

MITZI
Well. Um. Shirley?

SHIRLEY
Yeah?

MITZI
Johnny wrote me a letter.

SHIRLEY
He *what?* When?

MITZI
Oh, sometime around 1943.

JOHNNY
1944.

MITZI
Right. 1944.

SHIRLEY
A letter??

MITZI
Shirley . . .
(Takes the razzle from her hand, swirls it around.)
. . . would you do an old nurse a favor? And go get me a drink?

SHIRLEY
Uh, sure, Mitzi . . . I've got a feeling you've got a lot of 'splaining to do.

JOHNNY
That makes two of us!

SHIRLEY
(Exiting, eying her warily.)
She certainly does! Okay. Be right back!

(SHIRLEY exits. They stare at each other, still stunned.)

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MITZI
Johnny. You don't want to know what I thought you did outside.

JOHNNY
I actually *do* want to know!

MITZI

Hush.

(She puts her finger to his lips.)

But what I *now* know is . . . what you did fifty years ago.

(She sighs, still in disbelief.)

And I still can't believe it.

JOHNNY

You can't believe it? How do you think I feel? Thank God for this.

(Points to his drink.)

MITZI

Johnny?

JOHNNY

What?

MITZI

I would have waited for you after the war. I would have. We . . . we had so many things unresolved. So many things that we didn't say. We were so young.

JOHNNY

I know.

MITZI

Just so many things. And yes . . . yes, you *were* a jackass of a communicator.

JOHNNY

That's what you called me that night under the coconuts.

(She laughs and then quickly kisses him.)

JOHNNY

Wow. Mmmm.

MITZI

Wow, indeed.

JOHNNY

Mitzi? Will we have another evening like that? With coconuts and candles?

MITZI

I sure hope so.

JOHNNY

I'll be 75 next month.

MITZI

That means you have a lot of catching up to do.

JOHNNY

Maybe I'll dig out some of my old George and Gracie songs. You know, to celebrate, uh, whatever we're doing here.

MITZI

(Kissing him again)
Um. You mean, *Bob Hope*.

JOHNNY

I mean *George and Gracie*.

(They laugh lightly.)

MITZI

Hey, it's New Year's Eve! What are we still doing in here?

JOHNNY

That's what I want to know!

MITZI

Let's join the party!

(They exit, to the sound of fireworks and the ongoing party, New Years Eve music, etc.)

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