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.