TIN CUP

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ROY

Hey look, she was crying when she came out there alright.

MOLLY

Okay. Okay, Roy...

ROY

So maybe it's something you said.

MOLLY

Okay Roy! That is a patient exit room...

ROY

Well, I knew it was some kind of room. I mean it wasn't painted and there were no magazines out there.

MOLLY

Roy, Why are you here?

ROY

Therapy.

MOLLY

You've come for therapy? Roy you really need to make an appointment, because I have a client in a half an hour.

ROY

That's enough time, thirty minutes. Hell, I'm not that fucked up.

MOLLY

Okay, Roy. Why don't you just have a seat. Right over there.

(Long Pause)

ROY

Okay, so how do I do it? Therapy, I mean, how do I start doing it?

Molly

Well, in parlance you might understand, just kick back and let the Big Dog eat.

He sighs and plunges in.

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ROY

Suppose there's this guy. He's standing on the shore of a big, wide river. And the river's fulla all manner of disaster, like alligators and piranhas and currents and eddies, and most people won't even go down there to dip a toe. But on the other side of the river's a million dollars, and on this side of the river there's a rowboat. I guess my question's this: What would possess the guy on shore to swim for it?

MOLLY

He's an idiot.

ROY

No. He's a hell of a swimmer, see. His problem's more like... why's he always gotta rise to the challenge?

MOLLY

He's a juvenile idiot.

ROY

You don't understand what I mean by the river.

MOLLY

We're talking about you and what you like to call your inner demons, Roy, that human frailty you like to blather about, not some mytho-poetic metaphor you come up with in a feeble and transparent effort to do yourself credit.

ROY

Y'mean you're gonna make me feel lousy? I came here to feel better.

MOLLY

No.

ROY

What kinda therapy is this?

MOLLY

Roy, you don't have any inner demons. What you have is inner crapola, inner debris -- garbage, loosewires, horseshit in staggering amounts.

ROY

I ain't just some jerk drivingrange pro who drinks too much booze and eats too few vegetables.

MOLLY

You're being defensive -- cut to the chase and tell me why you're here.

ROY

Woman.

MOLLY

Have you asked her out?

ROY

She's seeing a guy. I don't know how serious it is, but the guy's a real horse's ass, if you ask me...

MOLLY

If you shared your heart with this woman -- maybe asked her out to dinner -- then it would force these issues out in the open.

ROY

I'm afraid she'll say no.

MOLLY

So what you're saying is that all your speeches about swimming across the shark infested waters are really just about your golf game -- not about your personal life.

ROY

I didn't know we were gonna get into my personal life!

MOLLY

This is therapy!

ROY

Well, I know, but I didn't think it was that kind of therapy...

MOLLY

Look, it's rather simple. Those risks that you love to take on the golf course, the risks you talk so passionately and poetically about -- you need to apply those risks to your personal life with the same passion.

ROY

You mean I should just ask her out.

MOLLY

Yes!

ROY

I should risk coming right over the top and snap-hooking it out of bounds left.

MOLLY

Yes!

ROY

Risk hitting it a little thin and --

MOLLY

Ok, Roy, that's enough!

ROY

Right. Sorry.

MOLLY

S'okay...

(beat)

Look, just walk up to this woman, wherever she is, look her in the eye let down your guard and don't try to be smooth or cool or whatever -- just be honest and take a risk - Whatever happens, if you act from the heart, you can't make a mistake.

Tin Cup rises with new confidence. He does several deep breathing exercises, trying to work up the courage. She stares at him. And he walks right up to her.

ROY

Dr. Griswold.

Molly

Yes?

ROY

I think I'm in love with you.

Molly is stunned.

MOLLY

What?!

ROY

From the moment I first saw you I knew I was through with bar girls and strippers and motorcycle chicks, and when you started talking I was smitten and I'm smitten more every day I think about you -- and the fact that you know I'm full of crapola only makes you more attractive to me because usually I can bullshit people but I can't bullshit you and in addition, most women I'm thinking about how to get into their pants from Day One but with you I'm just thinking about how to get into your heart --

Molly was clue-less. She just stares.

MOLLY

Roy...

ROY

(optimistically, proudly)

Stunned, huh? So what about dinner and we can talk about `us' and if we have a future and how to drop that horse's ass boyfriend of yours --

MOLLY

Roy, slow down --

ROY

Hey! I just hit a eight degree driver off a cart path here, I'm staring eagle in the face --

MOLLY

This is a terrible mistake!

Tin Cup is knocked off his horse. Into deep rough.

ROY

I'm acting from the heart so I can't make a mistake?! Right?

MOLLY

Wrong. Roy. Shit!...
(beat)

I didn't know you were talking about me.

ROY

Would your advice have been different?

She's frustrated and at a loss for words.

MOLLY

Roy, this session's over. I have someone coming. I think you better leave.

ROY

I take it your answer's no.

MOLLY

Well, our relationship is and will remain strictly professional.

ROY

That's it?

MOLLY

Yeah.

Crushed, Tin Cup heads to the door, stops and turns.

ROY

I'm gonna qualify for the U.S. Open and kick your boyfriend's ass.

(Beat)

ROY

Whatever you think of me, you should know that your boyfriend hates old people, children, and dogs. And that broad's out there crying still, alright in the exit room.

He exits.