

**THE DRESS**

Marilyn: Hi, Beverly. This is Marilyn. Would it be all right if I dropped by? I have something to show you.

Beverly: Sure! Come on over.

(Later)

Beverly: So what's the big news?

Marilyn: Well I just had to show you the dress I bought for the party. Isn't it beautiful? Won't black be stunning with my emerald necklace and bracelet?

Beverly: Yes, it would be perfect. What a shame that you'll have to return it.

Marilyn: Excuse me? Why would I do that?

Beverly: Because I already bought the same dress to wear to the party! Look on the bright side. Black just isn't your color.

Marilyn: Beverly! You've never been rude to me before. Why are you being like this?

Beverly: Look, I'm sorry, but we just can't wear the same dress to the party!

Marilyn: Well, Beverly, to tell the truth, I really can't afford this dress. But I decided to splurge a little. You know how frugal I usually am.

Beverly: So you're going to return it?

Marilyn: I might have thought about returning it if you hadn't been so rude to me. Now I'm definitely going to wear it—and I'm going to stand next to you all night at the party!