

GAME OF BONES

**JOHN**—30s

**STEPHANIE**—30s

*Middle-class apartment/house. Enter STEPHANIE from stage right, rushed.*

**STEPHANIE**

John, I'm back! I forgot my wallet. Are you in the bedroom? (*Opens a door to walk offstage left.*)

**STEPHANIE**

*(In the door, looking offstage left. Shocked)* JOHN!

**JOHN**

*(Offstage left)* Hey! Do you mind?

**STEPHANIE**

*(Walks back onstage, looking away from John. Takes a beat to compose herself.)*  
Was that... Were you doing what I THINK you were doing on your laptop?

**JOHN**

*(Walks out on stage, putting on pants.)* Look, I can explain.

**STEPHANIE**

John, I've been out of the house for FIVE minutes...

**JOHN**

It's not what you think, it's just this once.

**STEPHANIE**

Don't lie, John. You waited until I left the house, and as soon as I did, you snuck in the bedroom, you opened up your laptop, and you... You *started watching Game of Thrones*, didn't you?

**JOHN**

It's not like that. I just had a... *an itch* to find out what happens in the next episode.

**STEPHANIE**

An *itch*? An you couldn't wait for me? You're not in HIGH SCHOOL anymore. Watching Game of Thrones is something COUPLES do TOGETHER.

**JOHN**

But, you weren't here.

**STEPHANIE**

Oh, so now it's MY fault? Are you saying I don't watch Game of Thrones with you enough?

**JOHN**

Well, to be honest... Last few evenings, I've tried to get you into the mood for some *dynastic struggle in the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros*, and you've turned me down every time.

**STEPHANIE**

*(Defensive)* John, you know I've been busy with work...

**JOHN**

That's exactly what I mean! I've been stressed out, too. So, I figured there's no harm in relaxing by *squeezing off a quick episode, playing a bit of Peter Dinklage* by myself...

**STEPHANIE**

Gross. Playing all by yourself is something teenagers do, not married adults!

**JOHN**

Oh come on, it's perfectly natural to *rub an episode out* if you were left with a cliffhanger. Everyone does it.

**STEPHANIE**

Ugh. This makes me feel so inadequate. Like the whole time we're watching the Clash of Kings together, you're thinking about *mounting the steps to King's Landing* all by yourself.

**JOHN**

No, no, Game of Thrones is totally different with you. It's much more satisfying.

**STEPHANIE**

Wait, is this about your weird fantasy of inviting another couple over to watch Game of Thrones with us? I SAID NO before, and I meant NO!

**JOHN**

Look, a few weeks ago, you actually *fell asleep* during it...

**STEPHANIE**

Well maybe that was YOUR fault, *Mr. Can't Keep Up With The Long Story Arcs!*

**JOHN**

See, that's another thing: when I watch Game of Thrones alone, it's... quicker.

**STEPHANIE**

*(Offended)* Are you saying I *take too long to finish an episode?*

**JOHN**

You sometimes get out of the groove, and we have to rewind a bit, start over...

**STEPHANIE**

So it's about *speed* for you, then? You prefer to just power through George R.R. Martin's multilayered storylines and morally ambiguous characters with quick strokes (*mimes it*), wham-bam, thank you m'am?

**JOHN**

I can't always wait for you to be in the mood again so I could *find out what happens to the priestess Melisandre...*

**STEPHANIE**

After tonight, I'm not sure I'm going to BE in the mood again any time soon! Maybe I should also just start *Netflixing* all by myself. (*does crude pantomime*)

**JOHN**

No, come on, I'm sorry. Look, what if we both made a commitment to watch Game of Thrones a bit more regularly?

**STEPHANIE**

*(Resentful, but cooling off)* Game of Thrones shouldn't feel like a *chore*. That takes all the fun out of it.

**JOHN**

Hey... remember last Christmas, when we stayed in bed for three days straight, and we just *binge-watched the whole first season?*

**STEPHANIE**

*(Remembering)* We did five episodes in one day... *(Cools off.)* Well, I'm glad you remembered I have Game of Thrones needs too.

**JOHN**

*(Moves closer)* What if, tonight, we snuggle up in bed... We dim the lights... and we work on satisfying BOTH our needs. Let's see if the *mythical creatures of the North* will indeed *rise*, if you know what I mean...

**STEPHANIE**

*(Accepts him. Both move offstage slowly.)* Well... I admit, I DO have an itch for a little *Dance with Dragons*...

**JOHN**

I wonder what *Littlefinger* *(Gestures with hand)* and *The Master of Whispers* are up to...

**STEPHANIE**

*(Offstage)* Oh, John! Looks like winter IS coming.

~ **BLACKOUT** ~