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CHARACTERS:

Ali, Female, 30's

Alison, Female 50's

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*ALI, in their 30's, sitting with their best friend ALISON, in her 50's.
In front of them are two empty jars.
Next to the jars are a whole lot of marbles.*

ALISON: Ok.

ALI: Ok. You sure this is a good idea?

ALISON: What? The marbles? Of course it's a good idea.

ALI: Ok.

ALISON: Before we say anything crazy –

ALI: It's not crazy.

ALISON: Before we say anything – period – it'd be good to use the jars to help us really understand what we're doing here.

ALI: But I know what I'm –

ALISON: It doesn't hurt to take the time...

Pause.

ALI: Fine.

ALISON: I'll start. I would need to stop you from jumping into brash decisions.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 2.

ALI: You do that anyway.

ALISON shrugs it off.

ALISON: Your turn.

ALI: The breakfasts you cook me.

ALISON: Where does that go?

ALI puts a marble in jar 1.

ALI: Obviously.

ALISON: Just checking. Ok. Um. You are almost always late.

ALI: Jeez.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 2.

ALISON: What?

ALI: Do you have anything in the good?

ALISON: Of course I do. Your turn.

ALI: You are really bad at washing dishes.

ALI puts a marble in jar 2.

ALISON: Am I?

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ALI: I rewash all of my dishes when you leave my apartment.

ALISON: Gosh. I didn't realize.

ALI: Well... I felt bad.

ALISON: Sorry.

ALI: Your turn.

ALISON: I would have access to your amazing book collection.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 1.

ALI: After a long day, you take off your shoes and your feet smell terrible.

ALI puts a marble in jar 2.

ALISON: We both have so many clothes, sharing a closet would be a nightmare.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 2.

ALI: You are on the road so much and without you I feel lonely.

ALI puts a marble in jar 2.

Silence.

ALI and ALISON look at both jars.

ALISON: The way you talk to me when I'm having a bad day.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 1.

ALI takes a marble and puts it in jar 1.

ALI: That's worth more than one marble.

ALISON smiles at ALI.

ALISON: Ok.

ALI: The way I feel when you hold me.

ALI puts three marbles in jar 1.

ALISON: You are an excellent kisser.

ALISON puts four marbles in jar 1.

ALISON: And excellent at OTHER things...

ALISON puts another marble in jar 1.

ALI: Hey! You got two turns.

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ALISON: I got excited.

ALI: I'll allow it.

ALI adds another marble in jar 1.

ALI: And second that.

ALISON: Yes!

ALI: When I close my eyes and think about my perfect day – tomorrow, five years from now, ten years from now, whenever – it always includes you.

ALI puts a marble in jar 1.

ALISON smiles.

Pause.

ALISON puts a marble in jar 2

ALI: Hey, I thought we were done with that jar!

ALISON: When you are old, I will be even older and I will need to be taken care of...

Silence.

Beat.

ALI: The way I feel when we are together. And the way I will feel when we are old together.

Pause.

ALISON: Is... good?

ALISON takes two handfuls of the remaining marbles and dumps them into jar 1.

ALI: Of course. Dummy.

ALI takes the rest of the marbles and dumps them into jar 1.

ALISON: Same.

Lights fade.

END OF PLAY.