DESTINY AND LATOYA SIDE

DESTINY

Whooo. I can't even imagine what she's going through?

LATOYA keeps shopping, distracted.

LATOYA

Hmm?

DESTINY

Sister Washington...losing her husband like that. I mean Jadyn is my best friend. I don't know what I'd do if...

DESTINY notices her mother's avoidance. LATOYA keeps shopping.

DESTINY

Hey, Ma,...how are things now that Daddy's home? (beat) Mama? Ma. Mama!

LATOYA

Yes, dear?

DESTINY

How are you and Daddy?

LATOYA

Oh, you know your father. If he's not busy, he's bored. Seems like all he wants to do these days is sit upstairs at home by himself. Now, let me see. I wanted to get him a book on Bridge.

DESTINY

Bridge?

LATOYA

What?

DESTINY

Mama, you know the only card game Daddy likes is spades.

LATOYA

Well, he can learn how to like Bridge.

DESTINY

But he won’t.

LATOYA

He can. Did you know that there are more books on Bridge, more than any other game. Bridge tournaments from across the nation attract thousands of players all competing to become Life Masters.

DESTINY

Maybe you could join in with him and do somethin' with astronomy?

LATOYA

Oh, that.

DESTINY

Aerospace is how he made his living.

LATOYA

But that's over. He's retired. He can't stay holed up in that so-called "observatory" of his the rest of his life. Although I must say he's always had his head in the clouds, ever since he went off flyin' in the Air Force. But the way things have been going... I don't know if we going to be able to...

DESTINY

What?

LATOYA

Nothin'. Never mind.

DESTINY

Well, how about getting him a book on constellations. You know he loves to talk about how vast the universe is—

LATOYA

And give him another reason to while away the hours looking through some old telescope? Do you know he stays up all night staring at the Milky Way? He used to stare at other things. Did I tell you about that time your father and I went to Jamaica and girl--

DESTINY

Oh, Mom, I don't need to hear that story again.

Music underscore.