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Gilda

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ACT ONE, Scene 7: ELPHABA AND GALINDA'S DORM ROOM  
Both girls have clearly been up all night, talking.

SCENE 1

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GALINDA  
Your very first party? Ever?

ELPHABA  
Do funerals count?

GALINDA  
But your very first party!  
(beat)  
I know! Let's each tell the other something we've never told anyone! I'll go first: Fiyero and I are going to be married!

ELPHABA  
(stunned)  
He's asked you *already*?

GALINDA  
Oh, he doesn't know yet.  
(beat)  
Now you tell me a secret.

ELPHABA  
Like what?

GALINDA  
Like --  
(as she retrieves it)  
Why do you sleep with this funny little green bottle under your pillow?

ELPHABA  
(fiercely, grabbing at it)  
Give that back!

GALINDA  
(holds it out of reach)  
Come on-- tell.

ELPHABA  
It was my mother's, that's all.

Elphaba rips the bottle away from Galinda, and shoves it back under her pillow.

GALINDA  
Well, that's not fair, I told you a really good one.



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ELPHABA

My father hates me.

(Galinda stares at her, stunned)

That's not the secret. The secret is—he has a good reason.

(off Galinda's expression; a statement of fact)

It's my fault.

GALINDA

(instantly fascinated)

What, what is?

ELPHABA

That my sister is... the way she is.

(decides to trust her with all of it)

You see, when our mother was carrying Nessa, our father began to worry... that the new baby might come out—

ELPHABA AND GALINDA

(in unison)

—Green

ELPHABA

He was so worried, he made our mother chew milk flowers, day and night. Only it made Nessa come too soon, with her little legs all tangled. And our mother—never woke up. None of which would ever have happened... if not for me.

GALINDA

But—that was the milk flower's fault, not yours!

(with compassion)

That may be your secret, Elphaba. But it doesn't make it true.

She looks out the window, sees the sun rising...

GALINDA (CONT'D)

Look— it's tomorrow! And Elphie— is it all right if I call you Elphie?

ELPHABA

Well, it's a little perky ...

GALINDA

(forges on)

And you can call me— Galinda. You see Elphie, now that we're friends, I've decided to make you my new project.

ELPHABA

You really don't have to do that.

GALINDA

(brightly)

I know. That's what makes me so nice!