# SCRIPT – NEIGHBOURS

***RAMSAY HOUSE***

***INT (EVENING)***

*The Ramsay men have made themselves scarce, Madge has Charlene bailed up on the kitchen.*

**Madge** Don’t you every embarrass me like that again.

**Charlene** It’s the truth.

**Madge** There’s a great deal of difference between telling the truth and being tactless.

**Charlene** Tell me about it.

**Madge** That’s enough. How do you think you made me feel in front of Max and the boys?

**Charlene** They would have found out sooner or later.

**Madge** It’s our business, not theirs.

**Charlene** I suppose they don’t know about Henry either.

**Madge** There are some things it’s best not to talk about.

**Charlene** I went to see him before I cam here.

**Madge** *She hesitates…* How is he?

**Charlene** It’s a family secret.

**Madge** I see… *Pleads…* I tried to visit Henry as well.

**Charlene** That must’ve been a thrill.

**Madge** It was his decision not to see me.

**Charlene** If you went on with him, the way you do with me, it’s no wonder. You never stop preaching long enough to listen.

**Madge** If you want to stay here, you’d better learn to hold your tongue.

**Charlene** You mean lie a lot about what’s going on.

**Madge** No, I don’t. There are ways to behave and ways not to behave. You have to learn how to conform.