

BESSIE. Is there a phone?
RUTH. I'll call. (*She exits.*)
LEE. Dr. Serat and Dr. Wally are meeting us at the hospital.
BESSIE. Dr. Serat?
LEE. He's back.
BESSIE. I have to go back in the hospital?
LEE. They want to look at you. If you feel good there's no reason you can't come home.
BESSIE. I feel good.
LEE. What happened?
BESSIE. I fainted.
LEE. From the heat?
BESSIE. There was blood in my mouth.
LEE. Is your mouth still bleeding?
BESSIE. No. Did a doctor look at me?
LEE. No. He just thought you fainted so he carried you in here to lie down.
BESSIE. Who's he?
LEE. The gopher man.
BESSIE. The gopher man?
LEE. Yes.
BESSIE. Carried me to the Lost Children's hut?
LEE. He just thought you fainted. He didn't know you had been bleeding.
BESSIE. I couldn't have bled that much.
LEE. Maybe you were kind of faint from not eating, too. That might be all it is.
BESSIE. I fainted because ... I was scared.
LEE. You're all right.
BESSIE. I was so scared.
LEE. That's okay.
BESSIE. What's happening to me?
LEE. Shhh.
BESSIE. I can't sleep anymore. I never sleep. I'm afraid to close my eyes. I'll close my eyes and I won't wake up. So I jerk myself awake. I yank myself awake all night long.
LEE. Bessie ...

BESSIE. I pour myself some coffee.
LEE. It's okay.
BESSIE. I just want to find a place to hide.
LEE. You're okay.
BESSIE. I'm trying to be brave.
LEE. Shh. Shh.
BESSIE. But I'm scared. I'm so scared. *(They hug.)*
LEE. Shh. Shh. You're okay. Oh, you're okay. *(Comforts her silently.)* What have you got to be scared of? Everything is going to be okay. You'll see. There's still Hank and Charlie. Are you forgetting that? You're okay.
BESSIE. Where are they?
LEE. They're sitting out front.
BESSIE. Was Space Mountain fun?
LEE. Uh-huh, it was real fun.
BESSIE. You're lucky to have those boys.
LEE. I know I am.
BESSIE. They're good boys, both of them.
LEE. Yes, they are.
BESSIE. And you know?
LEE. What?
BESSIE. I'm lucky to have Dad and Ruth.
LEE. Mm-hmm.
BESSIE. I've had such love in my life. I look back and I've had such love.
LEE. They love you very much.
BESSIE. I don't mean — I mean I love them. I am so lucky to have been able to love someone so much. I am so lucky to have loved so much. I am so lucky.
LEE. Yes, you are. You are.
BESSIE. We're fooling ourselves, Lee. *(Hank appears in the doorway.)*
LEE. How?
BESSIE. Hank and Charlie aren't going to match.
LEE. We don't know that.
BESSIE. They're my nephews. They're once removed.
LEE. It could still happen.
BESSIE. I don't want to pretend any longer. We have too