

Side 5 Abby Woman

**ABBY.** OK, something about this . . . it just doesn't add up.

**WOMAN.** What do you mean?

**ABBY.** The whole time he was talking . . .

**WOMAN.** He who?

**ABBY.** Him.

*(Points to MAN.)*

**WOMAN.** Got it.

**ABBY.** The whole time he was talking, it reminded me of when he *(referring to JAMIE)* tried to throw me a surprise party.

**WOMAN.** I don't remember that.

**ABBY.** It was last year.

**WOMAN.** That's like thirty-six years ago . . .

**ABBY.** Right, right . . . Anyway, he tried to throw me a surprise party but he kept acting strange. I'd ask him and he'd squint his eyes and say, *(imitating him:)* "I haven't got the faintest idea what you're talking about." Worst poker face in America.

**WOMAN.** You're right! He does that!

**ABBY.** So, he . . . your edition . . . has been making that same face tonight.

**WOMAN.** One time, he bet a thousand dollars on the Super Bowl and lost.

**ABBY.** I don't remember that.

**WOMAN.** Hasn't happened yet.

**ABBY.** Right.

**WOMAN.** He kept squinting and saying "I haven't the faintest idea . . ." until I caught it. Never bet again.

**ABBY.** So, what are we looking at here?

**WOMAN.** We've got a guy who's lying to us.

**ABBY.** But why go back in time to lie?

**ABBY.** So, there are a few things I know in this world: I know that every drunk at IHOP thinks the waitress wants him. I know that Oswald didn't act alone *(pretty sure about that one)* and I know that he's not telling us everything.

**WOMAN.** How do you mean?

**ABBY.** If he breaks us up, he says it's to make him a great musician, right?

**WOMAN.** Riii . . . ght . . .

**ABBY.** Well, the Jamie I know doesn't have it in him. He's not selfish enough. If he's come all the way back here tonight, it sure as hell wasn't for that. I mean, has he changed that much?

**WOMAN.** (*It's dawning on her too:*) No . . .

**ABBY.** But, I'm saying, you've had a lot more time with him.

**WOMAN.** Oh yeah . . .

**ABBY.** So talk to me. Who's he helping here?