

Return To Paradise: (Sheriff's decision)

BETH

(There is a knock at the door) Sheriff?

SHERIFF

Hey.

BETH

Well hi.... I didn't expect to see you. Come on in.

SHERIFF

Thanks. How you doing?

BETH

(sarcastic) Couldn't be better.

SHERIFF

Yeah?

BETH

Please give me some good news. Are you...um...Did you get my message about dinner?

SHERIFF

Yeah, yeah, I got your message. But I can't make dinner, actually, I got some plans tonight, but I did want to return this to you.....the tape. *(Holding VHS tape)*

BETH

Uh..ok. *(pause)* Did you watch it?

SHERIFF

Yeah, I watched it. I watched the whole thing.

BETH

Uh- huh?

SHERIFF

And...I did a lot of soul searching last night with this.

BETH

Right?

SHERIFF

And you know, I figured you got to know, sooner than later because of everything. I just wanted to come and... to let you knowwhere you stand with me.

BETH

That's good. Where do I stand.... with you?

SHERIFF

I talked to Tony, and he said that he's going...he's like halfway to Panang already. I think he just needs a nudge. But I think...I think he'll probably go back. But you know, I looked inside, deep inside, Beth...to find something..... But it isn't in me.

BETH

Oh, it isn't in you? God, jot that down for me would you? Do me a favor, write that down for me. I mean just a few words I'd like to give them to Lewis right before he hangs. You know a letter from a pal. "Listen, I searched my soul", was the best part for me. That's...that's great. I think he'd love to know that you searched your soul before....you decided not to go.

SHERIFF

(whispers) Yeah.

BETH

They just told me that they weighed Lewis today. For the trapdoors of the gallows.

SHERIFF

Beth...

BETH

Get out of here. Get the fuck outta here Sheriff.

(Sheriff turns, and exits through the door)