

Scene for 2 females, 1 male from REMEMBERING MARGOT
MARGOT, ANNE, PETER
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(There's a knock at the door. PETER peeks in.)

PETER

May I?

MARGOT

You're looking tired.

PETER

English is hard. And your father is a task-master.

ANNE

He loves tutoring you. He loves tutoring everyone!

PETER

My father – well, he's just not a teacher. He yells.

ANNE

We know.

MARGOT

Anne!

ANNE

And your mother talks constantly!

MARGOT

Anne!

PETER

It's fine. We're just different. That happens in families, right?

ANNE

Maybe you're so quiet because when you were little you never could get a word in!

MARGOT

Or maybe he just doesn't like chatter.

ANNE

Do you mind chatter?

PETER

I – just don't have the gift for it.

ANNE

That's what Margot always says. I like – to fill spaces. Mother and Father are so quiet. And so is Margot! I bet the Frank Family was the quietest family on earth until I came along.

MARGOT

You did liven things up a bit.

ANNE

So – are we like our parents or not like them?

PETER

Both. I don't have the keen nose my father has for spices. One whiff and he can identify any spice. And he knows what goes together and what doesn't.

MARGOT

Which is why he makes the best sausages.

PETER

But we both like projects. He likes to oversee business deals and concoct meat recipes and he takes the time to do it right. I think he likes solving problems. And I like projects – things that you cannot finish in one hour. Things that take time and care. I like to build bookcases and cabinets. One day, maybe I will build my own home.

ANNE

I like stories and writings and good honest feelings on paper. And then playing with the words. Making them funnier or sweeter or – dare I say – not so polite?

PETER (to MARGOT)

What makes you happy?

ANNE

School work!

PETER

Religion?

MARGOT

Physical freedom and emotional freedom. I love the idea of twirling on ice on nothing but a sharp blade. Or hurling myself down a mountain on two slats strapped to my boots. Or reading a book and letting my mind wander through ideas.

ANNE

Interesting that we all like activities you can do alone.

MARGOT

I did love being part of a team. When I was rowing, the four of us would breathe as one person. We functioned as one even though we were four bodies.

ANNE

It'll happen again.

MARGOT

Will it?

(Knock at the door.)

ANNE

That must be Bep. She's spending the night.

PETER

Another girl? I think this is a good time for me to return to my room!