"RING TONE" by Bruce Kane

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WHERE: Park in Los Angeles

WHEN: Noon

WHO: Karen, thirty, attractive

Len, mid-thirties, nice looking,

AT RISE: Len is sitting on a park bench, sipping a coffee, reading his newspaper and minding his own business. That is about to change. Karen, dressed in a tight fitting cocktail dress, oversize earrings and sky high heels enters staring at her cell phone. She is either overdressed or underdressed for the location. Len glances up at her and almost does a double take. Karen notices Len's look as she stands waiting impatiently for her cell phone to ring. Finally, it goes off. She smiles and turns to Len)

KAREN: Could you answer this for me?

LEN: Your phone?

KAREN: (holds the phone toward Len) You just push this button.

LEN: Is there some reason you can't answer it?

KAREN: Yes... There is.

LEN: Would you care to share it with me?

KAREN: I'd rather not. (Lens looks at her rather quizzically, Annoyed at his reaction, she responds) If you must know, it's my ex. (The phone stops ringing. Karen sits down next to Len) He wants to get back.

LEN: I'm happy for you.

KAREN: He was cheating on me. With another woman. That's why I left. What else could I do?

(Len is doing his best not to pay attention to her. She stares at her phone until it rings again)

KAREN: It's him.

(Len nods but keeps trying hard to stay uninvolved.)

KAREN: I don't want to talk to him.

LEN: You could tell him that.

KAREN: Then I'd have to talk to him.

LEN: You could turn your phone off.

KAREN: What if my agent calls?

LEN: He could leave a message.

KAREN: (responding to Len as though he was a complete idiot) You're not in the business, are you? (The phone keeps ringing) He's not going to stop.

LEN: You could tell him to stop.

KAREN: But, then...

LEN: You'd have to talk to him...Of course.

(Karen moves closer to Len, smiles flirtatiously - after all she is an actress... and holds the phone up so the ring tone begins to drive Len a little crazy)

LEN: You're going to keep doing that until I answer your phone, aren't you?

KAREN: (She smiles and hands him the phone) Thank you.

LEN: (hits the button and speaks) Hello... Hold on. (to Karen) Are you Karen? (she nods) He wants to talk to you.

KAREN: I know that.

LEN: (into phone) Can I tell her who's calling?

KAREN: I know who's calling.

LEN: (to Karen) He wants to know who I am.

KAREN: Tell him... Tell him... (off-handedly) Tell him you're my lover.

LEN: Are you crazy? You don't have to answer that.

KAREN: Yeah, you're right. Tell him you're the guy who's banging me. (with

great relish) Yeah, tell him you're the guy who's banging me.

(The play continues)

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