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She puts one in her purse and the other around her neck.

7 INT. CHINESE RESTAURANT - EVENING

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Eve and Sam are eating Chinese food and drinking white wine.

SAM

When I said I hadn't been at the theatre since 1963. I should add that I haven't been on a first date since then either.

EVE

Goodness, I've been on plenty.

SAM

Oh yeah?

EVE

Three fiances, two husbands. Some gaps.

SAM

Wow, ok.

EVE

So it must have gone really well. Your theatre date.

SAM

I guess it did.

EVE

I'm sure she was impressed that you made an effort.

SAM

That was probably it.

EVE

Well I am too. Was this difficult?

SAM

You mean the show? Not at all.

EVE

I mean the date.

SAM

No. I worried it might be. But no. Easier than running.

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EVE

Everything's easier than running.
You feel good afterwards though.
Or I do anyway. No pain, no gain.

SAM

No guts, no glory.

EVE

Ha, true.

SAM

When I started running I found it
impossibly hard. I'd start great,
perfect form, and then I'd get more
and more stooped until I was almost
on my hands and knees crawling over
the line.

EVE

Like the ascent of man in reverse.

SAM

Exactly.

EVE

So what made you stay with it?

SAM

My cardiologist mostly. You build
up endurance. I'd be running along
with my eyes streaming and my lungs
burning and every muscle in my body
protesting and I had to figure out
a way to overcome the pain, and the
boredom.

EVE

I know that feeling.

SAM

No I started to use a pacemaker.

EVE

You mean the heart kind....

SAM

No the people kind. I'd pick a
runner who was setting a nice gentle
pace and I'd fall in behind them.

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EVE

And run in their footprints.

SAM

More or less. And that way I'd be towed along in their slipstream for a few miles. And when I lost touch I'd find another one for another few more till I found I could run all day that way.

EVE

When you say 'they' do you really mean 'she'?

SAM

Well, yes but... no, that makes me sound.....

EVE

Sleazy?

SAM

I was gonna say superficial.

EVE

I'm teasing you.

SAM

Fine. You caught me. It could be argued though, that the only thing that motivates men to do anything is chasing women.

EVE

Is that true? Are you like that?

SAM

I was. I suspect. When I was younger. Then I met Betty.

EVE

When did she die? If you don't mind me asking.

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He doesn't. The waiter comes over, clears their plates.

WAITER

Everything ok for you two? Can I bring you a dessert menu?

He raises an eyebrow at Eve. She shakes her head.

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SAM

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(to Eve)
Six years ago. Cancer.

EVE

I'm sorry.

SAM

It's ok. I was lucky. We were married for 46 years.

EVE

And since then?

SAM

I've met a few women but....

EVE

I can imagine, charming fit single men your age are a scarce commodity.

SAM

Thank you for saying that...

EVE

...But you feel disloyal?

SAM

A little. Just not right somehow.

EVE

(serious now)
Sam, it's obvious that you loved Betty very much, and I have great respect for your marriage but I think you might have room in your heart for me too. Or someone like me.

SAM

There's no one like you.

She puts her hand on his. She takes the compliment but stays serious.

EVE

If life can take away someone you never thought of losing, then it can replace them with someone you never dreamt of having.

SAM

You really think that?

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EVE

Don't you?

SAM

I dunno. It hasn't come up before.

(beat)

You realize you're a lot younger than me though. Faster too.

EVE

Thank you for saying that. I'm neither young nor fast.

SAM

Ha.

EVE

But if I slowed down, then you wouldn't have to chase me. We could go at our own pace.

He looks at her. A long beat.

SAM

You are that fast.

EVE

No I'm n/

SAM

You're like the Jo.

EVE

No ones's ever called me that.

SAM

Well you're not wasting any time here.

EVE

Sam we don't have that much to waste. We're both on the last lap. Does that sound pushy?

SAM

No. It's impressive...also pushy.

The waiter leaves the check down. She reaches for her handbag and he shakes his head.

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SAM (CONT'D)

This is on me. You got the tickets.

EVE

But I invited you. You sure?

SAM

(coded)

You can get the next one.

EVE

Sounds good.

SAM

I've met divorced friends of my daughter's who are in their forties and they seem resigned to being alone forever.

He hands her a fortune cookie and keeps one for himself. She breaks hers open and reads the message. "Life is not a problem to be solved but rather a mystery to be lived" it reads. He opens his - "Stop searching forever. Happiness is just next to you." He smiles at the obviousness.

EVE

I'm just not made that way. If I'm honest, I only joined the club so I could chase men.

SAM

I don't entirely believe you.

EVE

It's true.

SAM

Now who sounds superficial.

EVE

No guts, no glory.

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INT. CAB - DAY

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Eve and Chris are in the back as it drives near Central Park.

CHRIS

I got someone to cover for me at work by the way. So I can stay on a few days.

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