



Kimberly Akimbo
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Audition Side
PATTIE – Side 1
A1:S8

Kitchen/living room. It's late. PATTIE is on the couch, uncomfortable. KIMBERLY comes out of her bedroom carrying a book, and moves to unlock the front door, but stops short when...

PATTIE

What are you doing?

KIMBERLY

(Surprised to see her) Oh, I was just...(Pivots)...getting my pills. (She does)
Why are you up so late?

PATTIE

The baby won't stop moving. Plus my feet are swollen. Can you rub them, Kimmy?

(KIMBERLY, torn, looks to the front door, which she was supposed to leave unlocked. She reluctantly moves to join PATTIE on the couch instead. She puts down her book, then goes about rubbing her mom's feet...)

KIMBERLY

Where's Dad?

PATTIE

Oh he's probably facedown in a bowl of peanuts somewhere. *(Picks up KIMBERLY'S book)* What's this? "Media"?

KIMBERLY

"Medea". It's just homework.

PATTIE

What's it about?

KIMBERLY

Some lady in Greece.

PATTIE

Sounds boring.

KIMBERLY

It's not. She reminds me of you actually.

PATTIE

Oo! What does she do?

KIMBERLY

She murders her children.

PATTIE

(Beat, confused) She what? Why would—?

(Another kick) Oof! This baby's doing high-kicks. Takes after me. You know I was gonna be a dancer, right? That was the dream. Me on Solid Gold.

KIMBERLY

It's never too late.

PATTIE

Sure it is. Usually, in fact. Solid Gold isn't even on anymore. *(Beat)* Hey, you wanna name her?

KIMBERLY

(Beat) The baby?

PATTIE

You're always so good with that kinda thing. Remember Snickers the cat?

KIMBERLY

It was a good name.

PATTIE

Which is why you should name the baby.

KIMBERLY

Well, in my head I've been calling her Carmelita. *(Not sure what her mom thinks of it)* We can pick something else though.

PATTIE

No, I like it. Carmelita. It's very pretty. *(To belly)* Hello, Carmelita.

(BAM! DEBRA climbs through the window and drops a heavy can of chemicals. PATTIE and KIMBERLY whip around to see her.)

DEBRA

(Caught) Oh, hey you guys.

PATTIE

Debra! What are you doing here?

DEBRA

Now don't get crazy, I just need a place to crash for a few days.

PATTIE

Absolutely not. You better crawl right back out that window before Buddy gets back!

DEBRA

(As she passes it) Oo, Swear Jar!

PATTIE

You better not steal that.