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Episode 11 “[A Place of Our Own](#)“

Act 2

Virginia I remember your parents' first house very well. It was on Spring Avenue, near the park.

Richard I grew up in that house.

Virginia Yes, and you were such a cute baby.

Marilyn I've seen pictures of him. He had blond hair.

Virginia I've been friendly with the Stewart family for a long time, so It's my pleasure to help you find a house now.

Richard Well, we're not sure we can afford one.

Marilyn But we'd like to find out about the possibilities.

Virginia That's a good idea. I love your house on Linden Street. I sold your father that house seventeen years ago.

Marilyn Really?

Richard Yes, Mom was pregnant with Robbie then, and they needed the extra room.

Virginia I hear you're expecting a baby, Mrs. Stewart.

Marilyn Mmm-hmm. So we will be needing more room.

Virginia Oh, so you don't need something immediately?

Richard No. But in five or six months...

Marilyn And time passes so quickly.

Virginia Yes, it does. Well, when you called, you gave me enough information about your salaries and your savings. So I have a good idea about your financial situation. Let me show your some pictures of houses.

Marilyn With two bedrooms?

Virginia Yes, I think I can show you some. Of course, they won't be in Riverdale. The cost of housing's too high for you here.

Richard I haven't thought about living anywhere else. We've always lived in this area.

Marilyn Where should we look for a house, Mrs. Martinelli?

Virginia Well, we have an office in Mount Kisco. It's a lovely area, and it's only about an hour's drive from here. Here. I have a book with photos of some homes in that area. Now, let's see. Here. This is a lovely two-bedroom house in your price range.

Marilyn It's pretty, but I prefer a two-story home.

Richard I do, too. I don't care for a ranch type.

Virginia OK. Oh, this is a wonderful house. I know it well. I sold it to the present owners.

Richard It looks wonderful.

Virginia This is a two-bedroom, two-bath house. It has a full basement, and it is on a half-acre lot. You can probably afford this one.

Marilyn I like this house.

Richard So do I.

Virginia And the price is right. Would you like to go see it?

Richard Yes. We're planning to talk to someone at the bank next week. Perhaps we could see the house this weekend.

Virginia If some one doesn't buy it before then. But let's keep looking. Just to get an idea of some other possibilities.

Richard This is very helpful, Mrs. Martinelli.

Virginia Here. This is a wonderful example of Spanish-style architecture.

Richard Oh, I love the roof tiles on a Spanish-style house.

Marilyn It looks like the houses in Hollywood.

Virginia It's interesting. A house like this in Riverdale costs double the price. Oh my! Here's a real buy. It's a bargain. This house just came on the market.

Marilyn It's quite lovely. Is it a two-bedroom house?

Virginia No. It has three bedrooms and three baths. I know the house. It has a brand new kitchen. And a living room with a twelve-foot ceiling. And there's a two-car garage.

Richard Then why don't we go look at this house, too?

Virginia It's a good investment.

Richard Thank you, Mrs. Martinelli.

Marilyn Thanks so much.

Virginia My pleasure. Give my best to your parents.

Virginia Your father's a wonderful doctor, Richard. He took care of my daughter when she was a child. He's the best pediatrician in Westchester.

Richard Thanks, Mrs. Martinelli, I'll give them your regards.

Marilyn We really appreciate your advice.

Virginia I do think you should go see the houses and talk to the bank. Here. Let me give you some information sheets about the houses. They're both very good buys.

Richard Well, thanks so much for your help and your time, Mrs. Martinelli. We've got a lot to talk about.

Marilyn Mmm-hmm. Thanks.