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Episode 14 “[Playing Games](#)“

Act 1

- Harry** You like living in New York, don't you?
- Susan** Oh, I love it. It's so convenient. I can take the bus to work...or the subway...or a taxi. And there's so much to do. Lots of movie houses, and the theater.
- Harry** I know what you mean. I'd like to live in the city, but living in New Jersey and the suburbs is better for Michelle. Trees, grass.
- Susan** There's a lot of good things about suburban living. I grew up in Riverdale, Remember?So I know. But, as a working woman, I think New York has all the conveniences-including the best tomatoes.
- Harry** The truth is, I'd like to live in the city. Michelle's the right age. There are lots of things for her here.
- Susan** You're right, Harry. Today is the perfect example. Michelle and her friends are at the aquarium in Brooklyn. They come back here for lunch, then go uptown to the Museum of Natural History. There's so much for young people to see and do. It's just incredible!
- Harry** Not just for young people. What about me? I've never been to the aquarium or Museum of Natural History. Have you?
- Susan** Oh yes, Harry. My mother and father often took us somewhere in the city on the weekends. Dad was a busy doctor, but he usually managed to squeeze a Sunday in with Richard, Robbie, and me. I used to love to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Harry** I've been there several times. Twice with Michelle.
- Susan** You ought to think about spending more time with Michelle at all the great places in the city.
- Harry** Well, perhaps, you'll help me select some of the great places. And perhaps, you'll join us?
- Susan** Perhaps I will.
- Susan** Well, there we are .All set for lunch, Harry.
- Harry** It looks inviting. I wish Michelle and her friends would get here. I'm starving, aren't you?
- Susan** I can't wait to take a bite of the pumpernickel. It smells so delicious. Coming! Coming! Who is it?
- Michelle** Michelle. It's us, Susan.
- Susan** Come in Michelle, and bring your friends along. We're on the fifth floor. Oh you're been here before
- Harry** Susan, I really appreciate your doing this Michelle and her friends.
- Susan** Oh, please, Harry. It's nothing. I'm not just doing it for Michelle. I'm doing it for you.
- Harry** Thank you.

Susan I'm doing it for us, Harry.

Harry Well, it's...it's important for Michelle to see us together more often. That's true.

Susan It's important for Michelle and me to get to know each other better. That's important for us.

Harry That makes me feel good.

Susan What, Harry? What makes you feel good?

Harry Well, that you care about Michelle, that you care about me, and that you care about us.

Susan Well, Harry, that's because I do. I do care.

Harry They'll be here any minute. Susan, I'd like to continue this conversation later.

Susan Of course, Harry. We'll finish the conversation when they go to the museum.

Harry I'd like that.

Susan So would I.