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SCENE TWO

(SARAH and HARRY'S living room on the ground floor of a garden apartment.)

SARAH, HARRY and ROBERT have finished a long dinner and are having coffee in the living room)

SARAH

(Pouring coffee)

There's cinnamon in the coffee, Robert... the odd taste is cinnamon. Sugar and cream?

ROBERT

Both. May I have lots of both?

SARAH

Of course you may.

HARRY

Do you want some brandy in it, Robert?

ROBERT

You having some?

SARAH

We don't drink, but you have some, you darling. Go ahead.

HARRY

Or do you want a real drink? We have anything you want.

ROBERT

Well, Harry, if you don't mind, could I have some bourbon?

HARRY

Right.

SARAH

Sweetheart!

HARRY

Okay, darling.

ROBERT

(As HARRY gets the bourbon)

Are you both on the wagon? Sarah? You're not on the wagon?

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SARAH

Goodness, Robert, all the questions! Or do you just collect trivia like some old quiz show contestant? We spend half of our lives with you and now you notice Harry's on the wagon?

HARRY

A year and a half.

SARAH

No, love. Just a year.

HARRY

It was a year in February. It's a year and a half now.

SARAH

I know for a fact next month it will be a year.

HARRY

And a half.

SARAH

One year. Count it, one! Harry got arrested for being drunk and quit out of some kind of humiliation.

HARRY

I quit to see if I could is actually what happened. C'mon, I must have told you about all that.

ROBERT

Never. You never mentioned it or I never would have brought the bourbon. How were you arrested?

SARAH

Another question! Here, why don't you have one of these brownies you brought?

HARRY

I was in California on business and I really got soused one night and these guys drove me back to my hotel but instead of going in, I walked down to the corner to get something to eat to sober up.

SARAH

You said it was three blocks.

HARRY

No, just the corner.

SARAH

(Stage whisper to ROBERT)

Three blocks.

HARRY

Anyway, this patrol car stopped me and said, "You're drunk." I said, "Drunk? I'm clobbered." He said, "I'm taking you in." "Take me to my hotel, for God's sake," I said, "it's just on the corner."

SARAH

Three blocks away.

END

HARRY

Anyway, they mugged me and booked me for being drunk. Unbelievable. And then Robert, the very next time I was out there, I got arrested all over again — drunk driving. I only had wine —

SARAH

Only three bottles...

HARRY

And I *insisted* on taking a drunk test. I flunked it by one point.

SARAH

And that is when you quit, precious. He always thinks it was the first arrest, but it was the second. We never told you that? Curious, I thought Harry had told *everybody*.

HARRY

Anyway, I quit to see if I really had a drinking problem, and I don't.

SARAH

Just a problem drinking.

ROBERT

Do you miss it?

SARAH

See how you talk in questions! Harry, do you miss it?

HARRY

No. No, I really don't.