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I...I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE MY HEART.



OH GOD...YOU... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD THAT FEELS...

YOU CAN'T... YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE RELIEF...IT'S LIKE...QUIET.

SO QUIET.



I'M GLAD FOR YOU, EMMA.



HERE'S MY CARD, IN CASE YOU SHOULD NEED ANYTHING.



YOU HAVE A MOBILE PHONE?

I'M NOT A SAVAGE, EMMA.



SO WEIRD.

OF COURSE YOU CAN IMAGINE
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.



IT'S NOT FREAKING ROCKET
SCIENCE.



YOU NEED THAT HEART.



YOU NEED IT FOR LOTS OF
STUFF, BROKEN OR NOT.



AND WITHOUT IT...WELL...



...LIFE ISN'T [REDACTED]



OR I GUESS IS [REDACTED] MORE
ACCURATELY.



A STUPID, ARROGANT
DECISION I MADE IN THE
HEAT OF HEARTBREAK
RUINED EVERYTHING.



EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE.







I DON'T MAKE THE RULES, AS YOU SO EFFORTLESSLY PUT IT, I'M A "MIDDLE-MAN."

WHO DOES MAKE THE RULES?

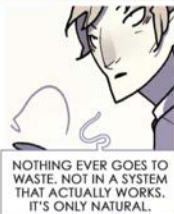


INFORMATION ABOVE BOTH OUR PAY GRADES, I'M AFRAID.



IT'S LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, LUV. IT'S A BUSINESS.

JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T NEED OR WANT IT, DOESN'T MEAN NOBODY DOES.



NOTHING EVER GOES TO WASTE. NOT IN A SYSTEM THAT ACTUALLY WORKS. IT'S ONLY NATURAL.



FINE, SO CAN I HAVE IT, OR WHAT?

IT'S ALREADY GONE.

MOSTLY.



MOSTLY?

I HAVE A TINY PIECE LEFT.

WILL YOU GIVE IT TO ME?



I SUPPOSE I WILL.

THANK YOU.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO WAIT ON THAT THANKS.



GETTING THIS PIECE BACK IS GOING TO HURT.

LIKE LOSING YOUR "MAN WITH NO NAME" ALL OVER AGAIN.

OH GOD.

CAN I GET THE REST BACK SOMEHOW? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE I CAN TALK TO?



THE PIECE I HAVE FOR YOU CAN LEAD YOU TO THE REST OF IT. BUT IT WON'T BE EASY.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY?

IT'S THE ONLY WAY.

...

OKAY.

GIVE IT TO ME.

PIECE
no. 1



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