

~~I don't wanna think about.~~

HELEN AUDITION

~~TOM I guess.~~

START

HELEN Please, you need to stay in this. Focused on it, so don't drift off or anything. I love you so much, I really do, Tom. Feel a connection with you that I haven't allowed myself to dream of, let alone be a part of, in so long. Maybe ever. But I can't be with you if you're feeling something other than that same thing that I am . . . completely and utterly open to that other person. I don't know what to say here, Tom . . . I'm worried sick. Look at me . . . when did you ever see me not eat a hot dog that was placed in front of me? Huh? (*Tries to chuckle.*) I know you hate those jokes, sorry, but I'm . . . Tom, tell me about it. I know you're thinking something, so we might as well just . . . one more thing. Just this. And I've never said this to anyone, not any other person in the world. Ever. My parents or a . . . no one. I would change for you. I would. I don't mean Slim-Fast or that one diet that the guy on TV did . . . with the sandwiches from Subway. That guy . . .

~~TOM Helen . . . that . . . that's not . . .~~

HELEN I'll do something radical to myself if you want me to. Like be stapled or have some surgery or whatever it takes—one of those *rings*—because I do not want this to end. I'm willing to do that, because of what you mean to me. The kind of, just, *ecstasy* that you've brought me. So . . . I just wanted you to know that.

FINISH