THE MEMORIAL

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FADE IN:

EXT. LORAINE'S HOME - DAY

Loraine lives in an affluent neighborhood nestled atop a hill that overlooks Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital.

LORAINE SCHULTZ, 75, looks 65, awakes. Her Panasonic RC-6025 flip clock shows it is 5:30 a.m.

LORAINE

Ah, I'm too much a creature of habit.

SUPER: "Loraine. The Giver."

She pops out of bed. Her feet searches for her fuzzy slippers. This is when she looks over her shoulder at the empty-side of her bed. It is perfectly untouched. As if over the fifty-years of marriage, she has been conditioned to only use her side of the bed. Her husband is nowhere in sight.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Coffee!

Loraine walks outside her bedroom. Down a long hallway lined with a lifetime of memories.

SUPER: "2020. Fat Tuesday. The day before Lent."

INT. 1980'S KITCHEN - SAME TIME

Loraine waits as she boils water for her coffee.

This is when OSCAR appears, her cat.

Oscar purrs at her feet as he rubs up against her.

Loraine looks down to Oscar.

LORAINE

Oscar, you flirting with me?

She bends down and scoops him up.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Hungry? Of course, you are. You're just like my Bob. A hearty eater. Yes, you are. Aren't you?

Loraine rubs her face into Oscar's coat as the cat continuously purrs in pleasure.

INT. 1980'S KITCHEN - CAN-OPENER - SAME TIME

Loraine uses an ancient Whirlpool electric can-opener to open up a can of IAMS cat food.

SOUNDS: EERRRR. CLICK. PLOP!

The oily goodness drops into a cat bowl with "Oscar's" on it.

Oscar becomes ecstatic.

Loraine sets down the bowl.

LORAINE

You better still love Momma after I give you this.

Loraine prepares her French press coffee. As she plunges the beans, she looks down to her feet.

Oscar, in a golden patch of rich sunlight, is fast asleep on the kitchen floor. His bowl of food is entirely empty.

Loraine takes a small sip of her coffee.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Typical male.

INT. FLORIDA ROOM - LATER DAY

Loraine reads from Tuesday, February 25, 2020 edition of the <u>Dayton Daily News</u>. Dayton Strong logo is stamped on it.

LORAINE

High of Fifty-Two. Brr. Sunshine is the best medicine.

On the Newspaper's frontpage are three articles:

- 1. Flyer's Season More Than Basketball, there's an image of Ryan Mikesell, Trey Landers, obi Toppin, and Jalen Crutcher, all in uniform, lined-up together on the court. They look off screen, as if they see something coming no one else does.
- 2. Weinstein Convicted on 2 Counts, Including Rape. Image of Weinstein hunched over his walker.
- 3. Business, AlO. Market Shaken by Virus Scares.

LORAINE (CONT'D)
Bob, we should look into getting
tickets for the Flyers...

She lowers her paper and stares at an empty seat.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Oh... yeah. Must stop doing that.

INT. 1980'S BATHROOM - DAY - LATER

Loraine fully dressed fixes her hair.

LORAINE

Mirror-mirror on the wall... who's the fairest of them all?

Loraine stands motionless before the wall to wall mirror.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Nothing?

She turns off the lights as she leaves.

SOUND: CLICK!

LORAINE (O.S.) (CONT'D)

You're going to have to tell me later. I'm late.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - GARAGE - SAME DAY

Loraine FLIPS on the lights. A lipstick red 1987 Mercedes 560SL centers her garage.

LORAINE

Come to Mama.

Loraine slides into the vehicle.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Some things the Germans do get right.

Loraine turns the keys. Then, she inserts a tape into the cassette player. Instantly, Chris Cornell's cover of Led Zeppelin's Thank You - like music plays.

CHRIS CORNELL

If the sun refused to shine, I would still be loving you. When mountains crumble to the sea, there will still be you and me.

Loraine pulls out of her drive.

Oh, Bob... you had exquisite taste.

INT. LORAINE'S CAR - WINDING WAY - DAY

Loraine drives her Mercedes 560SL as the music continues.

CHRIS CORNELL

Kind woman, I give you all my heart. Kind woman, nothing more. Little drops of rain. Whisper of the pain, tears of loves lost in the days gone by.

Loraine stops at a STOP sign. She waits for an approaching car to pass her. Then, she turns right.

CHRIS CORNELL (CONT'D)
Our love is strong, with you there
is no wrong. Together we shall go
until we die. My, my, my.

EXT. SOUTHERN BOULEVARD - DAY

Loraine drives her Mercedes 560SL north, pass the Moraine Country Club. She sees...

ARNIE, a local businessman in his Eighties. He fights the elements as he walks down the fairway near the road. He stops at his ball.

LORAINE

My. My. My.

She turns down the music.

SOUND: WHAP!

The ball travels through the air. Then, it bounces on the green and rolls close to the hole.

Loraine slows as her window rolls down.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Arnie! You're going to catch a death of a cold!

ARNIE

My life, Loraine!

He tips his green "Masters" hat to her and moves on his way.

ARNIE (CONT'D)

You see that shot?!?

LORAINE

Arnie, you crusty son-of-a...

SOUND: HONK!

Loraine looks in her rearview mirror at an awaiting car.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Okay! Okay! I'm going. Ah, millennials... the lack of patience of these people.

She moves on until she reaches the stoplight. As she comes to a halt, she looks into the rearview mirror again and sees the driver is walking to her car. She sticks her head out of car.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

No need to be rude. The weather's bad enough.

APPEARS DR. RONALD CHANG, the sharp dressed Asian-American man in his late 50s, runs Kettering's Level II Trauma Center.

He wears a stylish raincoat, holds an umbrella over his head.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

You're not a millennial.

CHANG

Not by twenty-odd years, Loraine.

LORAINE

Ronnie!

CHANG

I thought that was you.

LORAINE

I'm driving Bob's second love now.

CHANG

I heard. I'm sorry.

LORAINE

Crazy what he remembers... he doesn't even know my name anymore.

Dr. Chang touches Loraine's hand gently.

CHANG

Loraine, he had a great life.

I'm not ready to let him go. Everyday I miss him.

CHANG

Yeah. I miss his wisdom on rounds.

Dr. Chang impersonates Bob's deep, baritone voice.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Now, Ronald.

(beat)

All good doctors and nurses must stand for what they believe in...

LORAINE

And sometimes they must stand alone.

CHANG

Yes.

LORAINE

It's sad how fast he has deteriorated.

Another car pulls up behind them and HONKS!

Dr. Chang waves at the them as if to ask for a moment.

CHANG

If you need anything, you know where I will be.

Dr. Chang returns to his car.

LORAINE

How about some UD tickets?

Dr. Chang stops and turns.

CHANG

You think I'm a miracle worker?

LORAINE

Yes. Go Flyers!

CHANG

Go Flyers!

Loraine drives on, and gives her own HONK! and a wave to an old friend. In the rearview mirror, she sees Dr. Chang's car turn left into Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital.

I made that exact same turn for over thirty-five years. Bye, Doc.

EXT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - DAY - LATER

Summerland Estates, an exceptional Rehabilitation and Nursing facility, who's residents are treated like royalty.

Residents enjoy private only rooms for four hundred dollars a day. Featured amenities are: wine bar, café bistro, beauty/barber shop, Steinway grand piano in common hall, lush, landscaped grounds, walled courtyard/gardens, and free Wi-Fi access through out.

Loraine parks her Mercedes next to a black Honda Accord.

ABIGAIL NIGHTINGALE, 'NIGHTY,' an African-American woman who's heart is made of pure gold. She removes a big cardboard box from inside of her trunk.

Colorful necklaces and Mardi Gras supplies fill the box.

SUPER: "Nightingale. God's hands."

LORAINE

Hi, Nighty!

NIGHTY

We missed you.

LORAINE

I had to visit my great-grandbabies in Columbus.

NIGHTY

Good for you girl.

LORAINE

Imagine, twins!

Loraine yawns.

NIGHTY

Those little stinkers keep you up?

Loraine nods.

The two share a laugh.

LORAINE

Need some help?

NIGHTY

I got it. I brought in some fun stuff for the party.

LORAINE

You're too good.

NIGHTY

Shh... Don't tell no one.

LORAINE

How's Bob?

NIGHTY

Same.

LORAINE

Yeah. I miss him.

Nighty shifts the box and gives her friend a side hug.

NIGHTY

We all know you do, girl.

Loraine moves to get the security door. She swaps her badge. The monitor's light turns green.

SOUND: CLICK!

Loraine opens it with a struggle.

LORAINE

For the life of me... this has to be the heaviest door in Dayton.

NIGHTY

Loraine, we need you to hit the weight room.

LORAINE

Weight room? We have one of those?

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM - DAY

Loraine pins on her 'Volunteer' badge.

Nighty adjusts her nurse's credentials and twirls.

NIGHTY

How do I look?

LORAINE

Like no man is worthy of you.

Nighty shakes her head as she starts to walk out of the room.

NIGHTY

Tell me something I don't know.

Loraine closes her locker and smiles. She loves the all giving hearts of caregivers.

LORAINE

True beauty starts from within.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Loraine moves to catch up with Nighty and stops.

LORAINE

Hey!

Loraine peers into a vacant room.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Where's Rose?

Nighty stops and turns.

NIGHTY

Her pneumonia worsened.

LORAINE

Is she okay?

Nighty shakes her head no.

NIGHTY

She passed yesterday morning at Memorial.

LORAINE

That quick?

NIGHTY

You should have seen her? Wheezing, barely breathing.

LORAINE

She was fine on Friday.

NIGHTY

When the Lord wants you... He takes you.

Loraine takes one more look into the vacant room.

Yeah... how's Hank taking it?

NIGHTY

He's a total wreck.

Nighty moves on down the hall.

NIGHTY (CONT'D)

Those two love birds had sex in about every corner of this place except their own beds.

LORAINE

Poor Hank.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - LATER DAY

Loraine gently knocks at Hank's door.

CAPTAIN HENRY 'HANK' PETERS, retired naval aviator, POW, and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Hank Peters flew 24 combat missions in Vietnam before his F-4 Phantom was shot down near Hanoi on St. Valentine's Day 1967. Hank spent five years at the Hoa Lo prison compound, nicknamed the Hanoi Hilton. Two of those years he spent in solidary confinement.

Hank has a love hate relationship with the Orient. At Summerland, he met the love of his life, Rose. She was a fellow Summerland resident.

Sadly, Rose just passed away the other day.

SOUND: TAPS.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HANK'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Loraine enters and sees Hank standing by the windows.

SUPER: "Hank. The real Maverick."

Again, he quick taps on the window's pane.

LORAINE

Hank?

HANK

Just waiting on two-taps from the other side.

Re-Elect Trump poster hangs behind Hank on the far wall.

Hank moves and sits on the edge of his bed.

Loraine sits down beside him.

HANK (CONT'D)

Hmm. At Hoa Lo Prison, us fellas would tape on our cell walls to communicate with one another. The gooks kept us in solitary confinement. No talking. They enjoyed beating us when we talked.

Loraine motherly touches Hank's knee.

HANK (CONT'D)

Two fuck'n years. The only faces I saw were gook faces... who loved to use their rubber whips. Fuck'n Communists.

LORAINE

Rose was Vietnamese.

HANK

Yeah... a little French too.

LORAINE

It's normal to grieve.

HANK

A week ago, she was alive, healthy even. We went jogging?

LORAINE

I know. I was just as surprised when Nighty told me.

HANK

It's just that... I waited my entire life for love. Real love. The kind when you don't even need to speak. Because you already know what she is thinking. And...

Hank chokes up.

Loraine rubs his back.

LORAINE

It's okay, Hank.

HANK

That SAM missile that shot me down over Hanoi was less of a surprise to me then Rose's death.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - GIGI'S ROOM - LATER DAY

Loraine and Nighty change GiGi's sheets.

Helen 'GiGi' Fairbanks. Age 87. She graduated from Fairmont High School and the Hamilton Business College. On September 11, 1944 in Kettering, Ohio, Helen married Vernon Fairbanks and they recently celebrated 66 years of marriage. Helen and Vernon settled in Kettering and raised their two sons. They owned and operated Fairbanks Ford in where Helen worked as an accountant for over 50 years. Helen enjoyed playing cards with her friends in her bridge club. She was also a long time member of the United Methodist Church. She had a strong faith in God, was dedicated to her community, and was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Gigi rests in her bed. She wears a hospital gown.

SUPER: "GiGi. Pure sweetness... spoiled."

NIGHTY

GiGi, how are you today?

GIGI

Fine.

She looks down at her exposed legs.

GIGI (CONT'D)

Look at all those purple varicose veins. Whew! I remember when I could stop a car with those.

LORAINE

GiGi, I bet you still could.

GIGI

I doubt that. They look so frail and... elderly. Hmm, how's Bob?

Gigi and Loraine played cards together for over twenty years.

LORAINE

Same.

GIGI

He was a good Joe.

He was... I miss him terribly.

GIGI

Well, you can have my Vernon.

LORAINE

No, thanks!

NIGHTY

GiGi, you've been trying to pawn off Vern ever since we met. Is he really that bad?

GIGI

Nighty. Never marry a car salesmen.

DIRECTOR CASEY's head pops into GiGi's room.

SUPER: "Mr. Casey. Your Cruise Director."

Casey is Summerland Estates Director. He's an olive-colored skinned man in a fine fitting suit and a bushy moustache. For better or worse, he runs the joint. He holds an iPad like a clip-board in his hands. To him, every day is a party. His deep dark secret is that he's a hoarder. Clothes, shoes, TP, you name it, he has it... in bulk.

He escorts Loraine to his office.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - CASEY'S OFFICE - SAME TIME

Casey takes his seat and waves to Loraine to join him.

Behind him is a flat-screen TV with Fox News on. On its scroll reads, BREAKING NEWS: a nursing home in Washington State reports the first COVID-19 death.

CASEY

Sit, Mrs. Schultz.

Casey pumps out too much hand sanitizer from a huge jug that sits on his desk. He attempts to rub it all in and fails.

Perplexed, he looks at Loraine and offers.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Want some?

LORAINE

No. I'm good. So, Casey. What's wrong?

CASEY

What do you mean?

LORAINE

You only call me Mrs. Schultz when you know you're about to tell me something I don't like.

CASEY

I do? How strange?

LORAINE

Out with it.

CASEY

Dr. Schultz's condition.

LORAINE

Bob's condition.

Casey examines his manicured nails.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Yes?

CASEY

He would be better served at a memory-care-focused center. Like...

LORAINE

Belmont Towers.

CASEY

Yes. That's what I was thinking.

LORAINE

That's twenty-five minutes away.

CASEY

He's reached the limits of what we can offer him.

LORAINE

We offer him love and security.

CASEY

He's showing signs of sundowning. He's getting aggressive.

LORAINE

He's confused. He can no longer communicate. His body clock is telling him one thing. And his mind is telling him another.

CASEY

Yes. Think about it.

Casey slides over a brochure on Belmont Towers.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Belmont Towers could be the solution.

Loraine gets up from her chair.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Hey! Do you still have connections at the UD Athletic Department?

Before she can respond, she looks at the TV.

LORAINE

Turn it up.

CASEY

What?!?

Casey turns.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Oh, I left that on.

Casey hits the unmute button.

On the SCREEN, a feathered-haired television anchor sits. Above his right shoulder is an outbreak image.

TV ANCHOR

This just in. Kirkland, Washington.

Switch to News Clip of Jeff Duchin.

SUPER: "Jeff Duchin, health officer for public health for Seattle and King County."

DUCHIN

We are very concerned about an outbreak in a setting where there are many older people, as we would be wherever people who are susceptible might be gathering.

LORAINE

What's our emergency plan?

CASEY

We've never needed one.

You can't be serious.

CASEY

This virus is a West Coast, East Coast issue.

LORAINE

It's a contagion.

CASEY

Relax, Loraine. Just focus your energies on hunting down those tournament tickets...okay?

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - BOB'S ROOM - DAY

Loraine sits and eats her packed lunch in the chair beside her husband BOB. Her brown bag rests on her lap.

SUPER: "Bob. The Healer."

ROBERT 'BOB' SCHULTZ, age 84, graduated from Miami University in 1958 and The Ohio State University College of Medicine with a Doctorate of Medicine in 1966. In 1967 he married Loraine Fletcher of Mason who he met in Oxford prior to medical school. He took great pride in delivering high quality surgical care to the citizens of Kettering and was proud to be a part of the Medical Staff of Kettering Medical Hospital. Bob was the runner-up as Kettering's Citizen of the Year, twice. Both times, his wife Loraine took the honor.

NOTE: WE never see Bob's full face until WE see his portrait that hangs in the hospital. Bob needs to be Alan Alda-like, a much loved TV Doc from our past.

LORAINE

You wouldn't belief how cute they were. So small, and fresh to the world. Great-Grandchildren? Imagine, Bob. Remember, how terrified we were the night we brought Annabel home? I think the fastest we went was twenty miles an hour from the hospital.

Loraine slaps her knee.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Thankfully we live only five minutes away.

Bob responds only with heavy breaths. He is deeply sedated.

Loraine gets up and tosses out her trash. She goes to Bob's bed and bends down over him. Lovingly, she runs her long fingertips through his clean white hair.

Then, she bends down more. Her face almost touches his as she asks the impossible.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Come back to me.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - VIVIAN'S ROOM - DAY

Loraine KNOCKS on Vivian's door. It is ajar.

Vivian 'ViVi' Grant. A graduate of Roosevelt High School, Mrs. Grant received her BA Degree in Political Science, Class of 1960, from Brown. Mrs. Grant joined IBM Corp. in 1960. Quickly rising through the company, in 1971, she was promoted to Midwest Sales Manager, supervising accounts like Nationwide, Goodyear, National Cash Register, and Procter & Gamble. Mrs. Grant was honored by BusinessWeek Magazine as Woman of the Year in the field of business in 1985 and was elected to the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame in 2011. Her work allowed her to travel the world, seven times over. One of her favorite places was Paris' Le Bonaparte Café, eating, chatting, and sipping on an endless espresso beside her husband Ash, the love of her life.

SUPER: "Vivian. IBM girl."

LORAINE

Hi, Vivian. Oh!

ASHLEY, late 70s, strikingly beautiful woman in a designer business suit sits by Vivian's hospital bed.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Hi. I'm sorry I didn't mean to interrupt.

VIVIAN

Oh, you didn't. Sis, was just leaving.

ASHLEY

I was?

VIVIAN

Yeah, someone needs to feed Gatsby, my chocolate lab.

LORATNE

Hi, I'm Loraine.

Loraine offers Ashley her hand.

ASHLEY

Hi. I'm...

VIVIAN

Sis, you better get going. You know how Gatsby gets.

Ashley grabs her purse and overcoat.

ASHLEY

Nice meeting you. Please take good care of my ViVi. She's quite a handful.

LORAINE

We shall.

ASHLEY

Bye, Sis.

VIVIAN

Good-bye.

LORAINE

So, they tell me you'll be discharged soon.

VIVIAN

Yep. Friday. My knee is better than new.

LORAINE

Good.

Loraine grows quiet.

VIVIAN

What's the problem?

LORAINE

I don't know. Your sister seemed sad.

VIVIAN

Oh, her? She's wears her heart on her sleeve.

LORAINE

Is that bad?

VIVIAN

It isn't good.

Loraine a lifelong nurse ponders this statement.

VIVIAN (CONT'D)

So, I heard your husband is locked up in here too.

LORAINE

Yes, I just visited him.

VIVIAN

Why? He has dementia right?

LORAINE

Yes.

VIVIAN

He doesn't know if you're there or not. Trust me. My grandmother suffered from dementia. Hurts the ones left behind worse. Hell, Gram had no idea who I was at the very end. Kept calling me by my mother's name. Crazy.

Loraine wishes to change the subject.

LORAINE

You never told me about your husband.

VIVIAN

Ash. He's the greatest man alive. (laughs hard)

I met him when I worked for IBM. I was on a job sight in Cincy back in Seventy-One. P&G was one of my major accounts.

LORAINE

Wow. I thought us women could only be nurses or teaches in Seventy-One.

VIVIAN

You forgot nuns! No, I liked sex too much for that. Thanks to my big brain I was not the first woman engineer slash computer salesmen... but I was the best.

LORAINE

We had computers back then?

VIVIAN

Sure did. As big as a house they were... but they got us to the moon. Didn't they?

LORAINE

I think records had...

VIVIAN

Great. Hell, today's world thinks Jobs and Gates invented everything.

LORAINE

What do you and Ash like to do?

VIVIAN

Travel. We've seen the world seven times over. Not the Hilton version. No, we lived like the natives.

LORAINE

I wished Bob and I traveled more. We had a house on Norris Lake for years. The kids...

VIVIAN

Yeah, the lake scene wasn't our style. We preferred Paris.

LORAINE

You did. Palais Garnier Opera House was on our bucket list.

VIVIAN

Been there countless times. Boring!

LORAINE

Then, why did you go?

VIVIAN

Ash dragged me there, kicking and screaming.

LORAINE

I'm liking your husband Ash more and more.

VIVIAN

He has his moments.

LORAINE

You two must have some amazing memories.

VIVIAN

I prefer to live in the present. The past... is just that, gone. The future... that's everything!

LORAINE

The future? Hmm.

An awkward silence develops.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Can I get you anything, Vivian?

Vivian holds up an empty plastic cup.

VIVIAN

I would die for some fresh lemonade.

LORATNE

Let's see what I can do.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - LATER DAY

Nighty leads a Mardi Gras Congo line procession down the nursing home corridor full of CAREGIVERS, VISITORS of all ages, and RESIDENTS. All wear colorful necklaces of beads.

Behind Nighty, a CAREGIVER holds a jam box over his head.

MUSIC: LIKE-FAT DOMINO'S, MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS.

NIGHTY

While you stroll in New Orleans. You ought to go see the Mardi Gras. If you go to New Orleans. You ought to go see the Mardi Gras.

Casey marches near the rear, knees high up and arms swinging wide. He wears a big funny hat, countless beads, and in his right hand he holds a golf club as his baton.

Loraine follows.

NIGHTY (CONT'D)
It's Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras! Time to put your dance on!

Loraine stops at Hank's door.

LORAINE

Hank, you want to join us.

HANK

No.

He closes his door.

SOUND: CLICK.

Loraine taps twice on Hank's door and waits.

Hank opens up his door.

LORAINE

Trust me, Hank. You and I both know, isolation sucks. Come on.

Loraine curls her arm around Hank's arm.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

It will be fun.

HANK

Okay. But just for a little while.

LORAINE

Deal.

Arm-in-arm, Loraine and Hank walk on down the hall.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - COMMON ROOM - LATER

Loraine sits on a bench before a Steinway grand piano.

MAX LINDBERGH sits beside her and plays the piano.

Max, a prominent music educator, was much loved by four decades of students at Kettering High School.

Max went to Indiana's University's prestigious music program, graduating with an AB in Music in 1960. He first taught at Kettering High School in 1960. There, he met and married Martha, a fellow music teacher, in 1961. To Max and Martha, music centered their universe. Their parties were music focused and open to all musicians of any experience level.

Upon his retirement from teaching, Max and his wife dedicated themselves to the arts, volunteering and to supporting local musical performances in Dayton and the Greater Miami Valley. They enjoyed travel and concerts until Martha's sudden illness. She died shortly after.

Now, Max is legally deaf. He misses music as badly as he misses his most cherished wife Martha.

SUPER: "Max. The Piano man."

Max finishes up an old Ragtime song.

MAX

How did it sound?!?

LORAINE

Great!

MAX

I can't hear you, Loraine. But I can read your lips. Any recommendations?

LORAINE

It's a slight break on theme, but...

MAX

Yes?

LORAINE

Can you play, I Wish You Love?

MAX

Nat King Cole? Loraine, you have exquisite taste.

Max plays and sings. His long, boney fingers travel up and down the ivories effortlessly.

MAX (CONT'D)

Good-bye, no use leading with our chins. This is where our story ends. Never lovers, ever friends. Good-bye, let our hearts call it a day. But before you walk away I sincerely want to say. I wish you bluebirds in the spring. To give your heart a song to sing. And then a kiss, but more than this.

LORAINE/MAX

I wish you love!

LORAINE

Max, you're amazing!

Max signs, Thank you.

MAX

Hmmm. Martha used to think so. She called me, the Piano man.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM - LATER NIGHT Loraine and Nightly change gear in the locker room.

NIGHTLY

Movie tonight? I heard <u>Ordinary</u> <u>Love</u> was good.

LORAINE

Yuck! It's about a couple fighting terminal cancer!

NIGHTLY

It's real. Liam Neeson is in it.

LORAINE

Abigail, you love sad Brit movies too much.

NIGHTY

I'm a Brit at heart.

Loraine grows quiet.

LORAINE

Don't you get enough tears here?

NIGHTLY

Sometimes. But sometimes those tears are happy tears. Other times, they're not. Yet, as caregivers, we must embrace pain. Then, we can move on. It's the circle of life.

LORAINE

Well, this circle of life is taken a rain check. I'm ready for a big glass of Sauvignon Blanc, then bed.

Loraine opens the security door.

The two walk out together into...

THE PARKING LOT

Behind them, the security door, LOCKS.

NIGHTLY

I never grow tired of listening to the extraordinary lives our patients lived. Everyone of them is so different. Unique.

Hmm. True.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - FLORIDA ROOM - LATER DAY

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LORAINE

High of Sixty-Four. Nice.

On the Newspaper's frontpage are four articles:

- 1. Sports, C1. Dayton could earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tourney with A-10 Title.
- 2. Dow plunges 2,000 points.
- 3. Local & State, B1. 3k+ Hospitalized with Flu in Ohio February.
- 4. 3 Ohioans test positive for virus.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Not good.

She lowers her paper and stares at an empty seat.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Bob.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM - DAY

Loraine pins on her 'Volunteer' badge. Then, she puts on a surgical mask.

LORAINE

Here. I brought one for you too.

Nighty adjusts her nurse's credentials.

NIGHTY

You know Casey doesn't want us to wear those?

LORAINE

Don't care. This is a high risk zone. Here!

Nighty grabs the mask and puts it in her pocket.

NIGHTY

I will put mine on later.

LORAINE

Nightingale. This virus is spreading faster than any contagion I have ever witnessed. Please... wear your mask.

Nighty retrieves her mask from her pocket and puts it on.

NIGHTY

Okay. For you.

The two women stand before a huge mirror that captures them.

NIGHTY (CONT'D)

Better?

LORAINE

Better.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - DAY

Loraine and Nighty start their rounds.

Casey fast approaches.

NIGHTY

Uh-oh.

LORAINE

I'll take this bullet.

Nighty breaks hard.

NIGHTY

I will let you.

She then disappears into a nearby patient's room.

NIGHTY (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Put your hands up, Hank! This is a robbery.

Casey stops.

CASEY

Well... Mrs. Schultz, I need a word with you.

LORATNE

Sure thing, boss.

Casey escorts Loraine to a supply storage room full of toilet paper from its ten-foot ceiling to the floor.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Wow! This is a lot of toilet paper.

CASEY

It was an amazing deal.

LORAINE

Any amazing deals on PPE?

CASEY

Take off that mask.

LORAINE

It helps stop the spread.

CASEY

Masks scare our guests.

LORAINE

They're patients Casey.

CASEY

To-mato, tom-ato.

Casey holds out his right hand.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Chop. Chop.

LORAINE

There's three reported cases in Ohio. And we haven't even begun to test yet.

CASEY

Now!

LORAINE

Why is this so important to you?

CASEY

You have ten seconds to hand over that mask, before Summerland is minus one volunteer, and one patient. Hmm?

LORAINE

Casey... this is a mistake.

Loraine slowly takes off her mask and hands it to him.

CASEY

We done?

LORAINE

For now.

Loraine leaves Casey with his mountain of toilet paper.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Loraine leaves the storage room and bumps into Ashley.

ASHLEY

Whoa!

LORAINE

Sorry, Sis.

Loraine notices Ashley's been crying.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

You okay?

ASHLEY

I'm fine.

Ash cries.

LORAINE

No, you're not.

Loraine guides her to the Bistro bar.

LORAINE (CONT'D)
Let's grab some coffee. My treat.

ASHLEY

Okay... courtyard?

LORAINE.

Sure thing. I will meet you out there.

ASHLEY

Splendid.

LORAINE

What do you like in your coffee?

ASHLEY

Any chance on an espresso?

I'll check and see.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - BISTRO - DAY

Loraine pays for two coffees.

Another VOLUNTEER takes her money.

SOUND: CASH REGISTER DINGS.

Loraine looks out the window and sees Ashley on a bench.

VOLUNTEER

Here you go.

LORAINE

Thank you.

EXT. COURTYARD GARDENS - BENCH - SAME TIME

Loraine hands Ashley her cup.

LORAINE

The best they could do was a latte.

ASHLEY

Merci.

Ashley and Loraine sit side-by-side before a sea of tulips.

LORAINE

What's wrong?

ASHLEY

ViVi's slight fever. They aren't going to release her yet. She should've been back home over a week ago.

LORAINE

That's just a precaution.

ASHLEY

No. Each day she looks worse and feels weaker.

LORAINE

You're sister is strong willed.

ASHLEY

Vivian is not my sister. She's... more.

LORAINE

Your partner?

ASHLEY

We've been together for nearly forty-years now. And she still doesn't admit she's gay.

LORAINE

I'm sorry for you. That must be hard.

ASHLEY

One sided love hurts, hundred percent of the time. Straight or gay.

LORAINE

They do. So, you're Ash?

ASHLEY

Yep.

LORAINE

So, how was the Palais Garnier Opera House?

Ashley looks at Loraine and laughs.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - COMMON AREA - NEXT DAY

Max reads from Wednesday, March 11, 2020 edition of the <u>Dayton Daily News</u>. Dayton Strong logo is stamped on it.

MAX

High of Fifty-Four. Yuck.

On the Newspaper's frontpage are four articles:

- 1. Sports, Cl. Toppin Named Top A-10 Player.
- 2. Coronavirus Outbreak. Gov. Mike Dewine and Dr. Amy Acton stand before a chart with two different projected curves.
- 3. Nursing Homes: Screen Visitors.

MAX (CONT'D)

Wow. This virus thing is getting real. Hank!

Helen and Hank sit by the big TV that hangs on the wall.

SOUND: TV ABSURDLY LOUD.

Closed-caption is on.

HANK

Just a minute, Max! The Governor is speaking.

March 11,2020 Clip of Ohio Governor MIKE DEWINE and Ohio Department of Health Director AMY ACTON, M.D., give update on the status of the Coronavirus and the state's response.

DEWINE

We are now in a critical time in regards to the coronavirus. The decisions that we make as individuals in the next few days, the next several weeks, will really determine how many lives are going to be lost.

GIGI

Wow. This virus is twice as easy to pass on then the flu!

HANK

Hey, is it just me? Or is Dr. Acton, hot?

GIGI

Shh! Listen.

DEWINE

There are things we do now that absolutely make a difference. Let me show you why. Dr. Acton.

DR. ACTON

Thank you, Governor. This is classic epidemiology and classic talk about a pandemic. And again, I keep saying its predictably unpredictable. There's stages that a virus takes and you can predict those. We are progressing down a continuum of increasing measures to protect the public.

HANK

Yeah, she's hot.

Max walks over and looks to the TV.

On the TV runs a Volkswagon commercial now.

MAX

Volkswagen. Ahh.

Max points at the CAMERA.

MAX (CONT'D)

To my many brethren... Remember to stay away from the brown acid.

Max laughs at US.

FLASHBACK BEGINS:

INT. VOLKSWAGON MICRO BUS - UPSTATE N.Y. FARM - NIGHT

In the back of a dimly lit van, young Max wears tight jeans, a worn blue denim shirt with a Fringe suede Easy Rider western jacket.

He watches MARTHA sleep on a thin mattress. She is his muse.

Martha, late 20s, teacher by day, Hippie by weekend. She wears flared embroidered bell bottoms with a white v-neck blouse with a groovy design.

Max, with the back of his hand, traces the curvatures in her flawless to him face. He nears her. He breaths her in.

She faintly snores. It's adorable.

SUPER: "3 a.m. 1969. Woodstock."

Max grabs his guitar and softly plays Crosby, Stills & Nash's, <u>Suite: Judy Blue Eyes</u>.

YOUNG MAX

It's getting to the point where I'm no fun anymore. I am sorry. Sometimes it hurts so badly I must cry out loud. I am lonely. I am yours, you are mine, you are what you are. You make it hard. Remember what we've said and done and felt about each other. Oh, babe have mercy. Don't let the past remind us of what we are not now. I am not dreaming. I am yours, you are mine, you are what you are. You make it hard.

Max bends down and kisses Martha on her forehead.

SOUND: LOUD FUNKY RIFF.

MARTHA

Oh!

Freddie Stone of Sly and the Family Stone signature RIFF echoes and resonates off the VW micro bus's frame.

Martha pops up suddenly awake.

MARTHA (CONT'D)

Sly's going on!

YOUNG MAX

I just serenaded you with CSN.

MARTHA

Thanks.... I heard it.

Martha gives him a quick kiss as she opens up the van's back doors. As the doors swing open, Woodstock at night appears.

MARTHA (CONT'D)

It was good. Mellow. But it's time for some funk!

A blanket wrapped Martha inches out of the micro bus.

Around her, the Hippie world has assembled.

HAPPY HIPPIES are everywhere.

A stoned HIPPIE gently bumps into Martha.

HIPPIE

Sorry...

His stoned-out face draws closer to Martha's face. He slowly moves his fingertips into front of his face. He alone and the AUDIENCE can see the colorful streamers.

HIPPIE (CONT'D)

Wow! Whatever you do... don't take the brown acid.

MARTHA

Okay.

Max joins her as Sly and the Family Stone continue to play.

Max eyes Martha wrapped in her blanket for warm.

YOUNG MAX

Music.

MARTHA

Peace.

YOUNG MAX/MARTHA

And love.

Hippie returns as he enters the shot.

HIPPIE

Far out!

CUT TO THE MAIN STAGE:

Sly Stone and his band are lit in a rich blue light. Raw and powerful energy pulsates from their AMPS and performance.

MUSIC: Plays like Sly and the Family Stone, <u>I Want To Take</u> You <u>Higher</u>.

Sly wears circular red tinted glasses and has a big afro.

SLY

Folks! What we want to do... is to sing a song together! So... let it all hang out. I want to take you!

CUT TO MAX AND MARTHA:

Max and martha dance next to their VW Micro Bus.

YOUNG MAX AND MARTHA

Higher!

Martha loses the blanket as she thrusts her hands way over her head and begins her seductive Hippie dance.

Max is feed by the music as he dances beside his muse.

MAX

I love you!

MARTHA

I know!

Then, she embraces him.

MARTHA (CONT'D)

Let's get back to the stage.

YOUNG MAX I will follow you anywhere.

END OF FLASHBACK:

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HANK'S ROOM - DAY

Loraine pops into Hank's room with a quick knock.

Hank is shirtless on the floor doing push-ups.

LORAINE

Oh, sorry Hank.

HANK

That's all right. I'm done. I feel weak today.

Hank moves to grab his shirt. When he does so, Loraine sees the scars up and down Hank's back.

LORAINE

Mercy! What have you endured?

Hank puts on his tee shirt.

HANK

Compliments of the Hanoi Hilton.

LORAINE

How you feeling?

HANK

Emotional and physically drained.

LORAINE

That's normal.

Hank clears his throat. Then, he COUGHS hard.

HANK

Sorry. I got a small tickle on the back of my throat.

Loraine pulls out her handheld thermometer and points it had Hank's head, PEEP! She reads it.

LORAINE

You have a slight fever.

HANK

I do. What about it?

LORAINE

Have you had any visitors lately? Family or friends that travel?

HANK

Visitors? Sadly, no. Rose, did. An old friend from Hong Kong. Why?

LORAINE

It's probably nothing, but...

HANK

Loraine! Not you too? This virus crap is all fake news. Communist propaganda. You know... bullshit!

LORAINE

Tell the Italians that.

Hank paces the room a bit.

HANK

No virus is taking me out. Not after Hanoi. Nope. When I'm ready to depart this world, I'm going to take my Cessna Skyhawk out and on a direct course to Lake Michigan and... Splash!

LORAINE

A test wouldn't hurt.

HANK

Sure. I'll pee in a cup. Bleed in a bag. Whatever you need.

Hank taps on a nearby table.

SOUND: KNOCK. KNOCK.

FLASHBACK BEGINS:

EXT. NORTHERN VIETNAM SKY - DAY

Below, through the white fluffy clouds, runs a serpentine river that leads to Hanoi. It's name, the Red River.

Super: "St. Valentine's Day, 1967."

Hank's F-4 Phantom comes into sight.

MUSIC: Petula Clark's, <u>Downtown</u> -like song plays.

CLARK

When you're alone, and life is making you lonely. You can always go. Downtown.

INT. F-4 PHANTOM - HANK'S CRAFT - DAY

At 550 knots, young Hank and his co-pilot DAN traverse a mountainous jungle lined riverbed that leads to Hanoi.

CLARK

Just listen to the music of the traffic in the city. Linger on the sidewalk where the neon signs are pretty. How can you lose?

DAN

SAM City, die ahead.

Their approach is littered with SAM sites below. Small arm fire and flak explode below. Their ride gets bumpy.

YOUNG HANK

Let's get lower.

The clouds are gone. The river shines below.

DAN

New target coming up.

Hank flips a switch and arms his ATS missiles.

Flak explodes near by.

YOUNG HANK

Got it. It's a lock. Four. Three. Two. One. Launch!

Two ATS missiles race out to their target.

DAN

Downtown!

YOUNG HANK

We can forget all our troubles.

DAN

Forget all our cares.

YOUNG HANK/DAN

So go downtown!

DAN

Things'll be great when you're...

YOUNG HANK/DAN

Downtown.

DAN

Yes! Chalk another... Wait.

Orange fire bursts from camouflaged anti-aircraft guns.

DAN (CONT'D)

AAA, firing below.

Dan eyes his instruments. Audio alert goes off.

SOUND: DET-DET-DET.

DAN (CONT'D)

Strobe one o'clock. I'm detecting one. No two... SAMs, in air. En route. They got off.

YOUNG HANK

Roger, that. Taking evasive maneuvers.

Hank hits a few switches. Then, he banks the aircraft.

DAN

One has a lock on us.

YOUNG HANK

Not for long. Let's dance.

DAN

Bossa nova time.

YOUNG HANK

Try to jam them.

Engines thrust as Hank puts the plane into a roll.

DAN

SAM advancing on our nine.

Hank keeps alternating directions. He flies with the missile coming in from the right for a few secs then he turns one-hundred and eighty degrees.

DAN (CONT'D)

Okay. SAM is now on our three.

The SAM missile changes direction.

YOUNG HANK

Preparing counter measures.

Hanks flips a switch. Counter measures and flares drop from the craft's underbelly.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

Take the bait.

The SAM missile overpowers a flare and catches it.

Huge explosion.

SOUND: BOOM!

DAN

Scratch one, SAM.

YOUNG HANK

Where's the other one?

DAN

Coming in fast, at four o'clock.

Hank flips another switch.

YOUNG HANK

Arming Sidewinders.

A dial glows orange.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

Sidewinders now are armed.

DAN

Hank, time to do some of that pilot

shit.

(tip of the hat to fellow Spartan Jim Cash)

YOUNG HANK

I'm on it.

Hank moves the stick.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

Moving to intercept. Switching to guns.

Hank's instruments show the SAM is lined up.

Hank squeezes off rounds from the 20-mm Vulcan Gatling gun.

The bullets tear through the SAM.

The SAM explodes into a huge fireball.

SOUND: BOOM!

The F-4 avoids the fireball.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

What do you think, Dan? It's time to head home.

Audio alert goes off again.

SOUND: DET-DET-DET.

DAN

Six o'clock!

A SAM missile destroys the right wing and the plane goes into an uncontrollable spin.

SOUND: BOOM!

YOUNG HANK

Dan?!? You okay?

Hank attempts to look back put can't.

Hank gauges his controls. The stick is dead.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

Transmit one. May Day. May Day. May Day. Whiskey Alpha is hit. Bailing out.

TRANSIT ONE (O.S.)

Roger, Whiskey Alpha, we have marked your position.

YOUNG HANK

Dan, we're going to be alright. Eject!

Hank pulls the ejection cord.

The F-4's canopy explodes off. Then, the seats shoot out into mid-air. After a few seconds of RUSHING AIR, the parachutes shoot out. The chutes open and yo-yo Dan and Hank way up.

Dan's chute slips below Hank's chute.

Hank's chute slices gently through the puffy clouds.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)
Okay, tracking indicator is on. I
just need to find the river, and
head...

Hank breaks through the clouds. Hank has total clarity now. He's falling toward a highly populated town. He attempts to change course. He tugs on his chords.

Below him, a lifeless Dan's big white chute heads toward the dense green jungle.

Hank is now a few hundred feet up above a crowded square.

Its INHABITANTS are angrily looking up at Hank.

YOUNG HANK (CONT'D)

Fuck! Downtown.

END OF FLASHBACK:

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - CASEY'S OFFICE - DAY

Casey buys a new golf club on Amazon.

CASEY

Come to Papa.

SOUND: CLICK.

Loraine knocks on Casey's door.

This startles Casey.

CASEY (CONT'D)

For the love! Ahh, Loraine.

LORAINE

You have a minute?

Casey minimizes the screen.

CASEY

Sure. How can I be of assistance?

LORAINE

Any word when we're going to get tests for COVID-19?

CASEY

Why?

LORAINE

We need to make certain this is a safe zone.

CASEY

Safe zone? Mrs. Schultz...

LORAINE

Loraine.

CASEY

Yeah...

LORAINE

Vivian and Hank both show symptoms.

CASEY

Iron Man Hank?!? He's fitter than me. And Vivian? She's dealing with a slight infection from her surgery, that's all.

LORAINE

What if it's something else?

Casey stares at the clock on his wall.

CASEY

Look at the time. It's time for you to go home.

EXT. INTERSECTION - STOP LIGHT - NIGHT

Loraine stops at the intersection.

ECU: RED SPOTLIGHT SHINES.

Loraine plays with the radio's dial and hears...

RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCER
Sorry Flyer fans. DeWine announced
he would be issuing an order on
large gatherings that would prevent
spectators from attending NCAA
Tournament games in Dayton.

LORAINE

What? No basketball?

RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCER

The Governor also announced restrictions for visitations at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The spotlight turns green.

EXT. LORAINE'S HOME - NIGHT

Loraine hits the garage door opener button.

Bright light escapes from an otherwise pitch black home.

LORAINE

I might need two glasses of Sauvignon Blanc tonight.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - GARAGE - SAME TIME

Loraine parks and turns off the car's engine.

LORAINE

Casey will turn me into an alcoholic by the end of this.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - KITCHEN - SAME TIME

Loraine wanders through her home. As she goes room to room, she flips on the lights.

LORAINE

Oscar! Mommy's home! Oscar?

EXT. LORAINE'S HOME - FROM THE STREET - SAME TIME

One window frame at a time lights up until the last window.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - MASTER BEDROOM - SAME TIME

Loraine flips the last switch. Instantly, she sees Oscar on her bed. He lies there motionless.

LORAINE

There you are! Momma's home. You hungry, my boy?

Oscar still does not move.

Loraine moves to him.

EXT. LORAINE'S HOME - FROM THE STREET - SAME TIME

Rich, artificial light invades the surrounding darkness.

LORAINE (O.S.)

No!

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - FLORIDA ROOM - NEXT DAY

Loraine reads from Thursday, March 12, 2020 edition of the Dayton Daily News. Dayton Strong logo is stamped on it.

LORAINE

What's happening to the world?

On the Newspaper's frontpage are three articles:

- 1. NCAA won't Allow Fans at Games.
- 2. Nation & World, A14, Weinstein handed 23 years for rape, assault.
- 3. Latest on Coronavirus: Coronavirus Call Center: A Look inside Ohio's Nerve Center. President Trump may delay Tax Deadline amid Outbreak.
- 4. Dow Drops more than 1,400 Points, Officially a Bear Market.

LORAINE (CONT'D) We shouldn't be working without appropriate PPE.

EXT. LORAINE'S CAR - SAME DAY

Loraine drives her Mercedes by the hospital.

Outside WORKERS set up a large, military-styled tent.

LORAINE

They're preparing for worst case.

EXT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT - SAME DAY

Loraine walks up to the security door and swipes her badge.

SOUND: BUZZ!

LORAINE

What?

She tries it again.

SOUND: BUZZ!

Loraine KNOCKS on the door but no one answers.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Great. I must've gotten it wet or something.

EXT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - MAIN ENTRANCE - DAY

Loraine sees no one at the front desk.

LORAINE

That's odd.

She hits the intercom button.

SOUND: BUZZ.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

This is Loraine. My badge isn't working.

Still no response. She hits the intercom button again.

SOUND: BUZZ.

CASEY (O.S.)

Oh.... Mrs. Schultz. I will be right out.

LORAINE

How comforting.

Casey appears behind the glass, keys dangle in his hands. He acts like he's about to open the door. Then, he stops.

CASEY

Wait? You're not staff. You're a volunteer.

LORAINE

So? Open up.

Casey steps back.

CASEY

Tsk. Tsk. Tsk. Sorry. Orders, no one is allowed in... But staff.

LORAINE

What?

CASEY

See the sign.

Casey points.

Loraine notices the sign on the door and reads it.

LORAINE

Wash your hands. Stop the spread of COVID-19?

CASEY

The other sign.

Loraine sees it.

LORAINE

All visitors please stop. For the safety of our residents and staff we are limiting visitors at this time to special circumstances only.

Casey stands with the ring of keys lowered to his thigh.

CASEY

Sorry, Loraine. We'll see you again when all this is over.

Loraine moves closer to the glass.

LORAINE

What about Bob?

CASEY

Don't worry. We will take good care of him.

Casey leaves.

Loraine watches Casey continue down the hallway and BANGS on the front door will all her might.

Casey, with his back to her waves bye-bye.

LORAINE

You bastard!

EXT. LORAINE'S CAR - SOUTHERN BOULEVARD - DAY

As Loraine drives back home, she tears up as she processes not being able to see Bob.

LORAINE

First Oscar. Now this.

When she passes the hospital, she smiles and does a U-turn.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Home.

EXT. LORAINE CAR'S CAR - HOSPITAL PARKING LOT - SAME TIME

Loraine parks. Then, she eyes herself hard in the rearview mirror recites part of the Nurses' Creed.

LORAINE

I will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care. Lord... I can give more.

EXT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - SIDEWALK - SAME TIME

Loraine walks along the hospital's green, groomed grounds that lead to Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital. We she reaches the sliding doors, they do not open.

A signs on the sliding door reads, Effective immediately, no visitors allowed.

Loraine knocks on the door. A masked SECURUTY GUARD walks toward the doors.

SECURITY GUARD #1

Sorry. Due to the virus, no visitors allowed.

LORAINE

I'm not a visitor, I'm a nurse.

SECURITY GUARD #1

Where are your credentials then?

BENNIE, an older masked security guard, approaches the door.

BENNIE

Mrs. Schultz?

LORATNE

Bennie!

Bennie removes a big ring of keys from his belt.

SECURITY GUARD #1

(to Bennie)

We're under orders.

BENNIE

Yea, but she's no visitor.

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - LOBBY - SAME TIME

Bennie escorts Loraine through the deserted lobby.

Loraine now wears a mask. She plays with it a bit as she passes a lobby TV.

Dr. Amy Acton is on the TV.

DR. ACTON

I know this is hard because this virus is among us, but we can't see it yet. Just the fact of community spread says that at the very least one percent of our population is carrying this virus in Ohio today. We have eleven point seven million people... so the math is over hundred thousand people are infected.

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR - SAME TIME

Bennie walks Loraine down a long hospital corridor lined with former Chief Surgeons.

Loraine stops before a portrait of Dr. Robert Schultz. His picture is the second to the last portrait. Think Alan Alda.

LORAINE

Hi, Bob.

Stands Dr. Chang at the end of the corridor and speaks to a NURSE JENN, mid-50s, caregiver in scrubs who Loraine remembers when she was young.

JENN

We can use the west wing as a confinement area.

LORAINE

Ronnie!

CHANG

Loraine?!? I don't need those tickets now.

LORAINE

I know.

JENN

Hi, Loraine. Remember me?

LORAINE

Oh my goodness... Jenn!

Jenn and Loraine hug.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

You're all grown up now.

JENN

Is that your way of saying I'm old.

LORAINE

Child, if you're old, I prehistoric.

Dr. Chang clears his throat.

JENN

Good seeing you, Loraine. Give, Dr. Schultz a big hug from me.

LORAINE

I will.

Jenn leaves.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I can help.

CHANG

(to Loraine)

Let's walk.

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - GLASS CORRIDOR - SAME TIME

Dr. Chang leads Loraine through a glass corridor that connects the main building with the building that contains their Level II Trauma Center.

CHANG

Loraine, is this wise? You're high risk.

LORAINE

Yes, I'm high risk, but I still have something to offer. Empathy. A holding hand.

Dr. Chang ponders this.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Ronnie, come on. I'm not dead yet!

CHANG

I know... it's just that the world has changed since you retired. Especially, here. We do things... differently.

LORAINE

Really? So we no longer heal?

Dr. Chang looks over his shoulder.

CHANG

Loraine, the technology has changed.

LORAINE

Look at me.

Loraine stops Dr. Chang.

LORAINE (CONT'D)
I'm tired of that look.

CHANG

What look?

LORAINE

Pity. I'm a good nurse.

Loraine and Dr. Chang reach the elevator bay.

CHANG

You're better than that.

Loraine nods her appreciation.

Dr. Chang hums and ponders. Then, he hits the up button.

CHANG (CONT'D)

I want to show you something.

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - ELEVATOR - SAME TIME

Loraine and Dr. Chang stand in silence as the worst elevator music plays in Ohio.

Dr. Chang hums along. Then. He leans over to over to Loraine.

DR. CHANG

Catchy.

SOUND: DING!

The elevator doors slide open.

Dr. Chang motions for Loraine to go off first.

DR. CHANG (CONT'D)

Loraine... Welcome to our Covid floor.

Loraine steps into the whiteness: white tiled floors, white tall walls, white nurses station with a white big dialed clock. Flanking the nurses station are big rooms with large see through glass sliding doors. Beyond them are monitors and machines. All the hospital beds in sight are empty.

Rich wonderful sun light shines in from the rooms.

LORATNE

Heaven.

CHANG

Let's hope not.

They approach the nurses station.

Gathered there, under a sign that reads Critical Care, is an assembly of HEALTH CARE PROFFESSIONALS/REAL-LIFE HEROES of different ages and specialties. They all wear PPE: blue hair nets, shield visors, plastic goggles, various personal styled masks, and paper-like throwaway scrubs.

Jonathon, mid-40s male nurse with a cool-looking Captain America mask on that hides his always present smile, notices Loraine's arrival.

JONATHON

What do we have here? Fresh from retirement.

LORAINE

Not so fresh Jonathon, but thanks.

SARAH, mid-50s caregiver with a dirty mouth and not so hidden tattoo collection.

SARAH

Loraine's back.

(Cool-Aid style)

Oh, yeah! We're going to kick some virus arse!

CHANG

I think you remember most of these amazing caregivers.

Loraine absorbs the moment and the energy around her.

LORAINE

I do.

CHANG

Then, suit up!

JONATHON

Avengers assemble!

The staff poses like super heroes. One shows off her guns, another acts like he is adjusting his imaginary tie, Sarah reveals some skin art, and Jonathon acts like he's holding up Captain America's shield.

Surges the positive life force and energy from these amazing group of human beings and caregivers.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - NURSES STATION - DAY

On one of the computer monitors, displays a story that Tom Hanks and his wife have the virus.

Nighty types patient notes on the opposite computer.

Casey approaches from beyond the desk.

CASEY

Any news on those Covid tests.

NIGHTY

None. They keep saying soon.

CASEY

Great. I can't get my hands on any additional PPE. The orders I placed last week have been cancelled.

NIGHTY

I can try Amazon again.

CASEY

I don't care where we get them from or the costs.

Nighty reaches into her pocket and pulls out the surgical mask Loraine gave her.

NIGHTY

Have your views on these changed?

CASEY

Abigail, I don't want to alarm the residents.

NIGHTY

Alarm the residents? They're glued to the news twenty-four-seven now.

CASEY

I know. I just don't want to make matters worse.

On cue, Nighty's iPhone rings and displays a picture of Loraine's smiling face.

Casey looks over the desk at the phone and sees Loraine's face looking back at him in an act of judgement.

CASEY (CONT'D)

Do you need to get that?

NIGHTY

I will call her back.

CASEY

No. Pick it up. I'm sure she's worried about Bob.

Casey taps the top of the desk like playing the drums and moves on down the hall.

Nighty picks up.

NIGHTY

Hey, girlfriend!

(pauses as she listens to Loraine share her news)

You don't say? Looks like you're

back on the front line.

(listens again)

Bob? Bob's the same.

Gigi approaches the desk.

GIGI

Abigail?

Nighty looks up to the top of Helen's head. She leans over.

NIGHTY

Yes, GiGi?

GIGI

Vivian, isn't looking so good?

NIGHTY

Okay, I will check.

Nighty brings her phone back up to her ear.

NIGHTY (CONT'D)

Sweetie, I have to go.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - VIVIAN'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Vivian lays in her bed motionless. She struggles to breathe.

VIVIAN

Hmm. Mr. Whipple.

FLASHBACK BEGINS:

EXT. P & G FACTORY - ENTRANCE - DAY

Young Vivian walks into the building like she owns it.

MUSIC: James Brown's, Get Up -like song plays.

P&G

Corridor lined with 70's ad posters of P&G products.

SUPER: "Cincinnati, 1971."

BUSINESSMEN and FACTORY WORKERS gawk at her as she passes.

She continues on until she reaches an office marked, Data Processing Manager.

MOLLY, sits at her desk, 1950's looking secretary.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Hi, Molly. Mr. Whipple in?

MOLLY

Mr. White is busy.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Let's see if that's true.

MOLLY

Hey! Where are you going?

Young Vivian storms by and walks into...

MR. WHITE'S OFFICE

Unannounced.

MR. WHITE is working alright, on his putting game. With putter in hand, he uses a glass as the hole across the smooth green carpeted floor. He wears a fine conservative navy suit as he stands over his golf ball.

He is not bothered my the intrusion.

MR. WHITE

Ahh, Vivian... glad to see you.

YOUNG VIVIAN

I heard there was an issue with your Series One computer.

MR. WHITE

Yes, its a piece of shit.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Doubt it. These machines effectively run Nuclear Power Control systems. So counting people that buy your toothpastes, diapers and detergents is mere child's play to its software.

MR. WHITE

My men have tried all morning to get the goddamn thing to work.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Show me.

Mr. White putts and the white ball goes into the glass cup.

MR. WHITE

Sure thing.

INT. P & G HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Mr. White leads Vivian to his Data Processing Servers.

MR. WHITE

I don't know. It stopped working.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Stopped. Odd. No sensor warnings?

MR. WHITE

I leave that stuff to the eggheads.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Mr. White.. Companies like yours have grown, exponentially from regional, to national, to international corporations thanks to computers like ours. Why? Data processing. Taking data points, hundreds even thousand and reporting...

Mr. White holds up his hand as if bored.

The two approach the Series One Computer, it takes up the entire room.

MR. WHITE

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Save the sales pitch. I just need what you sold me to work before I replace it.

Vivian rushes to it.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Alright, baby. What's up?

ENGINEERS gather around Mr. White.

Vivian walks around the large boxy computer.

YOUNG VIVIAN (CONT'D)

Ah, yes... there isn't any question about it. The problem is traceable to...

Vivian holds up the unplugged cord.

YOUNG VIVIAN (CONT'D)

Human error.

Vivian looks at the engineers.

YOUNG VIVIAN (CONT'D)

Hey guys, yes... electricity is a necessity.

Mr. White looks at his engineers.

MR. WHITE

What?!? Are you kidding me.

ENGINEER #1

The cleaning lady must have...

YOUNG VIVIAN

It helps when its plugged in.

She does so and the machine comes alive.

MR. WHITE

Thank you, Vivian.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Since, I'm here. I will run the built-in diagnostics. See if anything comes up.

Mr. White to the engineers.

MR. WHITE

Pony up.

ENGINEERS

What?

MR. WHITE

For her lunch.

The engineers collect some cash.

Mr. White grabs it.

MR. WHITE (CONT'D)

Our cafeteria is pretty good.

Vivian grabs the money.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Thanks.

INT. P & G HALLWAY - LATER DAY

Vivian marches toward the cafeteria.

YOUNG VIVIAN Ahh, men, they are a simple lot.

P & G FACTORY CAFERTERIA - MONTAGE

- 1. Vivian grabs her tray.
- 2. She inches down a long lunch line of heavy starches, bloody meats, and colorful Jell-O's.
- 3. She selects her food.
- 4. Pays the cashier.

Young Vivian sees Young Ash all alone at a table as she reads a thick book.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Well, what do we have here? Typist. Executive Assistant?

YOUNG ASHLEY

Ashley looks up... Engineer. I have the degree in my office to proof it.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Well, isn't life full of unexpected goodness. Engineer, ah, well your colleagues here don't overly impress me.

Vivian pops down.

YOUNG VIVIAN (CONT'D)

May I join you?

YOUNG ASHLEY

Sure, if you drop the bullshit.

Vivian examines Ashley hard.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Hmm... Fair enough.

YOUNG ASHLEY

Welcome, then.

YOUNG VIVIAN

Hi, I'm Vivian.

YOUNG ASHLEY

I'm Ash.

FLASHBACK ENDS:

INT. SUMMERPLACE ESTATES - VIVIAN'S ROOM - DAY

Nighty and GiGi arrive and rush over to Vivian's aid.

NIGHTY

Vivian, are you okay?

VIVIAN

I can't... breathe.

Nighty checks her temperature.

NIGHTY

You're burning up, girl.

Gigi grabs Vivian's hand.

GIGI

Vivian I got you, dear. May I say a prayer?

VIVIAN

No, Gigi... you shouldn't.

Vivian squeezes GiGi's hand hard.

VIVIAN (CONT'D)

Me and Him.... have been at it... for some time now.

Nighty grabs an oxygen line and inserts it into Vivian's nostrils. Then, she turns the machine on.

SOUND: SHHHH.

Condensed oxygen passes through the plastic line and into Vivian's throat and lungs.

NIGHTY

Better?

Vivian nods yes.

VIVIAN

Better.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HALLWAY - LATER

Nighty and Helen walk down the hall.

NIGHTY

GiGi. I need you to go back to your room but don't touch anything until you wash you hands. And change your clothes.

GIGI

Why?

NIGHTY

I think Vivian is sick and I don't want you to catch it.

GIGI

You mean?

NIGHTY

She's showing all the symptoms.

GIGI

Okay.

Helen goes to her room.

NIGHTY

And, Gigi...

Helen turns.

GIGI

Yes?

NIGHTY

No more visits to Vivian's room. Spread the word.

Helen nods and goes to her room.

Nighty heads to Casey's office. As she passes Hank's room, she hears Hank having a coughing fit.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - HANK'S ROOM - SAME TIME

A lifeless Hank sits in a chair facing the windows.

Nighty pops in.

NIGHTY

Hank, you okay?

HANK

I got a fever. (coughs)
I can't shake.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - GIGI'S BATHROOM - DAY

Helen takes a steamy shower. Hot water hits her body.

GIGI

Lord, give me the strength to get through this day.

Helen turns off the shower. Then, she towels off.

She starts hum.

She reaches for her robe that hangs nearby. As she leaves the shower, she ties her robe.

Now, she stands before a steamed-up mirror.

She continues to hum.

She takes her left hand and wipes part of the mirror clear.

A small part holds her reflection.

GIGI (CONT'D)
Vern, you ungrateful prick, you stole my life.

FLASHBACK BEGINS:

EXT. FAIRBANKS FORD SIGNAGE - DAY

A mid-sized Ford dealership showcases 1984 new models: E-150s, Broncos, Escorts, F-150s, and Lasers.

SUPER: "Kettering. 1984."

INT. FAIRBANKS FORD - SHOWROOM - SAME TIME

VERNON, mid-40s, side-burns and wavy hair, wears a dapper suit swing opens a powder blue Ford LTD Crown Victoria detailed to perfection.

CLAIRE, 30s, an attractive potential car buyer.

VERNON

Here you go. I hope you like the color...

CLAIRE

Claire.

Claire slips into the Crown Victoria.

CLAIRE (CONT'D)

Leather. Nice!

VERNON

Nothing beats leather.

CLAIRE

Nothing? Hmm. Want to hop in... Mr. Fairbanks?

VERNON

Please call me Vern.

Vernon moves around to the passenger seat.

Appears YOUNG GIGI with YOUNG LORAINE by her side.

YOUNG GIGI

Give it a break, Vern. Claire has terrible credit.

CLAIRE

Hey!

VERNON

Helen!

YOUNG GIGI

Sorry Claire. Truth hurts sometimes. Enjoy your day.

Helen and Loraine continue their stroll through the showroom.

YOUNG LORAINE

Look at all this new cars.

YOUNG GIGI

Vern likes to max out our floor plan.

YOUNG LORAINE

Floor plan?

YOUNG GIGI

Leased inventory. Loraine, we couldn't afford to purchase all these cars on our own.

YOUNG LORAINE

So these are leased from Ford?

YOUNG GIGI

Until someone buys it.

YOUNG LORAINE

Very interesting.

YOUNG GIGI

That's the racket we're in. You save lives. We provide monthly car payments for life.

They walk continues through the dealership pass the waiting room, toward the Parts Department.

Helen draws closer to Loraine's ear.

YOUNG GIGI (CONT'D)

New cars isn't where we make our money.

YOUNG LORAINE

No?

YOUNG GIGI

There's way more margin in used. In reality, to stay afloat all departments need to be humming. Finance, Sales, Parts, and...

Helen opens the door into...

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Huge, two story room lined with auto bays on both sides. A few lifts have cars up in the air.

Loraine nods her appreciation as she enters.

Helen follows.

YOUNG GIGI (CONT'D)

And Service.

ATTICUS an Afro-American mechanic and TOM the Lot Boy stand besides Loraine's red with white lines F-150.

The truck shines!

YOUNG LORAINE

It's ready!

YOUNG GIGI

(to Tom)

Nice job, Tom. It looks great.

(to Sam)

Does it run great?

Atticus wipes off grease from his hands with a rag.

ATTICUS

It does, Mrs. Fairbanks.

Atticus pulls the bill out of his back pocket.

YOUNG GIGI

Thanks, Atticus.

Helen grabs the bill and reads it.

YOUNG GIGI (CONT'D) Ahh, it looks like all warranty work. You're in luck.

YOUNG LORAINE

Really?!?

YOUNG GIGI

Really. Keys are in it.

Helen side-steps Atticus.

YOUNG GIGI (CONT'D)

Excuse me.

ATTICUS

Of course.

Helen opens up the truck's driver side door.

Loraine hops in.

YOUNG LORAINE

Thanks, GiGi.

As drives off, Atticus comes over to Helen.

ATTICUS

Warranty work?

YOUNG GIGI

Yep.

She crumbles up the bill and tosses it in a nearby trash bin.

ATTICUS

You know... her husband is a doctor.

YOUNG GIGI

Yep. Helped me deliver both my boys. And your darling little girl.

ATTICUS

Warranty work.

Helen smiles at Atticus.

YOUNG GIGI

Yep.

END OF FLASHBACK:

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - NIGHT

Jonathon escorts Loraine through the COVID ward. The two are suited-up in full PPE.

JONATHON

As you can see, we only have two suspected cases on the floor. But we are ready for more.

Jonathon leads Loraine into a patient's room.

Arnie rests in a hospital bed.

Loraine looks at the board as she hears.

ARNIE

(weak)

Loraine?

Loraine turns, sees Arnie, Bob's old golf buddy from the club in the bed. Oxygen tubes fill his nostrils.

LORAINE

Arnie! What in god's green earth are you doing here?

JONATHON

I will let you too catch up.

ARNIE

I.... Can't. Breathe.

LORAINE

Okay. You're in good hands now.

Arnie nods, as he closes his eyes. The entire exchange appears to have worn him out.

Loraine adjusts his blanket.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Arnie, can I get you anything?

Arnie's eyes are still closed.

ARNIE

More... time.

INT. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - LATER

Loraine joins Jonathon.

LORAINE

Wow. I've known Arnie for years.

JONATHON

You check his vitals?

LORAINE

Not good.

JONATHON

He has a do not resuscitate order.

LORAINE

So no intubation?

Jonathon nods.

JONATHON

Our days are going to get much worse, before they get better.

Loraine agrees.

LORAINE

It's just harder when it's people that you know.

JONATHON

Yeah, that never changes. We have one more, down the hall. She was my music teacher.

LORAINE

She?

JONATHON

She.

LORAINE

Good.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - ARNIE'S ROOM - LATER

Loraine enters the room and it appears Arnie is asleep. As she turns, she hears Arnie's voice.

ARNIE

Loraine, I don't... want... to die.

Loraine goes to him. She takes a seat next to his bed.

LORAINE

Arnie, right now, you have a do not resuscitate order in land.

ARNIE

No machines!

LORAINE

This virus is attacking your lungs. Fills them with mucus. That's why you're finding it so hard to breathe.

ARNIE

I know.

LORAINE

A ventilator can buy you time. Time for your immune system to fight off the infection.

ARNIE

No.

LORAINE

Arnie?

ARNIE

My life... Loraine.

As he closes his eyes, he repeats himself.

ARNIE (CONT'D)

My life.

Loraine stands and adjusts his blankets.

Arnie awakens.

ARNIE (CONT'D)

Closer.

Loraine draws closer to Arnie. Her clear visor almost touches the tip of Arnie's nose.

ARNIE (CONT'D)

I never... had a love... in my life... like you and Bob had.

LORAINE

I'm sorry, Arnie.

Arnie nods. Then, he falls asleep.

Dr. Chang appears with a chart in his hands.

CHANG

His oxygen levels are way too low.

LORAINE

He has a DNR order in place.

Dr. Chang shakes his head.

CHANG

In that case, its time to notify his family.

LORAINE

I will call them.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - NURSE STATION - NIGHT

Loraine speaks to DAVID, Arnie's eldest son on the phone.

LORAINE

David, I know. I saw your father playing golf just the other day.

Loraine listens.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I can't. He has a do not resuscitate order in place.

Loraine listens some more.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I'm sorry. Right now, there's no visitors allowed. Even in extreme cases like this.

Loraine listens.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I will be with him, and I'll keep trying to change his mind. You're welcome. Keep your phone handy.

As Loraine returns the phone to its receiver, the elevator DINGS! And its doors slide open.

Sarah and two other CAREGIVERS rush a hospital bed onto the floor. In it is Vivian, and she doesn't look good.

SARAH

Possible Covid-Positive patient with respiratory issues.

LORAINE

Oh, Vivian.

SARAH

EMS says there's another Summerland resident enroute.

LORAINE

Hank.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - ARNIE'S ROOM - LATER NIGHT

Loraine sits, holding Arnie's hand as he's breaths become swallower and swallower. She looks up the heart monitor, as a tear forms in the corner of her eye. This is when, she gives Arnie's hand a big squeeze, as he slowly stops breathing.

Arnie's lungs GULP and gasp out one last time for air.

LORAINE

Good-bye, Arnie.

Dr. Chang appears at the door.

CHANG

Go home, Loraine.

LORAINE

I need to call his family.

CHANG

I can.

Dr. Chang and Loraine enter the...

HALLWAY

And walk down the ward toward the...

NURSES STATION

Suspected Covid-positive PATIENTS fill the beds.

Loraine looks at their helpless faces in need.

LORAINE

I really should stay.

CHANG

You've done enough today.

INT. LORAINE'S CAR - SOUTHERN BOULEVARD - NIGHT

Loraine listens to the news from her radio.

President Trump addresses America.

TRUMP

I want every American to be prepared for the hard days that lie ahead. This could be a hell of a bad two weeks. This is going to be three weeks like we've never seen before.

NEWS ANNOUNCER adds.

NEWS ANNOUNCER (O.S.)
The White House projects that the new coronavirus could kill between hundred thousand and two hundred and forty thousand Americans. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, shared.

FAUCI

This is a number that we need to anticipate, but we don't necessarily have to accept it as being inevitable.

Loraine switches it off as she approaches her darken home.

As turns down her driveway, she sees a parked SUV.

LORAINE

What's this?

As she slowly passes, the SUV's driver's window comes down.

ASHLEY (O.S.)

Mrs. Schultz.

Loraine rolls down her passenger window and peers into the vehicle as it's inner lights switch on. This reveals Ashley.

LORAINE

Ashley? How did you know where I live?

ASHLEY

Phone book.

LORAINE

They still make those. Come. Let's have some tea.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - KITCHEN - SAME TIME

Loraine boils water in a whistling tea pot on the stove.

Ashley paces the kitchen floor.

ASHLEY

How is she?

LORAINE

Not well. In fact, she's fighting for her life.

ASHLEY

I knew we shouldn't have gone to that nursing home.

LORAINE

Its a contagion. Its everywhere now.

SOUND: WHISTLING POT!

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Time for tea.

ASHLEY

Do you like crème with your...

Ashley opens up the refrigerator, peeks in, and stops.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

Loraine?

LORAINE

Yes.

ASHLEY

Do you know you have a dead cat in your fridge?

LORAINE

Oh, don't mind him... that's Oscar. I just need to find the time to dig him a nice, big hole in the backyard.

Ashley closes the refrigerator's door.

ASHLEY

Ahh, I see. I will skip the crème.

LORAINE

Sit.

Ashley joins Loraine at the kitchen table.

ASHLEY

ViVi has always been the strong one. In forty years, I have only seen her cry once.

Loraine takes a sip of her tea.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

She lost out on a promotion she thought she deserved. Instead, they gave it to a younger man.

LORAINE

What happened?

ASHLEY

In three years, they closed that office down. Hmm... I need to see her again.

LORAINE

I'm afraid no one but staff is allowed into the building.

ASHLEY

I must see her. If she dies, she can't die alone.

LORAINE

I know. Tonight, my husband's old golfing buddy died in my arms. He was perfectly healthy a week ago, and now...

ASHLEY

He's dead?

Loraine nods.

LORAINE

This is a terrible virus.

ASHLEY

In your expert opinion, how much time does Vivian have?

LORAINE

She has a DNR order in place.

ASHLEY

DNR?

LORAINE

Do not resuscitate. So, no ventilators.

ASHLEY

If she went on a ventilator, what's her chances?

LORAINE

Fifty-Fifty.

ASHLEY

And without?

LORAINE

Hmmm. Ten percent. Maybe less.

ASHLEY

She's going on a ventilator then.

LORAINE

Ash, I'm exhausted. So, I need to go to bed before I fall over.

ASHLEY

Okay.

Loraine gets up.

LORAINE

Spend the night, or for that matter, stay as long as you like or until...

ASHLEY

Until... hmm. Yeah. Thank you.

LORAINE

Grab any room you like.

Loraine stops as she sees her iPad on the kitchen counter.

ASHLEY

What?

LORAINE

I have an idea. But I'm going to need your help.

ASHLEY

You going to sneak me in?

LORAINE

Sort of.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - VIVIAN'S ROOM - NEXT DAY

Loraine enters Vivian's room.

Vivian laboriously breathes. An oxygen tube connected to a machine feeds her lungs air.

LORAINE

Hi, Vivian.

Vivian looks up wearily.

VIVIAN

Loraine? What.. are you...

LORAINE

Doing here?

Vivian nods.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Once a nurse, always a nurse.

VIVIAN

Get A-s-h.

LORAINE

That's why I'm actually here.

Loraine pulls out an iPad and hits the Facetime button. Ashley's face fills the screen. She holds the device inches away from Vivian's face.

ASHLEY

Baby, you don't look so good.

VIVIAN

Bad hair... day.

ASHLEY

Babe, I know you're scared. But you may need to go on a ventilator, for a short while.

Tears stream drop Vivian's face.

VIVIAN

Ash... I don't know if I...

ASHLEY

You can. And you will. ViVi, you need to do this... for $\underline{\text{me}}$.

Vivian wipes off some tears and looks up at Loraine.

VIVIAN

Loraine. This is... A-s-h. Not my sister. She's more. She's the love... of my life.

On the screen, tears stream down Ashley's cheeks too.

VIVIAN (CONT'D)

She's my... better half.

Vivian softly touches the screen with her forefinger. Then, she inches closer and closer to it.

Loraine moves the iPad nearer to Vivian's face.

ASHLEY

Ventilator?

Vivian weakly nods.

Loraine turns the iPad around and sees Ashley.

LORAINE

I need to get a doctor.

ASHLEY

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. ViVi, you stay strong!

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR'S BREAK ROOM - DAY

Loraine's wary head rests atop a break room. The Dayton Daily News lays by her face. The banner reads, Large Gatherings Prohibited. She naps as she drools.

Her phone RINGS.

LORAINE

It's been ten minutes already.

Loraine leans up, wipes at the drool at her face.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

How adorable.

Then, she answers the phone.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Hello?

NIGHTY (O.S.)

Loraine. I'm with Bob. I'm going to Facetime you now.

Loraine lays down the phone and plays with her hair.

LORAINE

I'm glad there's not a mirror around here.

Her phone RINGS again and she answers it.

INTERCUTTING between Loraine in the Break Room, and Nighty and Bob in his room at the nursing home.

IN THE BREAK ROOM

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Hi!

Bob is on the screen. He is awake.

BOB

Who's this?

LORAINE

It's Loraine, Bob. I love you.

IN BOB'S ROOM

BOB

I'm married?

Loraine is on screen.

LORAINE

I know, Bob. We are married to each other. Over fifty years now.

Bob points to Nighty.

BOB

Then, who's this?

IN BREAK ROOM

LORAINE

That's Abigail. Your nurse.

IN BOB'S ROOM

BOB

My nurse? What do I need a nurse for?

NIGHTY

Honey, I just bring you your meals.

THE BREAK ROOM

Sarah opens up the door.

SARAH

(mouths)

Sorry. We need you.

LORAINE

Okay. Nighty, thank you! Bob, it was good to see you and hear your voice, but I've have to go.

NIGHTY (O.S.)

Good luck, girl!

Loraine hangs up and hurries to where she is needed.

IN BOB'S ROOM

Bob looks up to Nighty.

BOB

Nighty? I thought you were Abigail?

NIGHTY

Yes, I am both. My full name is Abigail Camille Nightingale. Loraine calls me Nighty for short.

BOB

Ahh! You sure we aren't married?

Nighty shakes her head and laughs.

NIGHTY

I'm sure, Bob.

BOB

Hmm.

NIGHTY

What?

BOB

That sure was a pretty girl on that phone. Hmm, Loraine. Sounds familiar.

NIGHTY

You're a lucky man, Bob.

BOB

Hmm. I'm getting hungry.

NIGHTY

You just ate!

BOB

I did?

Bob's attention moves to outside his window.

Nighty moves on with her rounds.

MATCH CUT: TULIPS EXT. HOSPITAL - PARKING LOT - LATER DAY

A group of TOWNIES cut through a flower bed of tulips to reach the hospital parking lot.

That is when, she sees Dr. Chang stands up. He's in the back of a F-150 pick-up truck. He holds a bull horn in hand.

Nurse Sarah stands beside him.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Loraine peers down at the gather in the parking lot.

LORAINE

What in God's earth is this?

EXT. HOSPITAL - PARKING LOT - SAME TIME

A riot in the making confronts Dr. Chang and Nurse Sarah as they attempt to disband the multitudes. The two stand on the bed of a pickup truck to address the high-anxiety crowd. They both wear facemasks and gloves.

The crowd chants.

TOWNIES

We want tests! We want tests! We want tests!

Dr. Chang uses his brain and bull horn to disburse the crowd.

CHANG

(on bull horn)

Please return to your cars!

TOWNIES

We want tests!

CHANG

The drive-thru testing is at UD Arena! You're at the wrong place. Please return to your cars. Tests are for critical phase only.

SARAH

(to Chang)

This is crazy.

She looks around the parking lot.

SARAH (CONT'D)

Where's security?

LEAD TOWNIE, 50s, eyes fill of hate, wears blue jeans and a black T-Shirt that reads, Your Stomp on My Flag, I will Stomp your Arse! He moves front and center.

LEAD TOWNIE

Crazy, huh? Well, if it wasn't for your friend's kind, I wouldn't need a goddamn test.

Dr. Chang and Sarah look down at the hater.

CHANG

Excuse me... kind?

SARAH

Easy buddy.

Lead Townie turns around to his captured audience.

LEAD TOWNIE

This here China-boy...

Lead Townie turns back to his good, old BUDDY behind him.

LEAD TOWNIE (CONT'D) Ain't that smart about this Wuhan virus, is he now?

SARAH

(whispers to Chang)

You're Korean.

CHANG

Shh. Trust me, it doesn't matter.

BUDDY

Hey Chinaman! What in the hell are you doing here?

Dr. Chang bends down.

CHANG

It appears. I'm giving tests out.

LEAD TOWNIE

Good!

Looks back at the others.

LEAD TOWNIE (CONT'D)

I told yeah. Me first.

CHANG

This Chinaman spent four years on his bachelor's degree. Four years in medical school. Four years in his residency. And it appears... too many years here.

Dr. Chang slaps the back of the truck's bed to stress this. Then, he removes a handheld laser heat thermometer from his lab coat, he points it like a gun to the redneck's forehead.

CHANG (CONT'D)

To do this.

Dr. Chang pulls the trigger.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Bang.

The heat gun BEEPS.

Dr. Chang reads it.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Ninety-Eight point One. No fever. You will live. So, go back home.

SARAH

Return to your cars! Please! You shouldn't be gathering in large groups like this.

Hospital SECURITY shows up. Bennie is with them.

BENNIE

Please return to your cars. This is private property.

Sarah and Dr. Chang watch the crowd disperse.

The lead Townie and his Buddy melt into the masses.

SARAH

Xenophobia. Pure scapegoating.

CHANG

Yeah. I've lived here my entire life and I will never be like them.

SARAH

Good!

CHANG

Good? How much more do I have to give to be...

SARAH

What?

Chang looks out to the people of his community as they return to their vehicles and shakes his head.

CHANG

American?

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - NURSE STATION - SAME TIME

Jonathon leads Loraine down the corridor.

JONATHON

We have another male patient from Summerland arrive this morning.

LORAINE

Who?!?

SARAH

An old music teacher.

LORAINE

Max.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - MAX'S ROOM - LATER

Loraine enters Max's room. He is hook up to Oxygen line.

Loraine looks at his chart and his oxygen levels are still way to low.

Loraine rests on the edge of Max's bed.

Max looks up and smiles wide when he sees Loraine.

MAX

Loraine... what a... wonderful... surprise.

LORAINE

It seems we have the whole gang in here.

MAX

How's Hank? And...

LORAINE

Vivian is stable. She's on a ventilator now.

MAX

Oh.

LORAINE

And Hank is hanging in.

MAX

He's tough.

Max grows silent. His eyes move to the windows.

MAX (CONT'D)
You ever watch the movie Amadeus?

LORAINE

No. Is it good?

MAX

Better. Its about... jealousy. Seen through a musical admirer of Wolfgang Amadeus...

LORAINE

Mozart! I bet Bob saw it.

MAX

Well, I can relate with poor Salieri.

LORAINE

Salieri?

MAX

An Italian composer... Antonio Salieri.

LORAINE

Ah.

MAX

A rivalry between...

LORAINE

Him and Mozart?

Max nods yes.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I see.

MAX

Salieri, feared his music would not be remembered...

Max falls asleep.

LORAINE

Max, you taught thousands of students the beauty of music. There. There.

Loraine tucks Max in.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

It is normal to have self-doubt.

Loraine sees herself in a nearby mirror.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

In the end.

Loraine visits music teacher.

Loraine wanders in and checks Amy's chart.

Amy looks up.

AMY

Hi.

LORAINE

Hi.

AMY

How do I look?

LORAINE

Better than most of the people on this floor.

AMY

The oxygen really helped. I feel I have energy again.

LORAINE

Good. So, I heard your a music teacher.

Amy nods.

AMY

At Kettering High School.

LORAINE

Well, maybe you know Max Lindbergh?

AMY

Max!

LORAINE

He's in the room next door.

AMY

Max made me want to be a music teacher. How is he?

LORAINE

Weakening, I'm afraid.

Tears form in Amy's eyes.

AMY

I see.

Amy looks at her phone and smiles.

AMY (CONT'D)

Loraine, how does one say, thank you? To the man that opened my eyes to joy, emotion, and the flow of life. Music!

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - NIGHT

Hank lies up in his bed as he receives an oxygen therapy.

Loraine enters.

LORAINE

How are you doing, Hank?

HANK

Been... better.

Loraine checks his vital signs. Then, she checks his temperature with a laser temperature gun.

LORAINE

Still high.

HANK

Do you... believe... in God?

LORAINE

Hank, I do. Compassion and love are only things in this great big ugly world that makes any sense to me.

HANK

Hmm... in heaven, I might be... unwanted.

LORAINE

Why?

HANK

Loraine... I dropped bombs on people.

LORAINE

We were at war.

HANK

Armed conflict.

LORAINE

God forgives us through His grace.

HANK

I hope so.

Loraine sits down.

LORAINE

Hank... the other day when I saw you knocking on the window?

HANK

Not knocking. Tapping.

LORAINE

What's the difference?

HANK

It's something... we came up with... when we were captured. Like Morse code, by different. We tapped. One for A, two for B, three for C, et cetera.

LORAINE

I see. So, what did you tap?

HANK

When one of the fellas... would return from being tortured, the rest of us... would tap... when the guards were gone.

Hank uses his Annapolis ring to weakly tap.

SOUND: TAPS.

HANK (CONT'D)

G.B.U. God... Bless...

LORAINE

You.

HANK

Yep.

Hank peers out the window and grins for the first time since Loraine's arrival.

HANK (CONT'D)

I'm still waiting... on a response... from the other side.

Dr. Chang enters the room. He goes to the board.

CHANG

Mr. Peters, how are...

HANK

Captain Peters. Retired.

Dr. Chang turns.

CHANG

Captain Peters, thank you for your service.

Hank nods.

CHANG (CONT'D)

So, how are you feeling?

HANK

Been... better.

Dr. Chang removes his Stethoscope, places it on Hank's chest.

CHANG

Breath.

Hank does.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Deep Breaths.

HANK

That's... what I'm doing.

Dr. Chang pushes aside the back of Hank's gown. His Stethoscope stops before it touches Hank's scarred back.

HANK (CONT'D)

Have you been to Vietnam?

Dr. Chang listens through his Stethoscope as checks Hank's lungs. He places his Stethoscope in a few places on Hank's heavily scarred back.

CHANG

Deep breaths.

Hank tries.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Good.

HANK

Are you going to answer my question, doc?

CHANG

I will. If you answer mine first.

HANK

Go for it.

CHANG

What does it feel like to be an American?

HANK

The good, and the bad?

CHANG

Sure. Why not?

Dr. Chang sits and types notes into the computer.

HANK

Americans are... born free. Possess the power... to be whomever... they wish to be.

CHANG

Okay. And the bad?

HANK

We're full of hypocrisy.

This makes Dr. Chang stop typing.

CHANG

Thank you.

HANK

So, have you ever been to Vietnam?

Dr. Chang gets up.

CHANG

Nope. But I have heard it is nice.

HANK

It's beautiful.

EXT. HOSPITAL - THE MOUND BELOW MAX'S WINDOW - DAY

The INSPIRED play in honor of a Kettering musical programs.

Four hundred or more STUDENTS and FORMER STUDENTS stand six feet apart and play Symphony No. 9, Ode to Joy.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - MAX'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Max is wheelchaired to the window. He looks below and waves.

Max presses his palms against the glass. He feels the music vibration in his fingertips.

MAX

O friends, not these notes! But let's start with more pleasant ones, and more joyful. Joy, beautiful spark of the gods. We enter, drunk with fire, Heavenly, your sanctuary! Ah! I mattered.

Max presses his face against the glass.

MAX (CONT'D)

Martha, I mattered!

EXT. HOSPITAL - THE MOUND BELOW MAX'S WINDOW - SAME TIME

The INSPIRED continue to play, Ode to Joy.

Four hundred or more STUDENTS and FORMER STUDENTS stand six feet apart and play Symphony No. 9, Ode to Joy.

Appears Young Martha. She wraps herself in a blanket. She wanders through the large crowd in a zigzag fashion. Until, she throws her hands up high into the air. Her blanket falls. She dances and waves up to Max to join her.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - MAX'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Max draws closer to the window's cold glass.

MAX

Martha, I will follow you anywhere.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - DAY

Loraine sits with Hank. He looks smaller.

SOUND: SIRENS. HONKING HORNS.

Loraine pops up.

LORAINE

What's that?

She walks to the window and sees a large procession of vehicles on Southern Boulevard.

The PARADE of motor vehicles is led by police cars, fire trucks, EMS ambulances with their sirens on.

Behind them is a long line vehicles. One by one, they turn up the road that passes to Kettering Memorial Hospital.

HANK

What's with all the fuzz?

LORAINE

It looks like a parade.

HANK

For who?

LORAINE

Caregivers.

HANK

Ah... Never had a parade. I got spit on... Tons of times.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - DAY

Loraine rests sprawled out in her bed.

ECU: Panasonic RC-6025 flip clock shows 6:00 a.m.

SOUND: BUZZ!

Loraine's arm swings around and hits the snooze button.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - FIVE MINUTES LATER Loraine rests sprawled out in her bed.

ECU: Panasonic RC-6025 flip clock shows 6:05 a.m.

SOUND: BUZZ!

Loraine's arm swings around and hits the snooze button.

LORAINE

Not yet.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - FIVE MINUTES LATER

Loraine rests sprawled out in her bed. The blankets are now over her head.

ECU: Panasonic RC-6025 flip clock shows 6:10 a.m.

SOUND: BUZZ!

Loraine's arm swings around. Her hand stops before hitting the snooze button.

LORAINE

All right. Time to start the day.

She drags herself out of bed. Her feet dangle over her bed but they can't find her fuzzy slippers.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Ugh!

(mumbles)

Forget it. These twelve-hour shifts are killing me.

She walks barefooted to the bathroom. She flips on the lights as she enters...

THE BATHROOM

Loraine stands before the mirror for a long period of time. She says nothing. She examines herself hard.

She looks exhausted.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

How much can one person do? Hmm. Must shower.

IMAGE: WATER STREAMS OUT OF A SHOWER HEAD.

CUT TO:

Loraine's silhouette shines through the shower curtain.

SOUND: WATER BOUNCING OFF HER BODY.

Steam invades the screen, and Loraine begins to weep.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - LATER DAY

In a daze, Loraine opens-up a can of IAMS cat food. She dumps the can's contents into Oscar's bowl.

SOUND: SPLAT!

LORAINE

Oscar, breakfast!

She realizes her is gone as she eyes the Fridge.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

My poor boy.

She throws the empty can into the trash near the sink. Through the window above the sink, she sees Ashley outside enjoying her coffee as she reads the morning's paper.

Ashley reads from Saturday, March 28, 2020 edition of the <u>Dayton Daily News</u>. Dayton Strong logo is stamped on it.

On the Newspaper's frontpage are three articles:

- 1. Trump signs \$2T relief package.
- 2. 'We don't have a whole lot of time' Ohio National Guard to oversee hospital bed built out.
- 3. British PM Johnson tests positive. Story, A8.

Loraine motions to join her but she sees the wall clock.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I'm late for work.

Loraine drags herself out. Before she does, she picks up her phone and hits a contact labeled Summerland Estate. The call goes straight into voice mail. Loraine hears Casey's voice.

CASEY (O.S.)

Thank you for your call. We understand your concerns for love ones in our care during this COVID-19 pandemic. Rest assured, we have taken every possible precaution to protect our residents. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as humanly possible.

SOUND: BEEP!

LORAINE

Casey! This is my fourth message. I need to get Bob out of there!

The voice mail BEEPS again. Then follows an automated, mechanical voiced message.

VOICE

Sorry. This mailbox is full and cannot accept messages at this time. Thank you for calling. Goodbye.

Loraine hangs up her phone RINGS. She answers it.

LORAINE

Nighty! I miss you.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - NURSES STATION - SAME

Nighty watches a mask wearing Casey as he hurries down the corridor to his office.

NIGHTY

Guess who's wearing his mask now?

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Loraine listens and walks.

LORAINE

Casey.

NIGHTY

Yep. Never takes it off. Even when he eats.

LORAINE (O.S.)

He doesn't return my calls.

NIGHTY

He doesn't return anyone's calls. He even dodges the residents' questions about the virus. Says he's awaiting corporate's official response.

LORAINE (O.S.)

You mind, checking on my Bob?

NIGHTY

Sure thing. How's our residents doing?

LORAINE (O.S.)

Vivian is stable, vented in ICU. Hank and Max seem to be headed in that direction.

NIGHTY

Hank and Max have DNRs!

LORAINE (O.S.)

I know. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

Casey storms down the hall in Nighty's direction.

NIGHTY

I have to go.

LORAINE (O.S.)

Okay.

INT. LORAINE CAR - SOUTHERN BOULEVARD - LATER DAY

Loraine drives in silence as she attempts to drive through an intersection an ambulance DRIVER hits his HORN!

Loraine was oblivious to the ambulance's SIREN. She pulls over. Her phone on the passenger seat RINGS.

Ashley's face appears. Loraine tightens her knuckles on the steering wheel. She does not answer it.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - SUIT UP STATION - LATER DAY

Loraine stands in front of metal boxes attached to the wall.

Each box holds different Personal Protection Equipment.

Loraine puts on two pair of latex gloves on each hand.

She moves slowly, as if, each task is a challenge. Now, she removes a yellow, throw-away paper apron. She unfolds it. Then, she wraps herself with it and ties the long strings around her back to her front.

LORAINE

Ready.

A suited-up Loraine walks the ward.

She passes...

THE NURSE STATION

Full of Jenn, Sarah, Jonathon, and other busy caregivers.

In the ward, all the beds are now full of COVID-19 PATIENTS at various stages of the disease.

She HEARS the PEEPS of machines and the collective HUMMING of the ventilators. She moves on down the hall.

LORAINE (V.O.)

Caregivers are not immune to pain. We are not immune to human surrendering. A numbness has entered my days now. I am... emotionally, physically, and mentally drained. I want to help. I do. I just don't know how much more I can take of this.

Loraine stops at Max's room. His bed is empty. She looks to Sarah down the corridor.

LORAINE

Where's Max?

SARAH

Sorry, Loraine. Things went south quickly.

LORAINE

He's in the ICU?

SARAH

No. He ended up coding.

Loraine backs away from the room.

LORAINE

Coding?!?

Dr. Chang appears from another room.

CHANG

Sarah, I need you.

Sarah looks at Loraine with concern.

SARAH

You okay?

Loraine nods yes.

Loraine passes the room Sarah and Chang disappeared into.

A group of medical personnel attempt to save a WOMAN'S life.

CHANG (O.S.)

Paddles.

In a daze, Loraine moves on. On her way, she bumps into a few pieces of medical equipment in the hall. She says nothing. She just keeps moving.

She nears the door to the Break Room.

She is drawn to it. She looks around and witnesses the surrounding chaos. Her body language shows she's about to give up. She's nearing her breaking point.

This is when she hears CRYING coming from the supply room. Cautiously, she opens the door and enters...

THE SUPPY ROOM

Jonathon sits on a box and weeps.

LORAINE

Jonathon?

JONATHON

Ooh!

He wipes at his tears but her forgets he has a mask on.

JONATHON (CONT'D)

Loraine.

Loraine rubs his back.

LORAINE

What's wrong?

JONATHON

My Dad...

Jonathon weeps uncontrollably.

LORAINE

Is he all right?

JONATHON

He's gone.

LORAINE

I'm so sorry.

JONATHON

He was a smoker. It took him fast.

Loraine keeps rubbing Jonathon's back.

JONATHON (CONT'D)

This f'ing virus is a monster.

LORAINE

It's okay. It's going to be okay.

JONATHON

Loraine... I didn't even get a chance to say good-bye.

LORAINE

What would you have said?

Jonathon eyes CAMERA. His eyes are swollen and fill of tears.

JONATHON

Thank you.

Lorain listens and rubs harder.

JONATHON (CONT'D)

Thank you for being such a good father. And role model.

LORAINE (O.S.)

There. There, Jonathon. Let it out. Your father must have been an amazing man to raise a wonderful boy like you.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - VIVIAN'S ROOM - LATER

In a chair beside Vivian's bed, Loraine stands quard.

HUMS the ventilator.

Loraine's eyes grow tired. She closes them again and again for a brief second. Then, she closes them for more.

She feels her body fall as she sleeps. She yanks her body up. Loraine gets up.

LORAINE

Keep moving. Must stay awake.

Loraine yawns hard as she pats Vivian's leg.

LORAINE (CONT'D)
Keep fighting it, ViVi. Ashley
misses you.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - NURSE STATION - LATER

Loraine reaches for her phone.

[Note: Text messages are in italics. Could be shown on screen in CHYRONS if desired.]

LORAINE (TEXT)

Just checked on Vivian. She's still stable. When I learn more I will let you know.

ASHLEY (TEXT)

TY. I made pasta tonight. It will be on the stove waiting for you.

Loraine thumbs a response.

LORAINE (TEXT)

TY.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

T.Y. Thank you. Yoù learn something new every day. Let's check on Bob.

Loraine taps on Nighty's contact. It attempts to connect.

SOUND: FACETIME RING.

Nighty answers.

NIGHTY (O.S. FACETIME)

Hi, Loraine. Now isn't...

Bob in the background yells out.

BOB (O.S.)

Where the hell am I?!?

LORAINE (FACETIME)

He's confused.

NIGHTY (O.S. FACETIME)

Sorry. Bob's having a bad day.

BOB (O.S.)

You're not my wife!

LORAINE (FACETIME)

This is breaking my heart.

BOB (O.S.)

Where am I?!?

NIGHTY (O.S. FACETIME)

I've gotta go.

LORAINE (FACETIME)

Good-bye.

Loraine lowers her iPhone.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Seems like everyone is having a terrible day today.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - NURSE STATION - LATER TIME

Loraine listens and stops when she reaches the nurse station. She looks down at Sarah as she types into the computer some notes on a patient.

LORAINE

Abigail, now a good time?

NIGHT (O.S.)

Bob's better? He was just...

SOUND: BEEP!

A patient's bedside heart monitor alarm goes off!

Sarah bolts up.

SARAH

Bed Eight!

Dr. Chang and others rush to the patient in Bed Eight.

LORAINE

Nighty, I have to go. Bed Eight... that's Hank!

Loraine rushes to join them.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - SAME TIME

Dr. Chang, Sarah, and Jonathon are already in the room applying counter measures when Loraine enters.

Hank looks lifeless.

SARAH

Patient is unresponsive.

JONATHON

O-two stats low.

CHANG

Let's resuscitate.

Loraine pats Hank.

LORAINE

I'm glad you changed your mind.

Dr. Chang starts chest compressions.

CHANG

Intubate. Prepare lmg of
Epinephrine.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - LATER

Dr. Chang continues CPR chest compressions.

The heart monitor has flat-lined.

JONATHON

O-two levels have dropped into the sixties.

Dr. Chang continues.

CHANG

3mg Epinephrine.

Sarah injects adrenaline into the Hank's IV.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Charge the Paddles.

Jonathon does so.

Dr. Chang grabs the paddles carefully.

CHANG (CONT'D)

Okay. Clear!

The paddles JOLTS Hank.

SARAH

Nothing. The heart monitor is still flatlined.

Dr. Chang does not stop.

CHANG

Again.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - HANK'S ROOM - LATER

Dr. Chang continues to try. Sweat pours down his face.

Sarah, Jonathon, Loraine, and the others keep working.

CHANG

Anything!

JONATHON

No.

Dr. Chang backs away from the patient.

CHANG

Damn it. Call it!

Dr. Chang shoulders buckle over.

CHANG (CONT'D)

I liked him.

INT. HOSPITAL - ICU - VIVIAN'S ROOM - LATER

Loraine checks in on Vivian. She's all plastic tubes and pulse monitors. Sedated, she looks smaller than before. A long tube down her throat gives her life, as it fills her lungs with rich, wonderful oxygen.

The ventilator WHOOSHES and HUMS as it PUSHES AIR in and out of Vivian's lungs. A heart monitor BEEPS.

Loraine holds her hand. But it is not skin to skin. She's dressed in full PPE as usual. She wears two pairs of green latex gloves too for protection.

LORAINE

Oh, how I hate all this plastic. This virus has stolen the healing effects of touch.

Loraine looks at Vivian.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

Keep fighting, my IBM girl. Keep fighting.

Vivian appears lifeless.

INT. HOSPITAL - COVID FLOOR - BREAK ROOM - LATER NIGHT

Loraine sleeps. Her weary head rests atop the table.

Sarah enters.

The break room door CREAKS open.

Sarah leans back out.

LORAINE

Come in. I'm not dead yet. I just feel that way.

Sarah sits at the table. Around her neck, she wears fire engine red BEATS headphones.

SARAH

How was your shift?

Sarah laughs hard. Her entire body moves. As if, all COVID Caregivers all ready know the true answer.

LORAINE

It sucked. We lost Max. Jonathon's father. And... Hank. Sarah, tell me, why do we do this?

SARAH

Because we were born with an all powering need to fix broken people.

LORAINE

Yeah, but I'm starting to feel broken too.

SARAH

Its draining on all fronts. No doubt.

LORAINE

I'm tired of walking in rooms to visit friends, to find out their dead or just hanging on by a razor thin thread.

Sarah starts moving her shoulders, side-to-side, as if listening to a beat of cool music.

SARAH

A wise man once shared... at the end of a bad shift, we must sing.

LORAINE

I hear no music.

Sarah continues to dance in her chair. She takes off her Beats and rubs them down with a Clorox wipe.

SARAH

Close your eyes.

LORAINE

That will not be a problem.

Loraine does.

Sarah holds the Beats in both hands above Loraine's head.

SARAH

Your Hubie taught me this wonderful concept. Music heals. Fills us. Reloads us. Saves us.

LORAINE

Saves us? My Bob can't even remember... his own name.

SARAH

No matter. We do. At the end of a terrible day, Bob would act like he was in some goddamn musical.

LORAINE

I remember.

SARAH

He could sense when were all about to snap, loss our shit.

LORAINE

Yeah.

SARAH

Sing.

Sarah lowers the headphones over Loraine's ears.

Note: Song-like Andy Grammer's Don't Give up on Me plays.

Loraine cups her hands over the headphones, repeats what she hears, and sings along with Sarah.

SARAH (CONT'D)

I will fight. I will fight for you.

SARAH/LORAINE

I always do until my heart. Is black and blue. And I will stay.

SARAH

I will stay with you.

INT. HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR - SAME TIME

Super hero CAREGIVERS end their shift. They walk through the hospital on wide, white linoleum floors.

MUSIC: CONTINUES.

Sarah and Loraine lead them out.

CAREGIVER CHORUS

We'll make it to the other side. Like lovers do.

They head through the corridor toward the employee entrance in a pack and sing as one.

CAREGIVER CHORUS (CONT'D)

I'll reach my hands out in the dark. And wait for yours to interlock. I'll wait for you. I'll wait for you. 'Cause I'm not givin' up. I'm not givin' up, givin' up.

EXT. HOSPITAL - EMPLOYEE EXIT - SAME TIME NIGHT

Loraine and Sarah walk out into the starry night.

Caregiver Chorus surrounds them.

CAREGIVER CHORUS

No, not yet. Even when I'm down to my last breath.

Their shift is over.

SOUND: MUTLITUDES OF CHEERS! and CLAPS!

To their surprise, fifty or more FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS, POLICE OFFICERS line both sides of the sidewalk that leads to the employee parking lot. As soon as they see the caregivers appear they CHEER and CLAP!

A banner they hold reads, Heroes Work Here!

Sarah looks to Loraine, and starts to clap.

SARAH

Like I said... good people can sense when we're all about to snap, and loss your shit.

Sarah sprints ahead.

SARAH (CONT'D)

I love surprises!

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - MASTER BEDROOM - DAY

Loraine rests sprawled out in her bed.

ECU: Panasonic RC-6025 flip clock shows 6:00 a.m.

SOUND: BUZZ!

Loraine hits the off button and swings her body out of bed.

LORAINE

Today is a new day.

SUPER: "Good Friday..."

Her feet instantly find and slide into her fuzzy slippers.

She flips on the lights as she enters ...

THE BATHROOM

Loraine stands before the mirror for a long period of time. She says nothing. She examines herself hard.

She looks rested.

LORAINE (CONT'D)

I can make a difference.

IMAGE: WATER STREAMS OUT OF A SHOWER HEAD.

CUT TO:

Loraine's silhouette shines through the shower curtain.

SOUND: WATER BOUNCING OFF HER BODY.

Steam invades the screen, and Loraine begins to sing.

Song-like Andy Grammer's Don't Give up on Me plays.

LORAINE

I will fight. I will fight for you. I always do until my heart. Is black and blue. And I will stay.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - LATER DAY

Loraine opens-up a cabinet to grab a can of IAMS cat food. She stops and closes the cabinet.

She eyes the Fridge.

LORAINE

My poor boy. This weekend I will dig you a nice hole.

Ashley appears. She is caring two coffees.

ASHLEY

Good morning. I bought you a coffee.

Ashley hands it over.

LORAINE

Thank you. You sleep okay?

ASHLEY

Yes.

Loraine takes a sip from her coffee.

LORAINE

Hmm. Good.

ASHLEY

I've a good feeling about today.

Ashley eyes Loraine hard.

LORAINE

What?

ASHLEY

My mother was a nurse... inspired me. Taught me to be kind. Treat others with respect. She worked at hospice. It amazed me how she stayed positive all the time. I asked her once, how she dealt with the constant loss. She replied... loss? I don't see it that way. My patients give.

LORAINE

That reminds me. I need to call Summerland Estates again.

ASHLEY

I shall give you some privacy.

She takes her coffee to another room.

Loraine calls Summerland Estates.

CASEY (O.S.)

Thank you for your call. We understand your concerns for love ones in our care during this COVID-19 pandemic. Rest assured, we have taken every possible precaution to protect our residents. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as humanly possible.

SOUND: BEEP!

LORAINE

Casey! This is my eighth message. I need to get Bob out of there! The next call will be from my attorney.

The voice mail BEEPS again. Then follows an automated, mechanical voiced message.

VOICE

Sorry. This mailbox is full and cannot accept messages at this time. Thank you for calling. Goodbye.

Loraine hangs up her phone RINGS. She answers it.

LORAINE

Nighty! I miss you.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - NURSES STATION - SAME

Nighty watches a mask wearing Casey as he hurries down the corridor to his office.

NIGHTY

Figures.

INT. LORAINE'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - SAME TIME

Loraine listens and walks.

LORAINE

You mind checking on my Bob?

NIGHTY (O.S.)

Sure thing. How's Vivian?

LORAINE

She's stable, vented in ICU. Hank and Max...

NIGHTY (O.S.)

I heard. When the Lord wants you...

LORAINE

He takes you.

NIGHTY (O.S.)

That's right.

INT. SUMMERPLACE ESTATES - NURSES STATION - SAME TIME

Casey storms down the hall in Nighty's direction.

NIGHTY

I have to go.

LORAINE (O.S.)

Okay.

Right then, Helen appears.

GIGI

Good-bye, Abigail.

Nighty looks over the counter to find Helen there.

NIGHTY

Oh, Gigi. Where you going?

GIGI

I've become too dependent on others. I wish to travel.

NIGHTY

Well, you don't want to miss bingo this afternoon.

GTGI

You've been very kind. But I no longer have time for bingo.

She turns away from the desk.

GIGI (CONT'D)

My remaining days are meant for more. I want newness.

NIGHTY

(jokingly)

Okay, well you better send me some postcards.

GIGI

(straight-faced)

I shall.

Helen removes her iPhone. She taps on the Uber App she downloaded earlier in the morning.

[Note: Text messages are in italics. Could be shown on screen in CHYRONS if desired.]

On screen, Destination?

Helen types in, Airport.

INT. LORAINE'S HOME - KITCHEN - SAME TIME

Loraine enjoys a cup of coffee with Ashley.

LORATNE

Vivian is recovering nicely.

ASHLEY

Thank you.

LORAINE

No, thank you. I'm going to miss not having you here. These chats. This house is too big for just one person.

ASHLEY

The think the world is learning what isolation means. So many our age all ready know its pains.

LORAINE

I suppose so.

ASHLEY

Oscar?

LORAINE

I've totally forgotten about him. My poor baby.

ASHLEY

Well, I dug him a nice big hole in the backyard.

LORAINE

Okay, its time.

EXT. LORAINE HOME - BACKYARD - SAME TIME

Loraine carries Oscar's remains wrapped in a blanket. The cat's body is stiff. His paws stick out from the blanket.

Ashley stands by the hole. She holds a shovel in one hand and a fresh, hand-picked bouquet flowers in the other.

ASHLEY

I would sleep better knowing he was no longer in your Fridge.

Loraine bends down and gently lays Oscar in the deep hole.

LORAINE

There. There. Rest my love.

Ashley drops in the flowers.

Loraine gets back up and stumbles a bit.

Ashley catches her.

ASHLEY

You okay?

LORAINE

Fine. Never felt better.

ASHLEY

Would you like to say a few words?

LORAINE

Sure. Oscar, when the Lord wants you... OWW!

Loraine collapses to the ground.

Ashley SCREAMS!

EXT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - MAIN ENTRANCE - DAY

Sun shines beats down on Summerland's shiny exterior.

INT. SUMMERLAND ESTATES - MAIN ENTRANCE - DAY

The CAMERA travels down the long corridor until it lands on Helen. She's all dressed and ready to leave.

GIGI

Oh, hi. I so enjoyed our time together... but I really must go. So much new things to do.

Helen moves down the hall.

She passes the...

COMMON ROOM

On the TV is Dr. Amy Acton, MD., MPH.

A sign-language INTERPRETER appears in the top right corner.

DR. ACTON

Finally, I want to say one last thing. This is a very special time of the year, and the holiday, and the symbolism are not lost. We are sharing some great news. The great news in Ohio of what we have done to stop the spread of this disease and slow it down. INT. SUMMERPLACE ESTATES - NURSES STATION - SAME TIME

Helen's petite frame stops before the nursing station's tall to her counter. GiGi stands on her tip-toes and looks around.

GIGI

Good-bye, Abigail.

Nighty appears.

NIGHTLY

Bye, GiGi. I will save you a seat at bingo... just in case.

Helen's phone BUZZES!

[Note: Text messages are in italics. Could be shown on screen in CHYRONS if desired.]

On screen, Your Uber has arrived.

Helen turns to leave.

GIGI

That won't be necessary.

Casey passes the departing Helen in the hall on his way to the nurses station.

GIGI (CONT'D)

Bye, Casey.

Casey continues on.

CASEY

Bye? Hmm, Abigail, I...

Nighty holds up a shh-ing finger.

CASEY (CONT'D)

What?

NIGHTY

Ron from The Dayton Daily News wishes to speak to you.

CASEY

Take a message.

NIGHTY

He's already in your office.

Mr. Casey stares directly into the CAMERA.

CASEY

Great.

NIGHTY (O.S.)

He was asking about our precautionary measures.

CASEY

Of course he is.

CUT TO HELEN:

Helen moves down the hall.

YOUNGER LORAINE appears.

Helen gives Loraine a nod of respect as she passes her.

Young Loraine nods back. She looks so fresh and alive.

A younger version of Oscar moves at her feet.

YOUNG LORAINE

There's my boy.

She scoops him up and rubs her face into his fresh fur.

YOUNG LORAINE (CONT'D)

Momma missed you.

Loraine nods as she passes Nighty in the hall.

Nighty does not see Loraine, but she stops and senses her good friend's presence.

NIGHTY

Loraine?

Nighty looks around.

NIGHTY (CONT'D)

Hmm.

YOUNG LORAINE

Bye for now, Abigail.

Loraine reaches Bob's room and stops at the door.

Bob is asleep.

YOUNG LORAINE (CONT'D)

Bob, you ready?

A YOUNG BOB raises out of Old Bob's body. He's handsome in an unexpected rugged way. He too beams of boundless energy.

YOUNG BOB

I was waiting for you.

Bob crosses his room in a dance-like manner. As he sings a song like, Chris Cornell's cover of Led Zeppelin's, <u>Thank</u> You. Bob flirts with Loraine.

YOUNG BOB (CONT'D)

If the sun refused to shine.

Young Loraine sets down Oscar.

The cat runs ahead.

Loraine flirts back with Bob.

YOUNG BOB (CONT'D)

I would still be loving you.

Young Bob offers Young Loraine his arm for a stroll.

Loraine accepts his invitation and begins to sing with him.

YOUNG BOB/LORAINE

When mountains crumble to the sea, there will still be you and me.

YOUNG BOB

Kind woman, I give you my all. Kind woman, nothing more. Together we shall go until we die My, my, my.

YOUNG LORAINE

An inspiration is what you are to me, inspiration, look see.

Together, they move towards the main entrance.

Blinding white light pours into the entrance sitting area through the tall, ceiling to floor windows.

YOUNG BOB/LORAINE

And so today, my world it smiles, your hand in mine, we walk the miles.

To the left and right of them, younger versions of the COVID-19 FALLEN VICTIMS appear. Their voices add to Bob and Loraine's. The singing tribute becomes a true chorus. CHORUS

Thanks to you it will be done, for you to me are the only one happiness, no more be sad, happiness. I'm glad.

Appears First, YOUNG ARNIE. He's dressed green & white plaid polyester pants and a green Master's golf shirt.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

Little drops of rain whisper of the pain, tears of loves lost in the days gone by.

Bob puts his arm on his shoulder and nods.

Young Arnie grins back and then he motions for Young Bob and Loraine to play on through.

Young Bob and Loraine smile and walk on.

Appears Second, Young Bob and Loraine greet a young Navy Aviator in uniform. He smiles big and bright at them at he leans Cool Hand Luke-style against the wall. With his Annapolis ring, a young Hank TAPS the wall behind him.

Hank TAPS God Bless You, G.B.U.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

My love is strong, with you there is no wrong.

Appears Third, a YOUNG ROSE in a silk Ao Dai, Vietnamese traditional dress. On the wall, she TAPS back twice.

SOUND: TAP. TAP.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

Together we shall go until we die.

Her seductive gaze melts Hank into butter.

The soulmates feverishly entangle.

When they finish, Bob shakes Hank's hand hard, and Rose and Loraine embrace like old friends.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

If the sun refused to shine.

Appears Fourth, Bob and Loraine meet YOUNG MAX with a full head of hair. As a joke, he raises his hand to his ear and gets US a wave. He motions right...

CHORUS (CONT'D)
I would still be loving you.

Appears Fifth, Max's wife MARTHA, youthful version, with long, flowing hair and a guitar strapped to her back. She wears a Hippie Forever T- Shirt.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

When mountains crumble to the sea.

Appears Sixth, horde of COVID-19 VICTIMS. They line both sides of the hallway as Bob and Loraine pass.

CHORUS (CONT'D)

There will still be...

When Young Bob and Loraine reach the end of the hallway, both sides of VICTIMS disappear in a SNAP!

Young Bob and Loraine remain. They look at one another. Then, they look at the CAMERA as they hold hands.

YOUNG BOB/LORAINE

You and me.

SOUND: SNAP.

Young Bob and Loraine disappear.

Young Oscar crosses the screen.

SOUND: MEOW.

FADE TO BLACK:

SUPER: "The Memorial. Dedicated to those of you who never had an opportunity to say... good-bye."

SUPER: "And for the caregivers who gave their love and their lives for the good of others."

MONTAGE - VARIOUS

- A) Real COVID CAREGIVER in full PPE.
- B) A single gloved hand holds an elderly ungloved hand.
- C) Elder WOMAN wears a facial mask.
- D) Real medical team snapshots of our SUPERHEROES from the hot spots like: Portland, New York City, Detroit, Houston, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Kettering, OH.

END OF MONTAGE

FOR THOSE WHO WAIT:

EXT. HOSPITAL - ENTRANCEWAY - LATER DAY

Ash wheels Vivian out of the hospital.

Doctors, Nurses, and Caregivers give her a big CLAP OUT!

VIVIAN

Ash.

ASHLEY

Yes.

VIVIAN

Take us to the nearest airport, please.

Ashley smiles down as she pushes her through a crowd of love.

ASHLEY

Where do you want to go?

VIVIAN

How about... you pick.

FADE TO BACK AGAIN:

THE END