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Bernice

Would you like to know who your father was?
He was a famous man, now dead. Why don't we
go to my office and really talk?

APRIL

Thank you, no.

BERNICE

We could go for a drive.

APRIL

I would like to walk.

BERNICE

Oh, you like to walk? You sound like your
father.

APRIL

My famous father, now dead, went for walks?

BERNICE

I'm a walker myself, you know. All kinds of
exercise I'm a nut for. (Panting) Can we slow
down for just a moment? Oh, being related like
this is just incredible.

APRIL

You were saying about my father?

BERNICE

You hardly know me yet.

APRIL

Well, thank you, Ms. Graves. It was traumatic
and potentially illuminating to have met you.

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BERNICE

I met him when I was fifteen. I worked in perfume.

APRIL

Where exactly?

BERNICE

Well, four blocks that way as it happened. Used to be Bonwit Teller. You can look it up. Since I wasn't rich, I earned extra money working in their perfume department.

APRIL

So this was a customer?

BERNICE

Oh, a very special customer. He came in to buy a gift for his mother. He was very close to his mother. Probably too close because no woman could ever measure up.

APRIL

Who was it?

BERNICE

He was immediately flirtatious but not in a boorish way. He was, and I say this in all humility, enchanted.

APRIL

Who was it?

BERNICE

Steve McQueen.

APRIL

How dare you.

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BERNICE

We were deeply in love.

APRIL

Well, what went wrong?

BERNICE

Well, he was single when I met him. Separated anyway. I never would have gotten involved with him had his relationship been viable but I sensed that they weren't through.

APRIL

They would be Steve McQueen and Ali McGraw?

BERNICE

If you watch *The Getaway*, you'll sense a certain closeness. I do feel very good about that. By the way, do you have any children.

APRIL

Was it a one-night stand?

BERNICE

Oh, the memory lasted a lifetime. Your generation is so cynical.

APRIL

When? When was I conceived?

BERNICE

Around the fourth of July.

APRIL

Around or on?

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BERNICE

On.

APRIL

Was he right-handed or left-handed?

BERNICE

What kind of a question is that?

APRIL

Circumcised?

BERNICE

He was Catholic. I understand your parents were Jewish?

APRIL

So what. So am I.

BERNICE

Well, God bless.

APRIL

What does that mean?

BERNICE

God bless that you believe in God.

APRIL

You don't believe in God?

BERNICE

I don't know. Watch the news lately?

APRIL

I'll ask you one more time. Why did you give me up?

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BERNICE

I didn't give you up. You were taken from me. Didn't they tell you that? My father was very religious. I held you in my arms for three days praying – praying that it wouldn't happen. But it did. He walked in. He took you. And he left me screaming.

APRIL

How do I know any of this is true?

BERNICE

Because it is.

APRIL

All right, listen to me. And please respect what I say to you. I have to go home, think about this, and decide what to believe.

BERNICE

Okay.

APRIL

Okay.