

WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE (B) 1-1

HE

Mabel... Mabel, you look beautiful.

SHE

What's up? Nobody here needs a doctor. I had the hiccups a little while ago, but I got rid of them.

HE

Have you been drinking?

SHE

Oh, sure. I had a drink. Sure.

HE

Mabel, did you take a pill? Did you take any pills?

SHE

A pill? Is morphine a pill? I take vitamin pills, sleeping pills, uppers, downers, inners, outers. I am a little upset, that's why I act upset a little bit, and I look upset.

HE

Did you and Nick have a fight? Why are you upset?

SHE

What's in that bag? Are you going to try to imprison me with something in that bag?

HE

Don't be concerned about this bag.

SHE

Am I right? Am I right?

HE

Mabel, would you please make me a drink?

SHE

You want a drink? You want a martini?

HE

Yes.

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SHE

Okay, in a minute. The ice is in the kitchen. The vermouth is right over... why are you here?

HE

It's okay. Mabel, don't worry. This is a social call. Nobody is sick.

SHE

I know five things. I figured it out. One is love. Two is friendship. Three is... four is...

HE

It's okay, Mabel. Let me help you.

SHE

No.

HE

Mabel, I won't hurt you. My God, I'm part of this family. Would I hurt you? I have something that will calm you down.

SHE

You're sick. Your eyes are terrible. You need a doctor. You're a very sick man.

HE

Mabel, you're going to have a nervous breakdown.

SHE

Get out. Get out!

HE

You must go to the hospital.

SHE

No. Get away from me. I need... you don't know anything.

HE

What do you need, Mabel? Tell me what you need.

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SHE

I don't want anything. I promise, just let me be in my house, please. I'll be good. Please. My children... can they go with me? They need help, they need care. I want to protect my children. They're subject to insanity. Morning, noon and night, get up, get out of bed, go to sleep - that's insanity.

HE

Mabel, stop talking.

SHE

No. I want to take them with me and I'm going to protect them.

HE

Mabel, I need you to help me. I need your help now.