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OLIVIA

So what did you think of the movie?

STEVE (*choked up*)

It was just... it was so... beautiful.

OLIVIA

Really?

STEVE

That part where they got together at the end... and he gave her the same piano she used to have when she was a girl...

(he cries some more.)

It was magical.

OLIVIA

Huh. Yeah I liked that part. You okay?

STEVE

Sorry... Let me get a hold of myself. It's just movies like that remind me that there's so much beauty in the world if you just let it into your soul.

OLIVIA

Yeah that's totally what I was thinking too. So where do you want to go eat?

STEVE

Let's go to Olive Garden. Oh wait... I just thought of something. Your name is Olivia – and our first date was at the Olive Garden... it's like fate!

OLIVIA

Yeah. Well –

(STEVE starts to break down again.)

What now?

STEVE

I was just remembering our first date. We were so young!

OLIVIA

It was last month.

STEVE

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So young! And now we've been dating for thirty-nine days!
(he starts to cry again)

OLIVIA

Steve, let's just go eat.

STEVE

We'll never have those thirty-nine days back! They're gone! What happens to the past? Does anyone know?

OLIVIA

I think it just disappears.
(STEVE wails.)

STEVE

Noooo! I want to fall in love with you all over again! I want to smell butterflies with you –

OLIVIA

I don't think they have a smell.

STEVE

I wanted to give you this.
(He hands her a card.)

OLIVIA

You adopted a starving third world child for me?

STEVE

I named her Olivia.

OLIVIA

I don't think you can actually name them.

STEVE

Well I did. I named this one. She has your eyes. And with my help, and just forty-nine cents a day, I'm keeping her alive.

OLIVIA

You didn't really need to do that.

STEVE

It's my way of giving back to the world. Of supporting life of...
(he starts to break down again.)

OLIVIA

What?

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I just realized I'll never be a mother!

OLIVIA

You're a guy!

STEVE

I can't have maternal feelings? I'll never know what it's like to have a baby of my own.

OLIVIA

That's just a little weird –

STEVE

I borrowed this from the home ec department.

(He takes out a sympathy pregnancy bodysuit.)

OLIVIA

What is that?!

STEVE *(putting it on)*

It's a sympathy suit. It allows me to experience what it's like to carry around extra pregnancy weight. I feel so guilty that you women have to go through that and I just lumber around like a monster, never caring about –

OLIVIA

Stop!

STEVE

I just want to get in touch with my feminine side.

OLIVIA

I don't want you to be in touch with your feminine side! I want you not to have a feminine side at all! I want you to crush soda cans against your head and wear a baseball cap and make gross jokes with your friends! I want you to be a totally unfeeling rock of a human being with no inner depth whatsoever! That's what I'm looking for!

STEVE

You do?

OLIVIA

Yes!

STEVE

That really hurts my feelings.

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OLIVIA

Arrgh!

(OLIVIA storms off.)

STEVE *(rubbing his belly)*

Abandoned – with a baby on the way...

(he goes off sniffing.)

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