

INT DAY A SMALL CAFE

Dan is sitting in a booth in the cafe. He has a clear view of the front door to the cafe. He glances at his watch. It is nearly 12:20 PM. Carol approaches the cafe's glass door. She looks around and spots Dan who is waving to her. She approaches the booth and Dan guides her to her seat. Carol's face appears red and blotchy. She is smiling. Dan has a concerned look on his face.

CAROL

I'm sorry that I'm so late. I should have called, but I don't have your phone number. I recently had cosmetic surgery and just came from a checkup with my Plastic Surgeon.

DR. EVE STANFORD (V.O.)

I seriously wonder why she agreed to meet you like that.

DAN FENTON (V.O.)

Me too, but I tried to get past that. After an hour we finished lunch. Then Carol asked . . .

CAROL

It's such a beautiful day out side. Would you like to take a spin with me in my convertible? We could ride through the country for a while and let the wind blow through our hair.

DAN FENTON (V.O.)

I thought to myself, this is not a good idea, the wind might cause her face to fly off. I thanked her for the date and invitation for the car ride. I hoped she healed well. I didn't know what else to say.

JILL RAYMOND

How are you doing? Are you seeing anyone?

DAN FENTON

Not in the way you'd hope. I've been online and met a few women but they didn't go well. Terrible in fact. I'm suffering from Datearia.

JILL RAYMOND

What? What's Datearia?

DAN FENTON

It's my term for unpleasant dating. All my dates ended sadly.

JILL RAYMOND

I know you Dan. You expect too much too soon. You have to give dating time.

DAN FENTON

I don't think so. To be sure I wasn't missing something I decided to meet with a therapist. I had my first appointment with a Dr. Eve Stanford yesterday.

JILL RAYMOND

How did that go?

DAN FENTON

She thinks I ran into a few unfortunate series of women. She suggested I postpone on-line dating for awhile and contact family members or friends, who might know of someone for me.

JILL RAYMOND

Well brother, I'm family and I know someone you might like.

DAN FENTON

Really and who is this someone?

JILL RAYMOND

Dan, I'm trying to help you, and you're poo pooing it without giving me a chance to tell you about her.

DAN FENTON

OK. I'm sorry. How and where do you know this someone?

JILL RAYMOND

Do you remember Barbara from Ft. Lauderdale?

DAN FENTON

You mean Barbara Wisenstein?

JILL RAYMOND

Yes. That's the one. But we can talk about Barbara later. I met this lovely woman at Barb's condo a few weeks ago. She and Barb are life long friends.

DAN FENTON

OK, OK. What's her name and where does she live?

JILL RAYMOND

Her name is Kim Holland and she lives in New York.

DAN FENTON

Ahhh! Stop right there! I'm not interested in long distance relationships. Even my therapist said that long distance relationships can be challenging.

JILL RAYMOND

Dan, there you go again. Give me a chance to explain why I think she may be right for you.

DAN FENTON

Sorry, continue.

JILL RAYMOND

You do know I've a keen sense of people. I want you to call her. I have her cell phone. Got something to write on?

DAN FENTON

Fine, fine, go ahead.

Dan writes out the number onto the scrap of paper.