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RACHEL  
(as Ms. Watson)

## Scene 5

*Carrie enters the Ms. Watson's office at Daniel and Josh's school.*

Ms. Watson    No need to panic, Josh and Daniel are fine!

Carrie        Oh thank god! My phone died right after you said an incident, so I was kind of freaking out.

Carrie        Ok.

Ms. Watson    Do you want some water? Coffee? It's terrible coffee but -

Carrie        No thank you.

Ms. Watson    I've tried to gather all the info I can. I'm told that at recess there were some kids teasing Daniel because he couldn't get the straw into the juice box. He tried to do it himself.

Carrie        What? Really, where was Lisa?

Ms. Watson    Ms. Carlson was sick today/so there was a sub EA.

Carrie        Oh, I really wish someone would call when she is sick because-

Ms. Watson    Well the sub has worked with Daniel before and seems very capable and is trained, but forgot about some of the snacks and the packaging.

Carrie        That's why it's good to call us.

Ms. Watson    Sure, we will do that in the future absolutely.

Carrie        So-

Ms. Watson    We are very sorry that happened but then of course you know how some kids are, not all of them are as enlightened and sweet as your boys.

Carrie        Some kids, let me guess, Alexander Penner.

Ms. Watson    Well yes and a few others.

Carrie           Who?

Ms. Watson    I don't think they quite understand that Daniel doesn't have the ability to-

Carrie           Oh they understand. We've been through this before with Alexander, and his nasty little sister. Alexander has known Daniel forever so I'm sorry I don't believe that. He understands.

Ms. Watson    It escalated because Josh got involved.

Carrie           Sorry?

Ms. Watson    Josh saw what was going on and then, and well, uh, well, Josh put Alexander in the garbage can.

Carrie           Fabulous.

Ms. Watson    And he poured a bottle of juice on him. It was grape juice so it stained his, his Jets jersey. Expensive jersey.

Carrie           Ok.

Ms. Watson    Alexander is of course very upset and Alexander's parents are very upset-

Carrie           Oh, Alexander's parents are very upset? Of course it's upsetting to have a child who has no soul. No empathy.

Ms. Watson    They would like Josh to replace / the Jets jersey

Carrie           WOW! Wow. This is really something. Do they know why the -- you filled them in on all of this.

Ms. Watson    Yes. They know and Alexander apologized.

Carrie           Will Alexander be punished?

Ms. Watson    Carrie, we have a zero tolerance for violence policy-

Carrie           I didn't know that. It's not going so well. Was Alexander punished when he shoved Daniel's chair into the wall?

Ms. Watson    Carrie, I think, maybe we could all sit down together./ I would be willing to facilitate a conversation.

Carrie            You do not want *us* to sit down with Alexander and his parents, believe me. Daniel can't , he can't and Alexander has always always made fun of him since nursery. He said he was a baby, he called him a baby, at a birthday party, "why is this baby here?" In Music, "Daniel can't sing because he sounds like a retard." At the kiddie pool, "I don't want to swim next to him. " On and on and on and his mom has heard him tons of times and she doesn't stop him. She doesn't educate him.

Ms. Watson    I've talked to her/I have tried to-

Carrie            And there he is on pink shirt day, wearing his pink shirt. Puhlease!!

Ms. Watson    Carrie

Carrie            I have reached out to them before, I have tried with them. That kid was a three-year-old asshole.

Ms. Watson    Unfortunately, Josh must have a consequence.

Carrie            Josh must- Josh was defending his brother, which he shouldn't have had to do.

Ms. Watson    I want to make sure this never happens again.

Carrie            I teach my kids to take responsibility, but I don't think Josh did anything wrong and I'm not going to make him apologize when he was just being a good brother.

Ms. Watson    He had other options.

Carrie            I won't ask him to apologize.

Ms. Watson    Josh did apologize. ( *beat* ) and he offered to buy him a new jersey.

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*Carrie takes a deep breath.*

Carrie            They were teasing Daniel, *again* and somehow Josh has to buy Alexander a jersey.

Ms. Watson    And we decided he has to miss the soccer outing as a consequence.

Carrie            No. No, please something else, please.

Ms. Watson    I'm sorry Carrie but that's what we decided. Josh has agreed. I let them hang out in here for a while. I have to tell you, you have two of the nicest kids. This may seem like a strange thing to say, but I'm really proud of Josh and Daniel. You and