

# THE TAWNY SITUATION

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TIME: Present

PLACE: A bar in a small college town in the south

CHARACTERS:

REMO – A guy in 30's that doesn't have much experience with girls. A nerd computer geek that is very intelligent.

TAWNY – A natural beautiful girl in her 20's. She has had a lot of failed relationships. A hippie chick with a lot of street smarts.

BOOTH – A beautiful girl in her 20's that has big hair and a lot of make-up. Could be a model and is book smart.

BOOTH'S BOYFRIEND – A frat guy in his 20's. (Does not have any lines)

Playwright's note. TAWNY and BOOTH could be played by the same actress with different wigs. If this happens there is no need for BOOTH'S BOYFRIEND.

## SCENE ONE

REMO walks in to a bar during an open mike night. TAWNY is standing half way between the entrance and the stage. REMO and TAWNY both look at each other.

REMO

Hello Tawny. How you doing?

TAWNY

So you have decided to talk to me again?

REMO

Yeah. I wanted to talk to you last time I saw you, but you *dissed* me!

TAWNY

Only because you *ignored* me the other time!

REMO

I didn't ignored you! I said hi.

TAWNY

That's all you said to me the whole night.

REMO

That's not true. When you told me I sucked because I didn't talk to you all night as I walked out, I said and I quote "Rock and Roll".

TAWNY

Great conversation that was!

REMO

Rock and roll baby! That's what I do. The Tawny situation is now over. I apologize. I should've talked to instead of being upset with you.

TAWNY

All is forgiven. You can get a second chance to be my friend, but no one gets a third chance.

REMO

Really? Huh. (Beat) Things going well for you Tawny?

TAWNY

Forget about me, it appears things are going *great* for you.

REMO

No, not really.

TAWNY

That's not what I heard. I heard about this *hot* girl you have been dating.

REMO

We never dated. I was too old for her and I'm not a loser.

TAWNY

Uh huh. That's not the word around the campfire. (Beat) So can you still wear white at your wedding Remo?

REMO

Yes! Yes I can thank you very much Tawny.

TAWNY

I don't believe you.

REMO

No Tawny, I'll always be able to wear white at my wedding. A wedding that I'll never have.

TAWNY

Uh huh. What's her name? It's something that you sit on. Like a chair, a stool, no a booth, Boothie! That's it! Boothie is her name. Who would name their child Booth?

“Booth come get your fish sticks and macaroni and cheese.” I’ve never heard of that name before.

REMO

The name Booth is old English and it means ‘from the hut’, whatever that means. That’s her name and we never dated. It turns out that we’re only friends.

TAWNY

Look at me in the eye. (REMO looks into TAWNY’S eye) Ok, you can still wear white at your wedding. (Beat) So how far did you get with her?

REMO

I held her hand for a few moments.

TAWNY

That’s sad. Three months and all you did was hold her hand. Your life isn’t a Beatles song. Remo, didn’t I tell you what to do?

REMO

And holding her hand was a joke too. (Beat) Yeah you told me what to do, but I liked her a lot. So much. I had so much fun hanging out with her I didn’t want to make her feel nervous around me. So I never press the issue. I never really *asked* her out.

TAWNY

How many times did she come over to your house?

REMO

I don’t know, five or six. Maybe ten times.

TAWNY

Remo, if you don’t kiss a girl after the second date you’ll never will!

REMO

Well, we never had any *real* dates. She would always meet me wherever we went. And she would always show up late! I would stand outside while everyone was looking at me until she would show up at the last possible moment.

TAWNY

Hot girls are never on time.

REMO

Well I hate that. Who did she think I was? I’m the captain of the Enterprise! I shouldn’t have to wait for anyone! She should’ve been waiting there for me!

TAWNY

Girls are never on time. If you wanted her to be on time, you should’ve picked her up.

REMO

Yeah. That would've been better than having me look for her as she drove up. And after the *fake date* was over, she would drive home with me standing waving goodbye to her. With a stupid grin on my face.

TAWNY

You got stuck in the friend zone. You were nothing more to her than a place holder until she found her next boyfriend.

REMO

You think so?

TAWNY

Trust me. A pretty girl can't *stand* to be alone. She has to have someone tell her she's pretty, or at least have someone look at her like she's beautiful. It's in *our* nature.

REMO

You're *pretty* Tawny!?! I haven't noticed that you're beautiful.

TAWNY

I haven't had any complains Remo.

REMO

So what happened to you and the scary man that you were dating?

TAWNY

Scary man? Oh it's over. It's been over for a while.

REMO

Tawny he was a bum, I couldn't believe that you would even look at him.

TAWNY

My mom hated him, so I had to date him.

REMO

That's sick Tawny. Your mom is so cool, why do you want to treat her that way?

TAWNY

She gives me a lot of garbage and grief. Garbage for the life that I live.

REMO

She *loves* you Tawny.

TAWNY

She sees so much of me in her.

REMO

I know. We've talk about you a few times. She really *does* care about you.

TAWNY

I can't believe that you talk about me to my mother! Just fix her computer and don't talk about me! How'd you like it if I talked to your mom about you!

REMO

You can reach her on planet Vulcan or is she on Kronos, the Klingon homeworld this week. No that's right, she's on Vulcan this week. You can find her on Vulcan. Would you like to use my starship to get there?

TAWNY

I'll go there! Well, what does *she* say about me.

REMO

It hurts her to see you make all of the same mistakes that she made in the 70's.

TAWNY

My mom, the flower the child. She was wilder than me back then. Who is *she* to tell me anything?

REMO

She doesn't seem proud of any of it. I can't get her to tell me any stories about herself back then.

TAWNY

She must be ashamed of her former life. You can't believe the grief she gives me over my life. It's *my* life! I'll do what I want!

REMO

No matter what you may think, your mom loves you and doesn't want you to have to go through all of the same mistakes she made.

TAWNY

So she tells me. Time and time again.

REMO

Her faith in God is strong because she believes that she should be dead from all of her former adventures. All of the alcohol, drugs and diseases that she was exposed to and she's still alive. In her mind God must've had a plan for her or else she surely would've died all those years ago.

TAWNY

Really? (Beat) She never told me that.

REMO

It's sometime easier to talk to someone not related to you about your feelings, than it is to tell your own child. Of course I'll never how it feels to have a child, or family. I can't even get a real date. (Beat) Tawny, how does it feel to be a mom?

TAWNY

It's hard! I never would've thought it was possible for me to do the things that I've done in the past three years. It was too soon, I planned to party for another ten years. I wasn't ready to be a parent at my age.

REMO

You weren't prepared for the hold that the little one would have over you, huh?

TAWNY

No.

REMO

Your child is a part of your life, and you love him more than words.

TAWNY

Like you said, I guess you'll never know. (Beat) Well at least not until you learn how to make out with a girl and not just hold her hand. I'll have to show you sometime.

REMO

I'm an expert at starship command operations and you're an expert with experiencing carnal knowledge. Now who's going to go down in the history books between the both of us? Someone that saves humanity or someone that corrupts it?

TAWNY

Who cares if they're in book that no one will read. Who reads books anymore?

REMO

Only time will tell whose actions will be remembered.

TAWNY

You really care about that junk?

REMO

I appears that's all that I'll have in my life. I've always known that I would die alone. So it *does* matter to me. It's all that I'll ever have....

(REMO and TAWNY both watch BOOTH and her BOYFRIEND as they walk in. If this is only a two person play, they can pretend to see them.)

TAWNY

She didn't even look at you.

REMO

Booth, no she's pretty mad at me.

TAWNY

Did you burn the bridges?

REMO

Not all, but most of them. I'd be surprised if she ever talked to me again. (Beat) And open mike night is *my* night! She can have the rest of the week, but Thursdays are *my* night. Doesn't she know that she's lost all of her open mike night privileges? This is one night a week that I look forward to and now I have to pretend to ignore her as she sits there with her new boyfriend! That's not fun, that's a chore! How am I supposed to *act* with her looking at me! And now I can't play any of the songs that I wrote about her! Man, why did she have to come here tonight?

TAWNY

Remo, don't you know that this guy is going to mess up and she'll want someone's shoulder to cry on. And could be *you* if you didn't mess it all up by burning your bridges with her. And please don't play any of your Emo songs about her tonight. I'm depressed as it is.

REMO

I don't want her that way. She made her choice, now she has to live with it. (Beat) And so do I. So does he. So does the world.

TAWNY

Sad. So sad Remo. You're the saddest little man in the world right now.

(REMO and TAWNY both look at BOOTH and her BOYFRIEND.)

REMO

Wow! She never did that when she was with me.

TAWNY

What? Hug you?

REMO

No, she did that all the time. Drink. I didn't know that she drank alcohol. And it looks like she can drink a lot too. I'm surprised to see her drink like that. With all of her claims of being so religious and such. I wonder what her church would think if they knew about her gluttony in a bar.

TAWNY

Ok let me get this straight, she hugged you all the time and you never made a move on her? Is there something wrong with you Remo? That's a sign, no a billboard that she liked you.

REMO

Yeah, forgive me for respecting women. Some of us like girls for more than just their bodies. No, all of the hugs were platonic ones, they didn't mean anything.

TAWNY

Remo, a girl only touches a guy if she is attracted to him. Trust me I never touch a guy that I only like in a platonic way.

REMO

Well I guess that Booth is attracted to everyone she meets.

TAWNY

She's not hugging *him* in a platonic way.

REMO

(REMO looks towards BOOTH and shakes his head) Yeah you're right, she never hugged me *that* way. Does he have his hand on her....

TAWNY

Ah huh, he does.

REMO

Wow, I never thought that she would've allowed that, and in public. (Beat) Wow. Well that's it! There're no more nice girls in the world.

TAWNY

Correction, there aren't any nice girls that look like that. They all have boyfriends that touch them like *he's* touching her.

REMO

So Tawny you're an expert on carnal knowledge, have they....

TAWNY

(TAWNY stares at them for a moment) He has and she has done almost everything except the actual *act* itself.

REMO

(REMO stares at them for a moment) Really!? Wow, if I would've know that I wouldn't have wasted my time on her. Damage goods you know. You know a lot about that don't you Tawny? About milk and a free cow?

TAWNY

Remo you're crushed aren't you? Ok, let's see if you have a right to be so crushed.  
(Beat) You're a computer nerd, so the only way for you to commutate with a girl is  
though email. Did she email you? And if so, how did she end them?

REMO

She did and she would end them with 'I heart you', 'you rock my world' or something to  
that effect. She would also tell me that sometimes after one our *fake dates*.

TAWNY

'I heart you'? 'You rock my world'? What's she in? Junior High? And to a nerd like  
you that must've been like a proclamation of her love for you. How many girls did she  
think would ever tell you this?

REMO

You never told me that 'you heart me' Tawny.

TAWNY

I know. I'm not trying to crush you. (Beat) She led you on Remo. Boy did she lead you  
on. I wonder if she got a good laugh out of it? Telling all of her girlfriends and laughing  
at you the whole time.

REMO

I don't think so. She isn't that way.

TAWNY

How little you know us. Well who's laughing now? You the boy that got crushed by a  
pretty face or the frat boy octopus over there?

REMO

I'm laughing because *she* missed out. She missed out on me!

TAWNY

She doesn't *seem* to be missing out on anything now.

REMO

(REMO looks at them) I suppose you're right. The thing about it that makes me sad is  
how it ended. And how I found out.

TAWNY

How did you found out, was it on the internet computer geek boy?

REMO

We had hung out all day. So I go to send her an email telling her how much fun I had  
with her. I'm lazy so I would usually go to her webpage to cut and paste her email  
address and there it was on her blog. I'm dated this great guy and the *great* guy wasn't  
me.

TAWNY

What's a blog Remo? I don't understand all of your computer nerdspeak.

REMO

It's like an online journal. She would talk about her cats and what new catnip she fed them. And of course she would talk about her new boyfriend.

TAWNY

You found out on the internet! That's so sad. So sad. I may be broke because my baby's daddy hasn't paid child support for six months but this makes me feel better. I'm not the biggest loser on the planet! A nerd that gets shot down on a blog! Ironic isn't it.

REMO

I say that it was more coincidental than ironic. Anyways, I was shocked. We hung out the entire day and she never said a word. Not one word! I can't believe that she thought so little of me not to tell me to my face. I would never do that to anyone, especially someone that I *hearted*!

TAWNY

Maybe she only thought of you as buddy. No that's not it. Remo she led you on. You were a place holder that she used until she found a guy that she was attracted to. A guy that she wanted have to touch her. Move on and forget about it. Forget about her. A girl that doesn't let you down in person and does her talking on the internet isn't someone you could trust. She's not the girl for you Remo. You're better than that right? (Beat) What do you think is going to happen now? Are you under the delusion that she's going to throw her frat boy's arms off her and run to give you a *platonic* hug and you both live happily ever after on planet Vulcan? Get a life! That's not going to happen, ever. Not with a girl like that!

REMO

I know. I knew it when we were hanging out. It was just fun to hang out with a pretty girl that laughed at my jokes and put a smile on my face. I'll miss that.

TAWNY

You could still be friends with her.

REMO

No. The one thing that you can never get back is trust. Honesty. We would never have trust and honesty in our relationship or friendship. Tawny since day one with you, our agreement that we would never lie to one another means that I can always trust you. I may not like your decisions, but I know where I stand with you. I also now know where I stand with Booth. Break the glass in case of no boyfriend. Tawny do you know what I was to her?

TAWNY

What?

REMO

She told me that she had the most fun with me, so to her I was an amusement park ride. "Ladies and gentlemen step right up and ride the Remo Ferris wheel and if you get tired of that ride why not march over to the Remo bumper cars?" All I was to her was a stupid ride that made her laugh and at the end of the day when she was bored with me, she would go home to her boyfriend and tell him all about it. To let *him* hold her. Touch her.

TAWNY

Yep, the Remo Ferris wheel. That's what you were. Do you feel used?

REMO

No. She never told me that she was in love with me or that she liked me. We were just friends. Buddies. All I really wanted from her was to have fun. You know like going to the movies, going for long walks in the park, going to the zoo and having picnics together. Just spending time getting to know one another. I figured that if she got to know me, perhaps something would happen between us. Then if we dated, it would've been because she and I really liked each other.

TAWNY

(Looking at BOOTH's table) It looks like she found what she was looking for. And it wasn't a Junior High date with you. Going to the zoo? That's where you take your granny not a hot girl on a date!

REMO

You know that sad thing is that he, her and you will all have kids. My genes will die with me. I'm going to be a genetic zero! I'm going to *die* a genetic zero!

TAWNY

The odds are that they aren't going to have kids together. They'll break up long before that.

REMO

I know that! If they last longer than month together I'd be shocked. I don't mean that *they're* going to have kids this second. I mean that he will get married, have kids and his frat genes will live on. She will also find some guy that will get her pregnant and her pretty genes will go on. You and mister non-paying child support already have a child, so both of your drunken lazy genes will go on. Me, I'll never find that right girl so I'll die a genetic zero! Alone. I'll die alone without any heirs.

TAWNY

Does it matter?

REMO

Yes it matters, because guys like me that are good never have a chance to enrich the gene pool. It guys like the dude that knocked you up or Booth's boyfriend over there that enrich the gene pool with loser traits. Loser traits that all of you pathetic girls long for. It

must be in the reptilian part of your brains, find the biggest loser and mate with him. And wait for him to dump you while he finds someone else to chase after. Something younger and fluffier than you.

TAWNY

I'm not a genetic zero, so who's pathetic between us?

REMO

My genes, all that I'm and all of what my decedents could've been will be lost to oblivion. Time will never know how great humanity could've turned out if people like me were permitted to have offspring. Instead of the Homer Simpsons of the world.

TAWNY

Well why don't you just go ahead and do it and get off your high horse? Wearing white at your wedding isn't *that* important.

REMO

You make it sound easy to experience carnal knowledge. Maybe it's easy if you are blessed with slutty genes. But to those with high morals, it's not. I need to love girl before I can be intimate with her. And she needs to love me too before I will.

TAWNY

Than quit you wining about you *genes* and being a genetic zero. A pathetic zero that is. Perhaps that's evolution at work. Survival of the fittest.

REMO

"Mankind is something to be surpassed. What have you done to surpass mankind?"

TAWNY

(Beat) Nietzsche? Right?

REMO

Someone has been paying attention during philosophy class, huh? Yeah it's Nietzsche. It was also used in an episode of "Enterprise". But answer the question.

TAWNY

Nothing. I'm doing what I want to do. Living my life the way that I want to. And because of people like me, there will always be new children to take our place.

REMO

Humanity will have a population but it's morals will be corrupt. I'm still surprised that humanity has gone on this long. Perhaps it's time for the cockroach to rise to power on this planet. And stamp out the human race for once and for all.

TAWNY

I'm surviving.

REMO

It's not enough to just survive. When I looking into your eyes I see that you are bereft of passion, kindness, trust, tenderness and above all, love. You're crying your heart out longing for something more out of your existence. Tawny surviving isn't enough. Mankind needs more than to just survive. Or we're certainly doomed.

TAWNY

You know that you're too complicated to talk to. Your big words hurt my little head. Talking to you sometimes is like talking to an encyclopedia. (Beat) And it's your own fault too, for liking pretty girls. They're nothing but trouble you know?

REMO

You know after hanging out with a beautiful girl for a few months, I learned something about you creatures.

TAWNY

What?

REMO

That no matter how beautiful a girl is on the outside, one can always find a flaw.

TAWNY

Did Booth have a flaw?

REMO

Yes and so do you. (Beat) Beauty is a paradox. Beauty isn't important, everyone is ugly and beautiful at the same time. Beauty is only skin deep. To our eyes the symmetrical outlines are to be lusted and coveted. But that doesn't matter. I've learned just how insecure you all are. By not being perfectly symmetrical, I'm more real and alive than you or her could ever be. I now know how to deal with beautiful girls, they're people deep inside, you just have to dig down to their bottomless pits to find their souls. Regular people's souls are closer to the surface, that's why I smile so much. And love life. And not a drunk! I'm at one with my soul and the world. Are you?

TAWNY

Wow. So you know our little secret huh? What're you going to do now?

REMO

I'm going to tell you one of my secrets.

TAWNY

Really? Go on.

REMO

I only like Booth as a friend. I *used* her. There was another girl that I dreamt about.

TAWNY

Do I know her?

REMO

Yeah, you do.

TAWNY

But if Booth didn't have a boyfriend right now, you would be sitting over there with her, right?

REMO

Probably. (Beat) Maybe.

TAWNY

So what I'm I suppose to think about that?

REMO

The real reason that I'm here next to you instead of her.

TAWNY

She has a boyfriend right?

REMO

If I really wanted her I could go over there right now and sweep her off her feet, but I'm not going to do that.

TAWNY

Because she's sitting next to her boyfriend?

REMO

*Frat boy over there?* His personality comes straight from the bottle that he's drinking from. He's no match for me. My personality comes from my soul. *I'm* real. He'll never have a personality that isn't alcohol based. You take away his bottle and all of his frat powers would vanish like dust. So no, that's not the reason.

TAWNY

Why?

REMO

Do you remember Phil Hartman?

TAWNY

I think I do. He was on *Saturday Night Live*, right?

REMO

Yes, he was on *SNL*. But that's not the reason that guys like me remember him.

TAWNY

Then why do you remember him?

REMO

Phil Hartman met and fell in love with a beautiful woman. As a matter of fact she was drop dead gorgeous. But she, like all of you, had a Persian flaw.

TAWNY

What was her Persian flaw?

REMO

She was crazy. So the lesson that all of us regular looking guys learned from Mr. Hartman was that if you marry a crazy, beautiful girl, she will shoot you dead with a gun. And no matter how drop dead gorgeous a chick is, she ain't worth dying over to just have a trophy to hang on your arm.

TAWNY

So is Booth....

REMO

Yeah, she is.

TAWNY

How do you know?

REMO

Oh, I know. Remember that I'm the Captain of the Enterprise. I can tell. My tricorder's crazy meter went to eleven when I first met her.

TAWNY

Well what about crazy regular nerd guys, are they dangerous?

REMO

No, they're too busy fighting Klingons on their Starships. We're harmless.

TAWNY

Wow. Are you sure that Booth is....

REMO

Yeah, only someone crazy would hang out with me.

TAWNY

That doesn't make her crazy! She might've felt sorry for you and gave you a mercy date. You're just making this stuff up right?

REMO

Booth is crazy. Not so much because of a chemical imbalance but rather because she chose *him over me*.

TAWNY

You know you have a problem of self-esteem.

REMO

What? I don't have low self-esteem.

TAWNY

No, everyone knows that you don't have low self-esteem. You're too cocky for that. Your problem is that you have too *high* of self-esteem.

REMO

It goes with the uniform. The problems of command.

TAWNY

See what I mean. Booth is normal, it's you that's crazy!

REMO

Believe what you want to believe. And I'll believe what I want to believe. (Beat) What I know.

TAWNY

Am I crazy?

REMO

*Am I crazy?*

TAWNY

Yes, but not really.

REMO

And to you. (Beat) I trust you too. That's something that I could never have with her again.

TAWNY

Honest is important.

REMO

You are honest? Are you fair? That if you be....

TAWNY

Don't quote Shakespeare to me! I'm not an actress! I'm a human being all right?

REMO

All right, I guess you are. Who could ever trust an actress? If they are good at acting they could make you believe *anything*.

TAWNY

Don't you act at times Remo?

REMO

Yeah, but I'm not that good. We all act and play our roles when we have to.

TAWNY

I suppose that we do. Honesty huh?

REMO

Honesty is something that you can never get back. It would be impossible for her and I to trust one another again. To *really* trust one another you have to be able to talk about anything and everything without lying.

TAWNY

Like us?

REMO

Like us kiddo. Like us. She and I could never have that trust. Looking at her now, maybe they'll have it one day. The bond of trust. Or at least the appearance of that bond. Like I said before, she would never do what she's doing right now if I was sitting next to her.

TAWNY

What do you mean?

REMO

Tawny, you know that I fix computers. Your mom's computer always seems to be broken. It's a conspiracy I tell yah.

TAWNY

I know, she talks about you a lot.

REMO

Does she really? Wow. I think that she likes me you know. More than you at times! Well, do you know how many times I go to fix someone's computer and without doing a thing, the computer works?

TAWNY

Really?

REMO

Yeah. It happens all the time. Someone's email isn't working and I walk in and stand near the computer and all of the sudden, like magic, it works! I have a gift around technology.

TAWNY

You're blessed. Truly blessed Remo.

REMO

I'll always have a job. It's like that with people too. The way that I'm, the way that I present myself brings the *good* out of people. I always have had that effect on people. Friends that would act *bad* when I wasn't around, would act *good* when I was next to them.

TAWNY

Narc.

REMO

No. Not I. I never had to *narc* on anyone because my presence alone would make people do the right things. They would choose the right when I was there to help them see the light. I try to make humanity a better place though example. I've even made strippers act good around me.

TAWNY

Mister holier than thou has been to a strip club?

REMO

Hey, I'm a guy even if I can't get a date. I've been to Vegas. And it has always been with friends, never alone.

TAWNY

So what do you do in a strip club, I can't see you paying for dances, you're too cheap!

REMO

While my friends are getting private dances, I sit at the table and have the girls come over and hustle me. But they fail to realize that I too cheap to pay twenty bucks for a three minute lap dance.

TAWNY

So you're hustling the hustler?

REMO

Exactly! And I turn the tables on them. I talk to them like they're a regular person instead of a dancer. I love talking to strippers because their lives are so messed up they'll tell you anything because they don't care about life anymore. And they're crying on the inside for someone to treat them like normal person.

TAWNY

So do you make them choose the right too?

REMO

Every stripper that I've talked to hates being a dancer. They're all saving money to go back to school to become a dental hygienist or something like that. I might be the first guy to talk to them like they're human beings instead of objects in that club. There's a twinkle in their eyes after I talk to them. They only walk away because they have to make money.

TAWNY

So you go to strip clubs to talk to strippers? Remo you are amazing!

REMO

I'll always remember this, one time we were all leaving and one of the strippers that I had been talking to came up to me naked and shook my hand as I walked out. She gave me a big smile and as I looked into her eyes, I could tell that I helped her. Someone talked to her as a human being without wanting anything from her. Talking to her like this change her life for the better. By being who I am, I really do help people choose the right. Be more than what they are.

TAWNY

Do I choose the right when I'm next to you?

REMO

You tell me Tawny. Do you choose the right when I stand next to you?

TAWNY

Yes. That's why I don't stand near you all night.

REMO

I know. I figure when you're ready to choose the right all of the time, you'll be by my side all day and all night.

TAWNY

So Booth wasn't ready either?

REMO

She'll never be ready to be with me. I hope that she can be happy one day. She's a lot like you, both of you aren't ready for happiness. When happiness comes into your life you have to open that door to let it in. So let her find someone she thinks can make her happy. Someone else that isn't me nor like me. She'll dream about me and maybe one day even wonder how it would've been if she choose me instead of a guy like him. Or perhaps not. In any case it will all work out in the end.

TAWNY

It always does, huh?

REMO

It always does. (Beat) Do you know when you are over a girl?

TAWNY

When you start to look at Klingon cleavage again?

REMO

No. You're over a girl when you stop looking for her type of car on the road.

TAWNY

Cars?

REMO

Think about it Tawny, when you meet someone that you like and you see a car with the same style and color as theirs drive by, you stop and look to see if it's them.

TAWNY

Continue with your theory.

REMO

Haven't you notice how many little red Mustangs there are on the road?

TAWNY

You drive a red Mustang right! Why red anyways? Why not blue?

REMO

Red is the color of command. Maroon actually is the color of command but the dealership didn't have any maroon Mustangs. Anyways I used to notice all of these brown trucks when they drove by.

TAWNY

Let me guess, Booth drove a brown truck.

REMO

Exactly! I was hoping to see her drive by so that I could wave hello to her.

TAWNY

She doesn't look like a truck driver. What is she a cowgirl?

REMO

No, she gets into a lot of accidents so she needs a big ride to keep her from getting squashed. But anyways, I no longer look for brown trucks! Therefore, I'm over her!

TAWNY

So Remo, what are trying to say to me?

REMO

*Hope* is a dangerous thing.

TAWNY

What?

REMO

If you don't have hope, it's dangerous? And there're *no* good girls that are left. Perhaps there never were. Perhaps there has never been a good girl ever born. You creatures suck the life force from *us* and turn *us* into monsters.

TAWNY

She really tore you up inside, huh?

REMO

Booth was my last hope. My last hope for a girl that had good morals and that I liked. She didn't really have high morals, it was only when she was around me. It turns out that we are nothing but animals, stuck with instincts that keep humanity from growing. This world is all that it is, nothing more is after it. It all goes back to the reptilian part of the brain which we'll never evolve beyond.

TAWNY

It sounds like you don't include yourself as one *us* animals, creatures or monsters.

REMO

Perhaps I've grown beyond that. Evolved beyond that. That the carnal needs that are possessed by the rest of you aren't in me.

TAWNY

I bet that I can get some carnal *needs* out you.

REMO

Only if I *choose* too. I can make that choice, not my genes not my instincts, I choose what I'll do or not do. Can you make the same claim Tawny?

TAWNY

I choose too. I can and have lived by my decisions, my choices.

REMO

Poor decisions. Bad decisions. Stupid decisions! You chose to get wasted at every chance you can? Your mom told me what it's like to have a hangover, she said it was like having the flu every morning. Puking in to the toilet, praying to your ceramic god for hours and feeling horrible all day until you can get your next drink. Then you repeat the process over and over again until you can't remember why you hate life so much!

TAWNY

It's not always that way. Sometimes I only get a headache and a few aspirin makes me feel better. But she's right about it most of the time.

REMO

You choose be a drunken slutly girl. That's your choice Tawny?

TAWNY

Is that all that I am you Remo?

REMO

No. (Beat) You're my special little hippie chick girl that I'm going to run away to California with in a VW bus. With long beautiful hair and smile that can make me do anything. And you don't even need any makeup. I can see through all of your garbage and your mistakes. I can see the real person behind all of your tears. I trust you and care you. I pray for you every night before I go to sleep. That's why it hurts so much when I see you with your drunken losers that you date. That you're with.

TAWNY

Instead of you?

REMO

Instead of me.

TAWNY

I guess it was love at first sight. (Beat) Were you in love with Booth the first time you saw her little brown truck?

REMO

There was someone else that I fell in love with first. Booth was just a place holder until someone was single again.

TAWNY

*She* was the place holder huh? Ok.

REMO

You only have one chance to be my girl and her little brown truck has left the stadium.

TAWNY

She drove right out of your heart?

REMO

A girl should know the second they meet me, that I'm the one. She should've had no doubt. If she had and plans that didn't involve me, she should've cancelled them just to be next to me. My presence alone is all that should be required for her to make her decision.

TAWNY

A bit cocky for a guy that was dumped, aren't we?

REMO

I dumped her, by acting really nice. I treated her like a queen and I was the gallant captain ready to do her bidding. Don't you know that girls don't like nice guys? Girls are only attracted by men that treat them badly. That's nature way to make sure that *men* will always run the world!

TAWNY

(Beat) You're right. It's easier to dump a jerk than a nice guy. So at times it's better to date a jerk or loser. You don't want to hurt the feelings any guy that's nice. That would be wrong.

REMO

You, her and the rest of the girls on this planet go from one loser to the next over and over again. I'll never figure out why it takes you forever to realize that playing musical *jerks* isn't the way to have a happy life.

TAWNY

And when you meet a guy that is nice to you, us girls don't believe it. We've been lied to and cheated on so much that when you finally find someone that is nice you, you automatically assume that he must be a fraud. There's no way a guy would treat you good if he didn't want something from you.

REMO

Talking to you Tawny makes me believe that every girl is messed up in head. Us good guys aren't the problem, it's your environment. All because of the few losers that you've been exposed to. You grow up being with garbage your whole life so you don't know how to be with anyone that's good. Any guy that would treat you right, you can't be with. (Beat) Look at you Tawny. Going from one loser to the next. That last one was a complete screw-up! And you were with him. *With him*. (Beat) So what was the real reason you broke up with the scary man?

TAWNY

He took a glass out of the bar and when he got caught, he blamed me!

REMO

So I'm sad huh?

TAWNY

The sad thing is that the glass only had ice in it. I almost got band from that bar because he wouldn't own up to his actions. And it was a glass of ice!

REMO

And you wanted to date that loser?

TAWNY

There was someone else, but he didn't act quickly enough. So I moved on.

REMO

Perhaps that guy wanted to get to know you first. And let you know that he liked you more than just for your body. He wanted to get to know the real you, your soul too. And it was the hardest thing that he had ever done, letting you go without telling you how he felt about you.

TAWNY

When an opportunity like that is presented, one shouldn't turn it down.

REMO

When one is presented with someone that they really like, there are a lot of emotions. A lot of emotions that one doesn't know how to deal with always. One can't control one's emotions as they flow out of your heart and soul. It took him a time to know that she was the one.

TAWNY

I wished that person would've let her know all of this before she dated the scary man.

REMO

He was six hours late. He went to every bar in town to find you. By the time he saw you again, you already had made your decision. And it hurt him more than anything that Booth ever did to him.

TAWNY

Every bar, huh?

REMO

Every last bar in town. And you know that I don't even drink Tawny. (Beat) Tawny do you want to play that game again?

TAWNY

Which game?

REMO

I'll answer any five questions that can be answered in a yes or no fashion.

TAWNY

Ok. You go first this time.

REMO

Do you like to eat?

TAWNY

Yes!

REMO

Do you like to eat alone?

TAWNY

No.

REMO

Do you like to go out and eat?

TAWNY

Yes.

REMO

Have you eating out lately?

TAWNY

No. I have no money to eat out, right?

REMO

Then why don't we go to the Chinese Buffet? It's been awhile since I've been there and I'm ready to get back on the saddle again. It's time to face the dancing robots with laser too. Let's call it another Tawny situation if you will.

TAWNY

Is that a question? (Beat) Robots? Lasers? Situation?

REMO

No, but this is the million dollar question. (Beat) Yes or no Tawny, are you still in love me?

TAWNY

I....

FADE OUT

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(For a Cool ending have REMO and TAWNY change into robot suits and dance for a few seconds and have a quick laser light show.)

FADE OUT

THE END