

Titan

“I’m aware of the consequences Jeannie, you don’t have to keep repeating them over and over again.”

“Well I’m just making sure that you understand the step that you’re taking. You won’t be able to just return, you won’t be able to just come back. Or at least you won’t be the same. But what am I talking about, you’ve changed already...”

“...What are you...”

“...No, seriously, you have! You’re nothing like you used to be. The person I knew had at least some glimmer of integrity, of self-worth, she wouldn’t just lay down and die like you’re doing.”

“Lay down and die! Boy, you’ve got some nerve! Let me tell you something, Jeannie old pal; I love Ralph, I love him with all my heart, and I’m going to marry him, and we’re going to be happy together for the rest of our lives.”

“(Silence)”

“Oh, you just wait and see! I’m happier than I’ve ever been, and it’s all thanks to Ralph! I was on a slippery slope Jeannie, a slippery slope, and no one was there to help me, certainly not you. Only Ralph. Ralph grabbed my hand and lifted me into the clouds.”

“Ugh.”

“Don’t ‘ugh’ me! Just because you don’t feel the same way about what I’m doing! It’s my decision Jeannie, mine, and you’re welcome to have an opinion regarding the matter, but don’t fool yourself, because your opinion doesn’t matter to me! I don’t care how good of friends we are, or were...I’m in love, I’m committing myself to Ralph, and I am going to move in with him!”

The wheels are in motion.

The chain is moving.

The gears are turning.

The ball is rolling and it can’t be stopped.

Throw a rose on the ground, turn and walk down the road.

The memories are there. For a while.