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CLAIRE, MY ECLAIR
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ANDRES, a young man of around 20, talks to his ex-girlfriend, Claire. He begs her for forgiveness in stealing her identity to open up credit cards, and pleads that she consider how his actions were always for the benefit of their relationship.

ANDRES

Claire, Claire—my éclair...My chocolatey, sweet treat, my—okay, okay! I'll stop! Don't leave! I won't call you that. I guess—I don't deserve to call you that, do I? You're not my—you're not my éclair now. Not anymore. I'm just—if you're sweet then I'm, I'm a—a—a Tylenol, like when you chew it up. All bitter and gross. That's me. I know it, Claire. I'm a gross chewed up Tylenol, and you don't deserve that. Why would you talk to me? Why would you even look at me after what I did?

(pause)

But you do look at me. And that's just because—that's just because you're so perfect. You're like, the most incredible person in the world, and I was so lucky for those two years to be part of such an incredible person's life.

(pause)

And, I want you to know, I mean, I hope you already do—but...I know I messed up your credit. And opened up all those accounts in your name and you, you trusted me. And I lied. And, and, that's not cool, Claire. That's so not what a beautiful sweet breakfast treat deserves, but you know, I did it to take you to Cancun—and we got to see those old ruins. And to get you that necklace with real diamonds, not cubic zirconium like your cheap ex got you, and to take you to that restaurant at the top of the Trump Towers—we had that six course meal with the, with the, flower in the drink, remember? And all of that, all of that means something!

(pause)

I know you have to think about it. If you'll take me back. Of course. Of course. Think about it. And don't answer now, because you're mad and you're sad and hurt and I get that. Just...I need you. You're the only person that can give me even an ounce of sweetness. But that's just because you're so perfect. And so kind. And, and, and forgiving. Right, Claire? You're forgiving?

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