

Not in Our Town – Free – Mel and Anna

MEL

You and Alex okay?

ANNA

Who knows? There's chili on the stove.

MEL

No Dad?

ANNA

He's at a special meeting of the Human Rights Society. They're planning on denouncing the people who threw a brick through the Feuer's window. They'll offer up some strongly-worded announcement to show they care.

(MEL picks up a prop from the home – perhaps a candlestick and uses it as a microphone.)

MEL

“Our hearts are heavy that there are those among us who choose violence. As members of the Human Rights Society, we *strongly* condemn the actions of those who sent a misguided Chanukah message.”

ANNA

Something like that. I don't know why they bother. Anytime a world leader denounces a terrorist, it seems to empower them.

MEL

That's a wave. Although the physics books would not necessarily classify it as such.

ANNA

You're brain-dead.

MEL

Probably.

ANNA

I wish I was. Mine won't stop.

MEL

Here read this. It'll stop you cold.

ANNA

(Paging through a textbook.)

Do you – for real – understand this?

MEL

The scary thing is – sometimes I do. But usually I don't and I want to know what happens to my brain when I do – so that I could train my brain to stay on that wave. They don't call it "brain waves" for nothing. (Beat.) The menorah's pretty good. Love candles. Light is a wave and a particle.

ANNA

A menorah is not physics.

MEL

Everything's physics. A brick through a window – that's a particle. Or a million particles... if you want to get picky. It moves in a straight line and bounces off of things. But in this case because the brick is indeed a million things. It doesn't bounce off windows. It smashes them. So I just disproved my own theory.

ANNA

I have a headache.

MEL

The message from the particle/brick – that's a wave. A wave is spread out. It doesn't bounce off of stuff but it can come together with other waves and get huge.

ANNA

So the haters threw a particle and created a wave?

MEL

Every shard of glass has the energy from being hit. The sound you keep hearing –

ANNA

That's the message.

MEL

That's the wave.