~~JOE~~

~~Doralee, could you give us a second?~~

~~DORALEE~~

~~'Scuse me, I got an office to run.~~

~~*(DORALEE slips out.)*~~

VIOLET

START> I've got work, too.

(JOE stops VIOLET from leaving.)

JOE

What's going on?

VIOLET

Would you stop.

JOE

I know you. Something's wrong ...

VIOLET

I'm telling you, I'm fine.

JOE

Stop pushing me away. Talk to me. Seriously, you can tell me *anything.*

VIOLET

(in one breath, blurting it out)

We've got Hart tied up in his house while we try to prove he's been stealing from the company. We're following the money trail to collect enough evidence to prove he's been cooking the books!

JOE

Not what I was expecting.

VIOLET

Me either.

JOE

You actually kidnapped Hart?

VIOLET

No! We just, we sort of ... yup, we kidnapped Hart. And I'll tell you, if we don't find more evidence on him before Mrs. Hart comes back next week we're screwed.

JOE

I have access to every financial account in this company. I bet I could help you.

VIOLET

Really?

JOE

See what happens when you actually talk to me?

VIOLET

Joe, you're the best.

JOE

I'm the best. Okay, move fast Joe. Violet, have dinner with me. No time to think about it, say yes!

VIOLET

Oh Joe. I think you're a great guy ...

JOE

No, no, no, not the "great guy" speech. Give me one good reason why you won't go out with me. And not some bull about age. C'mon Violet, it's not like I'm not in my thirties.

VIOLET

Oh my God! You're still in your thirties?

JOE

What is it? Really.

VIOLET

I'm a one-man woman. And I had my one man.

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JOE

He's been gone over three years now, hasn't he?

VIOLET

Sometimes it seems like he was just here a moment ago, sometimes it seems like he's been gone a lifetime.

JOE

I know. But isn't it time you found something more to look forward to than just showing up here every day? **<END**

~~LOVE CAN GROW IN THE STRANGEST PLACES.~~
~~MIGHT FIND LOVE IN STRANGERS' FACES.~~
~~WAITIN' JUST AROUND THE CORNER FOR ALL YOU KNOW.~~
~~LOVE CAN GROW WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.~~