

CRYSTAL

No. Sad. Very sad. But I couldn't be jealous. At best, I could have been his model. She can see the world like he does. How can I compete with that?

BURT

Love shouldn't be a competition.

CRYSTAL

It is what it is.

Crystal moves closer to him. Burt steps backwards, putting distance between them.

BURT

I wish you wouldn't do that.

CRYSTAL

Do what?

BURT

Stand so closely.

CRYSTAL

Why not? I thought you liked me.

BURT

I do. But not like that.

CRYSTAL

Then like what?

BURT

What time are you waking up in the morning?

CRYSTAL

I don't know. Nine-ish.

BURT

If you want breakfast, you'll need to be awake by seven. My shift starts at eight-thirty. I can't be late.

CRYSTAL

They about to give you the boot?

BURT

No. But, it wouldn't look good for me to be late.

CRYSTAL

Because you've been late too many times already?

BURT

Yes. That's true.

CRYSTAL

Don't you get lonely, driving around in that delivery truck all day?

BURT

No. That's why I have the audio books.

CRYSTAL

Books aren't people.

BURT

They're better than people. Better constructed. Limited involvement. And you always learn something. People are sloppy, needy, and stupid.

CRYSTAL

But I'm a person.

BURT

You're different.

CRYSTAL

No I'm not.

BURT

You're special.

CRYSTAL

Not special enough. Besides, you don't even know me.

BURT

You know the worst part about people?

CRYSTAL

Your list wasn't the worst part?

BURT

They leave. When you finally find one you really like, they leave. It's inevitable.

CRYSTAL

Yep. Nature of the beast. People leave.

BURT

Sorry, I should have asked you before, are you hungry?

CRYSTAL

I'm good.

BURT

Did you eat dinner?

CRYSTAL

A friend grabbed a burger for me.

BURT

A friend?

CRYSTAL

Yeah. Someone I met.

BURT

Like me?

CRYSTAL

Kind of.

BURT

How kind of?

CRYSTAL

He was someone who wanted to be nice to me.

BURT

You think I want to be nice to you?

CRYSTAL

I'm sitting on this comfortable shit couch. Got a place to crash and a meal in the morning. I'd call that nice.

BURT

I could be pretending to be nice.