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HER:

What are you doing?

HIM:

I'm emptying my desk. The Board has asked for my resignation.

HER:

It's all been settled. They took care of it. It's over.

HIM:

Your news bulletin is a little late.

HER:

So . . . why are you emptying your desk? What are you doing?

HIM:

What does it look like I'm doing? I quit.

HER:

But . . . you can't.

HIM:

Oh, yes I can.

HER:

But . . . why?

HIM:

Some school teacher knocked up a sixteen year old girl and I took her to get an abortion. Now, if I don't resign they're going to nail my ass to the wall.

HER:

They're bluffing, Alex. They would never risk the publicity. Didn't you hear what I said before? The school board settled the case. They paid off the girl and her parents. The board was more afraid of the publicity than of losing. Fight them, Alex.

HIM:

You still can't see it, can you? Nobody cares!! I am out! I'm through fighting. I can't make a difference.

HER:

Yes, you can!

HIM:

No . . . I can't. Good bye.

HER:

NO! No, damn you. Don't you just walk away, Alex. Don't you turn your back on those kids. Just because you are scared, so everybody loses . . . is that it, Alex? Just because you are the one afraid to face reality? You're the one afraid to drop your shields because if you did you have to take the risk of staying and fighting. You're scared, Alex. There is a whole room full of kids right down that hall . . . and they care! And there's a hell of a lot more where they came from. They need you and you need them. You just pretend that it isn't real so you have an excuse to walk away.

HIM:

Lisa. You are crazy. You are absolutely crazy!

HER:

And you are a teacher. Alex Jorell, the teacher. Don't let them destroy that.

HIM:

Oh God. (PAUSE) Let's go see the Board.