**Conversation Piece**

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By Ned Guymon, 1950  
  
“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.”