COBINA

Oh Chuck! Darling! You scared me nearly to death, when you passed in the hall. Why didn't you warn me?

CHUCK

[Whispering.]

I tried to. I had to come. I couldn't take a chance.

COBINA

But Mother and Grandmother — Chuck, you shouldn't have come.

CHUCK

Oh they think I just came to do some work. Darling, I missed you on the corner, this morning I came here — I —

COBINA

Dad came along in the car, he and Granny. They brought me home. What happened?

CHUCK

I went downtown to see about a job.

COBINA

You get it?

CHUCK

No — and after making me wait an hour. I came back up to our meeting place. No sign of you. I said I was going to be right here, tonight. I made up a tale. I thought sure your mother wouldn't hire me. Sophie made her. Here I am. I am going to serve and see that none of those other guys get you, even Ed —

COBINA

Oh, him —

CHUCK

Yeah, has he come yet?

COBINA

No.

CHUCK

Well, give him your hand, but give me your kisses.