LAST WORDS FOR LARISSA by Tim Renner



ACROSS

- **1.** Insect I shooed away from your face before our first kiss
- **5.** Card game we used to play at your apartment to pass the time before going out
- **10.** "Let's ____" (your old-fashioned call to go dancing)
- **13.** Area needed for a proper game of adult hide-and-seek, as defined by your rules
- **14.** First name of mutual friend who introduced us when we had Spanish class together junior year
- **15.** You told me mine was bright and beautiful
- **16.** What I brought over as a peace offering for your jealous cat

- **17.** How your roommate and her boyfriend felt after challenging us to a dance-off
- **18.** Adj. describing the photos you messaged me after I told you to be proud of your body (abbv.)
- **19.** You were missing one of these after we went sledding on the knoll
- **21.** How I felt whenever you smiled at me
- **23.** After we had a pregnancy scare, you decided to use one of these
- **24.** Type of tree we carved our initials into
- 25. At your parents' lake house, you told me that my eyes and the water were the ____ (two words) (vowels omitted)

- **28.** "____ yourself" (what I urged you to do over and over again)
- **30.** Online gaming site you made fun of me for using (deservedly so)
- **34.** "Mythology and Folk___" (senior-year class we decided to take together)
- **35.** What I preferred to be called instead of "Timbo"
- **36.** Jazz legend we listened to every Sunday afternoon while doing the crossword together
- **37.** What you called Esrah after finding out where he was from
- **38.** What we yelled at each other during intense rounds of miniature golf
- **40.** What you did in my bed after we finished a fifth of vodka
- **41.** What transformed you into the hottest ginger on campus (two words)
- **43.** What you did with your fingers whenever you felt anxious
- 44. "If the ___'s a rockin', don't bother knockin'" (our tailgating slogan, spelled phonetically)
- 45. "Soor ____" (Scottish candy your family got me hooked on)
- **46.** Every time I thumbed through your impeccable record collection, I thought for sure our relationship would be an LP and not an ____
- **47.** Adj. describing your preferred brush stroke for painting the world
- **48.** TV network you wrote a 24-page case study about for your Media and Cultural Studies class
- **50.** "You owe me ____ time" (how I responded upon proofreading said paper for you)
- **51.** What you cooked for me the night I first told you I loved you
- **55.** Adj. describing the process of convincing you to come home with me for Christmas

- **59.** We shouted this so many times while drinking ouzo at Athena's they threatened to kick us out
- **60.** After you took this class at the rec center, you were convinced you could kick my ass
- **62.** How you responded when I first told you I loved you (two words) (abbv.)
- 63. "____ Night With Conan O'Brien" (what we used to watch while dozing off in each other's arms)
- **64.** "___ Disco" (surprisingly catchy genre of music you introduced me to)
- **65.** Product to blame for my inability to leave your legs alone
- **66.** We shouted this so many times while drinking tequila at El Rodeo they threatened to kick us out
- 67. Adj. describing the TV when you finally told me you loved me
- **68.** Adj. describing my state when you finally told me you loved me

DOWN

- **1.** Last name of musician you said was corny to listen to during sex
- 2. Without bothering to invite me, you went with your friends to see the Tigers play in the _____ Tournament
- **3.** "Did you hear about the new pirate movie? It's rated ____" (bad joke I got tired of hearing you tell)
- **4.** What you dubbed my hometown, referencing its size and shittiness ("it looks like those slums where Eminem grew up")
- **5.** In contrast to my excitement, your reaction to Obama's election (two words) (abbv.)
- **6.** "Time ____ the essence" (my rationale for bringing up marriage a few weeks before graduation, when

- we were both unsure of where we'd end up next) (two words)
- **7.** First three letters that would have been engraved on my wedding band
- **8.** What you forgot to pack for our whitewater rafting trip
- **9.** What I thought when I brought up marriage again, and you tapped your fingers on the bar
- **10.** "Chicago or ___!" (your reaction to the announcement of the Lollapalooza lineup)
- **11.** What you named the goldfish I won for you at the state fair, a nod to your favorite mythological figure **12.** Type of shop where I sold my
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- **15.** What the people outside looked like from the window of our hotel on the Mag Mile (two words)
- **20.** What you stuttered in response to my question: "Who is the only person who would do all this for you?" (three words) (abbv.)
- 22. "Why you be ___?" (what I said when you didn't crack a smile once during The Killers set)
- **25.** What you did to your beer instead of answering my question
- **26.** We had sex for the last time at a depressing one of these
- 27. Your ____, from Sex And The City: "Maybe some women aren't meant to be tamed."
- **28.** "___ Chem" (hardest test I'd ever encountered before falling in love with you)
- **29.** What your colons and open parentheses did better than you
- **31.** What you were eating when you suggested we take a break (two words)
- **32.** "____ Jelly" (Bob Marley song I listened to on repeat: "You said you

- love me / I said I love you / Why won't you stop your cryin'")
- **33.** What I did that caused everything to change
- **35.** Body part I always used to stub on your stupid coffee table
- **36.** What I wish was printed on the back of a college diploma
- **38.** I wanted you to be one of these
- **39.** What we did on our last day as a couple
- **42.** The guy I saw you flirting with at the gym was unquestionably one of these
- **44.** What we spent our time doing when I showed up to your birthday party uninvited
- **47.** "I ____ you adieu" (if only your parting words had been so polite)
- **49**. What you said when I got too drunk and begged you to come over to my apartment one last time
- **50.** What I did day after day instead of getting out of bed
- **51.** Type of tie you gave me that no longer amuses me
- **52.** Your birthstone, my kryptonite
- **53.** Name of the girl I made out with at The Pour House who lacked your beauty and intellect
- **54.** "Te echo de menos. ____ sabes." (In English: "I miss you. Now you know.") (two words)
- **55.** Lesson learned: we're not ____ to make people love us
- **56.** "You'll be ____" (last thing you ever said to me)
- **57.** I always thought we were meant to be one of these
- **58.** How my whole body felt after you stopped answering my calls
- **61.** To consume or corrode (what love did to my heart)