

Scene 3

Lucille sits with Nadine, a young woman. They look at a long string of photographs from Nadine's wallet. She is holding a baby and is hugely pregnant with another.

NADINE. This one's Perry Como. He's by my first marriage to A.C. You remember him?

LUCILLE. Oh sure.

NADINE. And this is Alan Alda and that's Linda Evans there

in the back. (*Pointing off.*) And that one over there is Charles Bronson. And then there's the twins, Ann-Margret and Anne Murray. (*Referring to the baby in her arms.*) And this here's Farrah-Zsa Zsa.

LUCILLE. Aw, isn't she beautiful. They're all just so precious, Nadine.

NADINE. Thank you, Lucille.

LUCILLE. And you named them all after someone famous.

NADINE. Yes, I did. Call me a fool, but I've always thought each of 'em was special in some way. And I just figured if you're special, you should have a special name. Excuse me, Lucille. (*Calling off.*) OPRAH, PUT THAT DOWN! PUT IT DOWN!

LUCILLE. Well, honey you're just so lucky to have all these precious babies. Ray-Bud and I have tried so many times but I just never seem to be able to carry to term.

NADINE. Oh, I just know it'll all work out for you. You would be such a good mother and I know how happy Ray-Bud would be.

LUCILLE. Oh he would. You know he never talks about it, but I just know how bad he wants one.

NADINE. Well, eighth time's a charm that's what I've always heard.

LUCILLE. Nadine, can you keep a secret?

NADINE. Oh, sure.

LUCILLE. Now, this is a surprise, so don't breathe a word of it, cause I don't want to get everybody's hopes up ... but ... well ...

NADINE. Lucille, you're not!

LUCILLE. "My friend" is almost a week late.

NADINE. Oh, Lucille, that's just wonderful!

LUCILLE. Well, it's just a week, but I've got my fingers crossed.

NADINE. Oh mine too. That would just be so wonderful. Y'all have been together so long.

LUCILLE. Almost fifteen years.

NADINE. Fifteen years. You know it's just so funny how things work out. Here you and Ray-Bud been together so long

and wanting children so bad. To tell you the truth, Lucille, I never really planned on having a big family.

LUCILLE. Really?

NADINE. No, I sorta had this plan to move out to Hollywood, but then I met A.C., and then I met Carl ... and then I met Wendell and then I met Duane. And things just sorta didn't work out.

LUCILLE. Well, Honey, you're young. You could still go out there.

NADINE. No. After Geraldo was born, I pretty much gave up on that idea. But the good news is I'm engaged again.

LUCILLE. Oh good for you, Honey.

NADINE. It's love this time, Lucille. He's nothing like those other men. I got a real good feeling about it.

LUCILLE. Oh how wonderful! Well, tell me all about him!

NADINE. Well, his name is Rebel, and he works for the carnival. Travels all over the country guessing people's weight. The only problem is he doesn't like kids. I'm not gonna worry about it though.

LUCILLE. Love conquers all.

NADINE. It sure does.

LUCILLE. A person's just got to follow their heart.

NADINE. Amen.

LUCILLE. You just got to do what you feel's best.

NADINE. Call me a fool.

LUCILLE. You're a fool.