

ARTHUR
MOLLY

We were the couple who had it all. Well we didn't have it all yet, but the future was very bright.

ARTHUR enters and sits at the table.

ARTHUR If I can show this Pulaski fellow that Executive Decisions can do the job efficiently then I'll be able to lock in his entire company. And then he'll tell someone from another company, and so on and so on, and before you know it, I've got businesses coming to me instead of me having to schlep around to them with my hat in my hand.

MOLLY So what time did you finally get home? I didn't hear you come in.

ARTHUR God, I don't even know. Two maybe. Two-thirty?

MOLLY And you were with this Pulaski person the whole time?

ARTHUR The whole time. I was working him like nobody's business. Playin' him like a violin. And how was your evening?

MOLLY Oh, fine. I got home from work at about six and just made some supper and read for a while. I went to bed around ten.

ARTHUR God, I wish I could have done that.

MOLLY I called you last night to say goodnight but you weren't in your office.

ARTHUR No, we broke for dinner at about seven and just decided to stay out instead of going back.

MOLLY Where did you have dinner?

ARTHUR Greenhorns.

MOLLY And you stayed there until two? They don't stay open that late, do they?

ARTHUR No, we wandered down to a bar—I forget which one—just down the street from Greenhorn's. We spent the rest of the evening there steeped in conversation. I tell you, Molly, I think he's going to be very good for the company.

MOLLY Well I'm happy for you, Arthur.

ARTHUR You know, pretty soon I'm going to need someone in the office to handle the secretarial duties when I'm not around. I mean, the more business we get, the more travelling I'm going to have to do.

MOLLY So hire a secretary.

ARTHUR Hire a secretary? Why should I hire a secretary when I've got you?

MOLLY Me?

ARTHUR Yes.

MOLLY You want me to be your secretary?

ARTHUR I think it's a brilliant idea.

MOLLY Arthur, I have a job already. I'm a nurse.

ARTHUR Yes, but you don't expect to make a career of that, do you?

MOLLY Actually, that's exactly what I expect. That's why I went to nursing school.

ARTHUR Molly, trust me. This business is going to be so profitable for us that you won't need a career.

MOLLY What if I want one anyway?

ARTHUR No, Molly, you're not getting it. You would be *my* secretary. Think about it.

MOLLY I am.

ARTHUR And?

MOLLY I think I'd rather be a nurse.

ARTHUR But what happens when we want to start a family? You're going to have to leave the nursing field anyway.

MOLLY Not forever.

ARTHUR Well for quite a while. But if you were working with me that wouldn't be necessary. The child could be at the office with