

BENJAMIN

I mean, just the other day I was at one of the fundraisers and this woman looks at me and tells me that she hates the champagne served!

VIOLETTA

Beggars can't be choosers.

Benjamin shakes his head and gives Violetta a pointed look.

BENJAMIN

I hardly suspect that guests at The Roosevelt are beggars!

VIOLETTA

We are all begging for something.

BENJAMIN

Anyways, and then this woman walks by and says something about the champagne. How it's "exquisite" or "takes like gold", something like that.

Violetta nods, and Benjamin looks to the side as if lost in thought.

BENJAMIN (CONT'D)

And the first woman smiles at this woman and starts exclaiming about how it's one of the best glasses she's had in twenty years! Can you believe it?

VIOLETTA

Yes.

Benjamin smiles, but his eyebrow are tilted as if confused.

BENJAMIN

That's cute.

Benjamin gestures towards Barry, the teddy bear.

VIOLETTA

He. His name is Barry Sir Jones.

BENJAMIN

Was he a gift from a boyfriend?

VIOLETTA

Any friend of mine is a gift to me.
But, no...

Violetta tilts her head, confused.

VIOLETTA (CONT'D)

I do not have a boyfriend.

BENJAMIN

That's crazy!

Violetta looks at the ceiling; it looks as if she were looking at the sky.

VIOLETTA

There's crazier things out there.

END OF SCENE.

THE SCENE BEGINS IN VIOLETTA'S APARTMENT.

INTERIOR. BEDROOM. EVENING.

A tall man, Barry, sits on Violetta's bed. Violetta paces her room.

VIOLETTA

I mean, you saw him!

BARRY SIR JONES

I know, and I don't know what to tell you!

VIOLETTA

There has got to be something! I don't know what to make of it!

BARRY SIR JONES

Maybe it was just a professional thing. Something was on his mind.

VIOLETTA

I can't believe I have a new friend!

BARRY SIR JONES
Are you sure he is even going to
come back, Violetta?

VIOLETTA
Of course he is!

Telephone rings. Violetta answers.

VIOLETTA (CONT'D)
Violetta on the tele.

Looks at the clock.

VIOLETTA (CONT'D)
Shoot, Sissy! I'm sorry! I shall
be there in ten!

Violetta hangs up the telephone. She puts shoes on and exits.

CUT TO:

INTERIOR. THERAPIST OFFICE. EVENING.

Belle sits in a cushioned chair. Violetta enters panting.

VIOLETTA
I am so sorry, Sissy! I completely forgot!

Belle tilts her head.

BELLE
What happened today?

VIOLETTA
Oh, it was amazing and wonderful all
in one!

Violetta sits in the chair opposite of Belle.

VIOLETTA (CONT'D)
I met a man today! His name is
Benjamin, and he is my friend!

BELLE
That's great!

Belle looks down and changes her tone, appearing to be casual.

BELLE (CONT'D)
So, do you still see Barry and those
animal-headed people?

Violetta laughs.

VIOLETTA
Of course, Sissy!

BELLE
Violetta, be careful with Benjamin.

Violetta frowns.

VIOLETTA
What do you mean?

BELLE
He doesn't...see Barry like you do.
Don't get too attached to him.

VIOLETTA
You see Barry too! I know it!

BELLE
No, I don't, Vie.

VIOLETTA
Don't lie to me! You told me!

Belle glares at Violetta.

BELLE
I don't see any of that imaginary
world anymore. Not since Georgia.
Listen to me, you be careful with
that man.

Violetta picks up her tote bag and exits the room.

END OF SCENE.

VIOLETTA

Benjamin, I'm afraid I genuinely
and truly don't quite know what you
mean! I don't have any visions,
silly!

Benjamin gestures towards the teddy bear.

VIOLETTA (CONT'D)

Oh, but it's not my fault that you
can't see him! It's quite peculiar,
but I don't question it!

BENJAMIN

It's never occurred to you that I
don't see anybody, because nobody
is there?

VIOLETTA

I...

BENJAMIN

It's late, I'm going to go. Think
on it, V.

Benjamin exits. Belle looks confused and exits.

CUT TO:

INTERIOR. THERAPIST OFFICE. NIGHTTIME.

Belle sits in one chair, and a shaken Violetta sits across from
her.

VIOLETTA

How has your day been?

Violetta looks zoned out.

BELLE

It was okay. There were some weird
things at the morgue today, that
are quite unusual.

VIOLETTA

Is Paucimora all in my head?

What do you mean?

DOCTOR

Last week they brought in some young woman. Hell, younger than you!

Doctor laughs to himself.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

She dies of a heart attack.

BELLE

So?

DOCTOR

She was a zumba instructor.

Doctor licks his lips.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

And this week, there were three victims of a supposed bear attack! But the markings weren't quite right. Never seen anything like em.

Belle gestures towards the corpse.

BELLE

What's wrong with this one?

Doctor leans in towards her with his eyes wide.

DOCTOR

Absolutely nothing!

BELLE

Nothing?

DOCTOR

It's as if she just dropped dead after her cup of tea!

Belle turns away, shaking her head. She looks distraught.

END OF SCENE.

SCENE BEGINS IN
VIOLETTA'S

OFFICER
Is she mentally unstable?

Benjamin leans towards the officer.

BENJAMIN
I think so.

Officer talks into his walkie-talkie.

OFFICER
We have a suspect here that need to
be admitted to Creedmoor.

Violetta looks around with wide eyes. A couple officers handcuff her, but she appears oblivious to this. Benjamin exits.

END OF SCENE.
THE SCENE TAKES
PLACE AT THE
BROOKLYN POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

INTERIOR. MORGUE. EVENING.

Doctor and Belle stand by a covered corpse.

DOCTOR
This one was admitted today.

BELLE
What was the cause?

DOCTOR
This one was especially strange.
She was in a coma for being
attacked. Yet, she doesn't die from
her injuries.

BELLE
What?

DOCTOR
I know! It's another heart failure!

BELLE
Well, how old was she?