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immediately. If you are a public official or government employee...

... MRS. HARLOWE: Jerry, ask again. HARLOWE: Dont waste you time. He wont let anyone in. He said he didnt have any room or supplies there and its designed for three people.

MRS.HENDERSON: Whatll we do? HARLOWE: Maybe we ought to pick out just one basement and go to work on it. Pull all our stuff.

Food, water, everything. MRS.HARLOWE: It isnt fair. (she points toward Stockton house) Hes down there in a bomb shelter completely safe. And our kids have to just wait around for a bomb to

drop and HENDERSON: Lets just go down into his basement and break down the door? A chorus of voices greet this with assent. As

HENDERSON rushes through toward the basement entrance, HARLOWE overtakes him saying: HARLOWE: Wait a minute, wait a minute. All of us couldnt fit in there. That would be crazy to even try. WEISS: Why dont we draw lots? Pick out one family?

HARLOWE: What difference would it make? He wont let us in.

HENDERSON: We can all march down there and tell him hes got the whole street against him. We could do that. HARLOWE: What good would that do? I keep telling you. Even if we were to break down the door, it couldnt accommodate all of us. Wed just be killing everybody and for no reason. MRS. HENDERSON: If it saves even

one of these kids out hereI call that a reason. The voice comes up again. WEISS: Jerry, you know him better than nay of us. Youre his best friend. Why dont you go down again? Try to talk to him.

Pleased with him. Tell him to pick out one family Draw lots or

something HENDERSON: One family, meaning yours, Weiss, huh?

WEISS: (whirls around to him) Why not? Ive got a three-month-old infant MRS. HENDERSON: What difference does that make? Is your babys life any more precious than our kids? WEISS: (shouting at her) I never said that. If youre going to start trying to argue about who deserves to live more than the next one HENDERSON: Why dont you shut your mouth, Weiss? (with a wild, illogical anger) Thats the way it is when the foreigners come over here. Aggressive, greedy, semi-Americans WEISS: (his face goes white) Why you garbage-brained idiot you MRS. HENDERSON: It still goes, Weiss! I bet youre at the bottom of the list WEISS suddenly flings himself through the crowd toward the man and theres a brief, hand-to-hand fight between them broken up by HARLOWE who stands between them breathless.

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