

NOTHING COMPARES TO YOU

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FADE IN:

INT. CAR - LOOKOUT - EVENING

A full moon casts light over a solitary car parked above a cliff-face. BARRY and LOIS, early 60s, a dowdy looking bespectacled couple, stare blankly out at the ocean - city lights twinkling far on the horizon.

... It should be romantic, but the atmosphere is icy.

LOIS

So.

BARRY

So.

Barry reaches across, gently places his hand on Lois's.

Lois recoils from his touch.

BARRY

(off her reaction)

Really?

LOIS

I don't even know why I agreed to come.

BARRY

I hope it means you're going to give me another chance.

LOIS

Doubtful.

BARRY

And yet here you are.

LOIS

You're going to have to do better than that, Barry.

BARRY

Honey, listen -

LOIS

Honey? *Honey?*

BARRY

Sorry. Lois.

LOIS

You hurt me, Barry, and I'm just not sure I can ever trust you again.

BARRY

Honey, if you'd just -

Lois glares at Barry once more.

LOIS

Okay. The question is why? Am I not good enough? I only got a glimpse, but God knows, I can't compete with that. I mean really... ? Have I gotta' get a boob job and a trout-mouth now for you to find me -

BARRY

You're perfect as is, Lois. You always have been. Nothing compares to you, Lois, nothing.

LOIS

Aww. Our song.

BARRY

Yep. Our song.

LOIS

Seems so long ago now.

BARRY

My feelings haven't changed.

LOIS

Why then?

BARRY

I dunno... I was bored. There was a freedom with Delvene that -

LOIS

(sneering)

Delvene?

BARRY

- she made me feel like I was nineteen again. Powerful, virile. I didn't have to make an effort. She never had a bad day, she never had a headache. She let me do whatever I wanted, whenever I wanted.

LOIS
Sounds like a hooker's name.

BARRY
- No need to be rude, Lois.

LOIS
I let you, Barry...I let you do anything! I even let you -

BARRY
I know you did. You were always a real champ, Lois.

LOIS
A champ? Oh, and FYI, they're not headaches, Barry, they're migraines. Big difference.

BARRY
I know. I know.

LOIS
So tell me then, please! What could Delvene possibly offer you that I couldn't, apart from her enormous -

BARRY
Attributes?

LOIS
Yes.

BARRY
I'm going to let you in on a little secret, Lois.

LOIS
I'm all ears.

BARRY
When it comes down to it most of us guys are pretty clueless. We're gross actually. Without you girls, and left to our own devices we're a slovenly unconscionable lot and that's just the truth. Without you we'd gorge on junk food, binge sport, guzzle beer and watch porn 24/7. But, here's the thing. Some of us end up seeing the light.

LOIS
Uh-huh.

BARRY

See, turns out Delvene was the catalyst for me having an epiphany. I knew right there and then it was time I grew up and stopped acting like a teenager. It was time I thanked God for the creation that is quintessentially and incomparably, you my love. It was time -

LOIS

Okay, okay, you can take it down a notch there, Barry.

BARRY

No, really. I need you to know. The last time I was with Delvene, I felt nothing but revulsion. I am ashamed at the way I treated you. I didn't show you the love and respect you deserved. I asked myself: what the hell am I doing with Delvene when I have a beautiful, devoted wife at home?

LOIS

Uh-huh. And what happens next time, when you're a bit bored or pissed off again, or having yet another mid life crisis?

BARRY

It won't happen again, I promise. To prove it I've severed all ties with Delvene. Quite literally.

LOIS

Really?

BARRY

Really.

LOIS

What exactly do you mean by - literally? Cause most people don't know shit what that word actually means -

BARRY

I mean, I killed her.

LOIS

You what?

BARRY
Delvene's in the trunk. I slit her
throat. I did it for you.

Lois's eyes go wide, she puts a hand to her mouth in horror.

LOIS
Noooo.

BARRY
You and I are going to throw her
into the Atlantic and live happily
ever after.

Still on Lois's horrified face. And then despite herself Lois erupts into laughter. Barry laughs along with her.

EXT. TRUNK - MINUTES LATER

With a hiss the trunk slowly opens.

BARRY
Shall we?

Lois nods. Without saying a word she takes Delvene's ankles while Barry lifts her upper body from the trunk.

EXT. CLIFF-FACE - NIGHT

Lois and Barry carry Delvene's body to the edge of the cliff. Both peer down to the waves that crash onto the rocks below.

LOIS
She's heavier than I thought.

BARRY
Yep, she's no lightweight.

On Lois and Barry as they both stare into the wide-eyes of a naked and very lifelike, DELVENE - a silicone enhanced hyper realistic sex-doll, her head partially severed at the neck.

BARRY
Okay, on my count of three...

As Delvene's body is hurled into the darkness, we...

FADE OUT.