

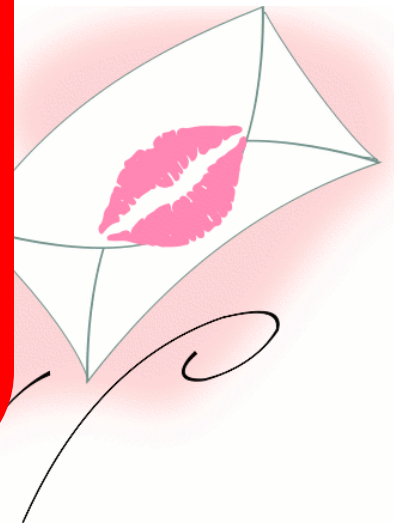
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Ross likes Joan, so he tells her jokes. Joan does not smile at the jokes.

“Woe is me,” moans Ross. “I have no hope. I will be alone, with no Joan.”

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Hope is not lost. Joan has a note for Ross. Ross reads the note. It says, “I like your joke, Ross. Let’s go on a date on a boat.”



Ross hops and nods. He will go on a date with Joan, so he will not mope. Joan gave him a note, so he has a bit of hope.