

RS#11 Jo & Prof. Bhaer

Start

JO

(surprised)



Professor Bhaer - ?

PROFESSOR BHAER

Hello.

JO

Hello. This is a surprise.

PROFESSOR BHAER

I know. You wrote if I should ever come north, I should come visit you.

JO

Yes, but -

PROFESSOR BHAER

You never thought I would do it. Well, I did it. I am here. Should I go?

JO

No -

PROFESSOR BHAER

I am not intruding?

JO

You're not intruding.... Come inside, I'll introduce you -

PROFESSOR BHAER

(stopping her)

No. Not yet....

JO

(After an awkward beat)

... So how is Mrs. Kirk?

PROFESSOR BHAER

As impossible as ever.

JO

And the boarders?

PROFESSOR BHAER

As strange as ever.

JO

And you?

PROFESSOR BHAER

Me? ... The same.

JO

You look -

PROFESSOR BHAER

Old, I know. Nearly 50.

JO

You're 34.

PROFESSOR BHAER

35.

JO

You had a birthday?

PROFESSOR BHAER

They made a party for me. I get sick. I do not like parties.

(HE moves uncomfortably about. HE turns to her)

I brought back your manuscript. It was so good of you to send the book to me. A novel?

JO

There's no one who's opinion I respect more than yours. Forgive me for presuming -

PROFESSOR BHAER

(coming right in)

It touched me deeply, Miss March. I saw you on every page. I heard your voice. I felt your spirit. It was magnificent!

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