

Trick and Treat Excerpt

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ACT I

Scene

Blackout. Thunder crackles. Sinister music underscores the following. Lights up. 1 is sitting in the living room, shivering. 2, ridiculously menacing, knocks at the front door. 1 startles, glances around, panicked. Goes toward front door but before 1 can open it, 2 kicks the door open.

1
It's you.

2
I found you.

1
I thought I'd lost you.

2
You couldn't keep me away.

1
I thought...

2
Shall I come in?

2 strides into the room. 1 backs away.

1
Let me get some water.

2
Don't go far.

1 starts to head off stage--

Blackout. Sappy romantic music plays, and continues to underscore the following. Lights up. 1 reclines in the living room, pining. 2, dashing, knocks on the door. 1 glances up, full of desperate hope, dashes romantically to the door. Takes a deep breath, flings it open. They see each other.

1
It's you.

2
I found you.

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1
I thought I'd lost you.

2
You couldn't keep me away.

1
I thought...
They soap opera kiss.

2
Shall I come in?
1 gestures 2 inside, seats 2 on the couch, doting.

1
Let me get some water.

2
Don't go far.
1 goes OS for water. 2 fixes self, arranges self into a romantic pose for 1's return. 1 returns with the water. Sits on 2's lap and feeds him the water.
I missed you.

1
I know.

2
I've been searching for you endlessly since last we parted.

1
I know.

2
You've changed.

1
You haven't.

2
You are so beautiful.

1
...

2
Your hair is a wreath of flames, your eyes are oceans one could drown in.

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1

...

2

I feel as if I've known you always, and forevermore.

1

Will you go away again?

2

Never.

They kiss. Blackout. Thunder. Lights up. Back to menace.

1

Let me get some water.

2

Don't go far.

1 skittles out of the room. 2 stalks around, examining room, then claims the couch. 1 reenters, drinks water.

I missed you.

1

I know.

2

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I feel as if I've known you always, and forevermore.

1

Will you go away again?

2

Never.

1

Please. If you left me--

2

I couldn't. I won't.

1

What if--?

2

Don't you understand? It's you and me, until the end.
That's a promise.

1

And nothing can change that?

2

Nothing.

Desperate, 1 tries to make a run for it. 2 blocks each attempt. Horror sequence, flashing lights, strange noises. It ends with them squaring off.

1

So what now?

2

Now? Now we spend the rest of our lives together, be they long or short.

Blackout. Back to romantic.

1

Will you go away again?

2

Never.

They kiss. 1 stands.

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1
Please. If you left me--

2 stands.

2
I couldn't. I won't.

1
What if--?

2
Don't you understand? It's you and me, until the end.
That's a promise.

1
And nothing can change that?

2
Nothing.

*A shmaltzy waltz plays. They dance together, like
a sequence from a princess movie. The moment ends.*

1
So what now?

2
Now? Now we spend the rest of our lives together, be
they long or short.

1
I'd like them to be long.

2
I cannot promise you that. But I can promise that I
will never leave your side as long as you are living.

*2 kneels, brings out a ring, puts it on 1's
finger. Stands, and they kiss.*