

SIDE 06  
HELEN  
ROY  
SMALL ALISON  
CHRISTIAN  
BRUCE

FUN HOME

~~SMALL ALISON (Pulling a bag from the bag)~~  
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~~JOHN~~  
~~CHRISTIAN~~

*The kids pull period dresses out of the bags.*

HELEN. Careful, carefull

ROY. (Entering.) Hey, everybody. Que pasa?

*The three kids sidle up to him, shy but thrilled to see him.*

SMALL ALISON. Hi Roy.

CHRISTIAN. Hey Roy, what's goin' on?

ROY. (To John.) Hey, you look like a guy I met the other day. Are you that same guy? I know what he looked like upside down.

*He picks John up and turns him upside down as all three kids laugh and squeal with delight.*

HELEN. Hello. I'm Helen Bechdel.

ROY. (Putting John down to shake her hand.) Ah, Mrs. Bechdel, yeah, I'm Roy-- sorry, I know who you are, my aunt and uncle talk about you all the time, they see your plays, they're crazy about you. They're always saying you're so much better than Irma Hornbacher.

HELEN. (Blushing.) Oh. No, Irma's wonderful.

BRUCE. Come on, you're in a different class!

(To Roy.)

I've seen a lot of New York theater, even by those standards she's exceptional.

*As he says this, he puts his hand on her shoulder in a gesture that only he and Helen notice is awkward.*

SMALL ALISON. Our mom's in a play called Mrs. Warner and the Professor!

HELEN. *Mrs. Warren's Profession.*

SMALL ALISON. She studied in New York with Uta Hagen.

Do you know who that is?

ROY. I don't even know what you just said.

BRUCE. Wanna get started?

ROY. Sure. Whatever you want. Lemme get my tools.

BRUCE. 'kay

*Roy heads out to his car, with the three chattering kids clinging to him.*

SMALL ALISON. He, Roy, did you see *The Love Bug*?

SMALL ALISON. Oh, that's the best movie.

JOHN. Herbie is a car!

ROY. I didn't see it.

JOHN. *The Love Bug*? You didn't see *The Love Bug*?

*When they're gone, Helen looks tightly*

HELEN. What's that? Why is he...?

SMALL ALISON. I...?

SMALL ALISON. To go with...

SMALL ALISON. To help me...

SMALL ALISON. Where to he from...

SMALL ALISON. When we went to the lumberyard last week...

...and he was working for...? Well, actually, he...

...he did a good job and he was...

...looking for more work.

SMALL ALISON. Oh, so he's just...?

SMALL ALISON. He's...? Oh, I don't know.

SMALL ALISON. Oh, I'm...? I don't know if he's working...

...at the house?

BRUCE. What's...?

SMALL ALISON. I...?

BRUCE. And...? Oh, I don't know.

HELEN. Okay. I'm just... I'm trying to get a sense... of...