

Ying-Ying
Lena

HAROLD. It's the details that cost so much. Like this wood floor? Hand-bleached. And the walls here, this marbled effect? It's all hand-sponged.

YING-YING. Bleach and sponge cost so much.

LENA. And the pool. You probably can't tell, but it's got amazing mosaic tiling. You just can't buy that kind of craftsmanship anymore.

YING-YING. Water so green.

LENA. It's a wonderful location. It's practically undiscovered. *(Ying tests the slant of the floor.)*

YING-YING. Floor has running-down feeling.

LENA. Well, they're the original boards, Ma. Naturally, there's going to be some buckling.

YING-YING. Hanhh. *(She swats at her leg. She has located a flea and is pinching it. She holds it up and squints at it.)*

HAROLD. Whoops, almost forgot. Left some stuff in the jag. Be back in a sec. *(He exits.)*

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LENA. Are you thirsty, Ma? Can I get you something to drink?

YING-YING. No. I just looking.

LENA. Well, then why don't I show you your room? *(Ying notices a clipboard.)*

YING-YING. What this writing?

LENA. Nothing.

YING-YING. *(Reading slowly.)* "Lena. Chicken, vegetable, shampoo ... nineteen dollar ten cent. Photo developing ... thirteen dollar, twenty-two cent." *(She frowns at Lena.)* "Petunia, potting soil, fourteen dollar, thirty-nine cent."

LENA. It's just things we share. It's nothing.

YING-YING. Huh. *(Continues reading.)* This, you do not share!

LENA. What?

YING-YING. "Harold, ice cream ... four dollar, fifty-two cent." You never eat ice cream!

LENA. It doesn't matter, Ma. It's just a thing we do. It's nothing, okay? *(She shows Ying-Ying her room.)* Now, here's the guest room. If you need anything, just let me know. *(Ying-Ying sits with her handbag in her lap, testing the bed. She notices the endtable, a heavy block of marble on spindly legs that is set with a flower vase.)*

YING-YING. What kind table is this? *(Wobbles it.)* If you touch, it will fall down.

LENA. Just leave it, Ma, okay? I'm going back down. *(Crosses back to the living room area. Harold has crossed to the kitchen table, and is*

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