**Conversation Piece**

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“No!”
“Yes.”
“You didn’t!”
“I did.”
“When?”
“Just now.”
“Where?”
“Bedroom.”

“Dead?”
“Yes.”
“Why?”
“You know.”
“I don’t!”
“You do.”
“Unfaithful?”
“Yes.”

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“With whom?”
“With you.”
“No!”
“Yes.”
“She didn’t…”
“She did.”
“We didn’t…”
“You did.”
“You knew?”
“I knew.”
“How long?”
“Long enough.”

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“What now?
“Guess.”
“Police?”
“Later.”
“Why later?”

“Guess again.”
“Tell me!”
“Look.”
“Oh, no!”
“Oh, yes!”
“You can’t!”
“I can.”
“Please!”
“Don’t beg.”
“Forgive me!”
“Too late.”
“Good God!”
“Good-bye.”

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“Operator?”
“Yes, sir.”
“The police.”