

## JOSEPH SHRAGGE / from **Knot of Nots**

### ACT I

#### 3. Mary Meets Victor - Skype 1

*Mary sings "Delta Dawn" during movement opening.*

*The text is projected SL on the scrim, which divides the actors from the audience.*

Mary

Victor

How old are you?

Fourty three.

Do you remember me?

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Yes, you worked for my father.

I haven't seene him in a lng time.

I haven't seen him in a long time, too.

Do you love your wife?

How'd you know I was married?

I guessed.

you saw the pictures.

I'm sorry.

Anyone can look.

I remember you,

I know, you said.

No, I've been remembering.

I see,

Do you remember

what I look like.

You were young.

I look the same

I want to know

What?

## ACT II

### 9. Mary & Victor: Internet Lovers – Skype 3: Web Cam

*MARY speaks into a webcam. Her face is projected. Following Victor text is sung like ELVIS.*

MARY: Last night they went cow tipping, then watched a chicken fight in the neighbour's basement. Someone played a fiddle. I don't mind that, it's the rudeness that gets me, the remarks about the weaker chickens. Last night they named one of them Mary. She lost; then they ate her; they ate Mary.

VICTOR: I never talk about these things. It's funny, you're the only one I complain to about it... Don't be angry with me. You're absolutely all I've got.

*The sound of a chimney.*

MARY: O-oo. Did you hear that? Sometimes their chimney makes these creepy noises.

VICTOR: You're a strange, wonderful woman. Strange and wonderful. I can see your eyes shining in the dark.

MARY: Can you see me better now? There's more light over here. I only have a second before they get back.

VICTOR: I love you, I love you, I love your eyes, the way you move, I dream about you ... You strange, wonderful woman!

MARY: Don't say that again. Okay, say it, say it. They're here. I really have to go.

### 13. Andy Party Pooper

*A phone is thrown on stage.*

HELGA: Hello.

IRENE: Is it Henry?

MARY: Who is it? Is it...for me?

HELGA: Hold on, I can't hear. Yes, oh, I see. But tonight's—I know you're excited. No, we want to meet you, too. I'm sure your wife is very nice, it is a legitimate request, but...no I would never say that about you. I wouldn't say that about anyone. *(beat)* Please come tonight...we want to meet you. *(she hangs up)* Andy's coming. He wants to meet us and look at our house, tonight.

IRENE: What about the jiggers from the Sucker Fish Festival? They're coming here for the square dance.

HELGA: He thought I called him illegitimate.

IRENE: He is though, isn't he?

HELGA: It's not right to call someone that. We'll have to tell the jiggers to come back next year.

IRENE: But we're not going to be here next year.