

Excerpt from BRIDGE AND TUNNEL by Anne Flanagan (2 pgs)

I am in a major crisis.

N I K K I

W hat? W hy?

T I F F A N Y

Nikki reaches into her large bag and retrieves a woman's shoe.

T I F F A N Y (C O N T ' D)

It's too small?

N I K K I

I found it at Tom's.

T I F F A N Y

Oh!!

N I K K I

Exactly! It was under his bed. I was looking for my iPhone which rolled -

T I F F A N Y

i-phones roll?

N I K K I

-under the bed and BAM ! I found this.

T I F F A N Y

Just one?

N I K K I

Yeah.

T I F F A N Y

Size six.

N I K K I

Yeah.

T I F F A N Y

So it's not Tom 's.

N I K K I

NO it's not Tom 's! O H M Y G O D what am I gonna do?

T I F F A N Y

You could ask him about it.

N I K K I

Are you crazy?! First, he'll think I was snooping and second, he totally weirds out about relationship stuff. You shoulda seen his face when I asked his vision of our future!

T I F F A N Y

M m m . How many times you been out with him?

N I K K I

Three!! Plus twenty five texts and four phone conversations, one that was like forty minutes, so in New York math, that's like 5.6 dates. We done it twice, both on date three, which, as I said, was really date 5.6, so it's not like I'm a slut or anything, and I thought we had a true emotional connection but now I don't know! I think he lives alone - although he is a teacher and he probably don't make that much money so maybe he gets a roommate, but he never mentioned one. He gets a daughter but she lives with her Mom and, anyways, she's like nine and this is definitely not the shoe of a nine year old. But maybe his daughter was there and when the Ex came to pick her up, she lost her shoe? And then - what? She just left with one shoe? You'd notice that right? It's not like an earring, those, sure they get lost without you noticing, but a shoe?! No one loses a shoe and don't know it - unless they're stoned. Wait! What if his Ex was there and she was totally stoned or, no, what if they BOTH were totally stoned together and then they - O H M Y G O D !!! Do you think she was there?! Do you think they got high?! Do you think they're back TOGETHER? Or'd'ya think it's something else entirely?!

T I F F A N Y

U m m m Yes?