, Mom and Dad, Katie's funeral...

KEVIN
Sorry.

ELIZABETH

...the accident, how much weight I lost, then gained, then lost again, the thing with my inner thighs...

KEVIN

I'm really sorry.

ELIZABETH

And you haven't read *any* of them?

KEVIN

How do I know you?

ELIZABETH

Facebook.

KEVIN

I mean originally.

ELIZABETH

Facebook. You know me on Facebook.

KEVIN

I mean, originally, before we became...

ELIZABETH

Okay, stop it.

KEVIN

Stop what.

ELIZABETH

Come on.

KEVIN

No, what?

ELIZABETH

Oh, come *on*.

KEVIN

I don't-

ELIZABETH

Ok, it's funny. But stop it.

KEVIN
What is?

ELIZABETH
You're just kidding, right? Right? (beat) You really don't recognize me?

(Beat.)

ELIZABETH
At all.

KEVIN
Well, you look familiar, but-

ELIZABETH
What part of me?

KEVIN
Your eyes.

ELIZABETH
You haven't looked at my pictures?

KEVIN
Pictures.

ELIZABETH
The ones I posted on your wall.

KEVIN
What pictures did you-

ELIZABETH
The smiling ones, the straight ones, the glam shots, the bikini shots, the ones of me looking straight at you from my window and the ones of us together.

KEVIN
From your window?

ELIZABETH
And you've just ignored all of them?

KEVIN
Us?

ELIZABETH
What?

KEVIN
You and me us?

ELIZABETH
Duh-ass.

KEVIN
When did we-

ELIZABETH
Farragut.

KEVIN (recognizing the name)
Oh...

ELIZABETH
Go Admirals!

KEVIN (still not recognizing her)
So, you were, what – in my -

ELIZABETH
I was practically your girlfriend.

KEVIN
No.

ELIZABETH
Yeah, I mean, I wasn't, but practically.

KEVIN
I think I would remember you if-

ELIZABETH
For ten weeks.

(beat)

ELIZABETH
In the *play*.

KEVIN
In what play.

ELIZABETH

The Scottish Play. I played your girlfriend in The Scottish Play.

KEVIN

The Scottish play...

ELIZABETH

Brigadoon.

KEVIN

Oh. Oh! Oh, my God!

ELIZABETH

Charlie Dalrymple.

KEVIN

Charlie Dalrymple. Wow. Oh, Jesus. Yeah.

ELIZABETH

“Go Home with Bonnie Jean.”

KEVIN

Oh, God, yeah.

ELIZABETH

I was Bonnie Jean.

KEVIN (still not remembering her)

Oh, yeah.

ELIZABETH

And you went home with me.

KEVIN

I-

ELIZABETH

In the play.

KEVIN

Right, fuck, Jesus! That was... I thought that was Katie Riddle.

ELIZABETH

What?

KEVIN

Bonnie Jean. Katie Riddle played Bonnie Jean.

ELIZABETH

I was her understudy.

KEVIN

Oh.

ELIZABETH

I got to go on for the Saturday night show, remember?

(Kevin shakes his head.)

ELIZABETH

It was my big 42nd Street moment. I remember the light shining on my face so brightly, I couldn't see. And this beautiful music just surrounded me and came pouring out.

(Singing merrily:)

“I used to be a rovin' lad
A rovin' an wanderin' life I had
On any lass I'd frown who.....”

(She looks to Kevin for the next line.)

KEVIN

Oh, God, I don't remember.

ELIZABETH

Oh, come on.

KEVIN

No, I really don't...

ELIZABETH

Come *on*.

KEVIN

I don't.

ELIZABETH

(singing)

“Who would try to tie me down...”

KEVIN

I don't remember.

ELIZABETH (over him, singing loudly)
“But then one day I saw a maid,
Who held out her hand an’ I stayed an’ stayed...”

KEVIN
Yeah, that was just, that was just, that was just awful.

ELIZABETH
You were so great.

KEVIN
Oh, God, I was horrible.

ELIZABETH
I saw it at The Loudon Lake Players ten years after that.

KEVIN
The whole thing was horrible.

ELIZABETH
Their Charlie was a *loser*.

KEVIN
But he could probably act and sing.

ELIZABETH
He had a combover. And *zits*.

KEVIN
I haven’t really thought about-

ELIZABETH
No one was as good as you.

KEVIN
I don’t remember being good.

ELIZABETH
You were awesome. You were incredible. You were a *star*.

KEVIN
Yeah. Well. Thanks.

ELIZABETH (tearfully, meaning it)

I believe, you may think this is ridiculous, but I believe, *in my heart*, that that particular production of *Brigadoon*, was somehow blessed. By your presence. I remember Mr. McMahon –

KEVIN

Oh, Mr. McMahon.

ELIZABETH

How his face when you showed up at the first rehearsal, how it just sort of wrinkled up into a big wink and a grin. And we all felt like that. Like, magic. And I don't mean, you know, like that shit you see on The Learning Channel. I mean real magic. The kind you get from *people*.

KEVIN

Well, I don't really...

ELIZABETH

Bonnie Jean died.

KEVIN

In the show?

ELIZABETH

No, I mean the real one. The other Bonnie Jean.

KEVIN

The other-

ELIZABETH

Katie.

KEVIN

Katie Riddle.

ELIZABETH

Yeah. Uh-huh. She died.

KEVIN

You mean in the play or-

ELIZABETH

No I mean in life. Her character in *Brigadoon* doesn't die.

KEVIN

Katie Riddle *died*?

ELIZABETH

You'd know that if you read your wall...

KEVIN

When?

ELIZABETH

A while ago.

KEVIN

When is a while.

ELIZABETH

Last October.

KEVIN

How?

ELIZABETH

She stopped living.

KEVIN

How did she die?

ELIZABETH

She was decapitated. On Cumberland Avenue near the where the Stuckey's used to be.

KEVIN

Oh, God.

ELIZABETH

There was a mosquito fogger on the road and it let out a bunch of spray, which caused this big tractor trailer to slow down suddenly. Katie's car hit the back of the trailer, and went under it and it just – *whoosh* - sliced off her head.

KEVIN

Jesus Christ.

ELIZABETH

I don't think she felt anything.

KEVIN

Oh, God, I'm so sorry.

ELIZABETH

For what?

KEVIN

No, I'm just-

ELIZABETH

You weren't fogging mosquitoes.

KEVIN

No, I mean, I haven't spoken to her in-

ELIZABETH

She used to talk about you all the time.

KEVIN

She did?

ELIZABETH

Yeah, she came over to the Waffle House, which is where I've been working for the past two decades, and she would order the Belgium Supreme and sometimes, if it was slow, I'd just sit down with her and we would talk about you. For hours. It's funny, isn't it, how you can have so much feeling about someone and then that someone goes away and all you have are blurry memories. But history is like that, it doesn't stand up straight - it slouches - and all you can glean of what was once so huge and great are these undignified blurry little glimpses. And Facebook. So, we'd sit there. We even made plans.

KEVIN

That doesn't sound like Katie.

ELIZABETH

Plans about you. A lot of plans, actually.

KEVIN

She was careful about her diet.

ELIZABETH

Ha! Not lately!

KEVIN

But she's dead now?

ELIZABETH

Right, so she isn't careful. And she sure wasn't careful around this waffle. This was a four-tier Belgium Supreme.

KEVIN

What kind of plans?

ELIZABETH

Which really isn't even technically a "waffle" because it's stacked up – it's more like a big gridded pancake-

KEVIN

What kind of plans did you make?

ELIZABETH

Just plans. Plans plans. You know.

KEVIN

Plans to *what*.

ELIZABETH

Plans.

KEVIN

To do *what*.

ELIZABETH

It's okay, she's dead, we're not going to do it now.

KEVIN

What were you going to do.

ELIZABETH

I mean if I don't seem as sad about her, it's because... and I doubt this will surprise you, but she was... you know Katie, how she was. I'm not saying it's a good thing. But when it happened, she was in the car with someone she shouldn't have been with. Some person with whom she had no business corresponding. I had suspected – because I read some things, some things I shouldn't have read, but I read them nonetheless, and I started to realize maybe Katie wasn't going to the Waffle House just for the Belgian Supreme, maybe she was coming to see me for a reason.

KEVIN

Did this other person die too?

ELIZABETH

Who cares?

KEVIN

Well, I mean, did-

ELIZABETH

What, are you taking his side?

KEVIN

His side of what?

ELIZABETH

Why are you concerned about him?

(Pause)

KEVIN

Didn't that happen to Jayne Mansfield?

ELIZABETH

Jayne Mansfield?

KEVIN

The movie star Jayne Mansfield. There was a mosquito fogger and she hit the car in front of her and it took off her head.

ELIZABETH (with anger)

Are you trying to be *funny*?

(Pause)

KEVIN

Is there some way I could-

ELIZABETH

I know who Jayne Mansfield is.

KEVIN

Is there a way for me to send condolences to-

ELIZABETH

Condolences?

KEVIN

Yeah.

ELIZABETH

She's been dead since October, what do you want to *condole*?

KEVIN

I just-

ELIZABETH

I posted it *on your wall. On your wall.* When it happened. It was on your wall.

KEVIN

I don't read my wall.

ELIZABETH

If you wanted to do something-

KEVIN

What were you planning on doing to me?

ELIZABETH

You could have hit "reply"-

KEVIN

I don't read Facebook, okay?

ELIZABETH

Well, that's a little crazy, don't you think?

KEVIN

I think-

ELIZABETH

I mean, doesn't that sort of leave your identity a bit vulnerable, because your image, that picture, with the striped red and purple shirt, that image, and your profile, including your Musical Preferences which are: Tom Waits, The Flaming Lips, The Cult, Death Cab for Cutie, Leonard Cohen, The Dandy Warhols, Robby Coltrane, Regina Spektor – ugh - and, I'm not even going to try to figure out what this means: "all kinds of jazz" – because they're there, on display, for anyone to see, and still, they're, like, part of who you are, right? Like they're an intimate side of you. Want me to do your movies?

KEVIN

No.

ELIZABETH

The Wizard of Oz, Stargate, The Matrix, Minority Report...

KEVIN

It's okay...

ELIZABETH

Total Recall – which is ironic - *Coraline, It's a Wonderful Life...*

KEVIN

Please. I know what they are.

ELIZABETH

You look really handsome in that shirt. The striped one in your picture, I mean, not that one. But you should change that picture once in a while. It's like you're wearing the same thing every day.

KEVIN

I think maybe you should-

ELIZABETH

I can't tell if you're just pretending not to remember me, or if you're going to break out of it and give me a big ol' hug.

KEVIN

I-

ELIZABETH

Wanna grab some lunch? I saw there's a Peruvian restaurant around the corner...

KEVIN

I'm busy.

ELIZABETH

I'm like, wow, I didn't know the Peruvians even *made* food.

KEVIN

I don't have time.

ELIZABETH

It's just around the corner.

KEVIN

I don't think I-

ELIZABETH

We could celebrate your birthday.

KEVIN

It's not my birthday.

ELIZABETH

Sucks to be alone.

KEVIN

It's not my birthday.

ELIZABETH

I know because I spent my last birthday sitting in the foyer with the lights off. *By myself*. Talk about *depressing*! I am not going to let the same thing happen to my beautiful man.

KEVIN

I'm not your beautiful man.

ELIZABETH

I meant in the *show*. *Charlie*. Mind if I call you Charlie?

KEVIN

Yes.

ELIZABETH

(singing:) "I used to be a rovin' lad." Come on, do it. Remember the house? That green house?

KEVIN

I think maybe I ought to get back to-

ELIZABETH

The green house on Duncan Road out near the Rocky Hill Market? Right next to the Baptist church? The house with the tall windows that face the field across the way? Like the window in the picture I posted on your wall of me staring out...

KEVIN

The green house.

ELIZABETH

I took that picture. I set my ipod Touch on a stump and used the timer.

KEVIN

The house next to the Baptist church.

ELIZABETH

I thought you might recognize the window.

KEVIN

The church that had the changing signs.

ELIZABETH

Yeah. That's my house now.

KEVIN

The green house with the giant chimney.

ELIZABETH

That's where I live. It's mine now. I bought it.

KEVIN

On Duncan Road.

ELIZABETH

Uh-huh.

KEVIN

The house I grew up in.

ELIZABETH

Yeah.

KEVIN

You bought my old house.

ELIZABETH

Yeah.

KEVIN

Why would you do that?

ELIZABETH

It was for sale.

KEVIN

Why would you buy *my* house?

ELIZABETH

I didn't buy it because it was *yours*.

KEVIN

Why did you buy it?

ELIZABETH

My parents.

KEVIN

Your parents bought you my house.

ELIZABETH

My parents died in a plane crash. Windfall! Guess what: there's still pencil marks on the column in the kitchen: 5'2 in 1987, 5'3 1988, 5'5 in 1989...

KEVIN

In a plane crash?

ELIZABETH

I posted those statistics on your wall, but you probably missed them, too, since...

KEVIN

Your parents died in a plane crash?

ELIZABETH

I posted that, too.

KEVIN

That's horrible.

ELIZABETH

Oh, what, you care suddenly?

KEVIN

Wouldn't I have heard about that from-

ELIZABETH

You think I'm lying?

KEVIN

No, I just-

ELIZABETH

So I'm a liar now.

KEVIN

What's your full name?

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth.

KEVIN

No, I mean, your last name.

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth.

KEVIN

Your name is Elizabeth Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH

It's on Facebook.

KEVIN

I don't remember you at all.

ELIZABETH

Well, I remember you.

KEVIN

How'd you find this address?

ELIZABETH

Your profile.

KEVIN

It's not on my profile.

ELIZABETH

Sure?

KEVIN

Why didn't you just call?

ELIZABETH

I don't have a phone.

KEVIN

You said you have an iphone.

ELIZABETH

It's an ipod Touch. I got you a present.

KEVIN

A present.

ELIZABETH

's why I'm here.

KEVIN

To give me a present.

ELIZABETH

It's pretty special.

KEVIN

You flew all the way from Knoxville-

ELIZABETH

Oh, no.

KEVIN

You didn't fly from Knoxville.

ELIZABETH

I'm terrified of flying. Especially after-

KEVIN

You drove.

ELIZABETH

I don't have a car.

KEVIN

You don't have a phone or a car.

ELIZABETH

The police took away my license after the accident.

KEVIN

Accident.

ELIZABETH

So I set out on foot. See the country the way the pioneers did...

KEVIN

What accident?

ELIZABETH

...except they didn't have a Global Positioning System.

KEVIN

What accident?