

KEEPING THE FAITH

ANNA

I didn't go into explicit detail but she knows we weren't holding hands.

JAKE

Jeez. God, I can't believe you did that. We agreed this was between us.

ANNA

Jake, I didn't tell her – she figured it out on her own.

JAKE

Well did you at least try to deny it?

ANNA

Come on Jake, she knew.

JAKE

Oh. No wonder she was crying.

ANNA

You know I was crying too all right? – we had a very nice talk about it to be honest with you – yes she was upset but she was not angry.

JAKE

Yeah... No... That's the face she put on for you.

ANNA

I don't think so.

JAKE

I know, okay? All right... I mean trust me – you have no idea the nightmare that I'm in for now.

ANNA

Allright, you know what? This is not a nightmare okay so stop it.

Hey. Look at me.

Look at me.

I am in love with you Jake.

JAKE

Yeah I love you too.

ANNA

No. You are IN love with me you jerk, you just won't say it because you're scared of what it involves.

JAKE

Yes. I am.

ANNA

Yeah, me too. But I'm dealing with it because I'm overwhelmed by this feeling that I have for you and I want to see if I can work it out.

JAKE

Great. How do I work it out?

ANNA

Okay, well let's just take it from the top. Don't talk to me about your mother or your brother or your synagogue – just you, what do you need to work it out?

JAKE

Those things are me. Do you understand that? I can't separate them out. I mean it might be hard for you to accept, but the fact that you're not Jewish is a real problem for me.

ANNA

I don't think so.

(He walks)

Okay okay okay...

All I'm saying Jake is that I think you should be honest with yourself because I think that if it was just up to you, you would stick with this and see where this relationship is going – but it's a problem for you because you assume that all the people in your life can't deal with it.

JAKE

No! They can't!

ANNA

Well give them a little credit Jake – it's the 21st Century.

JAKE

The 21st Century? What the hell does the 21st Century have to do with anything? This is you and me right? I thought we were supposed to be just having a good time? Keep it simple..

ANNA

Well that's my point. I'm having fun.

JAKE

I'm having fun too. This is a lot of fun. Woo-woo! Fun!

ANNA

Exactly. So why throw it away?

JAKE

Look, maybe you're right, but can't you see that you're asking me to risk losing everything that's important to me just to see if we work. I mean I love you, but we're so different in so many ways that have nothing to do with whether or not you're Jewish.

ANNA

What are you saying?

JAKE

I'm saying we have totally different priorities. Look at your life – I don't think there's room in it for what I'm spiritually committed to.

ANNA

That is so unfair. Your faith is a huge part of what I love about you. But you have to have some patience for the fact that it doesn't come as easily for most people as it does for you. And you know what? You are never going to find the kind of relationship that I know you want and you are never going to be the kind of spiritual leader that you could be until you learn to put a little faith in other people.

I am not saying let's get married – all I am saying is that I am in love with you – and I want to give
it a real shot, that's all I'm saying.

JAKE

I don't know what to say.

ANNA

How about I've been waiting for someone like you my whole life and I'm not gonna let you go?

JAKE

I'm sorry.

ANNA

You think you're sorry now wait till you realize I just went out that door and I'm not coming back.

(She leaves-and quickly returns)

This is my apartment. You get out.