INT. LAURA'S HOME - KITCHEN - DAY

Laura is attempting to bake and decorate a cake, with no success.

    LAURA
    It didn't work. Damn it! It didn't work.

Kitty knocks on the door.

    KITTY
    Hello? Laura?

Laura opens the door.

    LAURA
    Hi, Kitty.

    KITTY
    Hi, am I interrupting?

    LAURA
    Of course not, come in.

    KITTY
    Are you all right?

    LAURA
    Why, sure! Sit down, I've got coffee on. Would you like some?

    KITTY
    Please. Oh, look, you made a cake!

    LAURA
    I know. Didn't work. I thought it was going to work. I thought it would work better than that.

    KITTY
    Oh, Laura, I don't understand why you find it so difficult!

    LAURA
    I don't know either.

    KITTY
    Everyone can make a cake.

    LAURA
    I know.
KITTY
Everyone can. It's ridiculously easy. Like, I bet you didn't even grease the pan.

LAURA
I greased the pan.

KITTY
All right. You know, you have other virtues. And Dan loves you so much he won't even notice. Whatever you do, he's gonna say it's wonderful. Well, it's true!

LAURA
Does Ray have a birthday?

KITTY
Sure he does!

LAURA
When is it?

KITTY
September. We go to the country club. We always go to the country club. We drink martinis and spend the day with fifty people.

LAURA
Ray's got a lot of friends.

KITTY
He does...

LAURA
You both have a lot of friends. You are good at it. How is Ray? I haven't seen him in a while.

KITTY
Ray's fine. These guys are something, aren't they?

LAURA
Oh, yes, you can say that again. They came home from the war... They deserved it, didn't they? After what they'd been through.

KITTY
What... did they deserve?
LAURA
I don't know. Us, I guess. All this.

KITTY
Oh, you are reading a book.

LAURA
Yeah.

KITTY
What's this one about?

LAURA
Oh, it's about... This woman who's incredibly... well, she's a hostess, and she's incredibly confident and she's going to give a party. And maybe because she's confident, everyone thinks she's fine... But she isn't. So.

KITTY
Well.

LAURA
Kitty, what is it? Is something wrong?

KITTY
I... I have to go into the hospital for a couple of days.

LAURA
Kitty...

KITTY
Yeah. I have some kind of... growth in my uterus and... they're going to go in and take a look.

LAURA
When?

KITTY
This afternoon. Well, I need you to feed the dog.

LAURA
Of course. Is that what you came here to ask? What did the doctor say exactly?
KITTY
Well, it’s probably what the trouble’s been... about getting pregnant. The thing is... I mean, you know... I’ve been really happy with Ray. And now it turns out there was a reason... There was a reason I couldn't conceive. You are lucky, Laura. I don't think you can call yourself a woman until you're a mother. And the joke is... all my life I could do everything. I mean, could do anything, really. Except the one thing I wanted.

LAURA
Yes.

KITTY
That's all.

LAURA
Oh, at least now they’ll be able to deal with it.

KITTY
That's right. That's what they're doing.

LAURA
That's right...

KITTY
I'm not worried. What would be the point of worrying?

LAURA
No, it’s not in your hands.

KITTY
But that's it... It's in the hands of some physician I've never even met! Some surgeon who probably drinks more martinis than Ray and...

LAURA
Oh, Kitty!

KITTY
I mean, of course I’m worried about Ray.
LAURA
Come here.

KITTY
I'm doing fine, really.

LAURA
I know, I know you are.

KITTY
I'm more worried about Ray. If anything, he's not good with this stuff.

LAURA
Forget about Ray...just forget about Ray.

Laura kisses Kitty.

KITTY
You're sweet. You know the routine, right? Half the can in the evening, and check the water now and then, and Ray will feed him in the morning.

LAURA
Kitty, you didn't mind?

KITTY
What? I didn't mind what?

LAURA
Do you want me to drive you?

KITTY
I think I'll feel better if I drive myself.

LAURA
Kitty, it's going to be all right.

KITTY
Of course it is. Bye.

Kitty exits.