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Episode 7 "Man's Best Friend"

Act 1

Alexandra Robbie, this new Walkman is absolutely wonderful. **Robbie** Richard and Marilyn bought it for me for my birthday.

Alexandra They're so thoughtful. You are very lucky, Robbie, To have such a nice

family.

Robbie Is something wrong, Alexandra?

Alexandra No, nothing.

Robbie Yes, there is. I can tell. What's the matter? Come on, you can tell me .What's

up?

Alexandra I don't know. Something's wrong.

Robbie OK, let's talk.

Alexandra I received a letter from my parents this morning.

Robbie Did they write some bad news?

Alexandra No.

Robbie Well, then why are you so sad?
Alexandra I miss them. I miss them very much.
Robbie I'm sorry. Alexandra. But I understand.

Alexandra The Mollnas treat me so nicely, and I love being with you family so much...

but when I received the letter with photographs of my family, I cried. I cried

because I miss them all.

Robbie You really miss your family, don't you?

Alexandra Yes. I know I must seem silly. It's not like I have nobody. I Like the Molinas

very much, and they're so kind to me.

Robbie Hey, why don't we go out for a cheeseburger and French mes? That'll cheer

you up. And you can use my Walkman.

Alexandra That's a good idea. But if we go out, please don't complain about your math

teacher or your math homework. I want to have fun.

Robbie So do I.

Robbie I have to turn off the lights, or else my father will get really angry. He says I

never turn them out when I leave. If they come home and they're on...

Robbie Do you hear something? **Alexandra** Yes. What was that?

Robbie It sounded like a dog barking.

Alexandra It sounded like a dog barking right here.

Robbie Yeah. Alexandra A dog!

Robbie A spaniel! Come on in! Make yourself at home.

Alexandra Oh, you poor little thing. Come here.

Robbie Come on.

Alexandra Poor baby.

Robbie Where did you come from?

Alexandra Her name's Gemma, and she belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Levinson. There's a

phone number-five five five...eight four four eight. Robbie, maybe you should call them and tell the Levinsons we have their cute little spaniel.

Robbie I've always wanted a springer spaniel. She's so cute.

Operator The number you are calling-555-8448-is no longer in service.

Robbie The number's no longer in service.

Alexandra Oh, you poor, poor baby. You've lost your family.

Robbie We'll find them. Don't worry, Alexandra.