

**VI/SHAW – ACT 1 SCENE 5**

**VI**

Shaw, if you're angry with Ariel, please tell her why.

**SHAW**

I'm not angry. I'm concerned.

**VI**

Then get to the point. You two speak and nothing gets said.

**SHAW**

Have you seen her with this Chuck Cranston? The last time I walking in on the two of them...

**VI**

You told me.

**SHAW**

The boy has a record of arrests, Vi.

**VI**

And the more you object, the more intrigued she's going to be.

**SHAW**

So I should hold my peace?

**VI**

I do. And I pray that her infatuation with Chuck Cranston lasts no longer than mine with Elliot Criswell.

**SHAW**

Elliot Criswell was not an overheated delinquent.

**VI**

Oh, he most certainly was!

**SHAW**

This is not funny.

**VI**

I'm trying to lighten the mood.

**SHAW**

Well, I can't. I'm frightened about where Ariel is, what she's doing...

**VI**

You can't expect her to sit home with us.

Let's stop this conversation right here.

**SHAW**

Conversation?

**VI**

Vi...

**SHAW**

I seem to have walked in on one of your sermons.

**VI**

Please! Let's not say anything we might regret.

**SHAW**

*(He goes, leaving VI alone.)*