

**Dis/Connected by Susan Brown-Peitz**

**Directed by Lauri MacMillan**

**Asst. Kayla Fiore**

**ELLIE**

What happened, Mom?

**CLAIRE**

A slight overreaction that will be cleared up shortly. Believe me, there was no reason to bother you.

**ELLIE**

You're in a police station. Elgin's Jewelry Store is pressing charges against you.

**CLAIRE**

Whatever for?

**ELLIE**

Kenny told me that their security camera caught you putting a bracelet in your handbag and walking out of the store.

**CLAIRE**

Bracelet?

**ELLIE**

Don't give me that look! Tell me what happened.

**CLAIRE**

It was a beautiful bracelet. It had sapphires. Your father always gave me sapphire jewelry on our anniversary. Every year for forty-seven years.

**ELLIE**

Why did you take it? You could have paid for it. Didn't you have the credit card we gave you?

**CLAIRE**

I have never bought jewelry for myself, and I will not start now.

**ELLIE**

But you can't steal it.

**CLAIRE**

I did not steal it. I borrowed it.

**ELLIE**

And did you inform Elgin's Jewelry Store that you were borrowing their sapphire bracelet?

**CLAIRE**

I may have forgotten. But, anyway, I returned it to them.

**ELLIE**

I don't think they consider it a voluntary return when they had to call the police to get you to open your handbag.

**CLAIRE**

Semantics, dear.

**ELLIE**

This is serious, Mom. Very serious. This is not like when you 'borrow' things from Lee's Market.

**CLAIRE**

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are always very nice to me when I visit.

**ELLIE**

That's because they give me a call after each of your visits. They send me a list of missing items and I pay for them.

**CLAIRE**

They give you the receipts, I hope.

**ELLIE**

Unbelievable! I don't know what to do with you anymore.

- **END**