

RICHARD AUDITION

RICHARD

I remembered something else...from our first date.

CAROLINE

Yes?

RICHARD

It didn't go very well.

CAROLINE

Why are you bringing this up now?

RICHARD

You were very angry with me.

CAROLINE

I wasn't angry.

RICHARD

You were.

CAROLINE

It was almost thirty years ago.

RICHARD

Do you remember why?

CAROLINE

Oh I don't know--you asked me and asked me to get dinner, and I didn't want to go--

RICHARD

You liked me.

CAROLINE

I tried like hell not to.

RICHARD

How'd that work out for you?

CAROLINE

Jury's still out.

(Beat)

And what did you think of me?

RICHARD

You were the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen in real life.

CAROLINE

Yes well that didn't stop you from leaving after twenty-five minutes.

RICHARD

So she does remember.

CAROLINE

If I recall correctly, you had a trig test to study for.

RICHARD

I'm sure it was something more important than that.

CAROLINE

Oh nonono. It was a math test. I know this because I had the same math test, but the thing is, I hadn't started studying because we didn't have to take it for two more weeks.

RICHARD

It was less than two weeks--

CAROLINE

It was two weeks.

RICHARD

Well.

CAROLINE

And you set that timer, remember?

RICHARD

Of course.

CAROLINE

And your watch beeped just when the waiter brought our food. You grabbed your burger, dropped a twenty on the table, and ran out the door.

RICHARD

You wouldn't talk to me for weeks.

CAROLINE

Well I had a test to study for.
And you didn't try that hard.

RICHARD

I thought I'd messed up--

CAROLINE

You had.

RICHARD

I know.
I do that sometimes.
I love you.