

**SCENE SIX: MERSISTERS' "GIRL CAVE"**

*(The Mersisters are huddled in a circle, gossiping.)*

*Flounder - She's in Love*

*Mersisters, Flounder*

**AQUATA**

Ariel is working my last nerve. Acting like a big fish in a small pond.

**ANDRINA**

Swimmin' upstream when everybody else is swimmin' down.

**ARISTA**

If you ask me, it's because she's a Pisces.

**ATINA**

No question about it! She sure is acting fishy lately!

**ALLANA**

SHE'S DIZZY AND SHE'S DREAMY

**ARISTA**

HER HEAD'S UP IN THE FOAM

**AQUATA**

HER EYES HAVE GONE ALL GLEAMY

IT'S LIKE THERE'S NO ONE HOME

**AQUATA, ARISTA, ALLANA**

SHE FLOATS AWAY THE DAYS

MOPIN' ON THE COASTAL SHELF

**ANDRINA**

YOU ASK HER WHERE SHE'S GOIN'

SHE GIGGLES LIKE A FOOL

**ADELLA**

SHE BARELY STICKS A TOE IN

DOWN AT THE TIDAL POOL

**ATINA**

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A PHASE

FACE IT, SHE'S JUST NOT HERSELF

**AQUATA**

IS SHE ILL?

**ARISTA**

OR INSANE?

**ALLANA**

IS IT WATER ON THE BRAIN?

**AQUATA, ARISTA, ALLANA**

WHAT HAS GOT HER BOTHERED SO?

**ANDRINA**

IT'S THE BENDS!

**ADELLA**

IT'S THE FLU!

**ATINA**

GOSH, I WISH WE HAD A CLUE!

**MERSISTERS**

OH WAIT! OH DEAR!

GOOD GRIEF! IT'S CLEAR ...

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

POUNDING HEART!

RINGING BELLS!

*(Just then, Ariel swims past, humming dreamily to herself.)*

**ALLANA**

LOOK, I THINK SHE'S EVEN WEARING BRAND NEW SHELLS!

**AQUATA, ATINA, ALLANA**

SHE'S IN LOVE!

**ANDRINA, ARISTA, ADELLA**

IN LOVE AND IT'S DIVINE!

**AQUATA, ATINA, ALLANA**

SHE'S IN LOVE!

**ANDRINA, ARISTA, ADELLA**

THAT GIRL'S ON SANDBAR NINE!

**MERSISTERS**

GLORY BE!

LORD ABOVE!

GOTTA BE SHE'S IN LOVE!

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*(Flounder swims in, looking for Ariel.)*

**ARISTA**

Hey, Flounder! Do you notice anything weird about you-know-who?

**FLOUNDER**

You mean Ariel? I'll say!

SHE ACTS LIKE SHE DON'T SEE ME  
SHE DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK  
SHE TREATS ME LIKE SASHIMI  
LEFT OVER FROM LAST WEEK  
YOU SEE HER LATE AT NIGHT  
TOSSIN' IN HER OCEAN BED

**MERSISTERS**

SHOOP, SHOOP  
SHOOP, SHOOP

**FLOUNDER**

**MERSISTERS**

SHE'S MOODY AS A SNAPPER  
OBLIVIOUS AS ROCKS  
YOU SWIM RIGHT UP AND TAP HER  
SHE LAYS THERE LIKE A LOX!  
AS SURE AS DOGFISH BITE  
SOMETHIN'S MADE HER LOSE HER HEAD!

SHOOP, SHOOP  
SHOOP, SHOOP  
SHOOP, SHOOP  
SHE LAYS THERE LIKE A LOX!  
SHOOP, SHOOP  
SHOOP, SHOOP

**MERSISTERS**

SHE HAS LOST HER HEAD!

**FLOUNDER**

**MERSISTERS**

AND SHE SIGHS, AND SHE SWOONS  
AND SHE'S HUMMIN' LITTLE TUNES

AH ...  
AH ...

**MERSISTERS**

EVEN HAS A SORT OF GLOW

**FLOUNDER**

WHAT ON EARTH COULD IT BE?

**MERSISTERS**

ANY HAMMERHEAD CAN SEE!

**AQUATA, ADELLA**

THAT SIGH!

**ARISTA, ALLANA**

THAT GLOW!

**ANDRINA, ATINA**

THAT SWOON!

**FLOUNDER**

Oh, no!

**FLOUNDER**

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

**MERSISTERS**

SHE'S FLIPPED, IT NEVER FAILS!

ALL HOT BENEATH HER SCALES!

**FLOUNDER**

SEE HER HIPS

HOW THEY SWISH!

**MERSISTERS**

WELL-A, WELL-A, WELL—

DON'T YOU WONDER WHO'S THE LUCKY SEAFOOD DISH?

**FLOUNDER**

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

**MERSISTERS**

SHE'S FOUND A DEEP-SEA HUNK!

AND NOW SHE'S AS GOOD AS SUNK!

**FLOUNDER**

SEE HER BLUSH!

**MERSISTERS, FLOUNDER**

SEE HER GRIN!

GOTTA BE LOVE SHE'S IN!

**FLOUNDER**

ARIEL-AND-SOMEONE SWIMMIN' IN THE SEA!

K-I-S-S-I-N-G!

**MERSISTERS**

HER CHEEKS COULD NOT FLUSH PINKER!

**FLOUNDER**

IT'S CLEAR AS H<sub>2</sub>O!

**MERSISTERS**

SHE'S CAUGHT—HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!

**ANDRINA, ARISTA, ATINA**

CRUSHED OUT!

**AQUATA, ADELLA, ALLANA**

SWITCHED ON!

**AQUATA, ANDRINA, ARISTA, ALLANA**

WORKED UP!

FAR GONE!

**FLOUNDER**

KNOCKED DOWN!

**MERSISTERS**

HARD HIT!

**FLOUNDER**

IN DEEP!

**FLOUNDER, MERSISTERS**

THAT'S IT!

**MERSISTERS**

SHE'S IN LOVE ...

SHE'S IN LOVE ...

**FLOUNDER**

She's ... in ... love!

**FLOUNDER, MERSISTERS**

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

PLAIN TO SEE! (PLAIN TO SEE!)

NO MISTAKE! (NO MISTAKE!)

LOOK AT THOSE MOONBEAMS IN HER WAKE!

(LOOK AT THOSE MOONBEAMS!)

OBVIOUS WHAT THEY MUST BE SYMPTOMS OF -

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

SHE'S IN LOVE!

(SHOOP, SHOOP, YAH-DAH-DAH SHE'S IN LOVE!)

YEAH, YEAH!

**SEBASTIAN**

(off)

Ariel! Oh, Ariel!

(enters, frantic as ever)

That sister of yours is as slippery as an eel! Where has she swum off to now?

(SEBASTIAN)

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I gotta find her 'fore her Daddy goes lookin' -

AQUATA

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Good luck! She's in la-la land.

ANDRINA

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That girl has fallen head-over-tails in love.

SEBASTIAN

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In love? Ariel?

ALLANA

Come on, Flounder! Who's the lucky merman?

FLOUNDER

Gee. I dunno. I didn't even know it was love until the second chorus.

ARISTA

But you know her better than anybody!

ATINA, ARISTA

You follow her everywhere -

FLOUNDER

Not anymore. Not since she started chasing after humans.

SEBASTIAN

"Humans"? I hope and pray ya didn't just say "humans"?

FLOUNDER

*(turning ashen)*

Uh-oh.

SEBASTIAN

An' dis new love of hers - don't tell me -

FLOUNDER

- then don't ask me! -

SEBASTIAN

- HE'S ONE A' DEM - ?

*(The Mersisters start grilling Flounder.)*

AQUATA

A real human, the two-legged kind?

**ARISTA**

Daddy's gonna be ripped!

**ATINA**

Dating outside her species!

**ALLANA**

Thanks, Flounder, you're a regular angel-fish—

*(Overwhelmed, Flounder bolts. The Mersisters swim after in hot pursuit.)*

**SEBASTIAN**

Water all around ya, child, and ya still got to play with fire ...

*(And Sebastian doubles his speed to find Ariel.)*