

**SCENE 2**

CYNTHIA'S OFFICE.

*CAROLE knocks on Cynthia's door.*

**CAROLE**

Hi.

**CYNTHIA**

Hi! Where have you been? It's been ages.

**CAROLE**

I've been working from home. Ever since Little Eva's song took off, we don't have a sitter. Anyway, I need to talk to you. Do you Janelle Woods?

**CYNTHIA**

Yeah, I saw her doing ONE FINE DAY. God, she's really something, isn't she? She's not only talented, she's *gorgeous*.

*CAROLE can't help it. She starts to cry.*

Oh, my God, what's wrong?

**CAROLE**

Gerry's having an affair with her.

**CYNTHIA**

What could he possibly see in her? She's ugly and has no talent!

*CAROLE can't herself— she laughs.*

How did you find out?

**CAROLE**

He told me he was going to do it. Look, I know how young we were when we got married. I thought maybe if I let him leave the marriage he'll see what we have and come back. Anyway, that was the idea but so far it isn't working and it's just killing me.

**CYNTHIA**

You should tell him how you feel, that you want him to stop.

**CAROLE**

But— but what if he says: then I chose her?

**CYNTHIA**

Do you really think he'd say that?

CAROLE

I don't know. He's just not himself these days. He comes in with lots of ideas but he's not finishing much. Sometimes he has too much energy, other times he's half dead.

CYNTHIA

Do you think it's - it's drugs?

CAROLE

Maybe. He's been smoking a lot of grass. I'm so square, you know me, anything else I wouldn't know. The whole thing makes me so mad, sometimes I just hate him.

CYNTHIA

So why don't you leave him?

CAROLE

Cause I love him.

CYNTHIA

I know. Love. The basis for so much hate.

CAROLE

I don't want to be like my mother, always in a rage about a man. I want to fix this but am I crazy? Gerry's always talking about how everything is changing and he's right, it is - but is marriage an old-fashioned idea?

CYNTHIA

No.

CAROLE

So why didn't you want to do it?

CYNTHIA

You have your mother, I have mine. She stayed married to my father, whom she did not love, because she had no idea how to make a living. I don't want to be that person.

CAROLE

I don't think you would be. Would Barry want you to stop working?

CYNTHIA

I don't know what Barry wants. Every time I call him, he hangs up. So you know what? I'm over him. I'm moving on. He wants to get married, he can marry his gastroenterologist. I guess I have to find a new partner. I'm scared, Carole. You know what Donny said to me the other day?

*Spot hits DONNY:*

DONNY

What's going on with you guys? Carole and Gerry are writing much more than you. This could affect your contract.