

## #7 Lovey, Johnny, Max, and Twyla

LOVEY: It's all right, Cookie. I was trying to hide.

MAX: Oh, Lovey! You should know you can't hide. The world loves you!

LOVEY: I wasn't trying to hide from the world, Max. I was trying to hide from Johnny.

JOHNNY: I'm sorry, Lovey. I knew you didn't want a big wedding and I pushed you into it. Let's put all this nonsense behind us and find a little chapel where we can get married. No crowds. No publicity. LOVEY: It's too late for that, Johnny.

JOHNNY: Lovey, please! You can't mean that!

MAX: Johnny, let me talk to her.

JOHNNY: All right. Go ahead.

MAX: Lovey, please! You can't mean that!

LOVEY: Oh, yes I do! Just give me one good reason why I should marry that man.

MAX: One good reason? How about two? Your last movie didn't do so well, and you're not getting any younger. Let's face it, Lovey, you need a good old-fashioned Hollywood romance to keep your box office booming!

LOVEY: Is that all you care about? How much money I make?

MAX: Of course not! As your manager, I also care about how much money I make!

JOHNNY: Max, you're not helping.

TWYLA: Lovey, I need more warmth from you. Can you give Johnny a smile or an affectionate gaze? *(Continues snapping pictures.)*

LOVEY: *(Ignores TWYLA.)* I'm sorry, Johnny, but there's no way I can marry you now.

JOHNNY: I don't understand! I thought we were really in love. What has changed?

LOVEY: Do I have to spell it out for you?

MAX: Don't waste your time, Lovey. Johnny isn't exactly the best speller.

JOHNNY: Shut up, Max.

LOVEY: *(Grabs the magazine from the counter.)* It's all right here in the latest issue of *Screen Scene Magazine!* *(Opens to a page.)* See?! You were photographed with Vanessa Tuffington at Ciro's last week.

JOHNNY: But Angel Face, I haven't been to Ciro's in months!

LOVEY: Are you saying that's not you?

JOHNNY: Yes, that's what I'm saying! It doesn't even look like me!

MAX: *(Examines the magazine.)* It kind of does.

JOHNNY: Max!

TWYLA: Ooh! I like how you made the vein in your temple flare. Can you do that again? *(Continues snapping pictures.)*

MAX: Johnny's telling the truth, Lovey. The last time he was at Ciro's was New Year's Eve, and he was with you!

LOVEY: I don't believe you.

JOHNNY: Would you believe me?

LOVEY: Not a chance, Johnny. We're through. And I do mean through!

JOHNNY: But Lovey—

LOVEY: In fact, you can have your engagement ring back!