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DAUGHTER

So what's wrong?

MOTHER

What? I didn't say a word.

DAUGHTER

I know, and very loudly.

MOTHER

Okay, I'm worried Maggie. I'd like you to drop the case.

DAUGHTER

Tell him to drop it. I dare you.

MOTHER

He won't.

DAUGHTER

I dare you.

MOTHER

He won't, you know he won't.

DAUGHTER

It's the first time I have him in a place where he doesn't make the rules. In front of a judge, in a courtroom. A place where I can beat him.

MOTHER

Beat him? He's your father, Maggie.

DAUGHTER

So what? I am sick and tired of being afraid of him. All my life he's made me feel like I wasn't good enough. Never mind if he was!

MOTHER

He made some mistakes. That just makes him human.

DAUGHTER

Too human. You, of all people, should know that. All those women! Were those mistakes

CLASS ACTION 5 - 2

MOTHER

What happened between your father and me is our concern. I think if I can put it behind me, you should too.

DAUGHTER

I tried. I can't. Mom I was there, I saw how much he hurt you. Why didn't you just leave him? ... Come on, talk to me.

MOTHER

About what you choose? What about what I want!

DAUGHTER

I won't drop this case. I won't! Somebody has to fight and you didn't!

MOTHER

Oh Maggie, you never understood. Maybe that's my fault. Look, I had to make a choice with your father. It was a very hard choice. Sure, I could have left, God knows, I thought about it. But I still love him, so I decided to stay and try to make it work. It took a long time, but we got through it, and I honestly feel that I got a lot more than I gave up by staying. And I still do. Whether you believe it or not.

DAUGHTER

That's fine, Ma. You forgive him. You have a right to your choice, I have a right to mine.