

LOSING LOCAL

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LUTHER MACK, 40's, a weary senior editor of the newspaper, approaches to see AMY BISHOP, 40's, a workaholic columnist, busy at her desk.

Amy is thumbing through pieces of paper when she accidentally spills her coffee all over her desk. She scrambles to save her laptop and several papers from getting wet.

Luther scoffs at Amy in peril and shakes his head at her typical behavior.

LUTHER  
You should try sippy cups.

AMY  
Not funny Luther.

He hands her some tissues from a box on someone else's desk.

LUTHER  
Amy we have to talk.

AMY  
More cutbacks?

LUTHER  
The paper is being bought out by a larger syndication, and some of our local reporters are going to be laid off.

AMY  
My column? Is it BROHA news?

He nods scornfully.

AMY (CONT'D)  
Luther you can't do this to me, I have a mortgage and a kid on one income.

LUTHER  
My hands are tied Amy.

AMY  
You're keeping YOUR job though right?

LUTHER  
I don't know for how long. Amy look, I like you, I like your column, you know that.

AMY  
When's my last day.

LUTHER  
Tomorrow.

AMY  
Luther?

LUTHER  
I know.(pause) Look, if you can get  
me next week's column in by the  
morning, I'll print it next week  
and that will give you an extra  
week's pay. That's the best I can  
do. I'm sorry, I'm sure gonna miss  
you around here.

She nods.

LUTHER (CONT'D)  
Hey Amy, it's your last column so,  
make it a good one. Maybe tell  
those bitches at BROHA what's  
really going on in small town  
America.