

Fe: I can never forgive him.

Mike: Who?

Fe: Ted. We were supposed to **get married** but instead he went into the army and **got engaged** to someone else.

Mike: How long ago was that?

Fe: What difference does it make? I'll never forget or forgive his lies.

Mike: Do you think he was lying to you **deliberately**? Was he just trying to use you? Or do you think he was **merely** wrong—that he thought he loved you but was mistaken?

Fe: I don't care, he hurt my pride terribly. He destroyed my entire future.

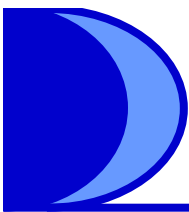
Mike: Did he? Hasn't he been replaced in your affections by others? Haven't you had a rich, loving life?

Fe: Yes, well, don't I deserve one?

Mike: Didn't he deserve one too? If he truly did not love you, weren't you both **better off** when he left you.

Fe: That's what happened to him anyway. He married a woman for her money and social position.

Mike: Then maybe he got what he deserve after all.



VOCABULARY WORDS

deliberately
merely

EXPRESSIONS

get married
got engaged
better off

QUESTIONS:

1. Does time heal all wounds, what do you think?
2. Should there be an emotional statute of limitations?
3. Can injustice ever be rectified? Explain your position.
4. Is the woman being overly sensitive to past slights, or is she just being honest? Why do you think so?

LET'S TALK

1. You hold a high position in one company. You're pilfering supplies for your child. The CEO track down the culprit. A cleaning lady is the suspect, and is fired right away. Are you going to confess or remain silent?
2. One day , while you're running, you saw a man drowning in the lake. Obviously he can't swim, and will sure die in a second or two. Are you going to save him? Why or why not?