

PARADISE (sides)

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INT: LABORATORY

VIDYA (DR. KAHN) stands hunched over a strange machine.  
RICHARD stands nearby, watching her intently.

RICHARD  
Is it working? Have you connected  
with her, yet?

VIDYA  
It'll take a moment. Please don't  
crowd me, Mr. Grimmis.

RICHARD  
(hands clasped, praying)  
Please work. Please work. Please  
work. I love you, Ellen.

VIDYA  
Please try to be patient, Mr.  
Grimmis.

RICHARD  
Sorry. I'm just -- nervous. The  
idea of seeing her, talking to her  
again...

VIDYA  
How long has it been?

RICHARD  
Three months. It was... sudden.  
Unexpected. I've missed her.

VIDYA  
I should have her in a moment.  
Okay. Wait. It's happening!  
(adjusts a dial) There's an  
image...

An image starts materializing on the device's screen.

RICHARD  
It's her. It's Ellen! (Laughing)  
Ellen! Honey! Can you hear me?

ELLEN  
(surprised)  
Richard?

RICHARD  
Oh my God. My God! Honey, it's your  
husband. I've missed you so much!

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ELLEN

I've missed you. Where are you?  
This is amazing. How are you  
talking to me?

RICHARD

I'm in a lab. A science building.  
This is Vidya. I mean Dr. Kahn. And  
her assistant, Evan. (Beat) You're  
dead, Ellen. You died in a car  
accident. It was horrible.

ELLEN

I know, dear. I was there,  
remember? (Smiles) But it's all  
good now. I'm in heaven.

RICHARD

Heaven?

ELLEN

Or paradise, as the angels call it.  
It's quite remarkable. Anything you  
could want, just occurs. Or, almost  
anything. The only thing we can't  
do, is be alive again. Or be back  
on Earth. But it hardly matters.  
There's so much to do here, so many  
fascinating things going on.

RICHARD

(laughs)

It's so good to talk with you,  
Ellen. What's it like there? In  
heaven? You can have anything, you  
said?

ELLEN

It's quite satisfying, really. You  
like video games -- you get video  
games. You want books, or movies --  
you just have to think about them,  
and they're there. Oh, and there's  
no "hell." God's not vindictive,  
fortunately. I'm quite happy here,  
really. I do miss you, though.

RICHARD

Is your mother there?

ELLEN

She's around here somewhere. But  
don't worry. (smiles) She's got

(MORE)

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ELLEN (cont'd)  
lots of activities to keep her  
busy. So I hardly ever see her. Are  
you coming soon?

RICHARD  
Coming?

ELLEN  
You're my husband. I miss you. Are  
you dying soon? Crossing over? I  
can't be alive again. But you can  
come here. It'll be fun, Richard.  
You'll see!