

Footloose Side #1. REN/ETHEL/WES/LULU SIDE

(The Warnicker Home. REN is standing before WES, LULU and ETHEL.)

WES

Do you know how hard it was for me to get you that job at Dillingham's Hardware Store? It's not even a month and you get fired!

LULU

Every day it's more bad news with you. Every day.

ETHEL

Lulu, don't exaggerate.

WES

Ethel, now hush! You're not helping things.

ETHEL

Ren? What did happen?

REN

Nothing I should be fired for! Willard came by the store, and he wanted change of a dollar, so I popped open the register. And when Mr. Dillingham came out and saw my hand in the drawer, he went crazy. He accused me of stealing.

LULU

That's because everything you do makes people suspicious.

WES

Are you on drugs?

REN

No! But why don't you frisk me? I'm sure you've already poked through everything in my room.

ETHEL

Ren, apologize to your uncle.

WES

Look, young man, I know that I'm not your father...

REN

You can say that again!

(WES slaps REN. LULU gasps.)

ETHEL

Wes!

WES

Don't say anything, Ethel.

ETHEL

I can't not say anything! I don't know how to do that, Wes.

LULU

Pumpkin, hush, please!

ETHEL

Wes, I realize that we are guests in your home...

WES

Ethel! (That stops her.) Right now, just don't say anything!

(ETHEL bites her lip; the ADULTS disperse.)