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Coach Dale is not popular at the new high school where he serves as head basketball coach. She is vice principal and hasn't been especially warm, but there is something about him that appeals to her. Their relationship is brewing. She finds him alone in the fields.

HER

Hi.

(he's startled)

Sorry.

(he relaxes and smiles)

Me.

He looks at her curiously.

HER (CONT'D)

Cleatis told me where I could find you. I used to play in these fields. I used to wonder what it would feel like to start walking and just keep going.

DALE

(referring to his current situation w/ the community)

Hm. It's tempting.

HER

Aren't you the kind who'd rather look for a fight than run away from one?

DALE

What?

HER

(she pulls a paper from her pocket)

Norman Dale, coach of the national champions Ithica Warriors was given a lifetime suspension to be honored by all NCAA signatories for physically assaulting his own player in Ithica's last season's game. This was the latest in a series of controversial incidents involving the successful, yet highly volatile coach. The New York High school Coaches Association has stated that they will honor the suspension as well.

She folds the paper and puts it away.

DALE

Where'd you find that article?

HER

Library in Deer Lick.

DALE

Hm.

HER

I was curious.

(beat)

I want to tell you that I think your efforts regarding "Shooter" have been noble, they have, they've been fine.

He is uncomfortable at the compliment.

HER (CONT'D)

And I appreciate you staying away from Jimmy the way you have.

She and he sit in silence. She's waiting for an explanation.

DALE

I can't really explain. I mean, it's been a number of years and it still kinda goes around in my head. I slow it down, sometimes I really think that I can stop my fist from hitting that boy's jaw. In one second, everything I'd worked for was just finished. Funny thing, too, he was the best kid that ever played for me -- tough, stubborn, willfull.

HER

Sounds like someone I know.

(beat)

I don't think you better be there tonight at the voting. It won't be pleasant.