

SCENE 14

C - Nick and Diane

On one of the busses, NICK approaches DIANE.

NICK

Mind if I sit here? The drunk people from our plane are snoring back there...

DIANE

Oh hello, Nick! Please do... I thought we'd lost you.

NICK

No—I just needed to get an emergency prescription filled—my medication is in my suitcase. Nothing serious. Not like, "Ohmygod, he's off his medication." I'll stop talking now.

DIANE

It's fine.

NICK

...It's heart medication. I've got a slight arrhythmia—nothing serious. There you go—everything you need to know about me.

DIANE

Okay. I'm allergic to bananas and I have never had the chicken pox.

THEY both smile.

NICK

Any news yet about your husband who was flying today?

DIANE

My—? No—do you mind if we just don't talk about that. I haven't been able to get to a phone.

NICK

I'm sorry. I'll help you find a phone as soon as we get... wherever we're going.

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DIANE

We're told by our pilot to stay close to our shelters so we're ready to go again.

NICK

But Diane wants to take one last look around. And I can't let her go by herself.

DIANE

And we find a gorgeous lookout: the Dover Fault.

DIANE stands on a chair and looks out.

NICK

(exhausted)

There's about a million stairs.

DIANE

It's beautiful. Nick! You've gotta see this.

HE steps up next to her and looks.

NICK

(looking)

Wow...

DIANE

I can't believe we're here.

NICK

I know.

DIANE

I can't believe we're leaving!

NICK

(quietly)

I don't want to go.

DIANE

What did you say?

NICK

I don't know. I'm—I'm going to get a picture or two.

DIANE

Oh, okay.

- Stop The World

NICK turns to take a picture of her – and DIANE freezes.

NICK

STOP THE WORLD
TAKE A PICTURE
TRY TO CAPTURE
TO ENSURE THIS MOMENT LASTS

WE'RE STILL IN IT
BUT IN A MINUTE
THAT'S THE LIMIT
AND THIS PRESENT WILL BE PAST

SO HERE WE ARE
WHERE THE WORLD HAS COME TOGETHER
SO HERE SHE'LL BE
IN THIS PICTURE FOREVER

DIANE unfreezes.

DIANE

Look at this: Five hundred and forty million years ago, the continents of the world crashed together right here. And two hundred million years ago, they separated again, moving apart from each other.

NICK

Huh.

DIANE

But a little part of them was left behind.