

PHYLLIS

BRAD

JONATHAN

MITZI

PHYLLIS. A B.A, an M.A, a P.H.D. Yes, yes. We know all that.

MITZI. We met in the theatre lobby. See these three books. They're his. They're originally twenty-five dollars apiece. He let me have all three for thirty bucks and for an extra five dollars he personally autographed them.

BRADLEY. Too bad. Now you can't return them to a bookstore.

JONATHAN. Best part's coming up.

MITZI. After I bought the books he asked me out for a drink. You'll never guess what happened then.

BRADLEY. You went to a motel.

MITZI. Better. We started talking and discovered we have very close ties to each other. He treated all three of my ex-husbands.

BRADLEY. Before you married them or after?

MITZI. After, of course. They were perfectly healthy before I married them. Anyway, Doctor Alexander and I talked and talked and talked the whole evening and guess what happened?

BRADLEY. He got a headache.

JONATHAN. Much worse. I lost my heart to this woman.

PHYLLIS. So fast?

JONATHAN. When it comes to love the boundaries of time are transparent at best.

MITZI. I just adore the way college educated guys talk. They're really quite smart. Anyway, then he did something to me, no man has ever done before...He gave me a test.

BRADLEY. Smart move. In today's world you never know where anyone's been.

MITZI. Not that kind of test. A more involved one. To see if we were compatible. He would say a word and I would answer with whatever popped into my head. Like he said...

*(Points at Jonathan)*

JONATHAN. Day!

MITZI. And I said, "Doorbell!"

PHYLLIS. (*Sarcastic*) Totally logical.

MITZI. He said...

(*Points at Jonathan*)

JONATHAN. Dog!

MITZI. And I said, "Butterfly net!"

BRADLEY. I think we can use two right now.

MITZI. Then the craziest thing happened. He said...

(*Points at Jonathan*)

JONATHAN. Potato.

PHYLLIS. And you said...?

MITZI. "Pancakes!"

BRADLEY. Isn't it a small world?

PHYLLIS. And then?

MITZI. And then he had what looked like a seizure. He threw himself on the floor and began kicking his feet and ranting and raving. I had to call the paramedics.

PHYLLIS. Oh, my.

MITZI. That's just what I said.

JONATHAN. Fortunately, it was just an anxiety attack.

MITZI. At first I thought it was from the thrill of meeting me.

JONATHAN. That was part of it. The other part was that I suddenly realized that for some unexplained reason, I was absolutely mad for this woman, no matter how warped she was. And if there were any two people more wrong for each other, it was us.

BRADLEY. Yes, but you two would be wrong for anybody.

JONATHAN. Well, that's just it. After the paramedics calmed me down...

MITZI. I had to sit on his chest.

JONATHAN. I knew I had to come back here as quickly as I could.