TITLE: HOW TO COMMUNICATE: ENDING A RELATIONSHIP, WHAT IF #1

00:00 [ALEX walks into the living room where MIRIRAI is looking over a paper.]

00:01 **ALEX**: Bad news?

00:03 **MIRIRAI**: (pauses, then answers with resolve). It's the contract for renewing our lease on the apartment and I wanted to…

00:06 **ALEX**: (interrupts and reaches for the paper) Oh! Yeah! It's that time I guess. Do you want me to sign somewhere?

00:09 **MIRIRAI**: Alex. I need to talk with you. It’s important and it's going to take a while. Do you have to be anywhere? Is now a good time to chat?

00:15 **ALEX**: (breezily.) Yeah. Now's good. What's up? (sits down)

00:18 **MIRIRAI**: I just want to talk about what to do about the apartment.

00:21 **ALEX**: (sensing this is serious, stops to talk) Okay. What about it?

00:25 **MIRIRAI**: Alex, I'm going to look for another place to live. I mean, on my own. I just don’t feel that there’s a solid connection between us anymore. Not like there was when we first moved in here together. I feel like we’re going in different directions…

00:40 **ALEX**: (interrupts with a tone like Mirirai is overreacting) Come on. What are you talking about? It's fine. It’s just fine. Look, I know we disagree a lot lately, but so what? You think other people don't argue?