



The Spider Web

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Characters

Woman

Other

He

Woman sets the table for the afternoon tea. The bell rings. She answers and Other comes in. They stares at each other in silence, they hold each other.

Woman

I'm glad you came. I miss you so much!

Other

I miss you too. I thought you'd like to stay alone for some time... Life goes on, isn't it?

Woman

Life goes on...

They stare at each other hand in hand.

Woman

You are so pretty!

Other

Oh, I need to fix my hair, do nails....

Woman

Always pretty!

Other

Thanks... And you, how are you?

Woman

I don't know. So many things at once... The hospitalization, the surgery, and afterwards...

Other

No news?

Woman

No.

Other

But the diligences continue.

Woman

I don't expect anything else.

Other

We can go out if you want to...

Woman

I am fine here!

Other

Sorry. I don't know what to say....

Woman

Don't worry. Sit down. I am setting the table.

Other

Are you sure you don't want to go out?

Woman

I don't want to go out. I just want to have the tea with you - our tea! - It's more important to me now. I made a new receipt, hope you like it.

Other

You always have a new receipt. I should learn with you. That apple pie from the last tea was delicious.

Woman

He liked it too. He ate all we left...

There had been a long time since he gave me a compliment.

Other

Really?

Woman

I think the last time was when you met him.

Other

Almost one year...

He comes in.

Woman

Hi, honey. You came early! Look, this is my friend who I always talk about.

He

Good afternoon!

The Friday's tea friend... She talks so much about you. Looks like I already know you.

Other

Good afternoon! She also talks a lot about you.

He

Good or bad?

Other

Well...

Woman

Didn't I tell you she was beautiful?

It doesn't look like, but we have the same age....

Other

Thanks. You are beautiful too.

Woman

Look at me! I need to care more about myself! Don't I, honey?

He

Honey, you are beautiful!

Woman

But, isn't she beautiful?

He

Really beautiful!

Other

Thanks.

Woman

Eventually, you met! Will you drink a tea with us, honey?

He

Sure!

Woman

Almost one year!

Other

Yes, maybe he...

Woman

What?

Other

Nothing, forget it.

Woman

Tell me!

Other

Maybe he wanted to rapprochement.

Woman

I don't believe so. Looked like a blame feeling...

Other

Men don't feel blamed.

Woman

No?

Other

This is exclusively a female defect.

He

What?

Other

You shouldn't be looking at me like this. Not in front of her!

He

Even she recognizer you are beautiful!

Other

Even so, you shouldn't.

He

Bullshit, she's an idiot!

Other

Don't speak like that, she's your wife.

He

So what?

Other

And my only friend!

Woman

Could be.

Other

You said he was changing...

Woman

He seemed to be.

Other

He wanted to get closer?

Woman

Yes.

Other

Did you make love?

Woman

Sex!

Other

Was it good?

Woman

Yeah!

Other

Did you cum?

Woman

Twice!

Other

Weird...

Woman

After so long, it was a surprise.

Other

Men are really unpredictable.

Woman

Really! He knew how to do it.

Other

Did he?

Woman

When he wanted...

Other

And did you want it?

Woman

Every woman does...

Other

Are you making love with her?

He

I feel so tired! I have been worked a lot.

Other

You should. So avoid suspicions.

He

She doesn't like to make love.

Other

What woman doesn't like to make love?!

He

She!

Other

She doesn't know what she is missing...

He

Really?

Other

It's very good. Rejuvenates!

Woman

True, but it was not often. Not with me.

Other

I see.

Woman

There's nothing worse than being betrayed.

Other

There is.

Woman

What?

Other

To betray!

Woman

To betray?!

Other

To betray is much worse!

Woman

Do you feel attracted for her? Of course, any man would be attracted for her.

Beautiful, sexy... She may make love very well.

Will you betray me with her, would you?

He

Don't be an idiot!

What a woman like her would want of a man like me?

Woman

So she is really very attractive, isn't she?

He

Yes, really attractive. Even you recognize that!

Woman

She isn't perfect!

Other

Much worse!

Woman

Have you ever betrayed anyone?

Other

Not exactly

Woman

What do you mean?

Other

I think that after all this time we don't know each other completely, isn't it?

Woman

No? I always opened myself to you. You know all about me! I thought there were no secrets between us.

Other

Well, I ...

Woman

You are nervous, darling. What happened?

He

Will you really give her the spare key?

Woman

Yes. She offered to look after the house while I am in the hospital.

Maybe you need to travel, to visit any client...

He

Alright, alright!

Woman

Does her presence bother you?

He

No.

Woman

Does it please you?

He

Don't bore me...

Other

I need to tell you something, but I don't know it's the right moment....

Woman

Relax, darling. Would you like a tea?

Other

Yes, please.

He

What?

Other

It's crazy to be with you in her bed!

He

Does it make you hot?

Other

Hot, guilty.

She's my friend and confidante.

He

Did you tell her about us?

Other

Of course not!

He

Better this way.

Woman

Here it is.

Other

Thanks. Were you ever sure if he betrayed you?

Woman

Should I?

Other

No evidences?

Woman

You know. Those suspected.

He

You are jealous. Envy because you are not pretty as she!

Woman

I know her weaknesses.

He

You are just a shadow compared to her!

Woman

Did you make love? Yes!

What she does in bed? Tell me!

He

You are sick, you know?

Other

I know. How do you react if you were sure?

Woman

I would be upset, but it would be better than carrying this doubt...

I put some clothes of him apart. You could take them away?

Other

Sure.

Woman

Mainly the ones he bought. The ones he used more. They keep his sent.

Other

Ok.

He

You should not keeping come here.

Other

I can't be far. She's my best friend.

He

Be careful. Her behavior has been strange lately.

Other

Did she find out anything?

He

I don't know. She's strange.

Other

She continues being very kind with me.

He

With you!

Woman

Look. Good clothes! He had a good taste.

Other

(Holding the clothes) Expensive clothes!

Woman

He was spending too much money with clothes and perfumes...

Other

They fit you well!

When I saw them at the store knew they were perfect for you!

He

You have a good taste, know what is good!

She is getting worse, soon we'll be together.

Other

My only friend! I don't want her to suffer!

(Sniffing the clothes) I love your sent. It turns me on, you know?

He

Really?

Other

A lot!

Woman

Expensive perfume too. Look, do you like it?

Other

Yes, a good one.

Woman

Do you want to take it? Here it is.

Other

Hmmm... It's really good! (*Close her eyes*)

Woman

Are you ok?

Other

I feel slightly dizzy.

Woman

Where did you buy those clothes?

He

I chopped by a store when I was coming from work.

Woman

You should be bought some for me. I also need new clothes.

He

I passed there by chance. I'll buy some for you another day.

Woman

Expensive clothes! You never wore clothes like this.

He

I need to be better dressed. I can't go to the meetings wearing old clothes.

Woman

You're different: new clothes and perfumes. What's happening?

He

I already told you, I need to be better dressed!

Woman

Look at me. I also need to be better dressed!

He

That's true. You're awful!

I am tired. I need a great shower and a bed.

Woman

Won't you have dinner?

He

I'm not hungry.

Woman

You do that on purpose, don't you?

He

Let's not start it again...

Woman

You are betraying me. I know. I know you do!

He

Stop it!

Woman

I'll not leave you in peace. Never!

Do you hear me? I'll make a hell of your life!

He

Stop it. Shut up!

Woman

A hell, you'll see!

He

Are you threatening me?

Woman

Are you better darling?

Other

I...

Woman

Do you want to tell me anything?

Sit down here. What happened?

Other

The way he died....

Woman

Who?

Other

He, your husband....

Woman

What?

Other

These things happen, isn't it?

Woman

He was in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

Other

In the wrong place, wrong time.

Woman

Yes! Nowadays, unfortunately, with all this violence...

Other

I didn't want...

Woman

What didn't you want, darling?

Other

I didn't want to do that with you. You didn't deserve it...

Woman

What did you, my angel? What are you talking about?

He

Be aware of her.

Other

She is so nice. I feel guilty...

He

Don't say you are regretted!

Other

I am.

He

It's funny, you know?

Other

Don't laugh. I feel compassion.

He

Don't feel it, she doesn't deserve it.

Other

Is she sick?

He

She is sick!

Other

How about the surgery?

He

Few chances!

Other

Will we be together?

He

Yes, forever.

Woman

You are worried. What happened?

Other

I can't stand!

Woman

What can't you stand, darling? (*Hold her*)

Other

Stop it. Stop treating me like this.

I don't deserve your friendship.

Woman

What are you talking about, darling?

Other

Stop it. Don't you realize?

Woman

Realize what, my angel?

Other

I made love with him! Here, in this room, on your bed.

I made love with him many times. Many times!

Woman

What?

Other

You heard it! You were at the hospital and I was making love with him and enjoyed a lot! Because he knew how to do it! He knew and I couldn't stop. You don't deserve it.

Woman

Are you ok? What are you talking about, darling?

Other

Stop it. Stop being good to me, please! You don't deserve it.

I made love with him and enjoyed so much!

Woman

She is so sweet, so delicate...

He

What are you up to?

Woman

Me? Nothing...

He

You're bad. You deserve to die, slowly.

Woman

And you, do you want a quick death?

(Laughing) One shot, two?

He

You're sick!

Woman

A quick death...

He

I want you to die!

Woman

To stay with her, isn't it?

He

She has nothing to do with this...

Woman

You're not going to stay with her!

He

You're crazy!

Woman

Did you make love with him?

Other

Yes. Made love and enjoy! Now hit me, say I am not worth a penny! I don't deserve your friendship.

Woman

Why did you do that, sweet?

Other

Stop! I am not sweet. I am not worth a penny!

Woman

Don't say that! (*Tries to hold her*)

Other

No, don't hold me! (*Offering the face*) Hit me, I deserve it.

Woman

You're so beautiful, so fragile...

Other

What are you talking about?

Woman

I thought you were stronger, my angel.

Other

(*On the knees*) I asked him not to go there that day...

Woman

Did he go there to meet you that day?

Other

I didn't want it. I asked him not to go.

He

(*On the phone*) See you tomorrow, at the same place.

Other

No, please. We are going too far.

He

I can't stay away from you.

Other

She left the hospital today! I feel so bad...

He

She won't last longer...

Other

Don't say that. She's my only friend!

He

See you there tomorrow!

Woman

So he died because of you!

Other

I didn't want it! I didn't want it!

Woman

Your fault!

Other

Forgive me. Please, forgive me!

Woman

He is dead, my dear. Your fault!

Other

You don't deserve it....

Woman

You betrayed me, my angel.

There's nothing worse than betraying someone, isn't it?

Other

Forgive me!

Woman

Oh, darling. What shall I do with you?

He

Don't do anything to her, got me?

Woman

She is so beautiful, so fragile...

Other

I am bad. You didn't deserve it...

Woman

You're so beautiful, so fragile, so feminine!

He

If you hurt her, I will kill you!

Woman

Come, darling. (*Holds her*)

Other

Don't deserve it, my only friend...

Woman

Yes, your only friend.

Other

He died because of me. Because of me!

Woman

Because of you!

He

I am sick of you!

He leaves

Other

He's gone forever...

Woman

Forever! Don't be afraid, sweet. I am here.

Other

My fault, my fault!

Woman

Calm down, my angel.

Other

Forgive me, please!

Woman

It's alright. Look at me, darling.

(Woman kisses the other's mouth, holds her in your lap)

Now I will take care of you, my love!

The End

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