

DR. DESJARLAIS Yes, I do. Yes, I do. When would you like to?

WOMAN I want to meet somewhere where nobody sees us because I am not being drug into your little thing.

DR. DESJARLAIS That's fine.

WOMAN And I don't want your ex-wife knowing--or your wife knowing about it or whatever.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, if I don't get some information from you within the week, she's going to know because I have to tell her so she can make--

WOMAN Well, you can tell her.

DR. DESJARLAIS What?

WOMAN You can tell her if you don't get information from me this weekend.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. Fair enough.

WOMAN You can go against your word [inaudible] never tell her.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I'm only going against my word because you're not giving resolution. You told me you'd have an abortion, and now we're getting to far along without one.

WOMAN Yeah, but--you know--and you--you told me that you would have time to go with me and everything--

DR. DESJARLAIS I said, if I could, I would, didn't I? And I will try. If I can time, you're saying you still will?

WOMAN Yeah, I mean--

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. But I want you to show me an ultrasound report. I want you to prove that I'm the one.

WOMAN Whatever. Whatever will make you happy and get you out of my life.

DR. DESJARLAIS So when do you want to do--Saturday I'm gone, Sunday I'll be home, Friday afternoon I can do it. Like Friday-something--mid-afternoon or something.

WOMAN I can't do Friday mid-afternoon because my kids go to my ex-husband's at seven, and I spend time with them in the afternoons. I go to their school and spend time with them.

DR. DESJARLAIS What about tomorrow night. [inaudible] can someone watch them tomorrow night for a while? Or tonight?

WOMAN Tomorrow night I have [inaudible] .

DR. DESJARLAIS What about tonight?

WOMAN Tonight I have lab.

DR. DESJARLAIS I mean, how long is this going to take a half hour?

WOMAN My lab?

DR. DESJARLAIS No, for us to talk.

WOMAN Oh, I don't know. I mean, why can't you do it this weekend--

DR. DESJARLAIS Because I'm going out of town Saturday. I'm going to a football game with Harvey Cameron and we'll be gone all day.

WOMAN Will you be back Sunday?

DR. DESJARLAIS I'll be back Sunday, but I hate to have to wait that long.

WOMAN Well, that's better for me.

DR. DESJARLAIS Alright. Well, let's talk about it Sunday then.

WOMAN Well, my kids come back at 7:00 p.m. so--

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. Well, we'll have to just set a time Sunday if you can't do it tonight or tomorrow night. I can't believe you couldn't find a half hour one of these two nights.

WOMAN Why are you being ugly?

DR. DESJARLAIS I'm not being ugly. I've just got to make a decision. I can't sleep at night because I feel like I'm wasting my wife's time.

WOMAN You're wasting your wife's?

DR. DESJARLAIS My wife.

WOMAN Oh.

DR. DESJARLAIS It's not fair to her, and you should understand that.

WOMAN This is not fair to me. I don't want you in my life.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I didn't want to be in your life either, but you lied to me about something that caused us to be in this situation, and that's not my fault, that's yours.

WOMAN Well, it's fault for sleeping with your patient.

DR. DESJARLAIS Oh, is that what it was. You didn't want to date me. You're going to try to pull that on me now.

WOMAN See, look how we're getting! Now, this is uncalled for. We're both adults here and we're not--

DR. DESJARLAIS I know. And you said, when are you going to ask me out. It's not like I came chasing my patients down to go for a date. If you're going to try to pull that on me.

WOMAN Pull what?

DR. DESJARLAIS That I tried to date a patient. You said, when are you going to ask me out, on the phone.

WOMAN Did I call you?

DR. DESJARLAIS Yes.

WOMAN I called you?

DR. DESJARLAIS Yes.

WOMAN The first time?

DR. DESJARLAIS I called to check on your foot that time, and then you called me the second time.

WOMAN Whatever [inaudible].

DR. DESJARLAIS The bottom line is, what are you going to try to do? Sue me because I dated you?

WOMAN I'm not going to sue you. I want you not in my life. Do you understand that?

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I don't want to be--I want you to be happy, and I want you to get on

with your life, but until we--

WOMAN I've tried to be nice to you. I mean, I've tried to be your friend. I try to be understanding. I listen to you. You call me up and you are like, oh, Susan this; oh, Susan that; oh, I'm so miserable--

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I happen to be in love with my wife. I'm sorry. I shouldn't have-- you know, we shouldn't have dated. Obviously, it was not a good time.

WOMAN And then the next minute you're in love with you, the next minute you can't stand her, then the next minute--and it's like--

DR. DESJARLAIS It was a very frustrating time.

WOMAN I mean, this--the people that--I mean, Scott, you've got some problems. I mean--

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, obviously, I was a little emotionally distraught. But that's beside the point. The point is we're in this predicament. Neither one of us wants to be in it. I want some information. For some reason, you don't want to give it to me. If we need to go to Atlanta, or whatever, to get this solved and get it over with so we can get on with our lives, then let's do it. But let's get together and talk about it.

WOMAN I'm not arguing with you.

DR. DESJARLAIS I'm not arguing either. I'm just stating facts.

WOMAN I mean, when you call, I usually don't call you back because I don't want to talk to you.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, that's fine. It's just that I'm trying to do what's right to save my relationship because it's important to me. So, anyway, if you can find time tonight or tomorrow, please beep me. If not, I'll try to set up something for Sunday, okay?

WOMAN Well, tell me if you're going to because I'll got to Biloxi if I'm not going to have to see you.

DR. DESJARLAIS No, I want to meet. I've got to do this because I will tell Susan Monday if we don't get this solved by then.

WOMAN And you're going to tell her who?

DR. DESJARLAIS Yeah, I'm going to tell her because she's going to want to know.

WOMAN See, you just totally lied to me. You told me this whole time that if I got it taken care of that--

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, let's get it taken care of and then I won't tell her, okay? It's not--I mean, it's as simple as that because you promised me that it wouldn't be an issue.

WOMAN You promised you'd go too.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN Did you not?

DR. DESJARLAIS I said that I would try.

WOMAN Well, what's the worst thing? You going somewhere for a day and having a hard time explaining where you're going for a day. Can't you just say

you're going to damn shopping for her and lie or something?

DR. DESJARLAIS There's been a big issue with lies in our relationship, and I try to avoid that so that I can move on and be happy again. But if that's what I have to do, that's what I have to do, but I want to talk to you about it, okay?

WOMAN Why can't you talk Saturday morning before you go?

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, let me find out what time we're leaving and maybe I can, okay?

WOMAN Well, I'm going to tell this, and I'm going to tell you this straight up.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN First off, you better not say a word until you talk to me--

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN --to anybody.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN Second off, it's my decision. Third off, I'm not going to sit here and be made to feel guilty about something, you know, when I don't bother you. I have not tried to do anything to you. I'm not--you know--you're sitting here saying that I'm the one that pursued you and--I mean, cook up shit like that. I'm not putting up with that.

DR. DESJARLAIS I'm saying we mutually decided to go out. I'm not saying that you came on the hunt for me, but I'm saying that it wasn't the other way around either. You can agree with that, can't you?

WOMAN Whatever.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. But anyway, you're all upset, and all I'm wanting to do is get this resolved.

WOMAN Yeah, I'm very upset right now.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN I'm so mad I could [inaudible] .

DR. DESJARLAIS Alright. Well, let me find out about Saturday morning and I will try to get back to you, okay?

WOMAN I mean, this is ridiculous. It's gone on too long.

DR. DESJARLAIS I agree. Let's fix it, okay?

WOMAN Well, I mean. You need to be, like, nice. Half way.

DR. DESJARLAIS I'm trying to be, but I get frustrated when I ask you direct questions and you blow me off.

WOMAN Well, yeah, because I don't want to--yeah, your direct questions are always in some kind of vindictive, accusing--

DR. DESJARLAIS What? Asking if you're pregnant or not?

WOMAN [inaudible] and you know, I want nothing--if I was some vindictive [inaudible] person, I would shout it from the roof and be like--you know? I mean, my god, you don't understand that?

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, considering the circumstance of how it happened, it would be pretty hard for you to be vindictive and shout it from the roof tops. The bottom line is that this situation neither of us wants to be in, and it can be fixed.

And you said it would be fixed, and we're trying. And every time I try to ask you a question about dates, how far along--simple questions that should not invoke the kind of response I get, it makes me wonder why you don't answer those questions.

WOMAN It makes me wonder why you even ask them and why you do it in an accusing way when you just sit there on-and-on-and-on again--

DR. DESJARLAIS That's not an accusing question, asking how far along--

WOMAN [inaudible] think it's mine and then one minute you're, like, [inaudible] and then the next minute it's something else.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, considering you slept with a man three days before you did me, there's chance that it could not be mine, do you not agree? I mean, can you not see where I'm coming from at all?

WOMAN What are you talking about?

DR. DESJARLAIS The fact that you slept with someone three days before you slept with me, it does raise a little suspicion in my mind that it's mine. Does that not make any sense to you?

WOMAN Whatever.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, see, I don't understand your lackadaisical attitude. That's a fair thing as far as I'm concerned.

WOMAN I'm not being lackadaisical. I'm very stressed out [inaudible] I really don't need this stress in my life right now.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. Well, I've got to get back to work. You're stressed. You need to go to your appointment. Let me find out about Saturday, and we'll see if we can hook up, okay? And then maybe everybody can be happy again.

WOMAN Well, can't you do something Friday night?

DR. DESJARLAIS Possibly. We're having a birthday party. It's his birthday. Harvey's birthday. And we're having him over for his birthday that night, then we're going to the game on Saturday. But I don't know what time we're leaving Saturday morning so that's a possibility.

WOMAN I mean, I'm sitting here--I gave you three days. Just because I can't--uh--I mean, late, late tonight I can, but--

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. Well, I can late tonight.

WOMAN How are you going to get out of the house?

DR. DESJARLAIS Um--I'm on call. I can--you know, the hospital--no one's here at the hospital that time of night. I can come to the hospital, park out back, you can park out in the parking lot and I'll come out and talk to you. No one will see us.

WOMAN Well, do you want me to call you when I get home?

DR. DESJARLAIS Page me, okay? Can you do that?

WOMAN Will you call me back?

DR. DESJARLAIS Yes, I will.

WOMAN God!

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, try to shake this off, okay? We need to be adults and we need to solve the problem, and I'm not accusing you. I just want to get it fixed.

WOMAN We're just both sitting here fixing--it's, like, we're [inaudible]

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I've been going crazy. I mean, if Susan could talk to you, she'd tell you that I've been psychotic for months over this. I don't sleep at night. I mean, it's like I'm trying to build my family back together just waiting for it to fall apart, and it's been eating me apart.

WOMAN I don't--I don't--do you realize that I have no ill will for you?

DR. DESJARLAIS I understand that.

WOMAN I understand my part in this, and I understand my role. Do you realize that's the reason I don't bother you with it?

DR. DESJARLAIS And I appreciate that, but I can't--

WOMAN You know--I mean, I, believe it or not, see some wrong things I have done--

DR. DESJARLAIS Yeah.

WOMAN I mean, that's the reason I--I mean, I go to church every Sunday. I'm trying to put my life back together and I'm trying to live the kind of life and be the kind of mother I want to be. All the while, I have all this looming over me because you don't have an ex-husband that would just jump at the chance to take your kids away.

DR. DESJARLAIS Is that who beat you up?

WOMAN So--I mean--

DR. DESJARLAIS Is that who beat you up?

WOMAN I'm not talking about that.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I mean--

WOMAN You can ask me all this stuff in person.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay.

WOMAN How about that?

DR. DESJARLAIS That's fine. I just--alright. Let's try to get together tonight. You page me,
and it's a good night because I probably would have to come into the
hospital anyway.

WOMAN [inaudible]

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, we've got to do something soon. And you've even got to admit that
because the clock is ticking, right?

WOMAN Yeah.

DR. DESJARLAIS Okay. So beep me later and we'll hook up, alright. And cheer up. Have a
good session.

WOMAN Yes.

DR. DESJARLAIS Try, okay?

WOMAN I'm sure it will do real well.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, it's a good day for it.

WOMAN If you're ears are burning you know why.

DR. DESJARLAIS Well, I've got one, too, so likewise.

WOMAN What?

DR. DESJARLAIS I said I've got one too, but I've never brought this up. I've just had to eat it all myself for all these months.

WOMAN I'll call you later.

DR. DESJARLAIS Alright, bye.

WOMAN Bye.

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