

“...You look so relaxed and beautiful,” Pierre told Angela after an hour of intense lovemaking one early afternoon, both their bodies glistening with sweat.

“You, too, she responded. “We both needed this trip.”

“I agree, but you, especially. You were recently getting a bit miserable,” he admonished her.

Angela was amused at his honesty which she found funny, and the room rang with her laughter.

“Yes. You are right,” she said. “You have been holding me on a string, and this trip was the welcome break that I needed.”

“I see that you are trying to get back at me, but you are absolutely right,” he remarked. “We both needed it.”

Then out of the clear blue, she asked, “Do you think about Juliet while you are with me?”

He was taken completely by surprise by her question. At first, he did not know whether he should be truthful or not in his response. He was quite aware that Angela commanded his full attention whenever he was with her, but that did not mean that he did not stay in touch with Juliet or think about her.

“I sometimes do,” he said. *At least he was halfway honest*, he thought.”