**The BBQ Scene**

***Women congratulate Anna for getting her papers.***

***They are seated casually around the barbeque area***

Anna: Do you have any more lamb?

Selam: Yes, here’s some more

***A strange man enters. He looks official.***

Virginia: The door was open, so I came in.

What’s going on in here then?

Anna: Celebrating! A Party!

Virginia: A party?

Selam: Yes. What’s the problem?

V: In the middle of the week!

Selam: why not?

Beatrice: Can I ask you who you are please?

V: Is that lamb ribs?

Anna: Yes

V:  **I** can’t afford to eat lamb ribs, I thought you were

asylum seekers.

Selam: We are, but we save our money for this party

so, yeah.

V: And what’s that over there, that you’re err…

brewing

B: It’s whiskey. Whiskey Punch. [*Smiling*]

V: I beg your pardon; did you say whiskey?

You can afford to buy whiskey?

Anna: It was a gift from a friend for our celebration

V: What did you say?

Selam The whisky was a gift.

V: Oh, a gift was it.

B: Yes, the whiskey was a gift.

Fatmata: I don’t understand why you are interfering with us, what s your problem?

V: I ‘m a little bit taken aback, I’m doing an

inspection, and I came on an impromptu visit.

I didn’t expect a BBQ in the middle of the week with a whiskey punch.

Edwidge: We’re just having a party.

V: This is very unusual.

Where’s Maria, I’m looking for Maria the manager.

Anna: Maria, she’s not here.

V: Not here? So who’s in charge?

***No response from the women***

The question was who’s in charge?

Selam: We all live here so there’s no one in charge.

There’s no one in charge?

Beatrice Excuse me. But who are you?

Anna: You’re spoiling our party,

Edwige You re not invited

***Other women all start to protest in their own way.***

V: You don’t speak to **me** like that!

Watch your language young lady and your tone,

You’re a visitor here I was born in Britain,

I’m a British citizen.

Edwige: That’s your business, not our business.

Selam: I think you better come back when Maria’s.

is on the premises.

Anna Yes. Go and let us enjoy our ribs and

whiskey punch.

***Voices raised, clapping and laughing.***

**Virginia Shambles out/ off stage**