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It's a better Plan.

JASCHA

ANIKA:

What?

JASCHA:

Plan B. Plan A is biblical to me. And the bible is nonsense. But Plan B - it's better. Plan B I can get my mind around.

ANIKA:

You can?

JASCHA

Dov wants me to go into Germany and work among the SS? Dov wants me in Nuremberg prison.

ANIKA

I know. It's a great responsibility. But you're the only one who can do it. If Dov looked like you, don't think for a second he wouldn't be there.

JASCHA

Dov's a coward. He will poison their water from a safe distance. But he won't put himself out there on the front.

ANIKA

How can you even say that after everything he did for us all in the forest. You saw him with your very own eyes! He's the bravest man I know.

JASCHA

Yeah? Then where is he?

She goes to the door, opens and closes it.

ANIKA

(whispering)

Arrested.

JASCHA

What? He was caught?

ANIKA

We've been betrayed.

A moment as Jascha takes this in

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JASCHA

Wait a minute. How long have you known? Since before you screwed me?

ANIKA

How dare you! How dare you even suggest such a thing? Of course not. Dinchka just called when you were asleep.

JASCHA

Plan A is dead?

And Dov is on his way to jail?

ANIKA

It looks that way. The world continues to disappoint me, Jascha. The world continues to be unfair.

JASCHA

Poor Anika.

He holds her compassionately.

ANIKA

So?

He shakes his head. She looks into his eyes.

Not even for me?

But you said anything.

JASCHA

Don't be unfair.

ANIKA

You're a liar.

JASCHA

This is my life you want me to risk.

ANIKA

And so what if it is. Some things are more important than life, Jascha. Surely you know that.

JASCHA

That's easy for you to say- in Paris.

ANIKA

I could never love a man who didn't understand that.

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