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SHE

You are going to love this place, Patrick. It's only a one-bedroom but Daddy says it's big enough for the both of us. Get this, honey, he paid for the first six months of rent. He got it through this friend of his. It'll be great until we get married and then we can move to that two-bedroom on the fourth floor.

HE

I can't do it.

SHE

Can't do what?

HE

I can't move into this apartment with you.

SHE

Why not? It's perfect.

HE

I'm sure it is, but ethically, morally, I can't do it. I can't live with a woman I'm not married to. I would need for us to get married in order for me to feel comfortable.

SHE

But we're going to get married eventually, right, so what's the difference?

HE

The difference is, we're not married now. Therefore I would be living in sin.

SHE

We're not living in sin, we love each other.

HE

What's that? What does that mean? There's no amendment to the rule "living in sin, lest you love". Okay? I can't do it. That's the bottom line.

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SHE

I know what you're doing here, you know. I know you're afraid of making a commitment like that. You just don't want to live with me and you're using this as an excuse because you're not willing to make a commitment like that, are you?

HE

No. No, Susan, it's not that. I swear.

SHE

Then what is it?

HE

It's I'm a Catholic, that's what it is. There are certain rules and regulations you gotta live by. I'm living by them. Hey, for the same reason you won't eat bacon with your cheeseburger, huh? It's a part of my baggage.

SHE

Well then I really think you should consider converting because Daddy is going to be very upset.