

Voicemail Full

By Blake Pierson

1.

Characters

DANA

ANDREW

CLAIRE

AUTOMATED VOICE / Judy

DR. KUSHNER

911 OPERATOR

****Voices are filtered to resemble that of an answering machine.****

RINGBACK TONE TO:

(Ringback tone.)

DANA

Hi, it's Dana. I'm sorry I couldn't come to the phone right now but leave your name and number and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

(Beep.)

ANDREW

Hi, Dana, it's Andrew, um, I feel like we left off on the wrong foot and I just thought that we should talk some more. So, um, ya know, give me a call back. I hope you feel okay. Bye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

CLAIRE

(Concerned)

Hey, Dana, it's Claire. Just wanted to check on ya, make sure you're feeling okay. . . don't forget to eat. . . okay, give me a call back or a text, just let me know you're... awake. Okay, I love you, bye.

2.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone)

ANDREW

Hi. It's me, again. You still haven't responded. I'm just trying to talk things out 'cause I know you're upset and I don't like when you're upset... I got a little too mad, I know, I know-- but that happens, you know me(!) I'm passionate about things. And I love you, Dana, that was just heat of the moment stuff-- I didn't really mean any of it. I just want to talk civilly. Call me back-- or text me.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

AUTOMATED VOICE

This is a call from CVS Pharmacy. We are calling to inform you that a prescription for DANA is ready to be picked up. Thank you and have a nice day.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

It's Andrew. Please call me back. I shouldn't have left when I did and you were right, I should've turned around and came back but I just know how I get at times-- I didn't want to make things worse. I just wanted to cool off-- I was *going* to come back-- just-- let's talk, okay, please call me.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

3.

CLAIRE

Hey Dana, it's Claire. I'm having some friends over tonight and I think it'd be good to get you out of the house. I'm not gonna push you to do anything, I know how you feel, but-- well, sis, you're going to have to push through this. I know it's hard but you're going to have to do things that you don't want to just because they're good for you. I just want you back to how you were before-- just please, take care of yourself, let me know if you want to come over tonight, I can even pick you up if you need... Alright, bye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

It's me again, Dana, um... I'm not trying to seem pushy or overbearing but I *really* think that we should talk. When you first brought up the splitting up thing I didn't know what to think. I wasn't listening to your reasoning-- I wasn't listening period, I was just kind of confused-- I thought it was something I did wrong-- but you were just trying to make sure that we were right, that our love was legitimate, and

I get that-- and I think you can see now that our love *is* legitimate. I understand where you're coming from, Dana, but believe me when I tell you we're so much better together. Call me back, Dana, please. I love you. Bye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

Hey, Dana. I know you wanted time apart, I know, and ya know, you've gotten that-- it's been what two weeks(?) three weeks(?)-- that's enough time to have thought about things and processed them, hell it only took four days for me to process. It's time to move forward, Dana. *We* need to move forward. I'm sorry to

4 .

tell you that we can't be separate for too long-- and that's a good thing. You can't stand being apart, I know it, I see it. You feel so *alone*. You feel so *empty*. You always felt like no one would love you but here I am loving you unconditionally-- and now I'm gone and you don't know what to do now-- but I'm telling you, just call me back, Dana. Once we talk, I know you'll feel much better. Okay, just-- you don't even have to type the number anymore you just have to click on my name-- please.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

I just wanted to say that I wouldn't see anybody else. Even though we're split and you want to "take a break" so that we can chase other opportunities and see what's out there-- I don't need to see anymore, I've seen all I've needed to. I see you and I love you and you're the only thing I need to see to be happy. It's not about trying

to get with other people, maybe that's what it is for you, to explore, and that's fine, but I don't need to do that, I just need you. I need you to *call* me back so that we can talk so that you can understand so that we can see eye-to-eye. Call me.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

DR. KUSHNER

Hello, Dana, this is Dr. Kushner calling, I missed you today. I know that you've been going through some difficult stuff recently and you've missed our last three scheduled sessions. I just wanted to check in on you and make sure that everything's alright. Of course, if you would like to cancel your future scheduled appointments, we surely can do that for you, we can even direct you to a different program if you need. You can call us back at 816-555-9121. Alright, best regards, bye.

5.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

I don't understand what's wrong with me, Dana. Why can't you just call me back? The strings are loose, all I'm trying to do is tie them up! You want to break up, that's fine! I'm not upset about that, but we need to finish our conversation, we need to end it-- we need to do it face-to-face so that you can't hang up on me again. If it's really "just a break" then we need to discuss the parameters of that, I'm just trying to help you, make you feel better. I know how low you are right now

and I'm trying to lift you up. I always used to make you so happy and I just want to do that to you now. All you're thinking are sad thoughts but I want you to think all your happy thoughts about me. How we were, so that you can understand where I'm coming from, why I don't care. Please just call me, I have so much to say and in a much better way than I'd put it before. Okay? Please, Dana, we need to talk.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

Hey, Dana, it's Andrew. I know that this is your number, and I know that at this point, you're just ignoring my phone calls and my texts. You're making me out to seem much more creepy by not responding. I'm just trying to make amends. If we're going to split we should do it in a nicer way than we did. Okay? Call me, bye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone-- cut short)

DANA

6.

(Infuriated, scared, you can hear the tears despite her tough facade)

If you keep calling me I *will* call the police. I don't know who you are, now *stop calling me*.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

Dana, I really think we should talk. I want you to know that I'm not mad at you. I can only be mad at you for a little bit. You hold your anger for longer, you emote intensely and that's okay, but that's all this is, you feeling your emotions as deeply as you do, blocking out reason, the cries from others, the attempts to console you, you're strong and you're aware but when you're down, you clam up. I got a crowbar, babe, I wanna crack you open so that you can be free to live like you want to! You don't understand how little time you have. Call me, please, I love you to death. Bye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

OPERATOR

Buxton Police Department, how may I help you?

DANA

Hello, my name's Dana Wood, I've been receiving unsolicited phone calls from an unnamed person. They've been leaving long, personal messages repeatedly over the last couple days.

OPERATOR

What exactly is the content of these phone calls?

7.

DANA

My boyfriend, Andy McNeil, died in a car crash a few weeks ago and this man keeps calling pretending to be him saying he wants to get back together or something.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

JUDY

Hi, Dana, this is Judy calling from Dr. Campbell's office. I'm calling to tell you that Dr. Campbell has requested that you make another appointment. He got the results back from your tissue sample and asked that you make an appointment as soon as possible. Call us back at 816-555-5481. Goodbye.

(CLICK)

(Ringback tone.)

ANDREW

Dana, it's Andrew. I just want to tell you that it wasn't your fault. I was changing the song on my phone and swerved. It wasn't because I was mad at you or because I was trying to turn around because of you-- it was my own stupid thing. Please stop blaming yourself, it takes too much out of you to live the life you deserve. Goodbye love. I'll see you soon.

(CLICK)

THE END