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105 INT. KATE'S KITCHEN - NIGHT

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Henry comes into the kitchen, tucking in his shirt.

Kate is sitting alone with a cup of tea. She is wearing a robe.

Very uncomfortable

See her:
HENRY

Uh... I... I guess maybe I should be going. Do you mind if I get a glass of water first?

KATE

There's tea if you'd like.

HENRY

Water's fine. I can get it.

He opens a cupboard or two, finds the glasses. Pours himself some water.

HENRY (CONT'D)

See her:
My first time was with a neighbour. She bombarded me with casseroles. Finally wore me down.

See her:

Kate doesn't say anything.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Don't feel very good about
Next one was a supplier. I got drunk. Very drunk. Ended up in a hotel room.

See her:

She still doesn't say anything.

HENRY (CONT'D)

You're the third.

See her:
He sits down across from her with his glass of water. And sees she has tears in her eyes.

KATE

I wanted it to be horrible. I wanted to hate every second of it.

HENRY

I know. And then...

KATE

Sex is sex.

See her the Carford

HENRY

Tell me about him.

Pause.

KATE

Oh he was... kind of a character. He loved Halloween. Kept his costumes, ones he got for me too even though I hated them. Sometimes I'd come home and he'd be watching TV dressed up like a bunny just for fun.

Henry smiles.

KATE (CONT'D)

He had lots of opinions. Was always telling the kids what they should do, even though they never listened to him, and he never got mad at them, even when they did the opposite, screwed up, he'd just give them a hug and see whatever he could do to minimize the damage.

Henry nods.

KATE (CONT'D)

He was always late for things. He could get on my nerves a lot. We did not have a perfect marriage.

HENRY

And don't you hate those people who do?

KATE

Yes! "Oh we've never had a single fight since the day we met."

HENRY

They can't be human.

KATE

But whatever happened, I never doubted that I loved him, and that he loved me. And I don't know how to live without him.

They sit in silence.

KATE (CONT'D)

Tell me about... Alice.

HENRY

Oh she was a keeper. Tiny thing. With one hell of a temper. I was more than a little afraid of her. And I'm a slob, she hated that. She loved music. Loved going off to concerts. Especially these pop stars.

(MORE)

See her

HENRY (CONT'D)

She went to this Miley Cyrus concert and came home saying she was the oldest person there by decades.

Kate smiles.

HENRY (CONT'D)

She used to talk about, it's crazy, what she'd say to Taylor Swift if she ever met her. She just worshipped Taylor Swift. Like if she was ever on an elevator with Taylor she was going to tell Taylor what a genius she was. I listen to Bach.

KATE

She sounds just wonderful.

HENRY

She was.

END SCENE

They hear the front door open.