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RE: WHAT MEN WANT

May I ask that the umbrella gag, which is original with me, be left out of the new version of "WHAT MEN WANT"? I would like very much to use this incident in some other story that I might write for Universal.

I read the new version and it follows in the main my original adaptation - - values, characterizations and even incidents but is treated differently, with the added incident of Lee being the mistress of some man which you personally suggested. You may recall I wrote an outline based on your idea.

Personally, I think the first version is the best, but of course I'm prejudiced. I maintain however that there is more drama to it and the characters are more real and there is a *raison d'etre* for their actions. This is not meant in any way as criticism of the new version, for I hope my mind is sufficiently elastic to allow for the opinions of others.

Although many of my ideas are embodied in the new version I would much prefer not to have my name on this.