

# BRADLEY

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**PHYLLIS.** But you had feelings for her. Remember how broken up you were when you came back from California? You loved her.

**BRADLEY.** No. I thought about that at the restaurant too. I was in love with marriage, not Joyce. I was in love with having someone in my life. When she left, sure there was an emptiness. But if you really love someone, there's no way you can forget them in a week, or a month, the way I did when you came into my life. Look, if Joyce never left me, maybe we would have hung in and made it together. But she did leave and that changed everything. I discovered something very important. It wasn't so much that I didn't have a wife. It was that I realized I didn't have a friend. You are my friend, Phyllis. And for me, that's what it's all about. Today, you told me you loved me. I thought about that a lot. And I liked that you loved me. I liked it very much. And once I gave myself permission to think about us going a little further than friendship, I realized I love you too.

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**PHYLLIS.** We are desperate people, Bradley. It's very possible we could have talked ourselves into this relationship.

**BRADLEY.** What does it matter how we got here? The only thing that matters is that we got here and we want to be here.

**PHYLLIS.** I know. It's just that now I'm not sure if that's enough.

(DOORBELL)

Who could that be this late?

(Phyllis opens the door. It's Mitzi and Jonathan. Mitzi is carrying three books)

**MITZI.** Surprise!

(She ENTERS with Jonathan behind her)

(Indicating Jonathan) This is Doctor Jonathan Alexander, a professional, licensed psychologist with degrees from several prestigious Universities.