

STEPMOTHER/ SISTERS II

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GRACE

Have you ever seen a lazier girl in your life?

JOY

Who you callin' lazy?

GRACE

You want a piece o' me?!

STEPMOTHER

Enough already! Now sit, my daughters – we need to have a talk.

(GRACE and JOY sit on the sofa; CINDERELLA also moves to sit.)

Not you. I want to talk to my real daughters. You tend that fire and serve us tea.

CINDERELLA

Yes, Stepmother.

(She starts for the fireplace.)

GRACE

I want some crumpets with my tea!

JOY

Like I don't? Crumpets, Cinderella!

CINDERELLA

Coming right up.

(The dialogue continues as CINDERELLA goes about stoking the fire.)

STEPMOTHER

My darlings – I cannot stress strongly enough how imperative it is that you make a proper impression upon the prince. You know, I will not be around forever to care for you.

JOY

Why not?

GRACE

Yeah. Where are you goin'?

STEPMOTHER

What I mean to say is that I do not intend to spend the rest of my life slaving away in this house.

(Shouting across the room.)

Cinderella, the tea!

(CINDERELLA exits to the kitchen.)

I have devoted my entire life to your comfort and well-being. Is it asking too much that I spend my golden years in a cottage by the sea?