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Episode 10 “[Smell the Flowers](#)“

Act 2

Susan Hi, Michelle. Hello, Harry. It's nice to see you again.

Michelle Hello.

Harry Hi, Susan. We have both been excited about seeing you and having lunch with you today. Michelle picked these flowers out for you.

Michelle Daddy, can we go soon?

Harry We're going to go to lunch in a few minutes, honey.

Michelle But I'm thirsty.

Harry OK. You go out and get a drink of water at the fountain.

Susan The fountain is over there, Michelle. Near the Exit sign.

Michelle Thank you.

Harry Michelle is a little shy.

Susan I used to be that way when I was her age. Harry, if Michelle doesn't want to go, we don't have to.

Harry She'll be fine. Remember, I haven't dated anyone else since her mother died. This is a little difficult for her. Are you ready to go?

Susan Yes. But could you wait one minute? I have a call to make. Would you excuse me?

Susan Sam, get Mr. Levine a Toytown Stores on the telephone for me, please.

Sam Right. Hello. Susan Stewart calling Mr. Levine, Susan Stewart. I find myself in an embarrassing situation. I made another lunch date for today and forgot to enter it in my appointment book. Can you and I meet for drinks tomorrow? I'd really appreciate it... Yes...Thank you...Tomorrow at five o'clock at the Biltmore. I'll see you then. Thank you, Mr. Levine.

Waiter Welcome to the South Street Restaurant, folks. What'll it be?

Harry What do you recommend?

Waiter Well, the crab salad's always a big hit.

Harry Susan, would you like the crab salad?

Susan I'd love the crab salad.

Harry Michelle, would you like to try the crab salad, too?

Michelle OK, Daddy.

Harry We'll have three crab salads and a pitcher of lemonade.

Waiter Help yourself to celery and carrots and other vegetables.

Harry We used to catch crabs.

Susan Where was that?

Harry We had a summer house on Fire Island. Do you remember, Michelle?

Michelle Sure. You and Mommy used to take me on the ferryboat.

Harry Sometimes, at night, we would go down to the beach and catch crabs, remember?

Michelle With a piece of meat on a string!

Harry Right. Well, I think I'm going to go get us all some vegetables.

Waiter There you go.

Susan Thank you.

Waiter And some ice-cold lemonade.

Susan Thank you.

Waiter Enjoy it.

Susan Michelle, can I help you with the lemonade?

Michelle No, thank you, I'll wait for my father.

Susan Michelle, can we have a talk?

Michelle Sure.

Susan I know you miss your mother.

Michelle You do?

Susan Yes. And I'm not trying to take her place.

Michelle Then why are you and Daddy spending so much time together?

Susan Because we like each other. And right now, he needs a friend.

Michelle I'm his friend.

Susan I know you are.

Michelle Sometimes he's very sad.

Susan And so are you, I think.

Michelle Sometimes.

Susan I'd like to be your friend, too. Will you let me be your friend, Michelle?

Harry So, what were you two talking about?

Michelle Just girl talk, daddy. It's too hard to explain.

Harry You're probably right. Well, let's get started.