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CLIMAX: *A Bargain for Frances*

Put a checkmark next to the sentence that best describes the climax of the story. On the lines below, explain your choice using complete sentences.

____ Gloria tells Frances that Thelma knows about the tea sets at the candy store.

____ Thelma says to Frances, "I'll have to be careful when I play with you!"

X Frances turns away from the candy store window and sings about how Thelma "better be careful."

The event described above is this story's climax because

When Frances sings her song, we know that she will no longer be taken advantage of. She has decided to take control of the situation from this point on, and indeed all of the events remaining in the story happen exactly as Frances plans. She wins the battle of wits with Thelma over the penny in the sugar bowl and forces Thelma to grant concessions. Finally, she persuades Thelma to choose a loving, open, caring friendship over a relationship of mutual mistrust.