

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

INT. CAFÉ

Evening time. Ruth sits alone at a table in the café. Idgie comes up behind Ruth and puts a hat on Ruth's head, startling her.

IDGIE

Sorry. What are ya doin' in here?

Idgie sits across from Ruth.

RUTH

No milk in the house. Where were you?

IDGIE

Takin' care of business, havin' a good time.

RUTH

I've been thinkin' maybe I should move on...because of Frank and all.

Ruth stands and moves away from the table.

RUTH (CONT'D)

I just don't want you to feel like you have to look out for us. I just...don't want to be selfish, that's all. Maybe if I wasn't here, you'd settle down.

IDGIE

I'm as settled as I ever hope to be.

Idgie stands and walks up to Ruth. Idgie brushes Ruth's hair out of her face. Ruth sits on a bar stool.

RUTH

Then...why can't you tell me where you were?

Idgie does not respond. Ruth stands again and walks back to the table. She sits down.

RUTH (CONT'D)

I had a dream...the other night. I dreamt that...that Buddy was gone. I ran to his crib and there he was, sleepin' like an angel. And, you know, I thank God for lettin' me still have Buddy. And...I remembered...havin' the same reaction after Frank would beat me, thankin' the Lord for givin' me the strength to take it. And I remembered...thankin' the Lord for each day my mother lived...even when she was spittin' up blood and prayin' for me to kill her. I looked in my mother's eyes, pleadin' for me to help her...and all I could do was pray. While...while you were gone, as I was holdin' Buddy, I thought, if that bastard, Frank

Bennett...ever tries to take my child, I
won't pray. I'll break his neck.

IDGIE

Ruth, you don't have to worry about
Frank Bennett anymore.

RUTH

How can you say that? It's his child,
too. He won't give up on his blood.

IDGIE

I'm only gonna tell you this one time.
Frank Bennett won't be bothering you no
more. You understand?

RUTH

You killed him...didn't you?

IDGIE

No.

Idgie shakes her head. Ruth shakes her head back at Idgie
and they share a look.

IDGIE (CONT'D)

You don't believe me.

RUTH

Right now, I don't know what to
believe.

IDGIE

Believe me when I tell you I don't want
you to move out.