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DR. NOONAN

Hello, Suzanne.

SUZANNE

I thought I'd come a little early since I was late last time.

DR. NOONAN

Great. Come on in.

SUZANNE

What's in the cups?

DR. NOONAN

Espresso.

SUZANNE

You know that stuff will kill you.

DR. NOONAN

Please, have a seat. So, did you think about what the heart of your problem might be since our last session?

SUZANNE

Well, no, I haven't had time.

DR. NOONAN

Well, what have you been doing?

SUZANNE

Plotting my revenge.

DR. NOONAN

You're joking, right?

SUZANNE

No.

DR. NOONAN

Like I told you last time, plotting revenge is not an appropriate response and it's certainly not a very healthy thing to do.

SUZANNE

That is why I'm seeing you.

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#### DR. NOONAN

Well then, wouldn't that make you put your revenge plans on hold?

#### SUZANNE

No.

## DR. NOONAN

We're going around in circles again. If you won't listen to me and if you won't be honest about the core issue you have, there's not much I can do.

## SUZANNE

My core issue is the same as millions of people ... lousy childhood ... low self esteem ... abuse ... blah, blah, blah. I'm bored just saying it ... but you must be bored shitless hearing it al the time ... so I've jumped over all that and I'm dealing with the ramifications.

#### DR. NOONAN

I understand that, but you can't say this is the problem, but I'll solve it in an equally harmful way.

#### SUZANNE

Sure I can ... because how can I become what I am today is not going to change.

#### DR. NOONAN

Well, I disagree. That is kind of the whole point of therapy.

#### SUZANNE

Well, don't you think it's time to rethink everything. I mean, even you have to admit the rules of the game have changed. The world isn't the same. It's out of control.

## DR. NOONAN

Yes it is, but by playing the game that way it'll only become more out of control. You have to rise above it or it will never change.

### SUZANNE

See, that's where you're wrong. If we don't acknowledge the rules of engagement then we'll be destroyed by them.

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You might be right, but it's a horrible way to live.

SUZANNE

I don't see that the pricks of the world have given us much of a choice.

DR. NOONAN

I know I sound like a broken record ...

SUZANNE

Yes, you do.

DR. NOONAN

But like I've said ... I'm not in the revenge business.

SUZANNE

Why not broaden your horizons?

DR. NOONAN

You know what? I am not the right person for you.

SUZANNE

Are you terminating me?

DR. NOONAN

I wouldn't put it that way. I just don't see the world the way you do ... so I can't help you.

SUZANNE

Can't ... or won't?

DR. NOONAN

Fine. I won't help you.

SUZANNE

Oh, no you don't. You're in the service business. You can't fire me! I won't be fired again! Do you understand that?

DR. NOONAN

Don't take this personally. I'm not firing you. I just know that my style of therapy is not right for you.

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## SUZANNE

Bullshit! There's no such thing as a style of therapy and you know it. What do you think... that I'm stupid?

# DR. NOONAN

No, I don't think you're stupid ..., but now you're getting abusive and you have to stop.

### SUZANNE

You haven't seen abuse. You want to see abuse? Take a flashlight into my soul. Then you'll see abuse. You just sit in your ivory tower ... you and your dog and then you just neatly clean the shit from the world off your shoe ... but you don't take it to heart. You live your life, as they suffer through theirs. That's what you people do.

DR. NOONAN

You need to leave now.

SUZANNE

Nobody tells me what to do.

DR. NOONAN

Alright, then... would you please leave?

#### SUZANNE

Just one more thing, Doc. You're life isn't so great that you can sit in judgment of other people's. You don't have much of one either. You're just like the rest of us!

DR. NOONAN

You're right.

SUZANNE

Don't let the last thing you say to me be patronizing, Doc. Doesn't bode well.