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## Setting

Time: None.

**Place:** When you die you are sent to a magical afterlife version of your favorite place on Earth. For some people it's their home town, others it's their favorite city. For the characters in this play, it's Bermuda!

## Characters

Amelia Earhart: The first woman to attempt an around the world flight! Cause of death: Fatal round the world flight.

**Grenadine Stirfry:** The best lounge singer this side of the Mississippi! Cause of death: Morphine overdose.

Harry Houdini: The most revered escape artist and magician of all time! Cause of death: Ruptured appendix.

Albrecht Verstorbene: An evil German born magician with an indistinguishably European accent! Cause of death: Impaled during famous Samurai Sword Illusion.

**D.B. Cooper:** The thief responsible for one of America's greatest unsolved crimes! Cause of death: Unknown.

**Catherine Zeta-Jones:** Oscar winning actress from Wales! Cause of death: Too much talent.

#### PROLOGUE

## 1937.

Publicist George Putnam sits fastidiously circling his clients names in *The New York Times*.

His wife, Amelia Earhart, stands behind him in full flight regalia, nervously clutching her pilot's cap.

#### AMELIA EARHART

George do you ever feel that you're struck by a yearning so deep that you forget who you are? Sometimes I wish I could be born again as someone else. I've always wanted something far away and great, but I can't find anything new in this world that I love more than the things I've lost. George.

(beat)

Are you a homosexual? (beat)

I know you are. I've seen the way you stare at my cousin Fred who looks like one of those Golden Cats from Egypt. You look like one of those cats too. That's how I know.

## GEORGE PUTNAM

Why are you asking me this?

## AMELIA EARHART

I want to make sure you never... You never truly loved me. You never truly loved me, right?

## GEORGE PUTNAM

It is my understanding that the circumstances of our marriage have been clear from the beginning.

#### AMELIA EARHART

I cheated on you George. With the great lounge singer Grenadine Stirfry. She died of an apparently accidental overdose of morphine, but George I just don't know. She kept a parrot named Elegy. I never saw a parrot more mournful. A tragic bird. He was unfortunately blown to smithereens in a natural gas explosion. Grenadine used to tell me that story by candlelight. I haven't eaten poultry since. And now she's dead. I'm not returning from this flight George.

## GEORGE PUTNAM

Are you insane?

#### AMELIA EARHART

Any possibility of happiness as long as I live is completely dead at this point and I have no problem looking that fact square in the face. I don't want to be the first woman to fly around the world. I want Grenadine.

## GEORGE PUTNAM

A suicide?

#### AMELIA EARHART

For love. I'm going to crash my plane in the legendarily mysterious and dream-like Bermuda Triangle. No one will find my remains.

GEORGE PUTNAM

Well Amelia. You certainly know how to make a splash.

Lights fade on George.

BERMUDA! [1]

Amelia Earhart puts on her flying helmet. She steps into her plane and takes the last flight of her life.

AMELIA EARHART

I'll step into my plane, my grave my doom, my certain end. On a transatlantic flight in June.

To meet my love! The one for whom I fly this plane. My tears will be the only remains of me to wash to shore. To wash to shore.

Waves crash onto stage.

Palm trees grow toward the sky. It is filled with stars, planets, moons, and The Bermuda Triangle.

Bermuda sun, Bermuda moon, Bermuda rain will watch my grave. My salty grave will move me with the tides.

> The stars become mouths. They sing with Amelia. Dead street vendors and tourists enter.

And here I rest. My ghost haunts like a memory of a lost love. My lost love. My lost love. In Bermuda!

## Where all happiness and gladness is. (MORE)

A game of darts, a midnight swim among the stars and sea.

Here I'll watch, And remember my old memories and those who have lived and loved a lifetime In Bermuda.

In Bermuda! Where all happiness and gladness is! A game of darts, a midnight swim among the stars and sea...

> Amelia Earhart goes from the world of the living to the world of the dead as her body is swallowed up by the Atlantic Ocean.

SCENE ONE

Amelia Earhart emerges from the ocean shore at nighttime. There is an enormous run down bar at the Bermuda shore with blinking lights that say "The Snowy Cat Face! Where everyone comes after they die..." with a neon cat face that has two 'x' symbols for eyes.

The play takes place in and around The Snowy Cat Face which just so happens to be the most ratta boom batta lounge in town!

There is a cabaret stage at the center, and then an apartment above the stage where Grenadine Stirfry, the club's premiere lounge singer lives. Below the stage is a basement where various sordid affairs take place, and then a bar area filled with lively drunk patrons. They are all dead, as everyone in The Snowy Cat Face is.

## AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine! I've died for you and now I'm here in heaven to get you back! Where are you!? Where am I? that's a better question. Let's see. Beautiful blue ocean. Night sky suggesting love and or lost love. Fine sand, perfect for the beach. I must be in heaven. But what's this?

She picks up a small bean.

## AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D)

It's some sort of bean. Hmm. But not just any bean it's a... Oh my! I'd know this bean anywhere. It's a Bermuda Bean! I'm in Bermuda! Heaven is Bermuda! My prayers have been answered! That means the only thing missing is-GRENADINE! I'll find you if I have to scour this whole heavenly island!

D.B. Cooper stops her.

D.B. COOPER

"What would happen in a world without rules?"

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine!

D.B. COOPER

It's you! It's finally you.

AMELIA EARHART

What?

D.B. COOPER Nothing- Uh- "What would happen in a world without rules?"

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine!

D.B. COOPER Grenadine? Grenadine Stirfry?

AMELIA EARHART

What?! You know her?

D.B. COOPER So it's Ms. Stirfry you want. I should have known.

AMELIA EARHART What do you know about her, where do I find her?

D.B. COOPER I'll tell you where she is let me do the rules.

AMELIA EARHART Fine say the rules, say the rules!

D.B. COOPER Okay just say "where am I?"

AMELIA EARHART

"Where am I?"

## D.B. COOPER

"Where are you? I believe the question should be 'where aren't you?' Ahh, don't let me confuse you. You're in heaven! That's right new friend, you've died-"

## AMELIA EARHART

I know-

## D.B. COOPER

Shh! "I know it's hard to accept, but yes, you are dead. And when you die, heaven is your favorite place on Earth. I guess your favorite place was Bermuda!"

## AMELIA EARHART

Thank you sir, now please-

#### D.B. COOPER

"What would happen in a world without rules? These are the three rules of Bermuda. One. Everything here is fake. From the trees to the stars to the ocean to the moon!"

## AMELIA EARHART

That's more of a fact than a rule.

## D.B. COOPER

"Rule number two. You're dead, and you always will be. Rule number three. There is one way to live again!"

AMELIA EARHART

What about rule number two?

D.B. COOPER

Forget rule number two!

## AMELIA EARHART

Okay.

#### D.B. COOPER

"Rule number three. There is one way to live again! It is called method number b. You must go through, The Desert of Deceasing! You will immediately begin decomposing, and excruciatingly evaporating into nothingness, but you will be reincarnated.

AMELIA EARHART

Why would I want to be reincarnated? Everything I love is here. I'm in heaven.

D.B. COOPER Oh dear Amelia. We should really make a rule about this.

## AMELIA EARHART

What?

## D.B. COOPER

Were you happy in your life?

#### AMELIA EARHART

Well, no, but I've always thought I would take well to the afterlife.

#### D.B. COOPER

If you weren't happy in your life you won't be happy here. You're the same person here as you were there. And I love you. / You're coming on too strong! / But she likes me! / She doesn't like you, she's never liked you! / Good things come to those who wait! / By all means, wait another lifetime! / ... I'm sorry.

#### AMELIA EARHART

Tell me where Grenadine is.

## D.B. COOPER

Do you find me attractive? Nevermind, don't answer that. She's the resident lounge singer of the bar I own. The Snowy Cat Face. The most ratta boom batta place in town. I present to you the incomparable, Grenadine Stirfry!

## AMELIA EARHART

> Amelia Earhart stops screaming and runs into the Snowy Cat Face when a piano carrying Grenadine Stirfry floats onto stage. She is awe struck and cannot speak.

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

## MY FLAVORS! (AN OLD LITTLE DITTY) [2]

My favors, for your flavors! We'll never go hungry again!

That's my favors

(MORE)

## for your flavors, cook somethin' nice for me!

Hey Josh, why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party? Because he had no BODY to go with!!!

Laughs all around!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Yes, my favors for your flavors, And I've saved a little treat for you!

That's my favors for your flavors! A toot a lee toot toot, a toot a lee toot toot yea, ooo, oooooo, oh veahh!

> Grenadine blows kisses to the audience and exits as Amelia tries to make her way back stage.

SCENE TWO

Harry Houdini climbs into Grenadine Stirfry's apartment through the window. He hears her coming up the stairs and freezes.

She enters.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Harry! I knew it! I knew you still loved me. I thought you hated me because I was too needy and depressed. And then when you disappeared I assumed it was because you thought I was ugly! Make me feel pretty again Harry. Does my mouth look like the mouth of a stingray? Do my ears jut out like its fins?

Silence. Houdini is frozen.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) Tell me you think I'm beautiful. Tell me you love me Harry. Tell it to me one more time. I would hug you right now but I know your rule about touching. Harry? Say something!

Silence.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) Oh no Harry. You think you're invisible don't you? Silence. He nods.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

Harry, dear, you're not invisible. I can see you. Why are you here?

Houdini doesn't react. She finds a scarf and drapes it over his head.

HARRY HOUDINI

I never want to see you again!

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

You came here to tell me that?

HARRY HOUDINI

I came here to erase your memory in your sleep, but I didn't know you still kept such late hours!

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

You were going to erase my memory?

HARRY HOUDINI

You're far too possessive.

GRENADINE STIRFRY I haven't said anything to you in years!

## HARRY HOUDINI

Then you admit to thinking about me! My brain waves are very sensitive Grenadine you know that I can pick up on your thoughts you know that!!!

In his excitement his scarf falls off of his face and he screams and picks it up.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Harry. You're losing your marbles... Aren't you?

He nods.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) Oh Harry. You'll be a complete loon in no time.

She gives Harry Houdini a hug.

### HARRY HOUDINI

I was so cruel to you Grenadine. And my wife. I could never be the person anyone wanted me to be. I could never mean anything to anyone. GRENADINE STIRFRY You were the greatest magician in the world.

HARRY HOUDINI

Yes but what was I? Without my magic I'd be forgotten like a little forgettable. Please, remember me Grenadine. Please!

There is a knock at the door.

HARRY HOUDINI (CONT'D)

I have to go. I came here to tell you goodbye while I still can. Soon I will be a crazy lunatic, you just figured this out but I wanted to re-iterate, and also increase the emphasis. I don't want anyone to see me that way. The lunatic way. So this is it for us. Forever...

Another knock at the door.

Houdini charges out the window shouting-

HARRY HOUDINI (CONT'D)

Goodbye forever Grenadine!

And zoop, he's gone.

GRENADINE STIRFRY I hope I can forget you Harry. Lord knows I'll try.

Another knock.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

Come in!

The door swings open and Amelia Earhart stands in the threshold.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

Amelia Earhart.

Thunder and lightning.

SCENE THREE

GRENADINE STIRFRY Amelia. Heavens, what are you doing here? You died?

AMELIA EARHART I came here for you. I died for you. We can be together. Finally!

Amelia rushes to Grenadine, who sharply turns away!

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia, no! I can't.

## AMELIA EARHART

Oh my God. I thought you'd be waiting for me. Like I waited for you.

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Well please, can we just talk for a moment? I can't believe you're dead. How did you die?

AMELIA EARHART

I was going to attempt an Around the World Flight-

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Amelia!

## AMELIA EARHART

But I decided to crash land in Bermuda! For love! For you! I expected our pact to be fulfilled. We had a pact! But alas... My heart... My heart...

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

You're so beautiful Amelia. I'd never forgotten that. The most beautiful neck. It looks like a scallop. My neck looks like a heart of palm. Or a bamboo shoot. Something like that.

AMELIA EARHART

You're beautiful.

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia, I can't hold it in any longer! I'm getting married tomorrow. To an angry German magician.

#### AMELIA EARHART

Harry Houdini!

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

No! A different magician! His name is Albrecht Verstorbene. He died while trying to break Harry Houdini's record of being impaled with the most Samurai swords. He just didn't really have a plan for the whole thing. It was quite gruesome. And he still didn't beat Houdini's record. And now he's dead. And here I am getting married to the fool. I'm so sorry Amelia. But I want a child-

#### AMELIA EARHART

But our dream of being together-

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

It was your dream Amelia. I lived my whole life pleasing others. Well, I'm dead now, it's time to start thinking about what I want!

She storms out!

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine! No!

(to the heavens!)

GRENADINE!!!

Thunder and lightning and an epic trumpet solo!

Grenadine re-enters.

AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D)

You're back.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Someone's using the stage, I can't leave my apartment during an act, there's no back stage area. Sometimes I wish I could just disappear off to the No-Where Zone.

## AMELIA EARHART

What's the No-Where Zone?

GRENADINE STIRFRY

A place of no-where. It's where magicians go when they disappear. A sort of suspended reality where nothing exists but your voice. It's a dream come true for a melancholic singer such as myself.

(singing)

"The No-Where Zone, the No-Where Zone, I'll meet you love in the No-Where Zone."

Amelia swoons.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) You're still in love with me, I can tell.

AMELIA EARHART

You're my lost love Grenadine Stirfry.

GRENADINE STIRFRY But I'm afraid you are not mine.

AMELIA EARHART

That can't be.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

It must.

## AMELIA EARHART

Look into my eyes and tell me you don't love me.

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Amelia. I wish I could be with you. But like I told you years ago, the love that I'm searching for, is the love of a daughter for her mother. I loved Harry Houdini and he completely abandoned me for that needle-nosed wench Francine with the upside down teeth. I've given up on romance. But if it's romance you want, I think I can help you. Me and many of the women in Bermuda, we like to get together and act in plays. Underground. The men know little about the affair. We do all female performances of some of the most famous love stories. We call them Thespian Dramas. You should come.

#### AMELIA EARHART

What about the men?

GRENADINE STIRFRY

They don't like it very much. But us girls, we love our Thespian Dramas. It's the best thing to do in Bermuda.

## AMELIA EARHART

I'm far too sad to be performing in any thespian productions Grenadine. I can't let go of you. I'd rather be dead.

Amelia begins to exit.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Why don't we do one?

#### AMELIA EARHART

What?

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Let's see what do we have here?: Meet Me In Bermuda, Kiss Me By The Ocean in Bermuda, That Bermudian Rascal, and oh, what's this... Bermuda Dreams! It's a marvelous love story between a man named Donald and a woman named Henrietta. I'll play Henrietta because I know the part and you read on as Donald.

AMELIA EARHART Fine. I'll try it once, but I don't plan on pursuing it.

Grenadine hands Amelia a copy of *Bermuda Dreams*.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Go ahead, start with "Oh Henrietta."

## AMELIA EARHART

"Oh Henrietta. This sunset is so beautiful, almost as beautiful as your big bosoms." Oh my.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

"Donald that is so romantic."

## AMELIA EARHART

"But we'll never kiss, because I have the plague." I thought this was going to lead to us kissing, that's the only reason I agreed to it.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

"How I long for you. How I've always longed for you..."

They lock eyes and move in to kiss WHEN!-

They are interrupted by the sound of loud lumbering footsteps coming up the stairs!

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

Oh no! That's Albrecht my fiance. It's nothing to worry about! We've just been doing the scene! It's just a scene nothing else, who wouldn't understand that?! Just keep up with the scene and don't panic!

## AMELIA EARHART

I love you! I love you!

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Donald!

#### AMELIA EARHART

I love you Grenadine!

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

My name is Henrietta silly!

Albrecht's voice is loud offstage.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE I better not be hearing any THESPIAN DRAMAS!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

He can't stand my involvement in the theatre! Oh I don't know what to do.

#### AMELIA EARHART

Leave it to me Grenny.

She takes a gun out of her boot.

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

What in god's name?!-

#### AMELIA EARHART

I have it in case I was captured by the Japanese. But I hate the Germans even more than I hate the Japanese. And German magicians are the worst kind of magicians! I mean Germans! The worst kind of Germans! I hate Germans!!!

> She screams as Albrecht enters but she doesn't move, she just points the gun at him screaming. Albrecht draws his Samurai sword. Grenadine breaks her gin bottle and prods it about in the air while screaming "Stop it you slobs!"

Thunder and lightning!

#### SCENE FOUR

Meanwhile, midnight's struck downstairs at The Snowy Cat Face!

Let's just say... It's a rowdy night!!!

## THE SNOWY CAT FACE [3]

A grizzled man stands up.

GRIZZLED MAN Hey Bernard! You love the Snowy Cat Face, why don't you stand up and tell us why?!

BERNARD Why I love the Snowy Cat Face? Well, that's about the simplest praise I've ever sung!

The thing I love in life Is the thing I love in death and it's the chance for second chances: The Snowy Cat Face! Where everyone comes after they die...

GRIZZLED MAN

Now well wait a minute, what exactly is it that you are uhh, saying?

BERNARD Why the Snowy Cat Face is the place that you go after you die!

The Snowy Cat Face is just the right place, (MORE)

BERNARD (CONT'D) the place you go after you die! The Snowy Cat Face! You grab a cat by the head and shove its face in the snow! The Snowy Cat Face! You grab a cat by the head and shove its face in the snow! As the two perform on the Cat Face stage, a mysterious woman shrouded in cloth enters looking lost. GRIZZLED MAN Oh I get it! The Snowy Cat Face! You nab a gnat from its bed and love its taste with your beau! BERNARD No no no! You grab a cat by the head and shove its face in the snow! GRIZZLED MAN Oh Oh Oh! The Snowy Cat Face, Take a cab or a sled and rub that lace to and fro! GRIZZLED MAN AND BERNARD The Snowy Cat Face! Is just the right place, the place you go after you die!!! The mysterious woman approaches the stage. She is Catherine Zeta-Jones and she is pregnant. An ethnically ambiguous tune signals her arrival. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Excuse me please, I am lost, far from home, oh my god. My name is Catherine Zeta-Jones and I am pregnant, I'm with child... Little boy or little girl, I have so much love to give, and I hope that I will live to see you grow big and strong. Niño, o niña, tengo mucho amor a dar, y espero que viva (MORE)

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CATHERINE ZETA-JONES ipara verle crecer! ¿Donde estoy? I have so much more to do, to do before I die! Oh tell me I won't die! I am immortal, I am immortal! Michael Douglas, Michael Douglas, and Catherine Zeta-Jones! Catherine! Catherine Zeta-Jones! Zeta-Jones will never die!!! D.B. Cooper sneaks up on a very dramatic Catherine Zeta-Jones to do his routine. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D) WheeeeEEEERRrrre Am I?! D.B. COOPER "Where are you? I believe the question should be 'where aren't you?'" CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Oh my GOD, what a provocative question! Where aren't I? Where AREN'T I?!?! D.B. COOPER "What would happen in a world without rules?" CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Oh my GOD I don't KNOW!!! Oh God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee and I detest all my sins! D.B. COOPER There's no God here! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES AHHH!!! D.B. COOPER What would happen in a world without rules? CATHERINE ZETA-JONES I DON'T KNOW! D.B. COOPER You're so beautiful! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES What?

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES You're not taking this seriously at all. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES But you're not, you're barely here, you're off in never never land, now ask me again, "What would happen in a world without "What would happen in a world without rules?"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES "What would happen in a world without rules?!"

D.B. COOPER

"What would happen in a world-"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

"WHAT would HAPPEN-"

I'm sorry.

No I am.

rules?!"

D.B. COOPER

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"What WOULD happen-"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

"what would happen-"

D.B. COOPER

"What would happen..."

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES "IN A WORLD WITHOUT RULES!!"

D.B. COOPER

"IN A WORLD WITHOUT RULES!"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN A WORLD WITHOUT RULES?!"

D.B. COOPER "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN A WORLD WITHOUT RULES?!!!"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Well I don't know ... D.B. COOPER

"There are three rules-"

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Don't lose me... D.B. COOPER There are THREE rules-CATHERINE ZETA-JONES What?!, I'm sorry I can't hear a thing-D.B. COOPER THERE ARE THREE RULES OF BERMUDA! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Of BERMUDA! D.B. COOPER Rule number one! Everything here is FAKE! From the trees to the stars-CATHERINE ZETA-JONES From the TREES to the staaarrrrsss-D.B. COOPER CATHERINE ZETA-FROM THE TREES to JONES the STAAAAARSS to Good, excellent! the OCEAN to the Keep working, keep MOON! Rule number working! GOOD! two! Rule number two! D.B. COOPER You're dead-CATHERINE ZETA-JONES You're DEAD-D.B. COOPER And you always will be! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES No no just say it to me, stop that, just say it, say it to me like I'm dead-D.B. COOPER You're dead. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES You're dead... and you always... D.B. COOPER You're dead, and you always will be.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Say it to me like I'm dead, if I'm dead you might just, you might just,... whisper it into my ear...

> D.B. Cooper whispers "You're dead and you always will be," into Catherine Zeta-Jones' ear.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D)

WHAT?!?!?! No I'm not!

D.B. COOPER

You are.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Oh my God. What about my husband Michael Douglas? I have to call my husband Michael Douglas!

D.B. COOPER

Rule number THREE-

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

RULE number THREE-

D.B. COOPER

There are two ways to live again.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Live a-gain? I am alive! You see I was at my home in Bermuda practicing Spanish for a role when all of a sudden a gust of wind blew playing the song of lost love...

A lost love song begins to play on the piano. (Desert of Deceasing Interlude)

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D)

And it sounded beautiful. And it seemed as though it was coming from the ocean. And so I walked onto the Bermuda shore and I become wholly transfixed by its melody, I had to follow it. And once I got there, a giant triangle rose from the ocean. The Bermuda Triangle. And I stepped through. And now. I'm here. And I'm mysteriously pregnant which I wasn't before. And I all I can think is "why?" WHY?!

> D.B. Cooper applauds Catherine Zeta-Jones' performance and the music ends.

D.B. COOPER

Beautiful.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Mr. Cooper, I believe I've stepped through an interdimensional portal. I am alive. D.B. COOPER There's only one way to find out for sure. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES How D.B. COOPER Your blood CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Oh dear D.B. COOPER The blood of the living is very powerful here! It can annihilate a man's very soul! Yes, it's your blood that I need, it will make me rich! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Mr. Cooper you're frightening me! D.B. COOPER I NEED YOUR BLOOD ZETA-JONES! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Help! AAHH!!! D.B. COOPER My special dagger... D.B. picks up his special dagger CATHERINE ZETA-JONES What are you gonna do with that dagger D.B.?! D.B. COOPER I'm going to have a look at your blood! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES I'm going to have A LOOK at your BLOOD!!! D.B. COOPER I'm going to HAVE A LOOK at YOUR BLOOD!!!!!!! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES No! NO!!! D.B. Cooper closes in on Zeta-Jones!

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SCENE FIVE

Thunder and lightning back upstairs in Grenadine's apartment!

Amelia screams-

AMELIA EARHART

I HATE GERMANS!!!

As Albrecht enters she points the gun at him!

Albrecht draws his famous Samurai sword!

Grenadine breaks her gin bottle!

She prods it about in the air while screaming "Stop it you slobs!"

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Yes I see. I come to house of woman who is mine to find short haired looking girl pointing small gun on my face. Hair girl are you trying to kill most deadly scary magician in the world?

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia put down the gun. Please.

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine I know you don't love him! You love me!

## ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

This is what happens Grenadine when you and your girl shaped friends do your Thespian Dramas, you think the plays are real and you get confused! You are women you cannot understand the complexities of performance like magic inventor man like myself.

## AMELIA EARHART

You don't sound German.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

He was born in Germany, he didn't grow up there, he moved around, Amelia, I tried to say that but you got all wound up about Germans and I couldn't get a word in! (to Albrecht) You're right honey. Amelia just got too involved in the play and she thinks it's real. Isn't that right Amelia? You

took the play too far?

Grenadine covers her stomach, protecting her unborn child.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Amelia next time you want to act in a play, you must make sure your husband has explained it to you, how else would you know how to separate the story world from the not story world real world reality.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

He's right Amelia. Now put down the gun.

Grenadine clutches her stomach.

AMELIA EARHART

You're pregnant.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

No I'm not.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

You're pregnant?

GRENADINE STIRFRY

No.

AMELIA EARHART

You don't need to marry him! You're already pregnant!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia you must stop!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE You keep secrets from magic husband Germany?

AMELIA EARHART

We can be together!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

No Albrecht.

AMELIA EARHART Grenadine you'll thank me when this is over!

Amelia SHOOTS Albrecht Verstorbene in the chest and he is knocked to the ground.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

That was so damn stupid.

## AMELIA EARHART

I killed him. I killed him! I feel so powerful! So alive! Oh Grenadine I killed that evil magician! And now you're pregnant and we can raise the child!

Albrecht stands up.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

I'm already dead you idiot.

AMELIA EARHART

Oh my God!

GRENADINE STIRFRY You can't kill anyone in Bermuda, Amelia.

#### AMELIA EARHART

Oh dear.

## ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

You stay away from my Grenadine. And if I ever see you acting in any of these infantile Thespian Dramas again, I will burn the words of the bards and wipe the ashes onto my face so that it looks like I am a ghost and I will come into the nighttime like a Scroogey thing and scare you half dead you'll be so scared.

#### AMELIA EARHART

Well I'm completely mortified. I'm going to drink until I can't see straight. If you want to find me, I'll be at The Snowy Cat Face! The only place that will have a sorry soul like me! I'm so sorry Grenadine! I'm sorry Albrecht! I feel terrible! I am too shamed to go on! I can't go on! Oh!

She runs away!

GRENADINE STIRFRY Real nice Albrecht. You're a class act. You know what, forget about the wedding. Forget about it!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

She shot me! She tried to kill me!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Yeah well maybe you deserve it!

#### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Mrs. Albrecht Verstorbene wants disagree. Wants away. Wants leave from me. Thousands of women Mr. Verstorbene charms, thousands he woos from crib, and this one, this little mouse wants catch tail. You don't catch tail with me, mouse kitty.

GRENADINE STIRFRY I'm going to bed we'll talk about it tomorrow. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Mouse kitty has child inside of her. GRENADINE STIRFRY I don't. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Mouse kitty is made with child by magic man. GRENADINE STIRFRY I don't know-ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Mouse kitty thinks that she can hide secrets from magic husband-GRENADINE STIRFRY We're not married-ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE -secrets that should not be kept from me. You do not keep pregnancy secrets from me. GRENADINE STIRFRY I'm not pregnant. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE What is mouse kitty scared of? GRENADINE STIRFRY Stop it. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE No no. What is mouse kitty scared of? GRENADINE STIRFRY I'm not scared of anything. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Mouse kitty is not scared of anything. Good. But mouse kitty husband. He knows this is lie. Mouse kitty husband knows that mouse kitty has been with pregnant before now. GRENADINE STIRFRY You stop this. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Mouse kitty scared she lose magic man baby like she lost her first. Her second. Her third. Her fourth. And her fifth.

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#### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Mouse kitty doesn't want to make grave for baby number six. Does she?

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

No.

#### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

So mouse kitty marries magic man in Bermuda tomorrow. Mouse kitty and magic maker husband have baby. We raise baby. Mouse kitty husband more famous than coward Houdini. Mouse kitty husband murder coward Houdini in afterlife with straitjacket.

He exits.

SCENE SIX

Grenadine walks down a Bermuda street at nighttime. There is general gaiety, a man with an accordion, a juggler, a parrot being walked down the street on a leash.

BERMUDA DREAMS [4]

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

A brand new husband; magic man, A man to make me disappear, Into a life I've never had. But I'll always be alone.

I am pregnant with his kid, an island child in my arms. She'll dance along the sand, I'll put up with this man. This mean old magic man.

An island mansion in the sand, a perfect family by the sea, Bermuda dream, A Bermuda fantasy. It isn't all it seems.

(Bermuda sun, Bermuda moon. Bermuda rain won't wash away, won't wash away my tears)

Amelia I hope you're there. I hope you hear my plea. Take me on your plane, and fly us far from here. Somewhere just like here, away from all that's here.

But you'll have to leave me behind. You'll be better without me, I'll only bring you down. (MORE) GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) I'll make you crash your plane.

It all is paradise, a man by my side, and soon we'll be three. But I'm still me. Sad, lonesome me.

## SCENE SEVEN

Amelia Earhart stands in front of the Bermudian ocean.

AMELIA EARHART

Oh ocean. Give me some answers! My heart aches for Grenadine. But she doesn't seem to love me anymore. And I've just tried to kill someone. And though he didn't die I fear what I am capable of. I never knew I could draw a gun on a man and pull the trigger. Must my existence always be such a mystery?!

A man's voice comes in loud.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Yes...

## AMELIA EARHART

Who said that?

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE Your life will always be a mystery until you find your lost love.

#### AMELIA EARHART

How do I?

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE How would I know? I am just a magician.

AMELIA EARHART Another magician? Well be careful, I shot the last one.

Houdini appears.

HARRY HOUDINI You kill magicians? Get out of here!

AMELIA EARHART Oh, well it was an accident. But I'll go.

HARRY HOUDINI

What's that in your hand open your hand lemme see that what's that?

AMELIA EARHART

It's just a-

## HARRY HOUDINI What a knife it's a knife you got a knife now?

AMELIA EARHART

It's not a knife!

HARRY HOUDINI

You're gonna stab me with that thing gonna stick it in my throat stab me in the neck huh?!

#### AMELIA EARHART

It's just a sea shell! A sea shell!

## HARRY HOUDINI

Oh so it's a scooper huh? Gonna scoop me? Scoop out my eyes take a look at my brain see what I'm thinking? Poke around give me a few ideas like hey how about this one maybe I should tell everyone how I do my tricks right? Or maybe you'll just scoop some of the tricks right outta my brain and spread out my brains on a piece of paper so that you can see how I do the tricks!

## AMELIA EARHART

Mr. Houdini I have no intentions of hurting you or sharing your tricks, please you must understand.

#### HARRY HOUDINI

Oh sure Houdini's the crazy one, lock him up and throw away the key! You think that's gonna stop me? What do I do for a living?! I'm an escape artist that's what I do for a living and you're coming in here saying that your dinky little key is going to stop me? It's clear what you do, you're a killer a murderer a masked man. Who sent you killer man?

## AMELIA EARHART

I came to look at the ocean and think about my problems. What are you doing here?

## HARRY HOUDINI

It's where I practice my disappearing act, it relaxes my fragile nerves. But now, see, your penchant for killing is making me bawdy, yes your eyes are narrowing like a reptile like you have two sets of eyelids both presenting an image of deception. Shifting eyes they're called. Now if you'll just excuse me while I calmly ring this bell!

He takes out his safety bell and rings it wildly!

HARRY HOUDINI (CONT'D) I'm sorry I can't hear you it must be breakfast!

He disappears with a burst of smoke!

## Amelia Earhart claps!

AMELIA EARHART Oh my word! Mr. Houdini that was absolutely amazing!

#### HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Yes well contrary to my frightened disposition I am actually quite a gifted magician. It's something I can't escape. Wait, that was important, let me re-iterate: The only thing I can't escape is my curse! The curse of being the most gifted magician in the world.

## AMELIA EARHART

You know you seem much more comfortable when you're invisible.

#### HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

I know. And just to clarify, I am not invisible, I am in what magicians refer to as "The No-Where Zone."

## AMELIA EARHART

Well there's no need to be afraid of me. I'm quite harmless these days. I used to be so driven and so strong, but now that I'm in Bermuda I've become much more a victim to the ebb and flow of the emotional roller coaster that represents my inner being. I feel like I'm on a magic carpet sweeping through the Arabian desert, leaving a trail of tears dripping like Black Currants falling from my exotic spice bag gifted to me by the Sultan.

#### HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Ah you're under someone's spell. Someone who speaks using strange metaphors. Or is it metaphortations? I can never remember.

#### AMELIA EARHART

You've really brightened my day with your little disappearing act.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

How did you die boyish girl?

#### AMELIA EARHART

I'm afraid it's very personal Houdini. Oh but what's the use in hiding? I did that my whole life. I crashed my plane. On purpose. I was supposed to be flying around the world, but I decided to crash land in Bermuda for love. When I started flying I did it for fun. I loved it. As I got better and better people started telling me what to do. Eventually my life wasn't mine, and flying wasn't fun. After that there was no such thing as fun. That's how I really died. I only crashed my plane ten years later. Houdini emerges.

He puts a hand on her shoulder.

HARRY HOUDINI I won't kill you if you answer the following question correctly. Did you poison my tea yesterday?

AMELIA EARHART

Mr. Houdini, no.

The day before?

AMELIA EARHART

HARRY HOUDINI

No.

HARRY HOUDINI

The day before that?

AMELIA EARHART

No!

#### HARRY HOUDINI

But I didn't have tea the day before that I had coffee!

AMELIA EARHART I have no idea what you had!

HARRY HOUDINI Wrong again I had tea! What flavor is the ocean? What flavor is the ocean?!

AMELIA EARHART

I don't know!

HARRY HOUDINI Tell me what flavor is the ocean?!

AMELIA EARHART The ocean doesn't have a flavor!

HARRY HOUDINI What flavor is the ocean!?!

## AMELIA EARHART

Ocean flavor!

HARRY HOUDINI Witch! Witch! There's no way you could have known that you witch! I'll have you burned at the stake!

He disappears with a burst of smoke!

## HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

I'm so sorry Amelia.

## AMELIA EARHART

It's okay. Just only appear again if you know you can be in control.

## HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

What do you need my help with?

AMELIA EARHART

I'm in love. With someone who doesn't love me. Because she says she can't be with me because she wants to be with a man so that she can raise a family, she says she can't be with a woman.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE It sounds like you're a lesbian.

## AMELIA EARHART

In Bermuda anyway.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE Are there a lot of lesbians in Bermuda?

AMELIA EARHART Why yes apparently there are! They seem to be everywhere.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Lovely.

AMELIA EARHART

You knew her.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Ah?

AMELIA EARHART

Houdini drops dozens of rose petals from the No-Where Zone.

AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D)

My sentiments exactly.

Grenadine Stirfry.

HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE The incomparable Grenadine Stirfry.

AMELIA EARHART She was in love with you.

# HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE It was a shameful thing I did.

#### AMELIA EARHART

I think it made Grenadine very sad.

## HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

Grenadine stole my heart the moment I saw her. I couldn't control myself. I should have, but Grenadine's beauty made it impossible. The next morning when I returned home to my wife Francine, I told her everything. She never forgave me. And I never forgave myself. I tried every day after that to make it up to her to tell her how much I truly loved her but it was like I lost her the moment I betrayed her and her eyes became empty for me.

#### AMELIA EARHART

That is so sad.

#### HARRY HOUDINI'S VOICE

It would be if it were true. Francine wasn't my wife, she was a prostitute I visited whenever I went to France. She loved France, it was the country she was named after. My wife's name was Bess, and unfortunately her name suited her quite well, she was very cow-like. It always embarrassed me to say her name. It was like if a midget's name is Midget and every time you see them you say "Hello Midget" and eventually midget's not even a real word to you anymore.

## AMELIA EARHART

I knew a midget named Bridget once. She was a lesbian too.

Houdini enters.

HARRY HOUDINI

Bridget Koin? You must be talking about Bridget Koin. You know Bridget Koin?

AMELIA EARHART

Knew. She died.

HARRY HOUDINI

Oh no, how?

AMELIA EARHART

Murder.

HARRY HOUDINI

No!

AMELIA EARHART

Her twin sister.

HARRY HOUDINI

I didn't even know she had a twin sister!

AMELIA EARHART

No one did, her family made her sleep in the walls.

HARRY HOUDINI

And during the day?

AMELIA EARHART She was home schooled on the roof.

HARRY HOUDINI

Bridget you devil!

AMELIA EARHART

She never knew!

HARRY HOUDINI

Ach!

AMELIA EARHART

Mr. Houdini look! You're out of the No-Where Zone! And we're having a conversation!

HARRY HOUDINI

Why, you're right! Oh! How wonderful! Amelia! You've awakened something inside of me! Yes it's what's been missing! To give my heart to another. I've been so closed.

AMELIA EARHART

I can relate.

HARRY HOUDINI

I want to give more!

AMELIA EARHART

Oh I'm so happy!

HARRY HOUDINI I am too Amelia Earhart! I am too!

AMELIA EARHART

But my heart...

HARRY HOUDINI

Of course! Your heart! I'll help you however I can! You've given me so much Amelia in the few moments I've known you I'll do anything to help you! Because... You're an angel I think. An angel. I have an idea!

AMELIA EARHART

Wonderful!

Grenadine says that she cannot be with a woman, she says that she must be with a man.

## AMELIA EARHART

You see there's no hope.

HARRY HOUDINI But there is! You must become a man to be with her.

AMELIA EARHART

I can't disguise myself! She'll know!

HARRY HOUDINI

No no. You will not disguise yourself as a man, you will become a man.

## AMELIA EARHART

You mean physically?

## HARRY HOUDINI

Not exactly. You'll become me. You'll step into my body and become me. It's an ancient trick. And you can only do it once. But I've waited lifetimes to do it. Now is the time.

## AMELIA EARHART

Will I still think my thoughts and feel my feelings?

## HARRY HOUDINI

Everything about you will be intact. You'll be in my body. And from there you can woo Grenadine. It won't be hard, she was fool enough to fall in love with me.

## AMELIA EARHART

What happens to my body?

#### HARRY HOUDINI

It's in there too. The trick is called: The Turkish Body Sleeve. Because you wear my body as a sleeve over your's. Make sure that the moment my soul escapes my body, you jump right into it! THROUGH THE MOUTH!

## AMELIA EARHART

Where will your soul be?

## HARRY HOUDINI

The No-Where Zone.

AMELIA EARHART

Forever?

Forever. My destiny has always been in The No-Where Zone. It will be my greatest trick.

## AMELIA EARHART

But no one will see it.

HARRY HOUDINI

The curse of being the most gifted magician in the world. I really do live for that curse. Or did anyway.

## HOUDINI'S CURTAIN CALL [5]

HARRY HOUDINI

You'll have to learn everything about being me. I'm about to reveal the secrets to all of my magic tricks, I'm letting it all go.

Harry Houdini makes his chest of tricks appear and unfolds a tailor's mirror to size up Amelia.

AMELIA EARHART

That's so generous Mr. Houdini. Thank you.

#### HARRY HOUDINI

You'll find being me very entertaining. My body hair grows in a marble pattern that mimics the Milky Way!

## AMELIA EARHART

Oh?

#### HARRY HOUDINI

Yes and it moves about my body with the rotation of the Earth, you could set your clocks to it.

AMELIA EARHART

Oh Harry that sounds strange but I'll learn to embrace it!

## HARRY HOUDINI

Thank you so much, and please understand I almost never have any idea what I'm saying. Oh, this one is my favorite!-

Harry Houdini shows Amelia Earhart the secrets to all of his tricks.

HARRY HOUDINI (CONT'D)

They say I turn great myths into great truths, but I have to say, my work is hardly through.

My push, my urge

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HARRY HOUDINI (CONT'D) to be of purpose. Not purpose in this life, but purpose in this play (I think I'm in this play!). AMELIA EARHART Mr. Houdini, but what if I need to disappear? HARRY HOUDINI Now you see me, now you don't, how are you supposed to care? About me and my affairs? Resonance, they say in music, they say it on the stage. Resonance, the name stays with you, a letter on your breast, (+ AMELIA) the one she sent you, Francine I'll meet you soon! My death it comes too soon! **Resonate!** (+ AMELIA) I hope I resonate! Amelia steps into Harry Houdini's body as his soul slips into the No-Where Zone. HARRY HOUDINI AMELIA EARHART I'll remember you, (CONT'D) So please remember And then you'll me, come back, and maybe I'll that's when I'll come back, fit, so I guess, this and that's when I'll fit, is it... so I guess this is it... SCENE EIGHT D.B. Cooper and Albrecht Verstorbene drinking at the bar in the Snowy Cat Face.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Mr. Cooper I cannot control wife shaped girl who I am going to marry enough for us to have life of prospering and children swinging from trees life which I want so deeply to me.

## D.B. COOPER

I sssee. It seems your wife soon to be... Has control over you.

# ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

I know what I must do. I must let go of her. I must let her have her control on matters wife related. Mother would have said speech for that. She would say: Albrecht mein lieber. Du warst schon immer mein liebster kleiner junge, seitdem du so zart an meinen alten titten gelutscht hast. Aber jetzt musstdu los lassen du dummer schwuler.

> Translation: "Albrecht my love. You've been my favorite little boy since you sucked delicately on my old tits. Now you must let go you stupid faggot."

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE (CONT'D)

She was meany, but she knew how to fold cabbage leaf like thousand Japanese cranes. Mutti! MUTTI!

# D.B. COOPER

It's tragic. You see I love Amelia Earhart. I think about her every night. I have since I was 5 years old looking at photographs of her by candlelight under my sister's bed as she slept. / Quiet D.B., don't reveal too much personal information in front of the man. / I am being quiet. / Well not quiet enough. / Oh shut up! / No you shut up, you've been playing games with me long enough dad! / Well maybe that's because you'll never be good enough, you'll NEVER be GOOD ENOUGH!!! / Mom get him to stop! / I can't stop him when he's like this you know that better than anyone, Samantha you stop him, he loves you the most! / I hate this family they never let me do what I want! / Then why don't you just leave Samantha? / I'm trying to tell your brother how completely worthless he is and you will shut up and listen! It's just you and me buster! / I hate you. I hate you! You ruined my life! / Oh I ruined your life?

### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Mr. Cooper, I believe you have condition what known as the Schizofreakia. Now you do as we do in Hiddensee, you take the hair of priest bottucks and grind into paste of little bitty bitty-

Grenadine enters.

### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Albrecht. I love you baby you got that? Always have. Your nose looks like a damn underwater pine cone. But I'm leaving you. I don't know what I'll do. Where I'll go. But I can't raise this baby with you. So that's it. And D.B.

### GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

I'm leaving the Cat Face too, I'm never performing here again, and before you ask, No, it doesn't have anything to do with the time I caught you masturbating into the pockets of my apron. No. This is bigger than that. I need to find out who I really am.

### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

I know what it is. You think you are in love with boy who flies planes!

### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Are you talking about Amelia Earhart? I don't love her. Of course I don't love her, she's a girl.

## ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Mouse Kitty make big mistake. Mouse Kitty make magic husband very ANGRY! MOUSE KITTY WANTS MAGIC HUSBAND HANDS IN AIR AND SAY-... I give up. I give up this charade with you. You say you love me and you are with others more than you are with me, I give up. I suppose I knew that there was something- NO I CANNOT GIVE UP! I had a moment where I thought I could forgive this but then I remembered that *I* cannot at all forgive this! MOUSE KITTY WILL BE DESTROYED BY MAGIC FLYING DOVES! MOUSE KITTY WILL BE DESTROYED WITH TOP HAT FILLED WITH DRIED LEAVES BLOWING AWAY! MOUSE KITTY WILL BE DESTROYED BY TEN THOUSAND GOLDFISH DISAPPEARED FROM POND!

### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Well congratulations Albrecht. Now your soon to be WIFE. Has disappeared.

### She exits.

#### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Failure. My life is filled with all my messies. Ah but I am dead there is no way to go. Nothing can help me.

### D.B. COOPER

Oh really? What about the blood of Catherine Zeta-Jones?

# ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Who is Zeta-Jones?

# Grenadine returns- she forgot her suitcase! She stays and secretly listens in on their conversation.

## D.B. COOPER

A woman who's blood is so powerful it can annihilate the soul of your enemies. Or even a betraying fiance! Allow me one of your Samurai swords. Albrecht gives D.B. Cooper a Samurai sword he has with him and anoints the sword with the blood of Catherine Zeta-Jones. It glimmers momentarily.

D.B. grabs Albrecht's finger and touches it to the blade. It sizzles and burns!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE AHH!!! I need blood of Beta-Zeta for to kill Mouse Kitty.

D.B. COOPER

For a price!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Anyplease...

D.B. whispers something in Albrecht's ear. Grenadine steals away!

### SCENE NINE

Amelia Earhart as Harry Houdini flies her plane around Bermuda looking for Grenadine Stirfry.

She finds Grenadine walking in the ocean, elegiacally staring off into the night, holding her stomach.

Amelia lands her plane and approaches Grenadine.

AMELIA EARHART Grenadine. It's me. Harry Houdini.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

It's cold Harry.

AMELIA EARHART I love you Grenadine Stirfry.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Harry. I've sworn off love. It's why my pregnancies never take hold.

AMELIA EARHART

You're the most beautiful woman in the world. Your face looks like the moon.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

A Bermudian moon over the ocean at midnight?

# AMELIA EARHART

A Bermudian moon over the ocean at midnight with an old row boat, eating a dollop of jambalaya right out of your palm.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh Harry. You're so sweet in your decline.

### AMELIA EARHART

That's what I've come here to tell you. I have my mind back. I'm no longer going mad. And I know now that you're my long lost love.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Harry. You're mad. I can't be with you. The demons in my own head are enough.

### AMELIA EARHART

Give me a chance.

GRENADINE STIRFRY I'm through with romance Harry.

AMELIA EARHART Would you like to go for a ride? In my plane?

GRENADINE STIRFRY That sounds romantic Harry, I don't know.

AMELIA EARHART

Look into my eyes and try to say that you don't love me.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

I don't love anyone.

# AMELIA EARHART

You weren't looking.

Grenadine looks closely into Amelia's eyes.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

I do love you.

They step into Amelia Earhart's plane.

## <u>A WOMAN IN THE AIR [6]</u>

AMELIA EARHART

I fly, I fly, I fly and fly and fly!

The blood in my veins, it starts its flowing. 39.

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AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D) Is it all just in my head? Relaxation, I am drowning in possibilities. Possibility, possibility, the possibilities of love. AMELIA EARHART AND GRENADINE STIRFRY A little girl she leaps inside of me. Her dreams are coming true! GRENADINE STIRFRY I'll fly, I'll fly... I'll fly away with you! AMELIA EARHART GRENADINE STIRFRY A wide old We'll leave wingspan, Bermuda, fancy propellers, We'll leave you I think I am in all behind! I think I am in love... love... AMELIA EARHART Wishful thinking, who'm I kidding? Can't be possible... Like a woman in the air! I fly, I fly! I fly and fly and fly! GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh Harry, I could fly with you forever! But my fiance! He wants to kill me and he'll probably kill Amelia Earhart after that too! AMELIA EARHART Why would he want Amelia Earhart dead? GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh- Nevermind that. Nothing matters now- We're having an AFFAIR! AMELIA EARHART But we have to stop Albrecht!

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GRENADINE STIRFRY What can we do? I refuse to hurt him! He's not evil, he's just misunderstood! AMELIA EARHART We'll take his famous Samurai Sword- He'll be harmless! GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh Houdini! You're back, baby!! Next stop, the Cat Face!!! WOOO HOOOO HOOOO HOOOO!!!!! She jumps into his arms laughing! SCENE TEN Albrecht Verstorbene and D.B. Cooper meet in a dark corner of the Cat Face. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE You have the blood of Zeta-Bones, D.B.? D.B. COOPER Do you have the payment? Albrecht hands over Amelia Earhart's flying cap. D.B. smells it deeply. D.B. COOPER (CONT'D) We'll be together soon my Amelia! Here is the blood of the Gypsy. Anoint your Samurai Sword and it will be a killing machine. D.B. hands over a vile of Catherine Zeta-Jones' blood and Albrecht anoints his sword with it. It glistens magically. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE AH! D.B. you are kindred puppy to me. Suddenly Amelia Earhart as Harry Houdini enters the Snowy Cat Face. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE (CONT'D) Houdini. AMELIA EARHART Albrecht. Thunder and lightning.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Go D.B.! I need to be alone with arch nemesis. D.B. COOPER But Albrecht-ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Away!!! D.B. exits. Albrecht sizes up Houdini. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE (CONT'D) You look like slimy piece of poo poo. AMELIA EARHART If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE HA! You have always been pussy Houdini. How did you die? AMELIA EARHART I... can't tell you... It's too spooky. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Don't tell me anything spooky please. As Amelia distracts Albrecht, Grenadine slinks in through the back of the Snowy Cat Face. She sneaks around Albrecht to steal his magical killing sword as Amelia signals to her. AMELIA EARHART I feel that it's time to let go of our silly rivalry. He threatens Amelia with his sword. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Let go of our silly rivalry? Let go of our silly rivalry? I was made dead by Samurai Sword Illusion! I did that illusion for you- to show you that I mean something as a magician. But you made blind to me! He retreats. ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE (CONT'D)

You made blind to me as you made blind to my soul, no Houdini, no. I turn away.

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# AMELIA EARHART

I haven't made blind to you! I remember it all! Your Samurai Sword Illusion is the best of its kind. You do mean something Albrecht.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

No I do not.

AMELIA EARHART

You do!

# ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Ha. Me?

AMELIA EARHART

You know what I would love more than anything? To hold that sword of your's in my hands.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

No! I will use this to threaten Mouse Kitty back to my arms!

AMELIA EARHART

Albrecht. You have to face it. Grenadine doesn't love you. Grenadine loves... Grenadine loves... AMELIA EARHART!

Amelia eyes fix on Grenadine as she reaches for Albrecht's sword.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE What can she do with Amelia Earhart? Play muschi muschi? Brüste brüste? Muschi brüste, brüste muschi?

AMELIA EARHART

Exactly.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

No. No. You don't think that these Thespian Dramas had anything to do with this, do you?

AMELIA EARHART Oh Albrecht. How naive. Let me help you!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE Help you? But I want to help me!

THESPIAN DRAMA [7]

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE I am magician. This you must know! I am provider I am saint I am lover I am great! But my love has left with an AaaaairbornE GIIIIIRL.

AMELIA EARHART Why don't we conspire friend? We can conspire and conspire. You see that is what I love to do... I'm not a liar, I'm a friend, I'm a villain on the mend! And we simply must end this Lesbian Drama! BOTH Lesbian Drama! Lesbian Drama! The only way to end, Well the only way to end, will you say it or will I?, will you say it or will I?, we both will, here we go, here it comes, I'm going to say it... WE MUST KILL THEM BOTH! Albrecht grabs his Samurai sword and sharpens the blade! Amelia and Grenadine try to swipe it from his hands. Lesbian Drama! Lesbian Drama! It will tear a soul apart! It Will tear a soul apart! ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE But Houdini is this right? For them to go without fight? They say and say and say they are in love. And I was once a lover too. I have loved a thing or two. And after all what is magic all about? Carnage! Carnage! Surrounding me all my life is my carnage. I have always been in war zone with myself. But that was then. And this is in the now. Now I know what I must do. It is what I've never do. I must let go and that is that.

Albrecht Verstorbene then lifts his Samurai Sword Anointed with the Blood of Catherine Zeta-Jones and plunges it into his stomach impaling himself.

Grenadine tries to stop him in those few moments, but fails as blood sprays everywhere as those watching scream silently in horror!

Let go! Let go! Let Go! Let Go! Let go! To my final end! And I say let it come to me!

Death is my only mistress! Death is my only friend! Albrecht, Let go and face your death!

### SCENE ELEVEN

Grenadine covers Albrecht with her body and sobs over him.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Albrecht!!! Why?!?! Oh Albrecht honey, you look like a damn tide pool. I regret all of this Harry! All of it!

D.B. Cooper runs in!

D.B. COOPER

I came as soon as I heard!!!

# AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine, I'm so sorry. Would you like to look at the ocean and talk about it?!

## GRENADINE STIRFRY

No! Mr. Houdini I cannot be with you right now! I was supposed to marry him. And I ran off with you. What was I thinking?! I may be loose, but if my fiance kills himself I will not have an affair with his arch nemesis until at least 24 hours have gone by. I'm sorry, but I cannot break custom.

### D.B. COOPER

What about Amelia Earhart, is she still on the radar?

### AMELIA EARHART

Yes what about Amelia Earhart what do you think of her I've been meaning to ask?

# GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia? Why does everyone always want to know about Amelia? Of course I should have been with her. Don't you think I know that? But things aren't as simple as that. Are they.

> She opens the trap door to the basement and begins to step in.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) I'm going in the basement! No one talk to me for at least 24 hours. Please! I must mourn in private.

> Grenadine Stirfry enters the basement where Catherine Zeta-Jones is locked up and chained to a chair. Grenadine doesn't see her.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) If Albrecht can do it, so can I! Goodbye everyone.

She opens a bottle of pills and pours many out into her palm then-

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

DON'T!

Grenadine screams and tosses the pills in the air!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh my God!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES I'm sorry, I'm sorry! But you can't do that!

GRENADINE STIRFRY Are you some kind of voodoo woman?

#### CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

No. No I'm just a regular woman. But I'm mortal, so D.B. Cooper has locked me in here to extract my blood until I can go back home.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh you poor thing. My fiance just died. Again. I can't imagine where he is. Hell? Oh Albrecht.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Is that why you're trying to kill yourself?

GRENADINE STIRFRY No. You see. My greatest- well. It's a secret.

## CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

I love secrets.

### GRENADINE STIRFRY

You see I'm having another affair with Harry Houdini. But this time... All I can think about is someone else... a... Lost love. It's when I look into his eyes that I see her. My greatest love. Amelia Earhart. I lost her in my lifetime. And it appears I've lost her again in the afterlife. Existence can be cruel can't it?

## CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Amelia Earhart. The pilot?

#### GRENADINE STIRFRY

I loved her. And she loved the air. Who she was when she flew... That was the real Amelia Earhart. No one could really know that Amelia Earhart. None of us Earthbound folk. This is the worst day of my life I think.

She takes a small pillow out from under her dress.

## GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

I even faked a pregnancy to create a sense of urgency with my various lovers. But it didn't work.

Catherine Zeta-Jones takes a pillow out from under her dress ass well.

## CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

I did that today too. Not on purpose. You see I was practicing for a role and I got the story world and the real world reality confused, which I do from time to time.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Sometimes I feel like an empty lighthouse.

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Exactly, like a lonely light house-

### GRENADINE STIRFRY

Bellowing in the night!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Shrouded by fog!

GRENADINE STIRFRY With only a few seagulls to keep me company!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

I've been surrounded by ocean my entire life, I just wondered what was on the other side. And so I walked.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Do you find yourself walking into the ocean at night? CATHERINE ZETA-JONES In the middle of the night, with no thought of what I'm doing. GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh dear, let's see what we can do about these chains. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Thank you. It hurts. Grenadine tries to undo Catherine Zeta-Jones's chains as she hums "My Flavors". Catherine Zeta-Jones picks up the song and begins singing along. They sing together! CATHERINE ZETA-GRENADINE STIRFRY JONES (CONT'D) My favors, for your flavors! My favors, for your flavors! We'll never qo We'll never qo hungry again... hungry again... They laugh and laugh! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D) I always wondered what that song was about! GRENADINE STIRFRY It's about me trading sexual favors for high class cuisine! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Oh my God. You're Grenadine Stirfry! I listen to your record every week! GRENADINE STIRFRY I'm still out there... CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Grenadine listen to me. This is very important. You have to find Amelia Earhart! When you've found true love, you know. That's what it's like with my husband. You may know him, his name is-

GRENADINE STIRFRY

You're right! Amelia!

She bursts through the basement door!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Wait for me! Or else- this could be my solo piece. Yes I think it is!

(singing [up tempo?])

I guess I'll start from the beginning, when I was born in Wales...

SCENE TWELVE

The Cat Face.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

AMELIA!

Amelia Earhart as Harry Houdini stands up!

AMELIA EARHART

Oh Grenadine!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Harry.

AMELIA EARHART

Nooo!!!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

It's been absolutely glorious with you. But I'm afraid it's time I must admit. I'm truly in love with Amelia Earhart!

AMELIA EARHART

Well Grenadine, that's fantastic. Because I. Am Amelia Earhart.

D.B. COOPER

Now stop right there Houdini.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

What are you saying?

AMELIA EARHART

I'm saying, that I am Amelia Earhart. Houdini gave me his body. He's in the No-Where Zone.

D.B. COOPER

I should have you detained.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

It's okay D.B. Harry. It's happened hasn't it? I guess we both thought you'd gotten better.

AMELIA EARHART No Grenadine, I'm not crazy, I'm Amelia.

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Please stop Harry.

AMELIA EARHART

I'm Amelia.

D.B. Cooper grabs Amelia Earhart as Harry Houdini.

AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D)

Grenadine, please, it really is me! I'm wearing his body as a sleeve don't you get it?!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

I'm so sorry Harry, I'll remember you from the last time you came to my window and said goodbye forever.

D.B. COOPER

Come on buddy, you're goin' in the tank to spend some quality time with a Miss Catherine Zeta-Jones.

AMELIA EARHART

I should have stayed myself. HARRY! TAKE YOUR BODY BACK! UNDO THE TRICK! Please!!! I made a mistake! I'm so sorry!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

You've nothing to be sorry for. You're madly in love with me. And it feels stupendous.

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine!!!

D.B. Cooper tosses her into the basement with Catherine Zeta-Jones!

D.B. Cooper circles Grenadine.

GRENADINE STIRFRY Let me pass D.B., I have to find Amelia.

D.B. COOPER

So sad. You and I are a lot alike. Never getting the thing we truly want.

GRENADINE STIRFRY I want Amelia. I know she loves me.

D.B. COOPER You expected her to wait for you? After you rejected her? You see, she's gone. She's probably reincarnated as a bird or something. GRENADINE STIRFRY Then how can I be reincarnated as a bird? D.B. COOPER Grenadine. You didn't listen to the rules did you? GRENADINE STIRFRY Oh dear wait hold on. Oh no. D.B. COOPER Oh yes. GRENADINE STIRFRY Method number b. The Desert of Deceasing. D.B. COOPER Now say it! Say it into the mic!!! Grenadine walks slowly to the microphone of the Snowy Cat Face. GRENADINE STIRFRY I have to go... THROUGH THE DESERT OF DECEASING !!! A door behind the stage of The Snowy Cat Face suddenly becomes etherial and opens revealing THE DESERT OF DECEASING! THE DESERT OF DECEASING [8a] D.B. COOPER If you want to leave, you will have to leave, through the Desert of Deceasing. GRENADINE STIRFRY I'll leave! Good riddance everyone! Good riddance! Fine! Amelia! I hope you'll recognize me on the other side! Matter fails, and blood clots, sweet memories were all for naught,

and no one cares which God you've got!

Grenadine enters The Desert of Deceasing, struggling through as her body slowly decomposes.

You and I were once free,

(MORE)

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) then we knew what it was to be, To die and lose... EVERYTHING!!!

Through the Desert of Deceasing! Winds will burn your clothes to dust,

Grenadine sees Albrecht up ahead, his body nearly a skeleton.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D) Albrecht! I thought you killed yourself!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

It was illusion! I snuck through Desert door! I wanted to live again!!!

D.B. COOPER

The sun will melt your skin to mush, sand will burn your bones to stubs, but you'll join your one lost love.

### ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

What I said was true! I should have let go of you! I would regret this but now in miserable Desert so I don't give fuck about anything!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Oh Albrecht, I have a confession myself! I've been in love with Amelia Earhart since before I met you!

Her ear falls off.

GRENADINE STIRFRY (CONT'D)

Look at that. An ear just fell off! Oh it looks like an orca whale. Yes you're right, no time for regrets here. You learn that quick.

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Faster Grenadine! Faster!

D.B. COOPER

She's there you know, your hidden dream! The face you see when you go to sleep. Who says... I love you GRENADINE!!!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

I am living again as mediocre baseball player Dennis Veranjo! What about you?!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

How can you tell?

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

It's written on your hand!

GRENADINE STIRFRY I can hardly see! My skin is melting off!

# Through the Desert of Deceasing! Winds will burn your clothes to dust,

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Look closer!!!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

But my eyes!

# ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

LOOK CLOSER!!!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

D.B. COOPER Winds will burn your clothes to dust! The sun will melt your skin to mush, Sand will burn your bones to stubs, But you'll join your one lost love!

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

Let it go, Let it all go.

HARRY HOUDINI

I cannot let go, what will become of me?

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE

At the end, what's left of me?

ALBRECHT VERSTORBENE AND HARRY HOUDINI

Nothingness, empty nothingness!

AMELIA EARHART

I want love, That's all I want! But I know it can't be so!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

To be a lover, is that all there is? Life is as empty as a gourd.

D.B. COOPER Why are you, such a worthless thing? There's no escape for my solitude, I am always just a lonely boy. AMELIA AND GRENADINE **GRENADINE OH GRENADINE!** ALBRECHT AND HOUDINI Nothingness, empty nothingness! D.B. COOPER No escape, no escape! CATHERINE AND GRENADINE Mommy's here!!! Oh Mommy's here!!! ALBRECHT AND HOUDINI AND D.B. COOPER No escape, there's no escape! GRENADINE AND CATHERINE Where is my baby girl?!!! GRENADINE STIRFRY Through the Desert of Deceasing! AMELIA EARHART Grenadine oh Grenadine! D.B. COOPER AND GRENADINE The Desert of Deceasing-AMELIA AND ALBRECHT AND HOUDINI I'll save you Grenadine! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Just give up! Why don't you just give up?! ALL NO ESCAPE, NO ESCAPE, NO ESCAPE! Grenadine FALLS to the ground! Her body decomposed to almost nothing !!! The basement. Amelia Earhart bangs on the door.

AMELIA EARHART

Let me out D.B.! Grenadine!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Harry Houdini! I'd recognize that masculine hairline anywhere! Please listen to me! My name is Catherine, Catherine Zeta-Jones and I am helplessly stuck in these chains!

AMELIA EARHART

I'm sorry Ms. Beta-Zeta, but I'm not Houdini, I'm Amelia Earhart inside of Harry Houdini's body as part of an elaborate illusion! For love!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

I completely understand! But please I beg of you, use Houdini's muscle memory to escape me from these chains!

AMELIA EARHART

Yes well- of course I will try.

Amelia Earhart expertly removes the chains from Catherine Zeta-Jones' body.

AMELIA EARHART (CONT'D)

It's working!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES You're looking for Grenadine!

AMELIA EARHART

Yes!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES She's looking for you Amelia. She's looking for you!

AMELIA EARHART

Are you telling the truth Gypsy?!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES Yes! Here, use my blood! It will disintegrate the Basement Door!

Catherine Zeta-Jones takes out her pocket knife and slices her arm!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D) AHHH!!!! She throws her blood at the basement door and it sizzles away!!! Amelia Earhart begins to leave, but Catherine Zeta-Jones falls bleeding on the floor! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES (CONT'D) Go! AMELIA EARHART But Beta-Zeta! CATHERINE ZETA-JONES GO AMELIA!! THIS IS MY SACRIFICE!!! THIS IS MY SWAN SONG!!! I'VE DONE IT ALL FOR YOU MICHAEL!!! (singing) Michael Douglas, Michael Douglas, our love will never die!!! Amelia emerges from the basement. D.B. Cooper waits above. D.B. COOPER Harry Houdini! Amelia steals the sword from D.B. and rips off Houdini's face-skin so that her own bloody face shows through. D.B. COOPER (CONT'D) Amelia Earhart! She threatens D.B. with her sword. AMELIA EARHART Where is Grenadine?! D.B. COOPER I'll die before I tell you. It's me you want! AMELIA EARHART D.B. I don't love you. I've never loved you. D.B. COOPER How soon you forget Amelia. I've been chasing you for lifetimes. Don't you remember? There was that time when you were my teacher and I was your student, but it was the Salem Witch Trials and you were-

AMELIA EARHART Hanged in front of hundreds of townspeople ... D.B. COOPER Yes! And the lifetime before that you were exploring the Arctic and I was your guide and I accidentally-AMELIA EARHART Bludgeoned me with a rotting seal carcass. D.B. COOPER I'm so sorry about that Amelia. AMELIA EARHART D.B. we're not meant for each other. You've had lifetimes to accept this! Grenadine's voice echoes! GRENADINE STIRFRY (O.S.) Ammmeeeelllliiiaaaa! AMELIA EARHART Grenadine! Where are you?! GRENADINE STIRFRY (O.S.) The Desert of Deceasing! D.B. COOPER She'll be nothing but dust before you reach her! AMELIA EARHART Then at least we'll be together! D.B. COOPER You'll never be together!! AMELIA EARHART DAMN YOU D.B.!!! Amelia lunges for D.B. but he swoops out of the way! They tussle! D.B. COOPER AMELIA EARHART AHHH! ACHH! ACHH! AHHH! Finally, Amelia is able to impale him with the sword! He falls and bubbling steam erupts from his wound!

D.B. COOPER You'll be mine in the next lifetime Amelia! I promise you that! And he dies.

Amelia stares down the door to the Desert of Deceasing.

AMELIA EARHART Wait for me Grenadiiiiinnneee!!!

> She steps forward. The Desert burns the skin of Harry Houdini off of her body! It drops in clumps as she faces the carnage of the Desert.

AMELIA'S CRUSADE [9]

AMELIA Amelia Earhart drowned at sea, A life spent soaring through the air, Alone...

Now in my death What do I find, what do I need, But true love?

Don't lose hope dear Grenadine... Just wait for me And feel my heart beat through the sea...

For you Grenadine, I will find you. And we'll live again!

Death, burn my skin to shreds, turn my legacy to dust, pluck my body from my head, But you can't take my one true love!

> Amelia finally reaches Grenadine- she is just a pile of burning body parts!

AMELIA EARHART

GRENADINE!!!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Amelia? I think you're stepping on my vagina! Oh it looks like a Sea Anemone.

AMELIA EARHART

Oh Grenadine!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

I'm dying Amelia!

AMELIA EARHART

I won't let you go!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

Go back to Bermuda! You'll be destroyed if you stay here!

AMELIA EARHART

Then let the desert burn us both!

GRENADINE STIRFRY But what if we don't find each other on the other side?!

AMELIA EARHART Then we'll have this moment together!

GRENADINE STIRFRY

I love you Amelia- I always have! I'm sorry I couldn't face loving you in this lifetime. I'm so sorry. I promise I'll find you. Oh Here it comes!

Grenadine Stirfry turns to dust.

AMELIA EARHART

Grenadine? Grenadine?!

Amelia's mouth falls off as well. She scrambles to find it but can't.

She searches for any remaining piece of Grenadine but she just slips through Amelia's fingers!

Amelia picks up as much dust as she can carry and trudges through the desert as body parts crumble away from her.

Blackout.

EPILOGUE

Bermuda, 2010.

Night.

Michael Douglas is worried sick.

He paces around the room with his bluetooth.

# MICHAEL DOUGLAS

I told you, she left for a walk and she hasn't come back... She was practicing Spanish for a role, walking helps her learn the language, I don't know, why are you asking that? ... Yes I'll tell her congratulations.

Catherine Zeta-Jones bursts through the door soaking wet and covered in seaweed!

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES I'VE HAD AN INTERDIMENSIONAL EXPERIENCE!!!

MICHAEL DOUGLAS Catherine- Jesus Christ I was worried sick, it's been-

He looks at his watch-

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

Oh honey! I love you! I love you so much! My love for you, and our children, it's the most important thing in the world to me, you know that right? (singing)

Zeta-Jones Will Never Die!

MICHAEL DOUGLAS Where were you, are you okay?

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES I was stuck in a wrinkle in time.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS

Again?! Goddammit!

# CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

No no- It was exhilarating! Grenadine Stirfry was there. And she was about to be reincarnated! And do you know who she was about to be reincarnated as? Me!

Grenadine Stirfry's soul emerges behind Catherine.

CATHERINE ZETA-	GRENADINE STIRFRY
JONES (CONT'D)	See! I told you. I
See! I told you. I	knew I was a
knew I was a	tragic lounge
tragic lounge	singer in a former
singer in a former	life. I just knew
life. I just knew	it.
it.	

MICHAEL DOUGLAS That's very strange Catherine.

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones embrace. She whispers in his ear. There are several crabs stuck to Zeta-Jones' butt. CATHERINE ZETA-JONES It's not strange at all, you see... It's true. It really happened. And she was madly in love with Amelia Earhart. Amelia Earhart's soul emerges behind Michael Douglas. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND AMELIA EARHART Amelia Earhart? That's extraordinary. Did she find her? CATHERINE ZETA-JONES AND GRENADINE STIRFRY I don't know. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND AMELIA EARHART You don't know? CATHERINE ZETA-JONES AND GRENADINE STIRFRY Well I don't know if they ended up together. I hope they did. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND AMELIA EARHART I hope so too. Lights fade on Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas. Then on Grenadine and Amelia. THE END