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## Cell Phone Dramas

Overheard

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Woman on the street:

"I'm just trying to have a relationship here! We have to work together every day. **OK,** so I kissed you the other night. I'll just have to live with that."

"**Then** what did she do, dude?"

Man in a grocery store reading a label on a box:

"It doesn't say 'fat free.'"

What difference does it make?,"  
Pause. **No you're not.**

Tall blonde in a boutique:

"**She got this great job** on Wall Street, and she doesn't even have her MBA. I don't know how she did it; she wasn't even referred or anything. She just sent her résumé, for god's sake, and she got

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an interview and the job.  
**And get this:** She has her own admin. I mean, it's like that movie *Working Girl*; you know, with Melanie Whatshername, she's married to that hunk Antonio Whatshisname."

"Hello...hello...**hello**...  
you're breaking up...."

"Hey, I'm calling from Bellevue.  
Yeah, the psych ward."

Pause.

"Well, I kind of jumped in front of the subway, so they brought me here. So, listen, I don't think I can make brunch tomorrow."

"Can you hear me **NOW?**"

**Man in a Gap:**

"They have one that's kind of purple and a blue one." Pause. "Light purple." Pause. "Yeah, I guess you'd call it lavender." Pause. "Dark blue." Pause.

"**I dunno, DARK BLUE.**" Pause. "OK, then the purple one?"

**Hands-free use of your cell phone while driving can be more dangerous than driving while legally drunk**, according to a new study by researchers at the University of Utah. Using earphones may free your hands, but it impairs your visual awareness and slows reaction time—similar to having a 0.08 blood alcohol level, considered legally under the influence in most states.