

~~KATE~~
~~He's very handsome. His favorite~~
~~movie is, "Cool Hand Luke". Call~~
~~your secret gardener.~~

~~TRANSITION TO~~

4 BROOK'S OFFICE

Brook and Bové enter.

START



BOVÉ
 Do not design a tie. That is the
 bottom of the food chain.

BROOK
 It's a lucrative market.

BOVÉ
 Like le chapeau, no one wears a hat.
 In ten years the tie will be finis.

BROOK
 Gone?

BOVÉ
 Oui. They serve no purpose. And
 they are dangereux.

Brook laughs, enjoying her debate with Bové. She sits and opens her computer.

BROOK
 Dangerous?

BOVÉ
 It's very dangereux to hang something
 around your neck. Isadora Duncan.
 Pourquoi the tie?

BROOK
 For a splash of color.

Brook stares intently at her computer.

~~BOVÉ~~
~~A guayabera. The shirt they wear in~~
~~Cuba. That is the future. Voila!~~
 Design a colorful guayabera.

Brook stands. She appears perplexed, lost in thought.

BOVÉ (CONT'D)
 Are you okay?

BROOK

Fine. It's ... I just received an email from Aaron.

BOVÉ

I do not know an Aaron.

Brook walks over to the window. She turns back to Bové.

BROOK

He's a foster brother. My mother died when I was three.

BOVÉ

And your papa?

BROOK

Left before I was born. There was no one to take me. I was put into foster care. I got bounced around. I spent one year with the Nelson's. Aaron was their foster child too. Helen Nelson was a good mother. She was kind to Aaron and me. I was happy.

BOVÉ

Et...?

BROOK

And...one night her drunk husband came into my bedroom. I stabbed him with my scissors.

BOVÉ

Oh, Mon Dieu. Did you kill him?

BROOK

I was in the fourth grade. They were safety scissors.

BOVÉ

Swine.

BROOK

The next day, social services came to take me away. I didn't have a suitcase. They put my few belongings into a green trash bag. As they drove me away, I looked back and Helen was standing on the porch crying. I swore to myself right then that I'd work hard and one day own a home nobody could take me from.

BOVÉ

Désolé.

BROOK

Don't be. I now have a home in Silver Lake, a beach house in Malibu, and a condo in Chelsea that no one can take me from.

BOVÉ

And you did it all by yourself.

BROOK

I thought I did. Helen passed away last night.

(pause)

She...loved me. I never told her what she meant to me.

END

~~Bové looks at the email on the computer.~~

~~BOVÉ~~

~~The viewing is tomorrow. San Francisco is a six hour drive. Let's go tell her.~~

~~Brook walks over and buries her face in Bové's shoulder.~~

~~LIGHTS FADE~~

~~5 YOUR SECRET GARDEN~~

~~The screen displays a store front with a sign "Your Secret Garden". Kate and Megan stop in front.~~

~~KATE~~

~~Do I really need this?~~

~~MEGAN~~

~~Remember Denzel Washington. Come on. I had to pull a lot of strings to get this appointment. Frau Wurtz is in demand.~~

~~As they enter the store the projection shows framed pictures of tasteful, artistic renderings of a woman's lower anatomy. They display a variety of "hair" styles.~~

~~MEGAN (CONT'D)~~

~~This is called a "landing strip". Very popular. I think you should go for that. It's fun, sassy, says you're open for business.~~