BRENDA

And when they ask you about building puzzles?

BOB

I will be … brief.

BRENDA

Good.

BOB

As brief as possible, considering the complex nature of crossword puzzle construction.

BRENDA

That sounds like code for “excruciatingly long.”

BOB

I’ve got to fill up thirty whole minutes.

BRENDA

Right, and you’re going to lose them in thirty seconds if you get too technical. This is *live*, Bob. Primetime. Haven’t you ever heard of broad appeal?

BOB

You sound like Crenshaw.

BRENDA

No, I sound like me. Crenshaw wanted to feed the contestants answers. I want us to stay on the air honestly, without the threat of some Robert-Redford-*Quiz-Show-*type scandal always looming over us. And what could be more honest than doing the show live and unedited?

BOB

I guess.

BRENDA

Can you have a little faith? Please? The live show might have been the kid’s idea, but I’m the one who convinced Crenshaw that we should do an interview, too.

BOB

(*Sarcastic.*)

And I’m eternally grateful.