

BEA from RUNNING IN PLACE by Joshua James

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So I said to this bastard, I said, listen Hank, I'm not just an easy lay, you hearin' me? All you do is go out, get drunk, come over an see me at three in the morning and jump in my bed an' get your rocks off. You probably don't even remember what I look like with my clothes on. I'm just a naked body to you. I'm not gonna be that way, you big oaf, go away and don't come back until you got it figured out what you want with me. And he stomped off all pissed off and cussin', but you know what? Next day, I got a dozen roses. 'Course the cheap bastard probably got 'em from his cousin, but still, it's the thought that counts. Then he calls up and he's actin' all nicey-nicey and askin' me how I am, an' am I still mad at him and so on. An' I says I'm ain't sure yet, call me next week and next week I get another dozen roses and he calls again and he's still all nicey-nicey and wants to know if I'm still mad at him and I says no, but if he still wants to see me, he has to learn to treat me like a person and not just a naked body, if it's a naked body he wants, he can buy one of them damn blow-up dolls.

BONNIE

Good for you.

BEA

He has to treat me nice and buy me things and do things for me and not swear too much in front of me 'cause it pisses me off. I'm not one of his damned drinkin' buddies down at the bar. I'm a full-blooded woman an' I want respect. I get the respect I want, then he can get into my bed.

BONNIE

You're gonna make him wait awhile for that, I'll bet.

BEA

I don't know, honey, my britches are gettin' kind of itchy myself. Don't know how long I can hold out. I should make him suffer a while longer, but I figger one of these afternoons I'm not gonna be able to stand it an' I'll explode and rip his clothes off an' ride him like the wild stallion he is.

BONNIE

Beatrice!

BEA

Honey, you get to be my age, everyday your body is remindin' ya of how old it is. You get outa bed, your muscles ache, you bend over, your bones creak. Sex is one of the few things you can do with your body to make it feel good that doesn't half kill ya. You just kick back and relax and let the good times roll. I'll take a good roll in the hay over this joggin' and aerobics crap anyday. 'Course, you gotta have a man that knows his way around things, and Hank, that's the good thing 'bout him, he's been in an' out of the barn a few times.

BONNIE

Somethin's gotten into you.

BEA

Nothin's gotten into me, that's the problem. It's been three weeks since I had a really good one. Now it's all I think about. Tell you the truth, I didn't really mind that he just came over for a screw every now an' again, I just didn't want him thinkin' I didn't mind. I like to keep the old boy on his toes.