SCENE 8 – July 6, 1942

 From REMEMBERING MARGOT

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 (ANNE is packing. She is taking pictures down from her walls. She has a list.)

 ANNE

Curlers? Check. Royal Family? Yes. Fred and Ginger? Definitely. All of my clothes? Or some of my clothes? All of them.

 (MARGOT enters.)

 MARGOT

You’re taking too much. We’re supposed to make it look like we are on an outing.

 ANNE

That’s ridiculous. It’s pouring rain. Who goes on an outing in the pouring rain?

 MARGOT

Jews going into hiding.

 ANNE

Even in hiding, one should try to look one’s best. I bet Mrs. Van Pels will dress for dinner. And I have to take all my pictures. I’ll tape them on the wall of our new bedroom and it will be just like

we’re at home. Pim says it’s probably for about two months and then the war will end and everything will be normal again.

 MARGOT

I think it will be longer than two months.

 ANNE

Don’t be gloomy! But it will be strange. Living with other people. I am so glad I already had my birthday party and won’t be celebrating it in hiding.

 MARGOT

Maybe your fourteenth year.

 ANNE

The weather report in your head is always cloudy. It won’t be that long. Hello is coming in a few hours to go for a walk with me. I wonder what he’ll think when no one answers the doorbell. I wonder if he’ll worry or think that we are really in Switzerland or that maybe/

 MARGOT

/Anne. Shh. Don’t chatter so much.

 (A beat as they close their satchels.)

 ANNE

It’s strange that they would call up Pim. Isn’t he too old for labor camp? Although he is smart and maybe the Germans think he can help them in some way. But why would Pim help them/

 MARGOT

/Anne! They didn’t call up Pim! They wanted me. The notice was for me. I am supposed to report in ten days to the main train station with work pants and heavy boots and nothing else.

 (Beat.)

 ANNE

Margot?

 MARGOT

They want me. For labor. And if they don’t get me – they will arrest the entire family. I am so sorry. You’re losing your time in the world because of me. You should be in school and outside playing and I’ve ruined your life.

 ANNE

Shh. It will be an adventure. You’ll see.

 MARGOT

I’m so sorry. So sorry.

 (Blackout.)