

~~HANK. Did you hear what I said?~~

~~CHARLIE. Yeah.~~

~~HANK. Okay. Charlie, how much money you got down here?~~

~~CHARLIE. I have fifteen dollars and thirty-six cents left.~~

~~HANK. Why'd you buy that stupid Goofy cap?~~

~~CHARLIE. I like it.~~

~~HANK. If I ever take anything from you, you know I'll find a way to pay you back. (Pause.)~~

~~CHARLIE. Hank?~~

~~HANK. Go to sleep now.~~

Scene 7

Bessie's home. Ruth sits in her chair. Charlie stands over her. Lee's makeup kit is open and spread on Ruth's lap. Ruth is dressed up.

BEGIN

RUTH. Try this one. *(Hands him an eyeliner.)*

CHARLIE. I'm afraid I'll poke you in the eye.

RUTH. Oh, no. I trust you. You've got a steady hand. Not like me.

CHARLIE. Look up. *(Applies eyeliner.)*

RUTH. Not too heavy.

CHARLIE. Okay.

RUTH. I don't mean to tell you what to do.

CHARLIE. No, tell me.

RUTH. I haven't had reason to pretty myself up since, I can't think when.

CHARLIE. Today's the day.

RUTH. I hope nothing goes wrong. They almost got married once before but the church caught fire.

CHARLIE. Is Coral the same character who shot Lance's dad in the head?

RUTH. Mm-hm.

CHARLIE. And now they're getting married?

END

RUTH. Well, he lived. And she felt awful about it.

CHARLIE. How's that?

RUTH. Oh, what a good job.

CHARLIE. You look pretty.

RUTH. I do not. If I look anything at all it's because you're such a help. Charlie, where's Hank? I want him to move the TV from my room into Bessie's room so she can watch too.

CHARLIE. I can do it.

RUTH. Are you sure?

CHARLIE. Yeah.

RUTH. *(As he goes.)* It's awfully heavy. *(Charlie exits.)*

~~LEE. *(Enters.)* Let me see, Ruth. Oh, you're beautiful.~~

~~RUTH. Don't make fun of me.~~

~~LEE. I'm not.~~

~~RUTH. I'm a silly old woman dressing up for a TV show.~~

~~LEE. You're not. I'm going to make some snacks so we won't be getting up during the program.~~

~~RUTH. Oh, my. It's becoming such a production. Is everybody going to watch?~~

~~LEE. I don't know if Hank is. I don't know where he's got to.~~

~~RUTH. I'll find him.~~

~~LEE. It's so nice to have you up and around, Ruth. It must be wonderful to be rid of constant pain.~~

~~RUTH. Oh, yes. Though I do sometimes miss it. *(Exits. Lee puts chips in a bowl. Charlie reenters reading his book, takes some chips, crosses to chair and begins to read. Bessie enters.)*~~

~~LEE. What are you doing up?~~

~~BESSIE. I'm going to give Dad his one o'clock.~~

~~LEE. I was going to do that.~~

~~BESSIE. Oh, I can do it.~~

~~LEE. You're supposed to be taking it easy.~~

~~BESSIE. I am.~~

~~LEE. Do you want something to snack on?~~

~~BESSIE. Better just cut me up some fruit. *(Phone rings.)*~~

~~LEE. *(Answers.)* Hello? Hello Dr. Serat.~~

~~BESSIE. What is it?~~

~~LEE. It's Dr. Serat. He wants to talk to you.~~