

AUNT QUEENIE

(Gillian's Aunt defends herself after Gillian accuses her of using magic on Shepard.)

What harm did I do? I didn't *take* anything. Oh, yes, I read his letters, it's not as if I was going to make *use* of them. Though I'm tempted to now --- now that he's told on me --- to you. If I did do a spell on him, he'd never suspect, darling. Not in a million years. No matter *what* I did. Honestly, it's amazing the way people don't. Why they don't believe there are such things. I sit in the subway sometimes, or in buses, and look at the people next to me, and I think: I wonder what you would say if I told you I was a witch? They'd never believe it. I just know they wouldn't believe it. And I giggle and giggle to myself.