

MARLIESE / CHARLES

INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

MARLIESE (20's, ~~beautiful~~) sits at a table fixing her hair and waiting for CHARLES (20'S). He ENTERS and joins her at the table.

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MARLIESE

Hey, babe.

They embrace, kiss. They're a couple.

MARLIESE (CONT'D)

Thanks for meeting me. I really needed to talk to you.

CHARLES

I've really needed to talk to you, too.

MARLIESE

I just feel like we haven't been communicating lately.

CHARLES

I know, it's like we barely even talk.

MARLIESE

And last weekend, I mean, you just left me and...

CHARLES

Sometimes, even when we're together, I feel like I'm alone.

MARLIESE

So, I feel like it's best that...

CHARLES

So, because of all that, I think...

Marliese pauses. Charles does too.

MARLIESE

Wait a second...

CHARLES

Hold on...

MARLIESE/CHARLES

Are you breaking up with me?

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MARLIESE

You can't break up with me -- I'm breaking up with you.

CHARLES

No, you can't break up with me, because I'm breaking up with you.

MARLIESE

I called you. Clearly, this is my breakup.

CHARLES

No, no, no, you didn't call me, you called me BACK, it's different.

MARLIESE

How is it different?

CHARLES

I was only calling because I wanted to break up with you.

MARLIESE

Well, I had already decided to break up with you, that's why I wasn't taking your calls.

CHARLES

You weren't taking my calls? Maybe I wasn't calling you, because I was going to break up with you.

MARLIESE

Whatever. You know what, you can't break up with me anyway, because I'm the most amazing girlfriend you ever had.

CHARLES

No, I'm the most amazing boyfriend you've ever had.

MARLIESE

You're amazing? A guy whose underwear looks like a scoop of rocky road?

CHARLES

They were striped pants! How many times do I have to explain that?

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MARLIESE

You said you'd never met someone as beautiful and talented me.

CHARLES

I say a lot of things when I'm trying to get laid.

MARLIESE

So, it's like that?

CHARLES

Yeah, it is. And by the way, I hate your parents, your best friend's an ass, and I think your cat sucks.

MARLIESE

Don't you talk about Mr. Whiskers!!!

CHARLES

I'm the best boyfriend that you've ever had.

MARLIESE

Riiight.

CHARLES

You had never even had an orgasm until you met me.

MARLIESE

Still haven't.

He pauses.

CHARLES

What?

MARLIESE

You think you're the only one who can make things up?

(shouting)

"Oh, God, oh, yes. OH! IT'S SO BIG!!!!"

(beat)

It's not.

CHARLES

Whatever, that's fine.

MARLIESE

That's totally fine.

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CHARLES

I think it's even more fine.

MARLIESE

I think it's even finer!

CHARLES

FINEST!

MARLIESE

See, and that's why this is over.
You can never just let me win.

CHARLES

And you can never just let me be
the man.

MARLIESE

I'd let you be the man if you'd act
like one.

They smolder. Marliese puts her head in her hands.

MARLIESE (CONT'D)

You're right.

CHARLES

What?

MARLIESE

No, I mean... I have a problem with
giving up control, and I need to
work on that.

CHARLES

You really do.

MARLIESE

(warm)

I know.

→ End

~~He sighs.~~

CHARLES

Baby, we've had so much fun
together. Remember that time at
Griffith park?

He reaches for her hand.

MARLIESE

I never knew you could have that
much fun on grass.

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