

# I SHUDDER - HALLIE SIDE 1/2

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ELYOT (CONT'D)

On his deathbed, he turned to his raccoon oncologist and said, "I have led a sad and a wasted existence. I haven't been a happy little bunny at all. I should have been trapped, skinned and used as the lining of a prostitute's jacket."

ANGLE on the children, all nodding in agreement.

ELYOT (V.O.)

And at that precise moment I realized - Hallie Tesler was that bunny.

INT. DRYCLEANER

Elyot is standing at the front counter, waiting patiently for his drycleaning. Hallie Tesler barrels in and shoves her way in front of him.

## START

HALLIE

(yelling)

Hey! Hey! I have a very important party tonight, in Tribeca, and I need my silver Stella McCartney skirt! It's an emergency!

ELYOT

Aha.

HALLIE

(ignoring Elyot)

Jesus, where are these people? We let them clean our stuff, they lose half of it, and now they've disappeared! What, did someone call Immigration? Hey! Chop chop! I need my stuff!

MRS. CHEN, an older, polite, neatly dressed woman appears from the rear of the shop, carrying a box of Mr. Vionnet's shirts.

MRS. CHEN

Here are your shirts, beautiful as always. I'll be right back with your trousers.

ELYOT

Thank you so much.

HALLIE

(to Mrs. Chen)

No you won't. Look at him - he's not going to any parties, he can wait. I need my skirt, and I hope you didn't shrink it, like last time, because I am a size triple zero, if I turn sideways, I will totally disappear...

ELYOT

(stepping aside politely)

Then by all means.

MRS. CHEN

(to Hallie)

Do you have your ticket?

HALLIE

My what? No I don't have any goddamn ticket, it's a silver Stella McCartney skirt, how many of them do you have, just look for the only decent thing here, right now, go, I have a call...

(into her phone)

Mandy, you won't believe this, I'm standing here waiting for my McCartney and this woman is staring at me like she doesn't speak English, like they didn't teach her that in East Vietnamistan, yeah, my silver skirt, the one that makes my ass look like a 12-year-old boy, a really hot 12-year-old boy, I kill in that skirt, hold on, I'm getting something from Courtney, oh my God, she's in Aspen, she looks amazing, I'm sending you her new boobs...

(to Mrs. Chen)

Why are you just standing there? This is why you're not in Aspen, in a hot tub, with a billionaire start up guy with his own Airbus Elite, which is only the plane with a dance floor and a crafting nook, just get me my goddamn skirt!

**END**

ANGLE on Elyot, studying Hallie.

ELYOT (V.O.)

She was adrift. She was appalling. I took action.

# I SHUDDER - HALLIE SIDE 2/2

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EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE - DAY

Elyot is now seated on a bench, thoroughly enjoying himself and the sunshine. A live band is playing nearby. Elyot moves a bit, to the music.

ANGLE on Hallie, striding towards Elyot. She's wearing tight designer jeans, heels, a draped top and a shoulderbag.

ANGLE on Elyot. He smiles. He holds up a lovingly hand lettered sign reading "You're welcome!"

Hallie confronts Elyot. She's very emotional, almost wild.

## START

HALLIE

Are you him? Are you Elyot Vionnet?  
(she pronounces it  
"Vionette")

ELYOT

(correcting her - it's  
pronounced Vee-oh-nay.)  
Vionnet.

HALLIE

Okay. Okay. I did everything you  
told me.

ELYOT

I know. And I'm so very proud of  
you. Of both of us.

HALLIE

Screw you.

ELYOT

(as if he hasn't heard her  
correctly)  
Again?

HALLIE

SCREW YOU!

**ACT IV**

ELYOT

(meaning "Go on")  
Yes?

HALLIE

(barely holding it  
together)  
Okay. Okay.  
(MORE)

HALLIE (CONT'D)

Three days ago, I stopped using my phone and Twitter and Instagram and everything else. And it felt really good. I could breathe. And I had so much more free time. Until my friends posted this video on Youtube...

INT. YOUTUBE VIDEO

Three girls, Hallie's BEST FRIENDS, have made a video.

MANDY

Hi, we're looking for our best friend Hallie. She's closed all her accounts. Have you seen her?

A photo of a smiling Hallie.

COURTNEY

This is Hallie before she lost the weight.

A photo of Hallie weighing at least 100 pounds more.

KELLI

And this is Hallie before she lost the weight - at the beach.

A photo of an even more overweight Hallie, bulging out of a bathing suit and gobbling two ice cream cones.

MANDY

If you see her, please call 911. But please, whatever you do...

MANDY, COURTNEY, AND KELLI

DON'T FEED HER!!!!

They all laugh hysterically.

EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE - DAY

ELYOT

They're not your friends.

HALLIE

And two days ago, I decided to appreciate the glory of New York. And it was fantastic. It was overwhelming. Central Park. The Chrysler Building.

**JUMP TO**



ELYOT  
The Cloisters!

HALLIE  
The Highline.

EXT. HIGHLINE - TWO DAYS EARLIER

Hallie is standing on the Highline, admiring the beautiful landscaping, the nearby buildings and the attractive, strolling passersby, who smile and nod at her. Hallie touches her head and glances up - is it raining?

ANGLE on a man on the fire escape of a building which overlooks the Highline. His pants are unzipped and he's merrily PEEING ON HALLIE'S HEAD. He waves.

EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE - DAY

ELYOT  
One bad apple...

HALLIE  
But that's not all. Remember that guy you told me to smile at? At the club? Well, he was wonderful. He wasn't like any of the jerks I usually go out with. He's kind and sensitive and he was really into me. And he's a novelist.

ELYOT  
Congratulations!

HALLIE  
Not just yet...

INT. HALLIE'S APARTMENT - DAY

Hallie's in bed with the handsome guy from the club. They've just spent a magical night together.

HANDSOME GUY  
Hallie, I know we've only known each other a few days, but I feel so connected to you. I feel like there's some wonderful romantic force that brought us together. And maybe this is gonna sound crazy, but Hallie - will you marry me?

HALLIE  
(so thrilled, tearful)  
Marry you?

HANDSOME GUY  
I don't have any money, but I just got a job as a part-time teaching assistant in Alaska. We can live in this little shack and you can work as a waitress while I write my novel. We won't have a car or heat or indoor plumbing, but we'll have each other. So what do you say?

EXT. WASHINGTON SQUARE - DAY

ELYOT  
(enraptured)  
Did you say yes?

HALLIE  
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? ALASKA? With an OUTHOUSE? And I get to be a WAITRESS? All of your ideas, they sounded so great, but I ended up with no friends, some loser who wants me to support him, and PEE IN MY HAIR!

ELYOT  
(still hopeful)  
It's a beginning...

HALLIE  
Just because I use my phone, that doesn't mean that I'm shallow or useless or stupid! It means I have friends! It means I'm alive! I love my phone, my phone is my friend, and I think that you're just some nasty, bitter, backwards old fart who can't even download an app! So if you ever call me again, I will use my phone to call the FBI and the CIA and Homeland Security, and I will have you arrested for trying to ruin my life! You asshole  
asswipe buttmunch pig!

ANGLE on Mr. Vionnet, taking this all in, a bit perplexed.  
Hallie gets on her phone and starts making calls.

HALLIE (CONT'D)

(into phone)

Mandy? It's Hal and you won't believe what's happened to me, there was this disgusting skank who somehow got my number! But it's all good because five minutes ago I bought this totally cute Balenciaga halter thing and this bag from the Row that's the exact same shade of washed periwinkle and can we have brunch and talk about like, that new yoga place that was started by Shailene Woodley's trainer who totally helped Shailene lose three pounds by just envisioning the three pounds and then giving them a flower and asking them to leave...

Hallie keeps chattering as she marches away from Mr. Vionnet. As she crosses the street, without looking up from her phone, a DOUBLEDECKER TOURIST BUS MOWS HER DOWN, KILLING HER INSTANTLY.

**END**

ANGLE on a TOURIST COUPLE on the upper deck of the bus, happily using their phones to snap photos of Hallie's dead body.

Elyot and Stella are in the elevator of their building.

STELLA

You look sad.

ELYOT

I am. I tried to help the sweetest young woman, but it didn't go well.

STELLA

Is she dead?

ELYOT

Of course.

INT. HALLWAY

The elevator doors open, and Stella and Elyot step out, into their shared hallway. Stella looks both ways.

ELYOT

Is everything all right?