

SCENE ONE

EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

ALICE is in her late 20's living in New York. Everyday she passes by TOM, a man who is always on the bench anytime Alice is there. Though she is uncertain if he is homeless or not, and knows nothing about him, she still says hi to him every single time she passes him.

ALICE

Hi, Tom.

She waves and runs by. Tom only nods and smiles back. Then a montage of this happening multiple times everyday passes.

ALICE

Hi, Tom.

TOM

Hi, Alice.

She stops running, pulls off her headphones and looks surprised at him.

ALICE

Wait- did you just say my name?
You've never said anything to me
before.

TOM

I (beat) suppose I have not.

ALICE

Wait... how did I know your name was
Tom?... How did you know my name?

TOM

I guess we must have both picked
it up on your daily greetings.

ALICE

(small chuckle) Yeah... I guess we
must have.

She continues her run and it looks like she forgot about the event as soon as she left.

SCENE 2

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

Alice is walking out of a coffee shop right next to Tom's bench, wearing business attire and looks in a hurry.

ALICE

Hi.

She nods at Tom and begins walking away.

TOM

No "Tom"?

ALICE

(she stops walking) I'm sorry?

TOM

You didn't say "Hi, Tom" like usual.

ALICE

Oh... well Hi, Tom! Sorry, I'm just in a bit of a rush.

She begins walking away again.

TOM

Where are you headed?

ALICE

Sorry, Tom. I really don't have time to chat-

TOM

Yes you do. (he looks her in the eyes and then smiles)

Beat.

ALICE

Yes... I suppose I do.

Tom smiles wider.

ALICE (CONT'D)

Was there something you wanted to talk about?

TOM

Where are you headed?

ALICE

Oh, just into the office. I'm running late.

TOM

Perhaps, next time don't waste time getting a coffee.

ALICE

(offended) Hey I- (Tom smiles) You make a fair point. (she smiles) Well, I better start going. Have a nice day... Tom.

TOM

You too, Alice.

She leaves.

SCENE 3

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

Alice is across the street from Tom, but he sees her, waves her over and smiles. She starts making her way over to cross the road.

ALICE

(running over) Hey Tom. What's up?

TOM

Hello Alice.

ALICE

(confused) Hey... did you need to tell me something?

TOM

No, why?

ALICE
I just- Y-You called me over.

TOM
... I'm afraid I did not do that
Alice.

ALICE
Yes- yes you did... I could have
sworn you did...

TOM
No, but perhaps you just wanted to
see me.

ALICE
Yeah haha...

TOM
Well, you should head to work,
shouldn't you?

Alice just looks at Tom.

TOM (CONT'D)
Alice?

ALICE
Yes! I should go in! B- Bye Tom.

*Alice walks away and once she is a few feet away, she turns back
and Tom is not there.*

SCENE 4

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

Alice is walking past Tom again with 2 coffees from the shop,
and stops.

ALICE
Hi Tom.

TOM
Hi Alice.

ALICE
I don't have work today.

Silence.

TOM
... And?

ALICE
Oh yeah... I thought you might want
a coffee.

She goes to hand it to him, but he just nods to put it on the bench, so she does. She stands, but he nods, telling her to sit also.

ALICE
Oh okay. Wow, I've never sat on
this bench before. It's quite
nice. No wonder you like it so
much.

TOM
I hate it actually.

ALICE
Then why do you sit on it
everyday?

TOM
For you.

ALICE
But... you sat here before I started
passing by... right?

TOM
Did I? Hm...

Alice looks at him confused and beginning to get scared.

ALICE
Maybe, I should go-

She starts to stand up, but Tom grins and grabs her hand. She sits back down.

TOM
Alice... would you kiss me? (he
leans in)

ALICE
What... I- I... No.

Tom's smile falls.

ALICE (CONT'D)
I like women, Tom. I'm sorry-

TOM
No you're not. You're not sorry.

ALICE
What... yes I am. Tom, I'm sorry.

TOM
Leave Alice. (she doesn't) LEAVE!

ALICE
Okay... goodbye Tom. (she leaves)

SCENE 5

EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

The next day, Alice passes by Tom on her run.

ALICE
Hi.

TOM
Hi Alice.

ALICE
How did you know my name?

TOM
I'm Tom. (he smiles)

ALICE
Hi Tom. (she smiles)

FADE OUT. END.