

Lights up on a gorgeous sunlit living room with large windows. It is an extremely colorful room with greenery everywhere. ORANGES sit on a COFFEE TABLE, beside a MUG of coffee. MAGGIE, mid-20's, lays down, staring up at the ceiling. She is wearing a simple nightgown, and with the light, she is like a painting. She grabs an orange off the table and begins to peel it. A hazy darkness fills the room as Margaret enters through an ever present DOOR. MARGARET is an older woman, mid sixties, who could look similar to MAGGIE.

MARGARET

Up!

MAGGIE

Hold on.

MARGARET

Up!

MAGGIE

Agh! The wiry bits keep sticking under my fingernails.

MARGARET

That's a part of peeling an orange.

MAGGIE

It's frustrating!

MARGARET

Oranges aren't the most accommodating of fruits.

MAGGIE

Ah! I bit a seed.

*She spits one out. The clock rings.  
She stands.*

MARGARET

Careful or you'll grow an orange tree in your stomach.

*Maggie gives her a look.*

What?

MAGGIE

I'm not a child.

MARGARET  
With this tantrum I'd forgotten.

MAGGIE  
It's not a tantrum. I just want to lounge.

MARGARET  
It's Nine O'clock.

MAGGIE  
Okay?

MARGARET  
It is Sunday, you know. You aren't dressed.

MAGGIE  
No.

MARGARET  
So what are do you plan to do?

*Maggie sits down.*

MAGGIE  
What can I do?

MARGARET  
You're going sit back down.

*Margaret sits beside Maggie, who  
gets up, heading to the window.*

MAGGIE  
Maybe I'll give it to the / birds.

MARGARET  
Birds don't eat oranges.

MAGGIE  
Birds eat anything they find.

MARGARET  
They'll eat anything they are *provided*.

MAGGIE  
And here I'll be a provider.

MARGARET  
Meritorious.

MAGGIE  
(Sarcastic)  
Thank you.

*She tosses it to the birds, and  
Margaret watches them as they fly.*

MARGARET

You want to fly.

MAGGIE

Oh?

MARGARET

Well do you?

MAGGIE

Why should I want to?

MARGARET

What with your yearning and bickering, I assumed you'd be jumping at the prospect.

MAGGIE

Sure. I guess I would like to fly.

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