Moony and Peggy

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## INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

MOONY

Coffee.

PEGGY

Apple Pie.

MOONY

Coffee.

**PEGGY** 

Mashed potatoes.

MOONY

Coffee.

**PEGGY** 

Hey! You can't keep sayin' coffee. Can'y you think something else up?

MOONY

I miss my coffee. Even just the smell of it. I never imagined I would miss it so damn much.

**PEGGY** 

Are the headaches gone?

MOONY

They're gone. I even miss that.

PEGGY

Don't be foolish.

MOONY

I do, I do...at least I had a bit left in my system.

**PEGGY** 

It's been three whole days, Moon.

MOONY

I know.

Pause.

Peggy gets up from the bed and looks out the window.

PEGGY

I can't believe what it looks like out there. It keeps going and going and going...

MOONY

Not letting up?

**PEGGY** 

No.

MOONY

Can't even go out for any news or nothing.

**PEGGY** 

I'm scared. What if it never leaves?

MOONY

Honey, it will leave.

**PEGGY** 

I told you we should have left town when we had the chance.

MOONY

It's fine. Everything will be alright. We have enough food, at least.

**PEGGY** 

We're running out of water and I hate not having any light on at night.

MOONY

Darling, patience. I'm thinking by tomorrow it will slow down and move on.

**PEGGY** 

What if it goes on for three more days? What do we do?

MOONY

Let's cross that bridge if we come to it.

**PEGGY** 

But what will we do, Moon?

MOONY

Safety comes first. We have enough food for weeks and enough survival supplies as well. We will be okay.

**PEGGY** 

Can't charge our phones...everything's gone dead.

MOONY

Don't let the not knowing get to your mind. We talked this through, didn't we?

**PEGGY** 

Yeah, I guess.

MOONY

We took a hit but things will bounce back. They always will.

**PEGGY** 

What's worse case scenario?

MOONY

We're in it.

**PEGGY** 

Yeah...

Peggy comes back to the bed.

MOONY

Salad.

**PEGGY** 

Salad?

MOONY

I'm craving one of those veggie salads you make. The one I can't stand actually.

**PEGGY** 

HaHaa. Why? You hate my veggie salad.

MOONY

I even miss the food I don't like.

**PEGGY** 

You go on like we've been here for months. Ha ha.

MOONY

So do you?

PEGGY

I worry about our safety. You worry about food.

MOONY

Well, it is part of our survival.

**PEGGY** 

True.

MOONY

Want to play a card game?

**PEGGY** 

No, I always beat you so it's gotten boring.

MOONY

What? Hell no. I let you beat me.

**PEGGY** 

Oh, please.

MOONY

Yes I do!

**PEGGY** 

I beat you every time.

MOONY

Because I let you win.

PEGGY

You just aren't man enough to admit that I kick your ass in cards.

MOONY

Not true.

**PEGGY** 

I beat you at five hundred rummy, war, go fish, I mean, i am a superstar compared to you. Just admit it.

MOONY

You're ruthless.

**PEGGY** 

Yep.

MOONY

I beat you at monopoly.

PEGGY

One time and that's cause you got lucky.

MOONY

Lucky?

There's a knock at their door.

**PEGGY** 

Who do you think it is?

MOONY

Let me go check.

PEGGY

Baby, be careful.

MOONY

Relax. Maybe somebody needs help. Stay here. Let me go check.

**PEGGY** 

Be careful.

MOONY

Shhh. It's fine.

Moony goes to front door and opens it. No one's there.

**PEGGY** 

Babe?

MOONY

Yeah.

Moony shuts door. Goes into living room.

**PEGGY** 

Who was it?

MOONY

Nobody. Must be the wind.

PEGGY

Sounded like a strong knock. Did you have a good look?

MOONY

Nobody was there. It did sound exactly like a knock, right?

Landline phone suddenly rings.

Moony and Peggy look at one another. Moony answers phone. Hello? Hel--HELLO? HELLO?

Moony hangs up and check for dial tone.

No dial tone. Maybe the phone is going in and out.

PEGGY

What did you hear?

MOONY

Nothing but static.

**PEGGY** 

Static? That's all?

Theres a knock at the front door.

MOONY

Stay here and let me see. That sounded like someone knocking, right?

**PEGGY** 

Yes.

Moony opens the front door and no one is there.

The phone rings. Peggy answers.

PEGGY (CONT'D)

Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

She hands phone to Moony.

MOONY

Hello? (he listens for a few seconds - hangs up.) That sounded like a a knock to you?

Peggy nods yes.

You think someone is messing with us?

**PEGGY** 

Maybe someone needs help.

MOONY

Why knock and leave?

**PEGGY** 

I don't know.

Lights go on and out.

Honey, I'm getting nervous.

MOONY

Relax. It's probably the power trying to go on. There's a lot of wind outside, power lines are all messed up. Don't get spooked. There's a loud crash outside.

Peggy and Moony run to the window and look out. You see anything?

**PEGGY** 

No. What the hell was that?

MOONY

Something must have (lights go on and off) fallen over. Sounded heavy.

**PEGGY** 

It did sound heavy. What if our building comes down?

MOONY

What? No. This building has been around for centuries. Do you know how many storms have bashed up against this building?

**PEGGY** 

How many?

MOONY

I don't know exactly how many but I'm just saying this building has seen it's fair share of weather abuse.

PEGGY

Maybe we should cover up the windows.

MOONY

Baby, you're starting to panic again. Let's chill. There's nothing to get worried about. We're a few floors up and, no, it's not necessary. Play?

**PEGGY** 

What if that big tree outside comes crashing into our place and kills us while we sleep.

MOONY

That's wicked thinking.

**PEGGY** 

What if it does?

MOONY

Then we're dead, what can I say?

PEGGY

No! Don't say that. Don't joke around.

MOONY

You asked me. What do you think will happen. Knowing my luck I'll survive but be half brain dead for the rest of my life.

PEGGY

I hate when you talk like that.

Moony twists his face and acts impaired.
Stop! Stop! You know I don't like that. Idiot.

MOONY

Alright. We're good. Just let it pass. Things will be better tomorrow.