

From It's not you, it's me

CATHERINE

JACOB

(CATHERINE and JACOB are sitting on the couch, next to each other.)

CATHERINE

I feel so safe when I'm with you. Don't you?

JACOB

I guess yeah sure.

CATHERINE

There's something about you that's just so calming. I'm usually a pretty nervous person, but you're like... you're just so solid, you know?

JACOB

Uh huh.

CATHERINE

Maybe I'm insecure. I'm always thinking that any guy is going to break up with me at any time. I mean, that's just crazy talk right? Right?

JACOB

Huh?

CATHERINE

That's me being crazy.

JACOB

About what?

CATHERINE

Worrying about getting dumped. It's crazy for me to worry about getting dumped. Especially since I'm with you now and you're so calm and considerate... and just – you're like a giant teddy bear. In a manly way. You're a manly teddy bear.

JACOB

Huh.

CATHERINE

And I can talk to you. That's another great thing about you. You're such a great listener.

JACOB

You wanna watch Sportscenter?

CATHERINE

Sure. I love watching you watch Sportscenter.

(JACOB has the remote control. Sportscenter plays quietly in the background.

CATHERINE snuggles in.)

What do you like the most about me?

JACOB

Huh?

CATHERINE

I said what I liked about you. What do you like about me?

(JACOB stares at the television.)

You're so thoughtful. That's another thing I like about you. You really take your time and think about it before you answer a question. Most other guys would say my eyes. I think that's the pretty standard response, don't you? But you wouldn't say that because you're really giving this some thought.

(JACOB stares at the television.)

So... what do you like about me?

JACOB

Your eyes I guess.

CATHERINE

I like your eyes too.

JACOB

What?

CATHERINE

I said I like your eyes. Um... Can I ask you something really really important?

JACOB

Uh huh sure.

CATHERINE

I need your undivided attention.

JACOB

I'm waiting for the highlights.

CATHERINE

Can you turn off the T.V. for a second?

JACOB

Hold on.

CATHERINE

This is important, Jacob.

JACOB

I know. I have to find out if my team won.

CATHERINE

No I mean it's about us.

JACOB

I can listen and watch at the same time.

CATHERINE

No you can't. Just listen for a second.

JACOB

I am listening.

CATHERINE

No you're watching Sportscenter.

JACOB

I'm watching Sportscenter and listening to you at the same time.

(CATHERINE swipes the remote control and turns off the T.V.)

Hey!

CATHERINE

Just listen to me and you can have the remote control back. Some things are more important than Sportscenter, okay? And one of those things –

JACOB

We're breaking up.

CATHERINE

WHAT?!

JACOB

Look, I can't be that guy.

CATHERINE

What guy?

JACOB

The guy who turns off Sportscenter to listen to some chick talk. I can't do it.

CATHERINE

I am your girlfriend!

JACOB

Not any more you're not.

CATHERINE

This is ridiculous!

JACOB

This has nothing to do with you, all right? It's all about me. And I realized, just sitting here, that you're going to be demanding all this stuff from me my whole life, it starts out with not watching Sportscenter and then it moves on to cleaning stuff around the house and taking you out to dinner, and then before you know it, the playoffs are gonna be on, and you're gonna take that moment to "talk" to me. And then what's gonna happen? You're gonna like... turn off the playoffs. You understand that? You are the kind of person who would turn off the playoffs and I'm the kind of person who doesn't ever want that to happen. So... see ya.

CATHERINE

Fine!

(she storms off.)

JACOB

Where's my remote?