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Assuming you have arrived safely ...

The one thing you should know immediately is that the building is on a slant -- if you come up the front elevator to the THIRD FLOOR AND WALK TO THE BACK OF THE BUILDING, YOU'LL FIND THE ELEVATOR IS ON THE SIXTH floor.

In order to get to the Chelsea Administrative offices, you take the front elevator to FOTR, take the stairs to your left, and you'll walk up one flight to the EIGHTH floor. Get it? Don't panic -- it can only get easier ... (A diagram is enclosed to facilitate things somewhat on the THIRD floor.)

HOW TO FIND THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS AT THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC:

THE THIRD THEATRE (Chelsea):

The Green Room: if you enter by the side entrance (St. Felix Street) take the elevator to the SIXTH floor. You can't miss it.

If you come in the main entrance (Lafayette Ave.) take the elevator to the THIRD floor. Go to your right, make the next right, and walk all the way down the corridor to the next right you can make ... It's right in front of you. (Well, it should be ...)

THEATRE LOBBY: Easy, The front elevator to FOUR.

from the back elevator (SIX is the last floor), you just walk around to the front of the building and go up one flight.

BATHROOMS:

Ladies' Room: Third floor - 1. by the Green Room
2. by the front elevator

Men's Room: Third floor - 1. across from Director of BAM 2. by front elevator

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tickets

It is the theatre's policy to make a certian number of house seats available for your purchase each performance. Occasionally, comps are available for a show. If they are, you will be notified through your stage manager and request slips will be issued.

All ticket requests must be made through Leslie Gifford.

Photos

Production photos will be taken by Amnon B. Nomis. Contact sheets and order forms will be available during the first week of performance. You will be notified during that time about the specifics concerning the ordering of photos.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Subways (all stops are one block from the Academy) IRT Broadway - 7th Ave. (#2,3)
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Brooklyn Buses

Fulton at Ashland Place Stop

B25 Fulton B26 Putnam

B52 Gates

B38 DeKalb Ave.

Flatbush at Hanson Place Stop B19 Carlton Ave. B41 Flatbush Ave. B45 St. John's Place B67 7th Avenue

Atlantic at Flatbush Stop B37 3rd Ave. B63 5th Ave.

Long Island Railroad

Flatbush terminal located one block from the Academy.

Automobile

- 1. From Manhattan via the Brooklyn Bridge: Cross the bridge and stay on that street. Left on Tillary. Right on Navy Street which changes into Ashland Place. Brooklyn Academy of Music at corner of Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue.
- 2. From Manhattan via Manhattan Brodge: Cross bridge. Left on Tillary. Right on Navy Street which turns into Ashland Place. Brooklyn Academy of Music at corner of Ashland Place and Lafayette Ave.
- From Connecticut via Brooklyn-Oueens Expressway: Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to Brooklyn 278. Take
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- From Oueens and Long Island: Long Island Expressway to Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to Brooklyn 278. Take "Civic Center" exit. Stay on this street to 2nd stop (Flatbush Avenue). Left on Flatbush. Left on Tillary. Right on Navy Street which becomes Ashland Place. Brooklyn Academy of Music at corner of Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue.
- From New Jersey: Through Holland Tunnel, across Manhattan Bridge onto Left on Tillary. Right on Navy St. Flatbush Avenue. which becomes Ashland Place. Brooklyn Academy of Music at corner of Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue.

III. Restaurants

A. Jack O'Connor's Club Car

149 Flatbush Ave., NE8-5088. Open until 8:30 p.m., closed Sundays. Specializing in seafood. Clam and ovster bar. Steaks and chops. Dinners to \$6.00.

B. Gage & Tolner's

374 Fulton St., TR 5-5181. Open until 9:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed Sundays. "Brooklyn's Landmark Reataurant." Famous for seafood, steaks, chops, a la carte, \$3.50 - \$15.75.

C. Pete's

328 Myrtle Ave., TR5-9385. Open until 10:00 p.m. Closed Sundays. The ultimate in Italian Food since 1910. Choice wines and liquors. A la carte, \$3.50 - \$7.00.

D. Michel's

346 Flatbush Avenue, NE8-4552. Open until midnight. Closed Mondays. Excellent French cuisine. Dinners from \$4.50 - \$7.00.

E. Little Bo Pig

84 Flatbush Ave., 625-9418. Open until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. Delicious Bar-B-Que chicken, spare ribs, chopped meat, sandwiches. Sandwiched - 50¢-60¢. Dinners to \$3.50.

F. Junior's Restaurant

386 Flatbush Ave. Extension, 852-5257. Open until 1:30 a.m. weekdays, 2:30 a.m. Saturdays. Hamburgers, sandwiches and lunches

G. Granada

268 Ashland Place. UL8 2000. Across from BAM. Italian cuisine. Good food, but a little expensive: Convenient, but service is slow. Open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

H. Steve's Corner Restaurant

515 Atlantic Avenue. (Corner of 3rd Ave.) Wide variety of sandwiches, soups, hamburger, etc. Cocktails and beer served. Will deliver orders over \$1.00. Open late in evenings. Location near Academy. 625-0984

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I. Hanson's Coffee Shop

Hanson Pl. (next to tall Williamsburg Bank Bldg. behind Academy) 783-9860 Coffee, Donuts, sandwiches, etc. Will deliver orders of reasonable size to the Theatre. Daytime only, closed Sundays.

J. La Faiella Restaurant

295 Flatbush Ave. 622-9773 Very good Italian cuisine--inexpensive Try the garlic bread with your meal. Also orders to take out.

Atmosphere not fancy, but good food and clean place. Has regular dinner hours--good for Sunday dinner.

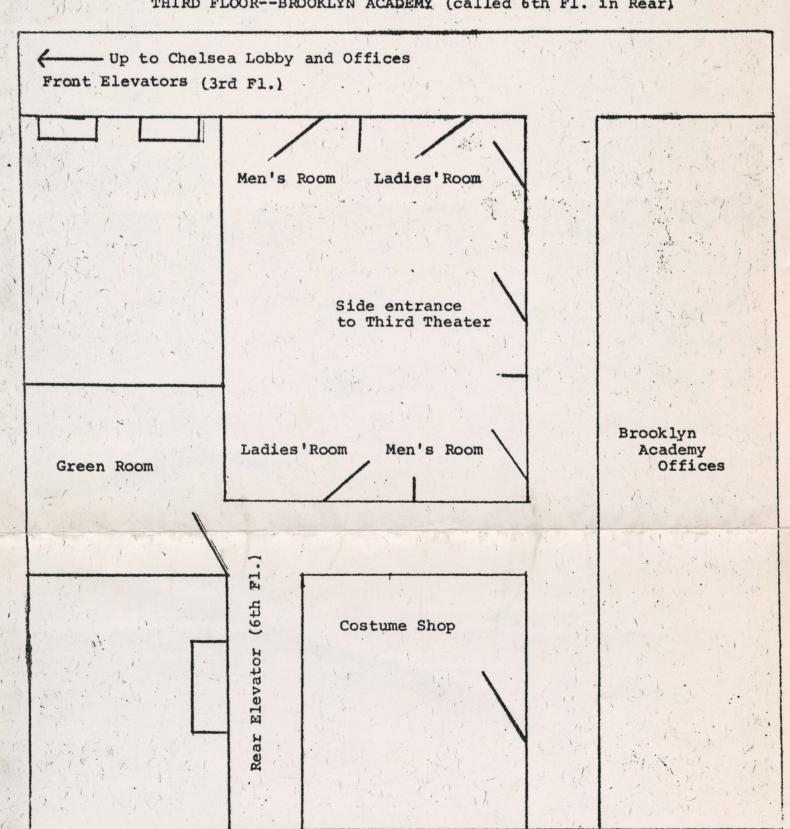
K. Hero's Inn Annex

562 Fulton Street--near Academy 625-8981 Cafeteria Style Italian heros and hot plates. Also cold cuts, cheese and beer. Closed Sundays. Open 'til about 7:00 in the evening.

L. Atlantic House

144 Atlantic Ave. 625-7888 Not so close, but if you have a car or time on your hands, it is a great place for middle eastern cuisine in the heart of Brooklyn's "Little Arabia". Regular dinner hours from mid-afternoon to evening.

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ACT I

The TEACHER, followed by a GROUP OF STUDENTS, enters the garden.

TEACHER

The beauty of the garden develops and expands year after year. The growth of a tree from a sapling -- the gradual covering of a shaded stone with velvety moss -- the creation of shadow where once was burning sunshine -- all encourage a more personal awareness of nature. And through this awareness we are able to rebuild those spiritual and emotional resources needed to face an exacting world.

(HE moves on)

The elements of the garden invite us to use our imagination. A slate walk represents a bank on the edge of a stream. The shrubbery suggests low hills. There is no conscious effort to copy reality. The garden is designed to suggest a feeling. Joy, solemnity, love, pleasure --

(HE turns to one of his STUDENTS,

TAMAKO, a Japanese woman)

Tamako!

(SHE looks up, having been lost in thought)

Love, pleasure --

TAMAKO

And forgetfulness.

TEACHER

Yes, forgetfulness.

Feelings are suggested many ways. Through form and texture and color --

TAMAKO

And relationships.

TEACHER

Relationships are important. Here -- I will show you. Notice the trees' position to each other. Not only the distances between them, but their height and angle. Three basic lines or shapes --

TAMAKO

Come together at a single point.

TEACHER

Yes. The language of the garden is important. I cannot

TEACHER (Continued)

say it enough. Once you have mastered the language --

TAMAKO

You will want to know the people.

TEACHER

Good. Now think of an emotion. Think.

(HE looks about -- turns again to TAMAKO)

TAMAKO

I am thinking.

TEACHER

It need not be something of today. Think of something of long ago.

TAMAKO

The year is 1920.

TEACHER

Yes.

TAMAKO

The place Kyoto. A city in Japan.

TEACHER

There are signs you remember. Places.

TAMAKO

The weather has been bad.

TEACHER

We will settle on bad weather.

TAMAKO

And a ship. A stone afloat on a sea of pebbles.

TEACHER

There. We have begun. In a moment we will have created a scene.

(Her FATHER calls)

FATHER

Tamako!

TAMAKO

I am sailing to America.

TEACHER

It is quite simple.

Two flowers come together. Around them smaller flowers. A Child. Friends. A memory. Sadness here.

TEACHER

No sadness.

TAMAKO

Do you not see the sadness?

TEACHER

I do not see sadness.

(Her FATHER calls)

FATHER

Tamako!

TAMAKO

His hands are enormous.

TEACHER

Yes --

(Her FATHER enters -- followed by her MOTHER)

FATHER

Are you ready?

TAMAKO

He stands solid. Like a rock.

FATHER

You are not ready.

MOTHER

You must not be late.

FATHER

Tamako, we cannot keep the people waiting.

(TAMAKO moves toward her MOTHER and FATHER)

MOTHER

She is nervous.

TAMAKO

I am not nervous.

FATHER

There is no reason to be nervous.

MOTHER

If you do not want to go, say so.

TAMAKO

I have said --

FATHER

She wants to go. She has told me.

MOTHER

Is it true?

TAMAKO

Los Angeles is a fine city.

MOTHER

You have been there?

TAMAKO

I have seen pictures.

FATHER

54e Hasseen Pictures.

MOTHER

Oh.

FATHER

I will tell the others. Do not be long. (The FATHER leaves,

TAMAKO turns to the TEACHER)

MOTHER

You will think of us?

TAMAKO

How could I not think of you?

MOTHER

You will not forget us?

(SHE turns to her MOTHER)

TAMAKO

Do you want me to stay?

MOTHER

No.

TAMAKO

You do. Why did you not tell me?

MOTHER

What would I say?

You would say -- Tamako, stay!

MOTHER

If I did, would you?

TAMAKO

I might.

MOTHER

Tamako, stay.

TAMAKO

I wish --

MOTHER

Stay, Tamako.

TAMAKO

-- there could be two of me.

MOTHER

One is enough.

TAMAKO

The first Tamako would remain with you always. Docile, obedient -- and content.

MOTHER

And the other?

TAMAKO

A traveler. One who wishes to see other things. One destined for an extraordinary life.

MOTHER

It is time to put on your scarf.

(SHE places a scarf about TAMAKO)

TAMAKO

I am doing the right thing. They will say, Tamako is unusual.

MOTHER

They will say, Tamako is crazy.

(Her FATHER returns)

FATHER

Come!

(The WOMEN follow him. THEY stop -- taking positions for the ceremony. TAMAKO stands apart.

The IMPERIAL COMMISSIONER enters. HE speaks with authority)

IMPERIAL COMMISSIONER

It is granted to the herein to join in legal marriage by the grace of her free will and with the permission of her kindred presently called to witness --

(A PHOTOGRAPHER steps forward)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Hold still!

(TAMAKO turns. A light flashes. The ceremony is over. SHE turns to her FATHER)

TAMAKO

Goodbye.

FATHER

Goodbye.

TAMAKO

No parting words?

FATHER

Your mother will feel your absence.

TAMAKO

And you? What will you feel?

Goodbye.

(SHE turns)

Goodbye.

(SHE turns)

Goodbye.

(SHE turns. Sounds of a ship)

Goodbye.

(The TEACHER enters. HE looks at TAMAKO)

TEACHER

You are too quiet.

TAMAKO

Only the ship makes noise. The others sleep.

TEACHER

But not you.

TAMAKO

My eyes will not close.

TEACHER

The crossing is easy?

TAMAKO

Like a leaf on the wind. A picture --

TEACHER

An expectation. Bamboo stalks on a crooked path --

TAMAKO

To encourage investigation.

TEACHER

There must be something hidden in a garden --

TAMAKO

Something the visitor can discover for himself.

TEACHER

You will speak English.

TAMAKO

"How do you do? I am wonderful wife. You are wonderful husband. We will have wonderful life together."

TEACHER

"Wonderful!"

(MUSICIANS march on. An official band greeting -- American style. The MUSIC of John Philip Sousa. All around TAMAKO PEOPLE rush past)

TAMAKO

Excuse me!

Excuse me!

Excuse --

1ST OFFICIAL

Name?

TAMAKO

What?

2ND OFFICIAL

You! What is your name?

TAMAKO

Tamako --

2ND OFFICIAL

What is your age?

TAMAKO

I am --

2ND OFFICIAL

Would you answer the question.

TAMAKO

I thought --

2ND OFFICIAL

Would you sign here!

TAMAKO

Sign?

(SHE signs.

HE goes off)

3RD OFFICIAL

You! Name?

TAMAKO

But I said --

3RD OFFICIAL

Where are your things?

TAMAKO

My things --

3RD OFFICIAL

Over there, please!

TAMAKO

You do not understand --

3RD OFFICIAL

Move on!

TAMAKO

I have made a vow.

3RD OFFICIAL

Next!

(The stage empties except for a JAPANESE MAN. HE stands stiff. TAMAKO and the MAN exchange looks. HE bows ceremoniously. SHE hesitates -- returns the bow. THEY exchange another look. HE bows again)

MAN

How do you do?

TAMAKO

How do you do?

MAN

How are you?

TAMAKO

What do you want?

MAN

I am Satoru Ito.

TAMAKO

Satoru Ito?

SATORU

I am your husband.

TAMAKO

You? My husband?

SATORU

I send for you.

(SHE holds up his picture)

TAMAKO

But you are not --

SATORU

Picture old.

TAMAKO

old?

SATORU

You have pleasant journey?

TAMAKO

Yes --

SATORU

The sea make you sick?

No --

SATORU

You wish to see new home?

TAMAKO

I --

SATORU

Come.

(A small BAND appears, grinning obsequiously. THEY play badly "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue.")

SATORU

Here.

TAMAKO

What?

SATORU

Home.

TAMAKO

Home? This?

SATORU

Come!

(SHE follows him in, reluctantly, cautiously)

TAMAKO

Oh!

SATORU

It is nice.

(HE looks at her)

What is wrong?

TAMAKO

There is a mistake.

SATORU

No mistake.

TAMAKO

You live here?

SATORU

I live here -- yes.

But where? How?

SATORU

Something not right?

TAMAKO

Look.

It is a hole in the ground.

SATORU

It is a good house.

TAMAKO

You said it was a big house.

SATORU

It is big.

I show you --

TAMAKO

No!

(HE turns back to her)

SATORU

You will like it in time.

TAMAKO

I do not think so.

SATORU

You will see.

TAMAKO

I am going home.

(HE goes and stands before her)

SATORU

You are home.

Sit.

TAMAKO

I will stand.

SATORU

Eat.

TAMAKO

I am not hungry.

(HE moves closer to her. SHE backs away)

SATORU

First wife dead.

TAMAKO

First wife -- ?

SATORU

You are my second wife.

(SHE backs into something. SHE turns, starts to scream, catches herself. THEY are not alone. An OLD MAN looks up. SATORU'S FATHER sleeps on a mattress on the floor)

Chichi. "Father."

(CHICHI nods politely)

TAMAKO

I will eat.

(SATORU looks at her. HE blows out the candle. Everything is still. The room is lit by a single stream of light. HE comes for her again. HE takes hold of her. SHE pulls away. HE takes hold of her again. Slowly SHE feels him exerting force)

SATORU

What is wrong?

TAMAKO

Nothing.

SATORU

Do not be afraid.

TAMAKO

Is this how it is done?

SATORU

It is how it is done.

BLACKOUT

Noise. MUSIC. CARNIVAL PERFORMERS. The lobby of the Fujii Hotel -- one of the less remarkable aspects of American life. A DRESSMAKER approaches TAMAKO. A BARKER spiels.

BARKER

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Step right up, ladies and gentlemen! Step right up! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! You'll say it's a miracle! You'll say your eyes deceive you! An Oriental blossom transformed into an American beauty rose! Quickly now! Time is running out! No tricks! Every stitch personally styled. Every item a genuine first! Hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry!

(TAMAKO is quickly provided with a complete outfit of Western clothing. It is all done very systematically. Around her the Carnival atmosphere prevails. SHE feels embarrassed. Her belongings are taken from her. SHE is jammed into American-style shoes)

TAMAKO

What are you doing? Do not burn my kimono.

(A full-length mirror is brought to her)

DRESSMAKER

There!

(TAMAKO turns and looks)

TAMAKO

Is it me?

(A small hat with a long feather is placed atop her head)

DRESSMAKER

Aah!

OTHERS

Aah!

(Some time later)

SATORU

You will forget Japan.

TAMAKO

Perhaps.

SATORU

It is better that way.

TAMAKO

Better? For who?

SATORU

For you.

TAMAKO

Oh.

SATORU

Do you not like it here?

TAMAKO

I do not know what to think.

SATORU

It will get better.

TAMAKO

Aah!

SATORU

You will see.

TAMAKO

I had hoped --

SATORU

It is better not to.

Come -- sit.

(SHE sits next to him. HE eats from a paper)

The sun shines here all year round.

TAMAKO

I have noticed.

SATORU

You do not eat.

I eat.

SATORU

I am not displeased.

TAMAKO

Displeased?

SATORU

With you.

TAMAKO

Oh.

SATORU

Others send their women back.

TAMAKO

Really?

SATORU

Not me.

A new home will make a difference. You will see.

TAMAKO

You keep saying -- you will see.

SATORU

You will see.

We will have many children. We will want children.

A son is important.

TAMAKO

And other things.

What do you think?

SATORU

We will see.

(TAMAKO turns front)

TAMAKO

When circumstances necessitate a new design, the basic materials may be kept and arranged in such a way that the garden takes on a different look. The skill and knowledge you have acquired -
(SHE breaks off.

The TEACHER enters)

TEACHER

Why do you stop?

TAMAKO

There is much to learn. Many rules.

TEACHER

Many patterns.

TAMAKO

I am uncertain of how to continue.

TEACHER

Look at the materials.

TAMAKO

The garden is filled with many variations.

TEACHER

Yes.

TAMAKO

The use of any shape is not casual. Each shape is special.

TEACHER

Go on.

TAMAKO

Even if a shape becomes distorted --

TEACHER

There is clarity.

TAMAKO

The shapes relate to each other freely -- like wind against the sand. Sudden changes in the landscape are natural.

TEACHER

Think of the chnages as paths on which you will walk from one point to another.

TAMAKO

Even if it is not the right path --

TEACHER

Every path will have its point of interest.

TAMAKO

New objects around me.

TEACHER

Let the sensations grow. Let them take hold of you.

TAMAKO

I discard a flower --

TEACHER

Yes?

TAMAKO

And select one whose strength and slant is more suited to the surroundings.

TEACHER

Good.

TAMAKO

A life so close to me -- so near --

TEACHER

Nourish it.

TAMAKO

Protect it.

TEACHER

But do not hold too tight.

(TAMAKO turns. SHE says with satisfaction:)

TAMAKO

Satoru, this is Michael. This is your son. Is he not a beautiful boy?

(The TEACHER leaves. TAMAKO takes the hand of the imaginary child and walks with him)

Others send their children back. Not me. I say -- for good or bad -- he is mine. I will keep him.

We will be good friends, you and me, We will have many good times. They say it is a wonderful place -- America. It is very rich. The buildings rise so high some of them scrape the roof of the sky.

You must not upset the garden. A garden is very delicate. It is not like other things. It is very fragile.

TAMAKO (Continued)

Come. Up on my shoulders. Where are we going? We are going to visit the president.

Say good morning to Mrs. Yumato. "Good morning, Mrs. Yumato!"

The president is a most powerful man -- as powerful, they say, as the emperor. His wisdom is as bright as the sun. But when you are in his presence you must be careful not to look directly at him. You must keep your head low and say, "Your most royal highness, it is an honor." We must hurry. We must not keep the president waiting.

Good morning. Good morning.

(SHE sets him down)

There. Why do you laugh? What do you find funny? Shh! The president.

(SHE bows)

Your royal highness, this is my son. He is very wise. But today he seems a bit silly.

(SHE turns to him)

Michael -- !

(MICHAEL appears before her -- fully grown)

MICHAEL

We're ready to leave.

(THEY look at each other)

Racetrack bugles at Santa Anita racetrack. TAMAKO, MICHAEL and SATORU watch the proceedings. A VOICE rings out.

ANNOUNCER

Here we are for the fifth race at beautiful Santa Anita Racetrack. The horses are at the starting gate.

TAMAKO

I cannot see.

MICHAEL

Stand here.

ANNOUNCER

And they're off!

SATORU

Who do we have?

MICHAEL

Confidence Man.

ANNOUNCER

Kentucky Blue takes the early lead --

TAMAKO

Where is he?

MICHAEL

There he is! Number four.

ANNOUNCER

Second on the inside Pink Lady --

SATORU

What is the matter with his legs?

TAMAKO

He is not well.

ANNOUNCER

Third and moving up -- Our Crowd.

MICHAEL

He's a beauty. Give him time.

TAMAKO

Only a crazy man would bet on a horse.

MICHAEL

I'm a crazy man.

SATORU

He is.

ANNOUNCER

And it's Confidence Man coming up on the outside --

MICHAEL

Confidence Man -- look!

SATORU

I see.

MICHAEL

Come on, Confidence Man, move your tail! He's going to do it. He's going to do it.

ANNOUNCER

The horses are moving into the final stretch --

MICHAEL

He's going to do it.

ANNOUNCER

It's Pink Lady and Confidence Man. It's Pink Lady and Confidence Man. It's --

MICHAEL

Yes -- ?

ANNOUNCER

Confidence Man!

MICHAEL

He did it! We won! We won!

(HE puts his arm around TAMAKO --

says in a sober voice)

You're having a fantastic time. I can tell.

(THEY ALL laugh)

When you win it isn't so crazy, is it?

TAMAKO

Not when you win.

(MICHAEL looks at his racing form)

MICHAEL

Now in the sixth race --

TAMAKO

I have had enough.

SATORU

Tamako!

TAMAKO

It is no trouble. I will see you at home.

SATORU

We will all go.

TAMAKO

No, you stay.

SATORU

Tamako!

TAMAKO

I am fine. Really. Michael, tell him.

MICHAEL

She's fine.

Please stay.

SATORU

It is not right.

(SHE relents)

TAMAKO

I will walk about and meet you by the car. (SHE continues on.

MICHAEL calls)

MICHAEL

Who do you like in the sixth race?

TAMAKO

You.

(A YOUNG MAN appears at another part of the track)

MICHAEL

Come on. Pick the next winner.

TAMAKO

Bean sprouts.

MICHAEL

Bean sprouts -- ?

(HE looks down at the sheet.

HE looks up.

SHE is gone)

A quieter, more relaxed part of the track. PEOPLE sit about. TAMAKO moves casually about. SHE catches the attention of the YOUNG MAN, who watches her.

YOUNG MAN

You're finished for the day?

TAMAKO

I am finished -- yes.

YOUNG MAN

You didn't like the races?

I did not see a point to them.

YOUNG MAN

Must everything have a point?

TAMAKO

Some things. It would be nice.

YOUNG MAN

What is the point of your standing there?

TAMAKO

What is the point of my answering you -- that is the better question.

YOUNG MAN

You keep thinking you have the whole thing worked out. You study the poop sheet. Check track conditions. Compare your picks with the experts. And still you lose. So where is the justice?

Five straight losses.

TAMAKO

You should quit.

YOUNG MAN

I keep thinking, one more try and I'll even things up.

I guess that's my mistake.

The horses are beautiful.

TAMAKO

Yes.

YOUNG MAN

The second race was good. I almost won that one.

TAMAKO

I do not remember.

YOUNG MAN

It was a photo finish. Fleetfoot.

Horse racing is the sport of kings. Did you know that?

TAMAKO

I did not see any kings.

YOUNG MAN

No?

No.

YOUNG MAN

So what is your sport?

TAMAKO

I do not have one.

YOUNG MAN

No sport? We should find one for you.

Are you waiting for someone?

TAMAKO

My husband.

YOUNG MAN

Married?

TAMAKO

Yes.

YOUNG MAN

Well, it's nothing to be ashamed of.

TAMAKO

I did not say --

YOUNG MAN

You come to Santa Anita often?

TAMAKO

No.

YOUNG MAN

Me neither. Just every now and then. 'When the impulse grabs me.'

Am I disturbing you? If I am, just say so. Just say, 'Go!' And I'll go.

Japanese?

TAMAKO

Yes.

YOUNG MAN

I'm pretty good with faces. Did you know the Japanese are one of the twelve lost tribes of Israel?

TAMAKO

One of the twelve lost tribes -- ?

YOUNG MAN

What do you think of that?

TAMAKO

I think it is nonsense.

YOUNG MAN

I thought it was quite interesting.

You live in Los Angeles?

TAMAKO

Yes.

YOUNG MAN

Me too.

Look, if you've had enough, I could give you a lift.

TAMAKO

A lift?

YOUNG MAN

A ride back. I've got my car. I'm afraid it's one of the older models. Ca-chug, ca-chug, ca-chug. But It'll get us where we're going.

TAMAKO

Where are we going?

YOUNG MAN

Wherever you say? What street do you live on?

TAMAKO

I do not think it is possible.

YOUNG MAN

Of course it's possible. Look, you can ride in the rumble seat. Okay?

TAMAKO

I think not.

(SHE starts away.

HE goes after her)

YOUNG MAN

Hey, I'm really a very timid fellow. I don't know what's come over me today. If I told you the truth --

TAMAKO

Tell me the truth.

YOUNG MAN

Only if you slow down.

(SHE stops. HE relaxes)

My name's Paul.

TAMAKO

That is your truth?

PAUL

What's your name?

TAMAKO

I am a fool to talk to you.

PAUL

And I'm a fool period. We have a great deal in common. (HE taps)

Four years of hard practice.

(SHE moves on. HE follows)

Forgive me if I seem rude. Or funny. Or clever. If you knew me, you'd know I wasn't any of those things.

TAMAKO

I must go find my husband.

PAUL

If I can't give you a ride back, at least let's talk together. I'm really not as dangerous as I look.

(SHE stops again)

Well, maybe a little dangerous.

TAMAKO

I said it is impossible.

PAUL

Make it possible.

TAMAKO

I cannot.

PAUL

Why not?

TAMAKO

It is obvious.

PAUL

Not to me.

I do not even know who you are.

PAUL

I don't even know who you are. -- We're even.

At least we can talk till the seventh race. You'll save me a lot of money. What do you say?

TAMAKO

You are funny.

PAUL

A little.

You didn't tell me your name.

TAMAKO

Tamako.

PAUL

What?

TAMAKO

Tamako.

PAUL

Tamako -- aah!

MICHAEL enters. HE speaks to the audience in a quasi-Japanese manner.

MICHAEL

A short essay on progress. According to anonymous Japanese-American philosopher, progress is illusion of moving forward. It is filling left pocket by taking from right pocket. God creates world in 6 days. Progress. God sits around for billion years criticizing creation. Not progress. Young man wins 8 dollars on fifth race at Santa Anita. Progress. Young man loses 24 dollars on other seven races at same racetrack. Not progress. Scientists triple output of all war products during times of international tension. Progress. Thirty thousand men killed with those products.

MICHAEL (Continued)

Not progress. To think. Progress. To do nothing with thought. Not progress. For further answers to difficult problems, send self-addressed envelope and glossy photo to Michael Ito, Los Angeles, California. Progress.

The Ito House. CHICHI studies English. MICHAEL starts out of the house. TAMAKO calls.

TAMAKO

Michael!

MICHAEL

I'm in a hurry.

TAMAKO

You are always in a hurry.

MICHAEL

Important men are always in a hurry.

CHICHI

Sink.

TAMAKO

Think. Chichic, listen. Think.

CHICHI

S-sink.

MICHAEL

He's hopeless.

TAMAKO

He is not hopeless.

Where are you going?

MICHAEL

Nowhere.

PAMAKO

You are in a hurry to go nowhere?

MICHAEL

You don't understand.

TAMAKO

Where are you going, Michael?

MICHAEL

I don't know where.

There is work to do.

MICHAEL

I'm a student.

CHICHI

Chuz-day.

TAMAKO

Tues-day. Tues-day.

A student? You? What school do you go to?

MICHAEL

A student of the world.

TAMAKO

Aah!

MICHAEL

I study mankind.

TAMAKO

Very interesting course of study.

MICHAEL

It has its good days.

(HE starts away.

SHE calls)

TAMAKO

Michael! Soon you will decide on something.

MICHAEL

Soon.

TAMAKO

Soon you must.

(MICHAEL feigns a sudden spasm)

MICHAEL

Aagh!

TAMAKO

What is it?

MICHAEL

Scratch!

TAMAKO

What?

MICHAEL

My back.

TAMAKO

Your back?

MICHAEL

Scratch! Hurry!

TAMAKO

Here?

MICHAEL

Higher.

TAMAKO

There?

MICHAEL

Lower.

TAMAKO

There?

MICHAEL

To the left.

TAMAKO

Now?

MICHAEL

You've got it.

TAMAKO

I've got it?

MICHAEL

Yes.

(HE turns to her -- says in a

Japanese manner)

You are very funny lady.

See you.

TAMAKO

See you.

(HE leaves)

SATORU stands on a ladder painting a wall. HE speaks in a soft voice.

SATORU

It does not matter what the newspapers say. We have worked hard. We have been honest. There is no question in my mind -- no question at all -- where we stand. If any one of us are asked whose side we are on, we say simply, Our side.

TAMAKO

And what is our side?

SATORU

We are Americans.

TAMAKO

And we are Japanese.

SATORU

We are here in California. This is our home. Let the others fight. China. Japan. It is no concern of ours.

TAMAKO

You have cousins in Japan.

SATORU

I have cousins everywhere. It is their problem.

TAMAKO

We are low on linens.

SATORU

I know.

It is something I have given much thought to.

TAMAKO

I do not say I disagree with you.

SATORU

What do you think of the color?

TAMAKO

I do not like it very much.

SATORU

It is a good color.

TAMAKO

I do not think it is right.

SATORU

I have not time to paint it over.

TAMAKO

Then I will do it.

SATORU

The color is not important.

TAMAKO

The color is important.

SATORU

Business is good.

TAMAKO

But the color is bad.

SATORU

I will paint it over.

(Music starts up softly. TAMAKO moves away)

There is going to be a run on silk stockings. We must keep a private stock. It will mean extra money.

What would American women do without their silk stockings?

TAMAKO

Paint their legs?
(SHE smiles at him)

The volume of the music increases. A COUPLE dances the foxtrot. The scene shifts to a bar in Little Tokyo. TAMAKO sits on a bar stool. PAUL joins her. THEY do not turn to each other.

PAUL

Mind my sitting here?

TAMAKO

No.

DATIT.

I'm not interfering with anything?

TAMAKO

No.

PAUL

I could move. I could go over there.

You could.

PAUL

But if you prefer it this way.

TAMAKO

I prefer it -- yes.

PAUL

Then I'll stay.

Celebrating?

TAMAKO

Um.

PAUL

Anything special?

TAMAKO

The arrival of a friend.

PAUL

Aah.

Can I buy you a drink?

TAMAKO

I do not think he would like that.

(Pause)

PAUL

Did you know a shot from a rifle blows up enough alcohol to make a cocktail?

TAMAKO

You were late.

PAUL

You noticed?

TAMAKO

I noticed.

PAUL

Did you know whiskey is one of the cheapest painkillers known to man?

TAMAKO

I should be angry.

You should be. Did you know Adam and Eve ate an apricot not an apple?

TAMAKO

You are filled with information today.

(The music stops. The COUPLE goes off)

PAUL

How was your day?

TAMAKO

I thought of you.

How was yours?

PAUL

I got through it somehow.

(The BARTENDER brings a drink. HE goes off)

TAMAKO

What were you like?

PAUL

When?

TAMAKO

Long ago. When you were little.

PAUL

I was never little. I was always big.

TAMAKO

Were you quiet?

PAUL

I was wild.

TAMAKO

Wild? I cannot believe that.

PAUL

It's true. My mother called me the Beast. 'Here comes the Beast.'

TAMAKO

Did she not care for you?

PAUL

I never asked.

I should like to have known you then.

PAUL

You wouldn't have liked me.

TAMAKO

No?

PAUL

I developed this devastating charm only recently.

TAMAKO

You are very good looking.

PAUL

Yes, I know.

TAMAKO

You are not that good looking.

PAUL

No? Well, I'm glad there's some room for improvement.

Let's go for a swim.

TAMAKO

I want to talk.

PAUL

You want to talk about what?

TAMAKO

I want to talk about you.

DAIIT.

What do you want to know?

TAMAKO

Who you are. What you do.

DAIIT

My name is Paul. I'm an engineer. And someday I hope to redesign the world.

TAMAKO

I have an idea. Someday we will redesign it together. Okay?

PAUL

Okay.

Come with me.

Where?

PAUL

It doesn't matter.

TAMAKO

To your home -- ?

PAUL

If you like.

TAMAKO

If I like?

PAUL

Whatever you say.

We needn't do anything.

TAMAKO

What does that mean?

PAUL

I'll follow your lead.

TAMAKO

My lead.

(SHE gets up, walks -- turns back

to him)

You are not following.

(SHE looks at him -- sits back down)

What does she look like?

PAUL

Who?

TAMAKO

Your woman.

PAUL

My woman? Aah --! She has warts.

TAMAKO

Warts?

PAUL

And a long, pointed nose.

TAMAKO

Really?

PAUL

And two sharp teeth hanging over her bottom lip.

I think I have seen her.

PAUL

What does he look like?

TAMAKO

Who?

PAUL

Your man.

TAMAKO

You would not like him.

PAUL

How do you know?

TAMAKO

He has one great eye in the middle of his head.

PAUL

One great eye -- ?

TAMAKO

Right here.

PAUL

We should introduce them.

TAMAKO

Your woman -- ?

PAUL

And your man.

(The music starts up again)

Do you dance?

TAMAKO

I am not very good.

PAUL

Come. I'll teach you.

(THEY dance. SHE is very awkward)

Watch.

(HE illustrates)

One, 2, 3, 4. One, 2, 3, 4 --

TAMAKO

I have been here so long, and still there is so much I have not learned.

You learn what you have to learn.

TAMAKO

Is that how you manage?

PAUL

I don't know if I manage. Sometimes I'm high on top of things.

TAMAKO

And sometimes?

PAUL

I have bad dreams. Like anyone else. I'm not perfect.

TAMAKO

I am sorry to hear that.

(THEY continue dancing)

PAUL

You're stepping on my feet.

TAMAKO

You are putting them in my way.

(THEY look at each other)

The Ito Household. SATORU, MICHAEL and CHICHI are at dinner. MICHAEL reads.

MICHAEL

'And God said to craggy, old Abraham, Take thy wonderful son, thy only son, that exceptional, marvelous boy, that child -- Michael -- whom thou lovest better than all things in the world -- and rightfully so -- and give him up to me as an offering -- '

SATORU

That is not what the Bible says.

MICHAEL

'And Michael replied to craggy, old Abraham, My father, if it will put you in good grace with the Old Geezer -- '

SATORU

Eat your dinner!

I'm not very hungry.

SATORU

Then go.

MICHAEL

I'd rather stay.

SATORU

Then stay. But do not read at the table. Eat.

MICHAEL

What is it?

SATORU

Tea over rice.

MICHAEL

Pass the hot dogs.

SATORU

Tea and rice is good.

MICHAEL

For what?

SATORU

Chichi likes it.

MICHAEL

Good for Chichi.

SATORU

What is wrong with you?

MICHAEL

Everything.

SATORU

You think too much.

MICHAEL

I cannot stop my thoughts.

SATORU

Stop them!

MICHAEL

Okay!

'And craggy, old Abraham said -- '

SATORU

No more.

MICHAEL

That's not what he said.

(TAMAKO enters with more food)

TAMAKO

Pay no attention to him.

MICHAEL

That's right. Pay no attention to me. I'm not here. I'm not anywhere. I float around in space.

SATORU

Get a job.

MICHAEL

'Get a job -- get married -- ' 'And God said take thy seed -- '

SATORU

Enough!

(THEY eat in silence. MICHAEL looks at TAMAKO)

MICHAEL

What are you smiling at?

TAMAKO

You.

MICHAEL

Don't smile at me.

TAMAKO

Why?

MICHAEL

Because I'm miserable.

TAMAKO

Why are you miserable?

MICHAEL

I don't know why.

California intimidates me.

TAMAKO

California?

It's so beautiful and I'm so ugly.

SATORU

If you don't like it here, go to Japan.

MICHAEL

Japan! Let me tell you about Japan.

SATORU

Will this never end?

MICHAEL

It's full of madmen.

SATORU

You go or I go!

MICHAEL

I go.

(HE starts away -- stops -- turns back)

I --

SATORU

Go!

MICHAEL turns forward. HE stands proud.

MICHAEL

The art of self defense. Simple. The enemy is there. You — here. Weapons? — none. A smile is enough. He attacks. You step aside. Skill isn't in weight or strength but in knowledge. Again he comes at you. Your wisdom has provoked him. I am not angry, he says. But still he comes at you. He is angry. I'm sure. See him gnash his teeth. See his eyes roll. See his arms flail the air. A hit! A veritable hit! A point is scored. Hurt? You mustn't show pain. Smile. Patience. Pressure is applied again and again to the sensitive parts of the body. You fall back. Ready for another attack. You steady yourself. Now — charge!

A beach. TAMAKO struggles with her feelings.

TAMAKO

I have to get back.

PAUL

No.

TAMAKO

I do.

PAUL

I won't let you go.

TAMAKO

You must.

PAUL

I mustn't.

TAMAKO

Paul --

PAUL

Sad face.

Look.

TAMAKO

Where?

PAUL

In my eyes. Go on. Do you see yourself?

TAMAKO

No.

PAUL

You're there.

TAMAKO

You have big eyes.

PAUL

Smile for me.

TAMAKO

I cannot make a smile.

PAUL

You can do anything.

Look at me.

(HE places his thumbs at the corners of his mouth and plants a large smile on his face.
TAMAKO imitates him)

PAUL (Continued)

A few more minutes.

TAMAKO

A few more minutes -- all right.

(THEY sit on the sand)

PAUL

Do I seem strange to you?

TAMAKO

Yes.

PAUL

You're right. I am strange.

TAMAKO

You drink too much.

PAUL

What's too much?

TAMAKO

Too much is too much.

PAUL

You're very deep today.

TAMAKO

I am a realistic woman.

PAUL

I've noticed.

I'm 36.

TAMAKO

You said you were younger.

PAUL

Did I?

I hate lies.

TAMAKO

Yet you tell them.

Yet I tell them.

TAMAKO

Why do you tell them?

PAUL

I don't know.

(HE looks at her)

Why do you think?

TAMAKO

I think they are easy.

(HE smiles at her)

I do not like men.

PAUL

No?

TAMAKO

No.

PAUL

You like me.

TAMAKO

No.

PAUL

You do.

TAMAKO

It is men I do not like.

PAUL

I'm a man.

TAMAKO

You do not count then.

PAUL

I do not count?

TAMAKO

You do not understand. It is man -- the idea -- that I do not like.

PAUL

And sex?

TAMAKO

Sex I do not understand.

And yet -- ?

TAMAKO

And yet what?

PAUL

It is there.

Why do you see me?

TAMAKO

Because I wish to.

PAUL

No special reason?

TAMAKO

There are reasons.

PAUL

What are they?

TAMAKO

When I am with you -- I know.

PAUL

What do you know?

TAMAKO

What I do is right.

DAIIT

And when you are not with me?

TAMAKO

You ask too many questions.

PAUL

I thought you liked questions.

What about your family?

TAMAKO

My family?

PAUL

What do they say?

TAMAKO

They say -- nothing.

(HE reaches for her)

Tamako --

TAMAKO

I must go now.

PAUL

No.

TAMAKO

I must!

(SHE looks at him)

Why do you see me?

PAUL

Because you're different.

TAMAKO

Different -- how?

From other women?

PAUL

From everyone.

(SHE relents. THEY lean against each other)

TAMAKO

Shall I tell you a story?

PAUL

Tell me a story.

TAMAKO

Once upon a time --

PAUL

Is it a happy story?

TAMAKO

All stories are happy. Once upon a time there were lovers who loved each other very much --

PAUL

It sounds sad.

TAMAKO

One day the lovers wandered far from their village, wandered so far, in fact, they were afraid to return and face the displeasure of their families. So all night long they embraced and talked of their love, and when morning came -- presto! --

Presto.

TAMAKO

They were transformed into entwining pine trees. Is that not a happy story?

PAUL

You know what I would like? If it were possible?

TAMAKO

What?

PAUL

A child.

TAMAKO

A child?

PAUL

Yes.

TAMAKO

Have one.

PAUL

I've been thinking of it.

TAMAKO

Does she want one?

PAUL

Who?

TAMAKO

Your woman.

PAUL

I don't know.

TAMAKO

Ask her.

PAUL

Do you think I should risk it?

TAMAKO

I think you should.

PAUL

Tamako?

TAMAKO

Yes?

Let's you and me have a child.

(SHE looks at him. SHE laughs. It is too absurd. The laughter becomes contagious)

A gong. A No play. Symbolic and courtly. MICHAEL and SATORU do the movements. TAMAKO interpolates.

TAMAKO

The play is Kumasaka -- a drama of pain and disaster. The land has been devastated. The people cruelly treated. What demon has done this? Kumasaka will avenge. He appears, invincible, powerful. His great arms spread. His movements swift. The enemy comes. Kumasaka turns. He is unafraid. He invites combat. Suddenly -- lightning. Mist. The eye can no longer see. The hand can no longer touch. He lunges -- blindly. He hits -- nothing. He curses -- the air. About him -- laughter -- piercing, harsh. Who is this demon? Kumasaka turns. A blow. He is wounded. He turns again. Another blow. Again and again. His fierce strength weakens. He struggles. A final lunge. The weed -- snaps. Will no one help Kumasaka? Will no one come to his assistance? He drags himself under the shadow of a tree. The leaves no longer flutter on the branches. The sun has set. A prayer. He pleads to the gods that he might be born again.

The play is concluded on a note of gaiety. The Itos are at home. Tonight THEY are a family -- drinking, conversing, laughing, remembering. The Saki helps loosen the tongue.

SATORU

When I first came here -- I had no intention of staying. I came because I owed people money. I thought -- I will make a few dollars -- then I will go back home. But California was not the land of golden opportunity.

So he sent for me.

SATORU

A wise decision.

You should have seen her.

TAMAKO

My hair piled high on my head.

SATORU

And your face --

TAMAKO

Aah, my face --

SATORU

Beautiful.

TAMAKO

Exquisite.

SATORU

I thought -- Satoru, you are a lucky man.

TAMAKO

I thought -- What have I done? I wanted to go home.

SATORU

I took you home.

TAMAKO

Home? You should have seen. A hole in the ground. I thought it was a garbage dump.

SATORU

It was a garbage dump.

CHICHI

(Tipsy)

Churzday.

SATORU

It was not so bad.

TAMAKO

It was not so good.

MICHAEL

One, 2, 3, kick!

SATORU

Things are better now -- yes?

Yes.

MICHAEL

One, 2, 3, kick! One, 2, 3, kick! One, 2, 3, kick!

(TAMAKO and SATORU join MICHAEL in a conga line. THEY dance around the room. THEY circle CHICHI. A moment of happiness -- laughter. THEY break up, falling to the floor, exhausted. SATORU and CHICHI quietly fall off into a drunken sleep. MICHAEL leans easily against TAMAKO)

MICHAEL

'Look here, Cho-Cho-San, you're a broad with class.'

TAMAKO

'I am humble lady.'

MICHAEL

'What d'ya say we pack up and sail outa this dump?'

TAMAKO

'0-kay!'

MICHAEL

'Back in the States they go for dames like you.'

TAMAKO

'You sink so?'

MICHAEL

'Would I kid ya? Baby, you got what it takes.'

(TAMAKO feigns a sudden spasm)

TAMAKO

Aagh!

MICHAEL

What is it?

TAMAKO

Scratch!

MICHAEL

What?

TAMAKO

My back.

Your back?

TPMAKO

Scratch -- quick!

MICHAEL

Here?

TAMAKO

Higher.

MICHAEL

There?

TAMAKO

Lower.

MICHAEL

There?

TAMAKO

To the left.

MICHAEL

Now?

TAMAKO

You have got it.

MICHAEL

I have got it?

TAMAKO

Yes.

(MICHAEL turns to her -- says in a Japanese manner)

MICHAEL

You are very funny lady.

TAMAKO

You too.

MICHAEL

I am funny lady?

(THEY relax even more)

TAMAKO

Do you remember -- you used to always be running away from home. I would look up and you would be gone.

But I would always call you.

TAMAKO

Yes.

MICHAEL

'Hey, mom, I'm in San Diego.' 'Hey, mom, I'm in Salt Lake City.' 'Hey -- you can relax, mom, I'm coming home.'

TAMAKO

I was always afraid -- this time he means it. He will not be back.

MICHAEL

And I was afraid I wouldn't mean it -- I would be back.

TAMAKO

Where did you go?

MICHAEL

San Diego. Salt Lake City.

TAMAKO

Why? Did you know people there?

MICHAEL

No.

TAMAKO

But you went anyway?

MICHAEL

I went anyway.

TAMAKO

What did you do there?

MICHAEL

Not much.

I looked.

TAMAKO

For what?

MICHAEL

People.

TAMAKO

People?

MICHAEL

A friend.

MICHAEL (Continued)

I would walk around. I would talk to people. 'Hello,' I'd say. 'My name's Michael Ito.' Some would talk back. Some wouldn't. I guess when I realized I enjoyed talking to you more than anybody -- I came back.

TAMAKO

Michael -- are you not proud of our store?

MICHAEL

I'm proud of it.

TAMAKO

But you do not work in it.

MICHAEL

It doesn't interest me in that way.

TAMAKO

Think how far we have come. From nothing -- and now --

MICHAEL

Sears, Roebuck.

TAMAKO

It is a good store.

MICHAEL

I didn't say it wasn't.

Hey, don't worry about me. I'll be all right.

TAMAKO

Can I tell you a secret? Do secrets interest you?

MICHAEL

Sure.

TAMAKO

I am filled with secrets.

MICHAEL

Are you?

TAMAKO

Have you secrets?

MICHAEL

A few.

TAMAKO

Perhaps you would tell me one?

I'm feeling a little sick.

TAMAKO

That is your secret?

MICHAEL

That's it.

TAMAKO

It is not a very interesting secret.

MICHAEL

My secret has been met with disappointment.

TAMAKO

Shall I tell you mine?

MICHAEL

Sure. Tell me yours.

TAMAKO

Are you interested?

MICHAEL

I'm interested.

TAMAKO

It is not an easy secret.

MICHAEL

If it were easy, it wouldn't be a secret.

TAMAKO

I love.

MICHAEL

You love?

TAMAKO

Yes.

MICHAEL

Who do you love?

TAMAKO

Someone.

MICHAEL

Someone who?

TAMAKO

A man.

What man?

TAMAKO

His name is Paul.

MICHAEL

Paul?

TAMAKO

You would like him.

MICHAEL

I don't think so.

TAMAKO

Perhaps you would like to meet him?

MICHAEL

I don't think I would.

(HE looks at the sleeping SATORU)

What about him?

TAMAKO

I wanted you to know.

MICHAEL

Well -- now I know.

A room in a small sea-side motel.

TAMAKO

This is where you live.

PAUL

Furnished with great care.

TAMAKO

A large bed and no closets.

PAUL

Did you want a closet?

TAMAKO

This will do.

PAUL

The man said it was his best room.

I would not like to see his worst.
(SHE turns to him)

Will you not spend the night with me?

PAUL

I'm thknking of it.

TAMAKO

Will you not touch me?

PAUL

Here?

TAMAKO

And here.

PAUL

And here.

TAMAKO

And here.

(THEY begin to make love -- softly, tenderly. There is no rush)

PAUL

Shall I tell you a story?

TAMAKO

Only if it is happy.

PAUL

In the Kama Sutra it's said there are 56 ways to make love.

TAMAKO

Fifty-six ways? It does not seem possible. Fifty-six! I think they exaggerate.

PAUL

It's a fact.

TAMAKO

I will settle for one.

(THEY embrace)

Air raid sirens.

TAMAKO stands in the doorway of her house. SHE cannot believe what SHE has heard.

No!

SATORU

Listen to me!

TAMAKO

No!

MICHAEL

The Japanese have attacked the Hawaiian Islands.

TAMAKO

I do not believe it.

SATORU

We are at war.

MICHAEL

It's true.

TAMAKO

I do not believe it.

SATORU

Listen!

TAMAKO

I do not listen to lies.

TAMAKO turns away. SHE is stopped

by two SECRET SERVICE AGENTS.

1ST AGENT

You! Name!

TAMAKO

Tamako Ito.

1ST AGENT

Married?

TAMAKO

Yes.

1ST AGENT

Nationality?

TAMAKO

I am --

2ND AGENT

We're waiting.

I am -- Excuse me.

2ND AGENT

Your identity card.

TAMAKO

My what?

2ND AGENT

You'll need an identity card.

TAMAKO

I do not understand.

1ST AGENT

What kind of business have you?

TAMAKO

I have a store.

2ND AGENT

What sort of merchandise do you sell?

TAMAKO

I sell --

1ST AGENT

Sign here!

TAMAKO

What?

2ND AGENT

Go on -- sign! Hold still!

(HE takes her picture)

1ST AGENT

We advise you to keep off the streets.

2ND AGENT

It won't be safe for you.

1ST AGENT

You will be put under close scrutiny.

2ND AGENT

You will be watched.

1ST AGENT

It's for your own good.

TAMAKO

For my good?