

## MARVIN'S ROOM

Lee

I can fix that wig for you, you know?

Bessie

Does it look bad?

Lee

No, but if you have a wig you should try to have fun with it, you should try different looks, you know maybe something sporty, maybe an out on the town, evening kinda thing.

Bessie

Well I just brush it now and then.

Lee

I also have my whole makeup kit down here..you wanna see? Now this is a really great night creme Bessie...

Bessie

Oh I don't know, I never really bother much with makeup.

Lee

Oh well you should...because it's fun...and you never know when you might meet somebody.

Bessie

Oh my goodness. I haven't thought about a man in years.

Lee

You're lying.

Bessie

Lee. I'm sorry if we haven't been seeing eye to eye...I don't want us to fight.

Lee

I don't think we have been.

Bessie

I want us to get along.

Lee

We do get along.

Bessie

But I mean, I don't want us to just get along,  
I don't want us to be polite.

Lee

Well, ok, I don't have any problem with that.

Bessie

I want, I want, I wan...nothing much seems important  
to me right now.

Lee

We're sisters.

Bessie

Are you seeing anybody now?

Lee

Usually.

Bessie

I hope you have someone real in your life.

Lee

I don't have any trouble with that.

Bessie

Well, I'm not talking about that.

Lee

Well you should be, hey there's no reason  
why you haven't had love in your life.

Bessie

I had a true love.

Lee

You did.

Bessie

Yes.

Lee  
Did he know?

Bessie  
Yes.

Lee  
How could I not have known this?

Bessie  
Oh he wasn't somebody that you would know.

Lee  
Come on! It's not like I'm going to tell anybody!!!

Bessie  
Clarence James.

Lee  
Who?

Bessie  
Well he was only around during the summers.

Lee  
oh my God, you went with a carney worker.

Bessie  
Well he was a very nice person.

Lee  
I didn't say anything.

Bessie  
This is why I kept it as secret.

Lee  
Wow, which one was he?

Bessie  
He mostly ran the ferris wheel.

Lee  
Oh yeah, I remember him, he was cute.

Bessie

Oh yeah, and he had the funniest laugh, he'd open his mouth real wide and no sound would come out.

Lee

Oh God.

Bessie

No sound would come out!!

Lee

Well, so what happened?

Bessie

Well you know how they used to have that last picnic, down by the river?

Lee

Yeah

Bessie

Well Clarence goes swimming and he knows everybody is watching him and everybody is there, his family, his friends...

Lee

You.

Bessie

And me. And he's laughing, he's making that monkey face, that... and you know, just gets all of us laughing, so then he dunks under the water and he pops up again and he's laughing even harder, and he dives under again, and he doesn't come up, and he doesn't come up, and ... then he doesn't come up.

Lee

What?

Bessie

Yeah, laughing and choking looked the same on Clarence. He drowned...and oh God...we were just standing there watching...

Lee

Oh my God. I can't believe you never told me this.

Bessie

Well if I couldn't tell people I had a carney boyfriend,

I couldn't tell them my carney boyfriend drowned.

Lee

Yeah but you should've told me.

Bessie

We were never that close.

Lee

We weren't?

Bessie

No.

Lee

Want me to do something with that wig?

Bessie

What?

Lee

I don't know, let me see it.

Bessie

Well, here.

Lee

No, you gotta take it off.

Bessie

Oh.

Lee

I'm not gonna hurt it. It's a good wig Bessie, it's nicely ventilated, we could do something with this, you want me to?

Bessie

Sure.

Lee

Yeah, it's a good weave. I'm glad we made this trip, I wish we could stay longer, I'll go get me brush....found it.