EXTRACT

Lonesome Cruiser

a short drama

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Cast

LEX

LUCY

Setting

A playground.

Time

Morning.

Lonesome Cruiser

A playground. Muted sunshine. Sounds of children playing.

LEX: Did you mind?

LUCY: Funny question.

LEX: Not really.

LUCY: Did I mind?

LEX: That was the one.

PAUSE.

LUCY: To tell you the truth – it was very long.

LEX: It was a Text message.

LUCY: A very long Text message. Stretched over fourteen separate messages. My phone beeped for a week.

LEX: There was a lot I needed to say.

LUCY: It was still very long. You overwrote even then. Even in text messages.

LEX: I have improved.

LUCY: Have you?

LEX: Yes. And to prove my point I shall carry out the rest of the conversation in very short, sharp to the point sentences.

LUCY: See? Even that was over written.

LEX: Okay. Short.

LUCY: What?

LEX: Sentences.

LUCY: It'll be a challenge to you.

LEX: I'm up to it.

PAUSE.

LUCY: So how are you?

LEX: Good.

LUCY: Life?

LEX: Married.

LUCY: Kids?

LEX: No.

LUCY: Not yet or no?

LEX: Pass.

LUCY: Writing?

LEX: Successful.

LUCY: Reason?

LEX: Unsure.

LUCY: Improvement?

LEX: Very stupid book buyers.

LUCY: And what are you doing here?

LEX: Moved.

LUCY: Where to?

LEX: (POINTS) There.

LUCY: When?

LEX: Last.

LUCY: Month?

LEX: Week.

LUCY: Point?

LEX: Proved.

LUCY: You may now expand. (BEAT) Funny I haven't seen you around here before.

LEX: That's exactly what you said to me.

LUCY: I did not.

LEX: When we first met.

LUCY: How the hell do you remember that?

LEX: You were pretty hard to forget. Even that first day. (BEAT) You said "funny I haven't seen you around here before."

LUCY: Why would I say that?

LEX: Your exact words. Perhaps you thought I fitted in.

LUCY: In that slimy dive?

LEX: You said it. And then you added "You look like a bit of a lonesome cruiser."

LUCY: "Lonesome cruiser".

LEX: Swear to God. I fell in love with you instantaneously.

LUCY: That long?

LEX: Fraction of a second.

PAUSE.

LEX: Which one is yours?

LUCY: All of them.

LEX: You're kidding?

LUCY: Of course. (POINTS) The little one with red hair and freckles.

LEX: Which she gets from …

LUCY: Her father. (BEAT) You …

LEX: What?

LUCY: I'm almost scared to ask this.