

HE. Will you just leave me alone?

SHE. I'm sorry. Of course. Yes. Absolutely.

HE. Um...

SHE. Yes?

HE. What was that second thing you said?

SHE. I thought...I thought you wanted me to leave you alone.

HE. I do. But, I missed the second thing.

SHE. The second thing?

HE. After the part about the train platform.

SHE. The train platform?

HE. You were explaining why you were late. You said there was a guy. On the platform. You spoke with him...or he spoke with you.

SHE. Yes.

HE. That's was the first thing.

SHE. Oh...yes.

HE. What was the second thing?

SHE. We exchanged contact information.

HE. No that was the third thing.

SHE. The third thing?

HE. Yes! There was something in between the guy and the exchange. A second thing.

SHE. Between talking to the guy...

HE. Yes.

SHE. And exchanging contact information.

HE. Yes.

SHE. Oh. Right.

HE. Yes. What happened in between?

SHE. We kissed.

HE. *(a beat)* Each other?

SHE. Yes. I mean...well, yeah. Each other.

HE. That was the second thing.

SHE. Yes. The second thing.

HE. OK.

SHE. Three things. And that was the second one.

HE. Will you just leave me alone?

SHE. I am. I was. Yes. Absolutely.

HE. Thank you.

SHE. You asked about the second thing...

HE. I know.

SHE. So. There you have it.

HE. Yes.

SHE. Absolutely...have-it.

HE. I do. Yes.

SHE. Yes, you do.

HE. Will you...

SHE. Leave you alone?

HE. Yes.

SHE. Yes. Absolutely.

HE. Thank you.

SHE. No problem.

HE. Um...

SHE. Yes?

HE. The second thing...the kiss.

SHE. Was that the second thing?

HE. I believe it was, yes.

SHE. OK. The kiss. What about it?

HE. With the guy...the guy on the train platform. The guy you would eventually exchange contact information with...

SHE. Cell number and e-mail.

HE. Cell number *and* e-mail?

SHE. Yes. 3-A and B.

HE. Ah! Yes. Third thing A and B.

SHE. Yes.

HE. Um...when you kissed this guy. Was it...um...you know, successful?

SHE. Successful?

HE. You liked it?

SHE. Did I like the kiss?

HE. Yeah. Did you like the kiss?

SHE. What an odd question. Did I like the kiss? Hmm. Well...yeah. I suppose. Yes. I did. It was a good kiss.

HE. A good kiss, eh?

SHE. Yes.

HE. The second thing. The kiss. It was...good.

SHE. It was, actually.

HE. So the exchange of information...

SHE. The third thing?

HE. Yes. The third thing...that wasn't...like...a bad thing. Like...motivated by pity. Or...fear.

SHE. Fear?

HE. Yes, fear.

SHE. Of what?

HE. You know...fear that the kiss went poorly...so you exchange contact information...

SHE. The kiss did not go poorly.

HE. You said it was good...

SHE. It went well, yes.

HE. Right.

SHE. Very well.

HE. The second thing?

SHE. Yes. Went very well.

HE. Which resulted in the third thing.

SHE. I suppose. Yes. The third thing sprang from the second.

HE. And the second from the first.

SHE. Yes. The talk sprang a kiss which sprung the exchange.

HE. How orderly!

SHE. One-two-three!

HE. Just like that.

SHE. Yes. Just like that.

HE. Well let me just say...for the record...I have no problem with the first thing.

SHE. OK.

HE. It's bound to happen.

SHE. It is.

HE. Has happened before. Will happen again.

SHE. It most certainly will.

HE. I'm not even opposed to the third thing.

SHE. Oh. Right. Good.

HE. No harm done.

SHE. Not at all.

HE. Exchanges of information are bound to happen.

SHE. Yes they are.

HE. It is the Information Age.

SHE. It-is.

HE. But the second thing.

SHE. Ah! The second thing.

HE. Yes. The second thing. The...

BOTH. Kiss.

HE. Yes. The kiss.

SHE. Hmm.

HE. That I take grave exception to.

SHE. I see.

HE. I do not approve.

SHE. I see.

HE. First and third things...OK. But. Second thing?

SHE. You do not approve.

HE. I do not approve.

SHE. I see.

HE. Yes.

SHE. Well.

HE. Well.

SHE. Shall I just...

HE. Leave me alone?

SHE. Yes. Leave you alone?

HE. No.

SHE. No?

HE. No.

SHE. What then?

HE. *(taps his lips and smiles)* The second thing.

*He and She kiss.*

THE END.