

- 1 (BILL and MARY give their points of view about their  
2 breakup. Note: All "... " mean the characters pick up the line  
3 before the end of the preceding sentence.)  
4 BILL and MARY: There was nothing I could do. You don't  
5 understand. You weren't there.  
6 MARY: He was out of control...  
7 BILL: She was out of control...  
8 MARY: He was like a crazy man. I was truly frightened...  
9 BILL: Frightening. That's the only word I can think of. She  
10 came at me like a crazy woman...  
11 MARY: The guy is crazy.  
12 BILL: I just went to see how she was; I was concerned. Hey, we  
13 were together for a long time. It's natural...  
14 MARY: It's unnatural. He was checking up on me. He always  
15 did. He never trusted me. That's why I broke it off with  
16 him...  
17 BILL: I broke it off with her. She said she couldn't trust me. I  
18 don't know where that came from. But I wanted to make  
19 sure she was OK.  
20 MARY: He was OK at first. Then, jeez, all hell broke loose. He  
21 came over about ten o'clock that morning...  
22 BILL: I went over about ten o'clock that morning. She was  
23 alone...  
24 MARY: I was alone.  
25 BILL and MARY: That made me a little nervous...  
26 MARY: Being alone with him, I mean...  
27 BILL: I mean, I never knew what to expect...  
28 MARY: The whole thing was completely unexpected...  
29 BILL: I just wanted to see how she was...  
30 MARY: I was sitting on the chair, reading a book and there  
31 was a knock at the door. (Her version of the scene begins.)  
32 BILL: Anybody home?  
33 MARY: (Quietly) Oh, shit. (Out loud) Just a minute. (She lets  
34 him in.) Hey, how you doin'?  
35 BILL: Are you alone?

- 1 MARY: Uh. Yeah. But my parents will be back soon.  
2 BILL: Oh, yeah? I heard they were on vacation in Mexico.  
3 MARY: Oh. Yeah, well, they might be coming home early.  
4 BILL: Uh-huh. So, can I sit?  
5 MARY: Sure. I guess. Really, though, you can't stay long.  
6 BILL: No?  
7 MARY: No. See, I really shouldn't have anyone here without  
8 my parents being home. So...  
9 BILL: So? I have to leave soon? Is that what you're saying?  
10 MARY: Well, yes, I guess it is.  
11 BILL: Are you expecting someone else?  
12 MARY: No, I'm not.  
13 BILL: So you're here. Alone. Not waiting for anyone?  
14 MARY: Please leave.  
15 BILL: Since when do you tell me when to come and when to go?  
16 MARY: Bill, I think you should leave now.  
17 BILL: Do you? Do you really?  
18 MARY: Come on, Bill. Just go.  
19 BILL: I'll go when I'm ready. And I'm not ready. So watch your  
20 mouth. Don't tell me what to do. I never liked when you  
21 told me what to do. Never. Or don't you remember that?  
22 MARY: I know, Bill.  
23 BILL: I don't think you do. Maybe you need a little reminder,  
24 huh? (He crosses to her threateningly, then freezes.)  
25 MARY: (Coming out of the scene) It was always like that. He  
26 was always trying to control me, threatening me,  
27 grabbing me. (She moves back into the scene.)  
28 BILL: (Coming out of the scene) She had called me a couple  
29 days before and sounded down, so I just wanted to say hi.  
30 I mean, I'm not a complete ass. I was concerned. So I  
31 went over there. She seemed happy to see me at first. (He  
32 moves back into the scene.)  
33 MARY: (Hugging him) Bill. Hi.  
34 BILL: (Hugging back, but being the first to pull away) Hey, you  
35 OK?

1 MARY: I am now that you're here.  
 2 BILL: I just wanted to say hi, see how you were.  
 3 MARY: I'm glad you're here. Stay a while.  
 4 BILL: I can't stay long.  
 5 MARY: My parents aren't here. I don't expect them back for  
 6 days. They're out of the country. You can stay as long as  
 7 you like.  
 8 BILL: Oh. Well. So, you doing all right?  
 9 MARY: Yeah. Sort of. You want to sit down with me on the  
 10 couch?  
 11 BILL: No. Really, I can only stay a minute.  
 12 MARY: Why? No one is here except us. Just us, alone.  
 13 BILL: Yeah. Alone.  
 14 MARY: Don't you want to be alone with me?  
 15 BILL: It's OK. It's fine. Really. Not a problem. So what have  
 16 you been doing?  
 17 MARY: Doing? You mean since you broke up with me? Since  
 18 you tore my heart out and threw it on the ground?  
 19 BILL: I guess. Yeah. Uh...  
 20 MARY: Nothing. I've been doing nothing. Eating, watching  
 21 TV, waiting, hoping for the phone to ring... *(She goes to*  
 22 *him; he freezes.)*  
 23 BILL: *(Coming out of the scene)* It was so obvious she wasn't  
 24 over me...  
 25 MARY: *(Coming out of the scene)* It was so obvious he wasn't  
 26 over me...  
 27 BILL: She looked so pathetic...  
 28 MARY: He looked so angry...  
 29 BILL: So out of it...  
 30 MARY: So lost...  
 31 BILL and MARY: I actually felt sorry about the whole  
 32 situation...  
 33 MARY: Then he grabbed me. *(She goes back into her version of*  
 34 *the scene.)* What are you doing?  
 35 BILL: I'm not doing anything I haven't done before.

1 MARY: Listen, Bill, that was before. You have no right to touch  
 2 me, now or ever.  
 3 BILL: I told you before, don't tell me what to do.  
 4 MARY: I'm simply asking you to keep your hands off me.  
 5 BILL: Since when? Since when do you tell guys to keep their  
 6 hands off you? You think I didn't hear about you and  
 7 David? Did you think I'd never hear about it? You  
 8 can't humiliate me like that and think nothing will  
 9 happen.  
 10 MARY: What I do now is none of your business. We broke up.  
 11 Get over it.  
 12 BILL: You bitch. You really imagine I can get over us? I never  
 13 will. You belong to me, now and forever. *(He goes to grab*  
 14 *her and freezes.)*  
 15 MARY: *(Coming out of the scene)* I knew I was in big trouble...  
 16 BILL: *(Coming out of the scene)* Trouble. The girl is trouble.  
 17 MARY: He was grabbing me, touching me; it made my skin  
 18 crawl.  
 19 BILL: She couldn't keep her hands off me. Everytime I moved  
 20 away from her, she'd follow me, holding me. It was  
 21 freaking me out. I couldn't get away from her.  
 22 MARY: *(Back in BILL's version)* The phone never rang. But now  
 23 you're here and everything will be OK. Won't it?  
 24 BILL: Listen, Mary. We broke up. You need to get over it.  
 25 Move on.  
 26 MARY: Oh, like you have? I heard about you and Caroline. Did  
 27 you think I wouldn't? Did you think I'd do nothing about  
 28 it? You can't humiliate me like that and think nothing  
 29 will happen?  
 30 BILL: What I do now is none of your business. We broke up.  
 31 Get over it.  
 32 MARY: You bastard. You really imagine I can get over us? I  
 33 never will. You belong to me, now and forever. *(She goes*  
 34 *to grab him and freezes.)*  
 35 BILL: It was always that way with her...

1 MARY: He was always like that...

2 BILL: Accusations...

3 MARY: Insinuations...

4 BILL: Constant little remarks...

5 MARY: Little remarks that always sounded like a threat...

6 BILL: A threat. I never knew what she'd do...

7 MARY: He'd do the most bizarre things...

8 BILL: Things that didn't make sense...

9 MARY: Ever since I broke up with him, he's been weird, scary

10 weird...

11 BILL: Ever since I broke up with her, it's scary, how she is. It's

12 hard to explain...

13 MARY: I can't explain it.

14 BILL: *(Back in MARY's version)* I'll never let you go. You know

15 that, don't you? Never.

16 MARY: Bill, I don't know what you expect from me. We were

17 together a long time and our relationship ended. You

18 knew it would. I couldn't allow myself to be treated the

19 way you were treating me.

20 BILL: I treated you how you deserved to be treated. You asked

21 for it.

22 MARY: I asked for it? Are you insane? No one asks to be

23 treated like a possession, a thing. I wanted respect and I

24 got abuse.

25 BILL: I respect people who deserve it. You were a lying,

26 cheating, little slut.

27 MARY: I never cheated on you. Ever!

28 BILL: Lying bitch. *(He freezes in mid-slap.)*

29 MARY: *(She comes out of the scene.)* That's how it was – name

30 calling, accusations – then it started into physical

31 abuse...

32 BILL: *(Coming out of the scene)* The abuse took me by

33 surprise. I mean, what's a guy supposed to do? I've never

34 hit a girl in my life, but when you start getting hit, after

35 awhile you have to defend yourself, right?

1 MARY: I never did anything...

2 BILL: Nothing would have made me...

3 MARY: He thought it was fine to take any action...

4 BILL: Actions speak louder than words... *(He goes back into his*

5 *version of the scene.)*

6 MARY: Why are you here?! Did you come to make me feel

7 worse than I already do? Do you get some sort of

8 perverted pleasure in torturing me?

9 BILL: Mary, come on. We were together a long time. I'm

10 concerned. I still have some feelings for you.

11 MARY: Do you? You still have feelings for me?

12 BILL: I would for anyone I cared about.

13 MARY: You still care about me?

14 BILL: Like any friend.

15 MARY: Friend! Friend! Don't do me any favors. I have all the

16 friends I need.

17 BILL: I think I better go.

18 MARY: Fine, get out. *(She shoves him.)* Go! You son of a bitch.

19 Bastard. *(She slaps at him, connecting.)*

20 BILL: *(Fending off MARY's physical attack)* Hey! That's enough.

21 *(He grabs her arms.)* Stop!

22 MARY: *(Grabbing his arms, also)* Stop! *(They both freeze.)*

23 BILL: I told her to stop, but she wouldn't.

24 MARY: He wouldn't. He wouldn't stop. I didn't know what to

25 do...

26 BILL: What would you do? Just stand there?

27 MARY: He's bigger and stronger...

28 BILL: She's stronger than she looks...

29 MARY: He grabbed my hands, I couldn't move...

30 BILL: I had to hold her so she couldn't move...

31 MARY: I was so scared...

32 BILL: I was so scared...

33 MARY: It had never been like this before...

34 BILL: Before it had been just her slapping, but now she was

35 going crazy.

1 MARY: He was crazy. He pinned me down...  
 2 BILL: She fell down...  
 3 MARY: I grabbed whatever I could find...  
 4 BILL: I felt something hit me on the head...  
 5 MARY: I hit him on the head...  
 6 BILL: Things went black, just for a second...  
 7 MARY: I couldn't see what I was doing.  
 8 BILL: Then there was blood in my eyes...  
 9 MARY: Then his blood fell on my face...  
 10 BILL: I had to let her go...  
 11 MARY: He let me go, just for a second...  
 12 BILL: She got up...  
 13 MARY: I got up and tried to get away...  
 14 BILL: She moved...  
 15 MARY: He grabbed my leg...  
 16 BILL: I tried to get up...  
 17 MARY: I fell back against the table...  
 18 BILL: I couldn't get up...  
 19 MARY: It was like a slow-motion movie...  
 20 BILL: Everything just slowed down. Got blurry...  
 21 MARY: It's all a blur. I hit the table...  
 22 BILL: I heard a crack on the table...  
 23 MARY: My head...  
 24 BILL: Everything was dark...  
 25 MARY: I could feel the warm sticky blood...  
 26 BILL: My blood...  
 27 MARY: My blood...  
 28 BILL: There was the loud rushing sound of waves...  
 29 MARY: Waves of nausea...  
 30 BILL: Waves of fear...  
 31 MARY: I looked over at him...  
 32 BILL: I saw her...  
 33 MARY: Bleeding...  
 34 BILL: Bleeding...  
 35 MARY: How did we get here?

1 BILL: How did this happen?  
 2 MARY: I looked and then stared...  
 3 BILL: I stared...  
 4 MARY and BILL: And then there was nothing.  
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