

PAULA
Elliot, slow down. Wasn't it only twenty minutes ago that you proposed marriage to me?

ELLIOT
Yes. You must be very happy.

PAULA
I am. (Calmly)
But don't you hear yourself? Now suddenly, you want me to pack up my clothes, my life and my daughter and rush off to get married in Canada? Tonight!!! In the first place, Lucy's in the middle of her school year. In the second place, I don't want to sit around for seven weeks while you're making a movie. In the third place, I have my own career to take care of. I just got promoted at PBS. I'm the choreographer and my show has just been picked up for twenty-six weeks. And in the fourth place, if we're going to make marriage plans, I just want to be included in the making of them, Elliot.

ELLIOT
Whoa! Hey! I thought you wanted to get married more than anything else in the world.

PAULA
No! I didn't want to get dumped on again more than anything else in the world ... Then marriage ...
Don't you understand, Elliot? For the first time in my life, a man is leaving me and I'm not scared. As a matter of fact, I'm glad you're going. I'll miss you, yes, but for the first time in my life I won't miss me ... Because I'll be here for me and that's someone I've never been able to count on before.

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