#### **PEPPER (SIDE)**

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#### And what a set a luck! After them burn down the Center…we get an anonymous donation to rebuild**.** Make me want to believe in God! I wish I knew who it was, I would hug and kiss them up!

#### **COOKIE**

#### Maybe Doc, send it from England!

#### **PEPPER**

#### A mad you mad! No one ever heard from him, and him gone four years almost turn into five.

#### **JAZZY**

#### But his cousin from country always call and catch up with me, Granny, and all ah we.

#### **PEPPER**

#### But no one has spoken to him, since he left with his dirty stinking Laborite family! Why would he send the Center money?! You all must be smoking Haile’s Ganja?! Right Saint Guy!

#### **GUY**

#### Make sense Mama Fire!

(**MS PEARL** enters)

## **PEPPER**

#### Ms. Pearl you hear from Doc?

#### **MS PEARL**

#### No sah! Can’t hear from him at all. And the idiot parents never send me not one dress from foreign.

#### **PEPPER**

#### Do you think he sent the money to rebuild the Center, after the fire?!

#### **V.O.**

#### Ms. Guy, could you come to the gate – I come to take you to dinner…let’s go!

#### **PEPPER**

#### (blushing)

#### Soon come Neil, let me grab my things from the house. Give me ten minutes! Children finish up the Common Entrance pre-test and put them in this bin when you’re done.

#### **(PEPPER** begins putting away her materials)

#### **JAZZY**

#### Who dat? Pepper, who’s dat and when since you going to dinner with another man. You could of told me something… we over Pep?!

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#### (**JAZZY** grabs her by the wrist)

#### **PEPPER**

#### I don’t have to tell you nothing – you never discuss nothing with me when you decide to run for mayor. So I don’t have to tell you, I’m running for a position in another man’s heart. Mi dun! Mi dun! Mi dun! Now, let me go!

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#### (**PEPPER** Exits)