

MARVALYN. Well, love shouldn't hurt y//ou.

STEVE. And, second, because Rob says I'm really lucky, because no one's probably ever going to love me anyway, because I have a lot of deficiencies and not very many capacities.

MARVALYN. You know what, a lot of people do.

*And suddenly Marvalyn is kissing Steve.*

*A wisp of music or a gentle sound cue could help define this as the beginning of Magical Moment #3.*

*At first, it's just Marvalyn kissing Steve, but, eventually, Steve participates, and when he does, Marvalyn breaks away, because she realizes it was wrong of her to kiss him.*

I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm so sorry I did that. Are you all right? Are you okay?

*Steve doesn't quite know how to reply at first.*

*But then, maybe feeling his lips, he resorts to his usual way of answering this question.*

STEVE. Well...is there any blood?

MARVALYN. No.

STEVE. Any discoloration?

MARVALYN. No.

STEVE. Then I'm all right. [I think.]

MARVALYN. Yeah. You are.

*Little beat.*

I'm so sorry I did that. It's just—... You're just...very sweet, and I think you have to not let your brother de//cide all the [things he's decided about you]—

STEVE. *(Trying to make sense of what just happened.)* But—wait: You have a boyfriend.

*Marvalyn begins gathering her stuff again—she needs to get out of there.*

MARVALYN. Yes, I // do.

STEVE. Eric.

MARVALYN. Yes—

STEVE. And you're his girlfriend, right?

MARVALYN. Yup.

STEVE. And if you're his girlfriend and he's your boyfriend, you must love each other, right?

MARVALYN. Yeah, we do, very much.

STEVE. But—you just kissed *me*.

MARVALYN. Yup, I did.

STEVE. And it's Friday night, and you're doing your laundry.

MARVALYN. Yup, I am.

STEVE. And people who love each other, they don't kiss other people and do their laundry on Friday nights, I've learned that. People who love each other, they go to the Moose Paddy on Friday nights, or they go dancing together, or they go skating. And they kiss each other. They don't kiss other people—you know what? I think maybe you and your boyfriend don't actually love each other.

MARVALYN. You know what? (*Preparing to leave.*) I've been down here longer than I said I would be, and he doesn't like that.

STEVE. Who?

MARVALYN. My boyfriend.

STEVE. Who you love.

MARVALYN. Y//es.

STEVE. Very much.

MARVALYN. Y//es.

STEVE. Even though you just kissed me.

MARVALYN. Yes.

STEVE. Wow, I'm going to have to talk to my brother Rob about this!

MARVALYN. No! Don't talk to your brother Rob about this! Tell him to stop teaching you.

STEVE. [Tell him to stop teaching me]...What?

MARVALYN. Whatever he's teaching you. Tell him to stop. What he's teaching you...isn't something you wanna know.

STEVE. But I have to learn from him!

MARVALYN. Look: I was gonna be a nurse, so I know: You need

to go to a doctor and find out what's really wrong with you and not have your brother read whatever it is he reads and decide all the things he's decided about you.

STEVE. But [I have to learn from him]—

MARVALYN. You know what?, I gotta go.

STEVE. Right. You gotta go. You're—you're leaving. I knew you would. That's what people do.

*Steve sits down on the bench, dejected, and waits for his laundry to finish.*

MARVALYN. No, I just have to [go]—. I told you, Eric // doesn't like it if—

STEVE. Your boyfriend?

MARVALYN. Yeah, he doesn't like it if I'm down here longer than I said I'd be, and I've been down here longer than I said I'd be.

*On this line, Marvalyn picks up the ironing board so she can put it away.*

*And, as she does, she accidentally swings it around and hits Steve in the head, just as she did at the beginning of the scene.*

*Steve gets knocked off the bench again.*

STEVE. OW!

*This is the continuation of Magical Moment #3 (which happens at the same time as Magical Moment #2, when the waitress tells Jimmy that her name is Villian...which happens at the same time as Magical Moment #1, when East opens the bag containing Glory's heart so he can start repairing it—and Glory sees the northern lights).*

*Music gently fades in to help define this magical moment.*

*The northern lights gently appear.*

MARVALYN. Oh! I'm sorry!

STEVE. OW!

MARVALYN. I'm so sorry!, Are you all right? I can't believe I just did that to you again!

STEVE. OW!!