SCENE:

(SHIRA, having just seen CATHERINE and ADELINE pass, rushes to JEANINE.)

SHIRA
You are never going to believe what I just saw! In fact, I don't even think I believe it!

JEANINE
I hope you're not about to gossip about someone we know...

SHIRA
It's Catherine Lewis.

JEANINE
Oh, what?

SHIRA
It just so happens I might have seen CATHERINE walking along the shore collecting sea glass – as she does.

JEANINE
As she does.

SHIRA
And it just so happens there might have been a child I've never seen before beside her –

JEANINE
No there wasn't –

SHIRA
Yes there was. And it was... certainly interesting

JEANINE
But of course, you would never imply such a thing.

SHIRA
It just so happens I might have thought the child just might have looked like her,
SHIRA
BUT IT WAS DARK, AND WHO CAN SAY?

JEANINE
WHO CAN SAY?

SHIRA
AND OF COURSE NOW THE WHOLE THING JUST SEEMS LIKE A BLUR

JEANINE
BUT OF COURSE, SHE’S ALWAYS LIVED HER LIFE HER WAY

SHIRA
SHE COULD HAVE BEEN PASSING HER TIME WITH A FLING

JEANINE
BUT OF COURSE, WE WOULD NEVER IMPLY SUCH A THING

ROGER
Hey there, you two! What’s the good news? You sure look like you’re having fun.

JEANINE
Nothing, Roger. Just a little girl talk.

SHIRA
Yes – a little girl talk indeed...

JEANINE
Shush!

BRENDA
Are you talking about the little girl I saw with Catherine Lewis just now?

ROGER
What’s that? A little girl? Is it hers?

SHIRA
We never said that at all.

JEANINE
No, no, not at all.
SHIRA
WELL, I'VE BEEN WATCHING,
AND I HAVEN'T SEEN THE GIRL AT ALL
FOR AT LEAST A WEEK –

ROGER
I HAVEN'T EITHER (NOT THAT I WAS WATCHING – )

MAN
ME EITHER!

SHIRA
IT'S BEEN SO LONG ALREADY.

ROGER
CAN'T SOMEBODY JUST DROP BY HER HOUSE AND SNEAK A PEEK?

JEANINE
WELL –
WE CAN'T JUST KEEP WONDERING.

ALL
BUT HOW COULD WE EVER FIND OUT SUCH A THING?

JEANINE
SUPPOSE I BAKE A KEY LIME PIE AND I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO GIVE IT TO.
SUPPOSE I TAKE IT TO CATHERINE AND SHE FORGETS TO INVITE ME IN
SO I INVITE MYSELF IN, TO SHOW HER WHAT'S POLITE
IF I MEET THE GIRL, I'D SAY HELLO, JUST TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT
AND OF COURSE I'D HAVE TO ASK HER NAME IF I WERE PAYING A CALL
AND I WOULDN'T IMPLY ANYTHING, NOT A THING AT ALL

OTHERS
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JEANINE
Well then, looks like I’ve got some baking to do.
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