

~~KEISHA. What did you ever do for me?~~

~~HELEN. I stood up! I worked hard. I was a good wife and a good mother.~~

~~KEISHA. I'm gonna be a good mother!~~

~~HELEN. (Almost hisses at her.) You're going to be a terrible mother. You should do that baby a big favor and go back to the clinic and finish what you started.~~

~~KEISHA. (Stung, she unconsciously touches her belly protectively.) You go to hell. (She walks away and sits alone. She is crying.)~~

~~MONA LISA. (Gently, but clearly disappointed in Helen's cruelty.)~~

~~The thing you gotta remember, Miss Helen, is that Coretta had a whole movement full of people, clapping and singing and feeling that freedom in the air. It must have been quite a time, but there isn't any movement anymore. There's nobody coming to put their arms around Li'l Bit and her baby any more than there was anybody coming to see about me laying in that beat-up car looking at where my life used to be.~~

~~HELEN. It's not the same thing.~~

~~MONA LISA. All I know is you can fuss at Li'l Bit all day and all night and she still won't know what you're talking about.~~

~~HELEN. Whose fault is that?~~

~~MONA LISA. What? That she doesn't have a clue or that she's out here all by herself?~~

~~HELEN. You know I'm right.~~

~~MONA LISA. Being right ain't all there is to it.~~

~~HELEN. (To Zora.) I could use that cup of coffee about now. You feel like walking over there with me?~~

~~ZORA. Sure. Can I bring anybody anything?~~

~~MONA LISA. No, thanks. (They exit. Keisha is holding the fake baby, fussing with its clothes a little.) You okay?~~

~~KEISHA. You don't think I'll be a bad mother, do you?~~

~~MONA LISA. I think you'll do the best you can.~~

~~KEISHA. That ain't sayin' a whole hell of a lot. (She puts the fake baby down roughly.)~~

~~MONA LISA. The thing is, Li'l Bit, you need some direction. Somebody to ask when you don't know whether to go left or go right or just sit your ass down and wait a minute for the smoke to clear.~~

~~KEISHA. So who am I supposed to ask? Deshawn don't know no better than me and Tyrone the biggest fool out there.~~

~~MONA LISA. It has to be somebody you trust. Somebody you~~