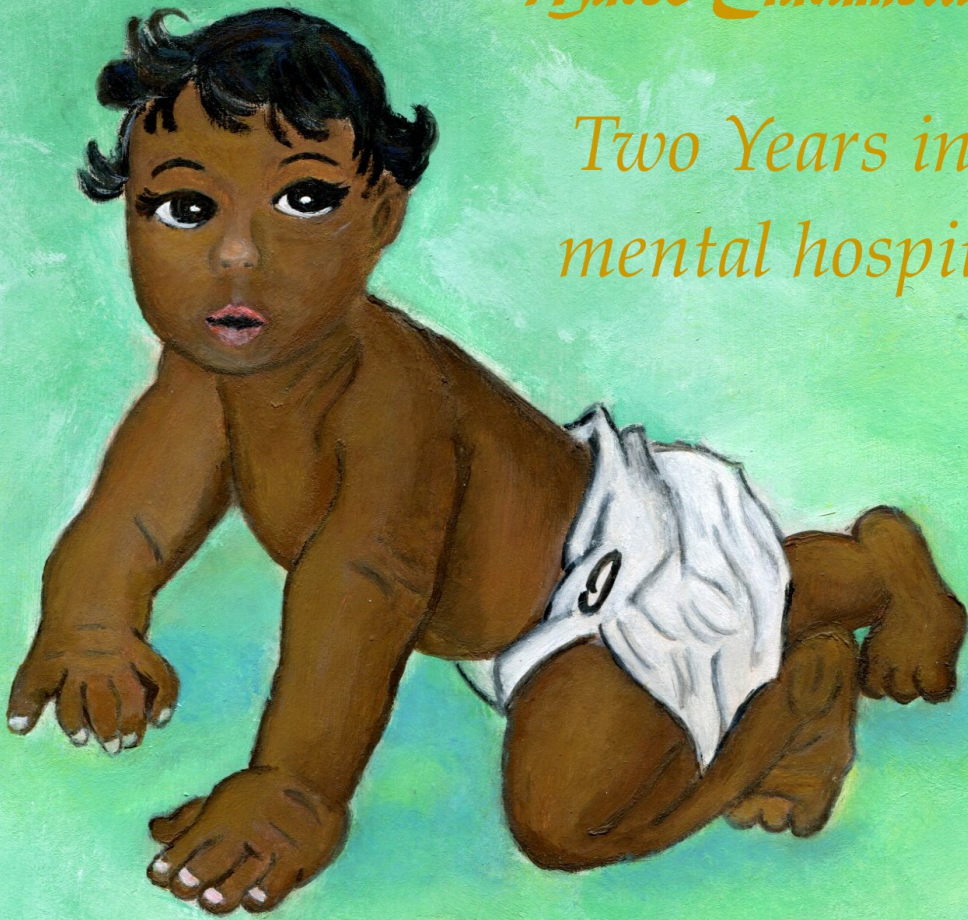


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*Two Years in a
mental hospital*



CAST:

Oswald: Rosy's husband

Rosy: Oswald's wife

Tania: Rosy and Oswald's daughter

Sonia: Sister of Rosy

Leanna: Friend of Tania

Alden: Friend of Tania

Nicholas: Friend of Oswald

Peter: Family doctor

Lucas: Actor

Masterman Condom: Gynecologist

Luana: Sister of Alden

FIRST ACT

The scene takes place in the living room.

Rosy: How stubborn you are!

Tania: Who knows who I look like for this aspect of my temperament?! Maybe to you?

Rosy: What do I have to do with it? You are the one who is obsessed!

Tania: Why aren't you just as obsessed? Every day to repeat the same lecture!

Rosy: I'm forced! You don't want to understand, or even listen.

Tania: You want to clip my wings.

Rosy: It is not our intention to clip anything to anyone, but in our house we become mothers in a normal way.

Tania: What's abnormal about the way I've chosen?

Rosy: Since the world began, it is the union between a man and a woman that causes children to be born.

Tania: What a retrograde thought you have!

Rosy: And do you think a test tube and pins are a big step forward?

Tania: Sure! In this way a woman can preserve her autonomy and not depend on a male. Also I don't understand which pins you are talking about. The collection takes place by a needle mounted on an ultrasound probe, that's all.

Rosy: But why do you want a child at any costs?

Tania: I want it, full stop!

Rosy: A child should be the completion of a love story and not a mere whim.

Tania: The desire to be a mother has nothing to do with having a man by your side. I gladly do without that.

Rosy: A disappointment in love should not preclude you from continuing to search for a soul mate.

Tania: I don't want to know about the male universe anymore, but I don't want to give up on motherhood for this.

Rosy: Once you are a single mother, you will never find anyone willing to marry you.

Tania: Then you really don't want to understand! I'm done with men, now they are banned from my head and my life.

Rosy: But it seems to me that you also want to ban your parents, otherwise you would not have decided to go and live alone.

Tania: So you will stop interfering with everything and I can start living the life I want.

Rosy: I care about you, I'm your mother!

Tania: Then give me the chance to become one too.

Rosy: It is useless to talk to you, you don't listen!

Tania: Well said! Shut up and let me finish analyzing these documents.

Rosy: All right! I'm leaving. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Tania: She never ends with this complaint!

Oswald enters the scene.

Oswald: I assume you are referring to your mother.

Tania: Yes, but don't start now you too!

Oswald: It is not my intention! You can do whatever you want with your life.

Tania: Wouldn't you like to become a grandparent?

Oswald: *(Sarcastically)* Of course!

Tania: Now I'm going to my room to finish this job.

Oswald: Could I ask you when did you make an appointment with the doctor?

Tania: He'll be right here at home in a moment to explain the final details.

Oswald: Could I also attend the meeting?

Tania: I'd be happy. Now, however, I'm going over there to deal with these practices.

Tania leaves the scene and Rosy enters.

Rosy: Have you talked to her? Have you convinced her?

Oswald: It is useless to keep trying, it would be a waste of breath. She is as stubborn as you are!

Rosy: Damn! Is it possible that there is no way to dissuade her?!

Oswald: The only hope we have is that she will change her mind on her own.

Rosy: This is impossible!

Oswald: So far we have always opposed her, so we have to change tactics.

Rosy: What if we brought her some pornographic magazines?

Oswald: What stupid idea is this?

Rosy: She could come her senses again!

Oswald: It is not to sex that she is refractory, but to men. Maybe...

Rosy: Come on, talk!

Oswald: Wait a minute, don't be amphetaminic!

Rosy: I will have so many defects, but I am not addicted to antibiotics!

Oswald: Oh holy Jesus! Forget it and listen to me carefully: have you ever seen the doctor who has to do the implant?

Rosy: Which implant?

Oswald: *(Ironically, to point out that his wife didn't understand anything)* The heating one!

Rosy: Why? Doesn't it work?

Oswald: Mine was a joke, there's nothing wrong with the heating implant.

Rosy: So why do you frighten me unnecessarily?

Oswald: Let me explain: I was wondering if you have ever seen the doctor who will do the fertilization.

Rosy: The one who uses the big pins?

Oswald: The big pins?

Rosy: Yes, I read it somewhere.

Oswald: Avoid telling me this nonsense and tell me if you know him!

Rosy: Absolutely not. Anyway, as soon as I meet that man, you will see what I will do to him!
(Showing closed fist)

Oswald: It's not his fault, he is just paid for it.

Rosy: Precisely! We also have to get the money out. It's better if I avoid him, otherwise I'll kill him.

Oswald: Instead, it is better if you see it and especially before our daughter.

Rosy: Why, what do you have in mind?

Oswald: Since Tania has never met him in person she has no idea what he looks like...

Rosy: *(Happy)* Thank goodness! *(Then thinking back)* But do we gain anything?

Oswald: Of course! Because he can be replaced.

Rosy: With someone who uses the traditional system?

Oswald: What do you mean?

Rosy: Even though we haven't had sex very often lately, you should remember something!

Oswald: You're always complaining about this! However it is not the system that I want to change, but the doctor.

Rosy: Maybe I'm starting to understand.

Oswald: Better late than never!

Rosy: I lit up.

Oswald: Maybe because you bought a lot of light bulbs!

Rosy: What are you saying? I didn't buy anything at all.

Oswald: You never know when I'm kidding. In any case, I would like a more complacent person.

Rosy: Why?

Oswald: It is useless to go into details, the important thing is that I will be able to settle everything.

Rosy: There's nothing to settle with our daughter, it's just that she got that thing in her head.

Oswald: While her mother is supposed to settle the br... *(Without completing the word brain)* braised meat.

Rosy: Why did it burn?

Oswald: Yes, you forgot to turn off the stove.

Rosy: *(Worried)* And are you just telling me now? I'm going to see if anything can be saved. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Oswald: How can a man not go to the mental hospital? Between wife and daughter...

Rosy: *(Peeking out)* I used the traditional method!

Oswald: Get out now, before I kick your ass!

Rosy: What bad manners! Okay, I'm going.

Oswald: *Now it's better if I make a phone call. (After dialing the number on the mobile)* Hello? Nicholas I need you. You should find me a specialist, one of those... who uses the big pins. Maybe it's better if you come here, so I'll explain. Ah, are you nearby? Then I'll wait for you, bye.

The doorbell rings, Oswald goes to open the door and Leanna enters.

Oswald: Hi Leanna! How are you?

Leanna: I am very well, thank you. Is Tania at home?

Oswald: *(Thinking)* There is, but there is not.

Leanna: What do you mean?

Oswald: I mean she's busy right now, but so much the better.

Leanna: I disagree, since I came to see her.

Oswald: I was saying this because we could talk before you see her.

Leanna: Did something serious happen?

Oswald: No, but it could happen soon. Unless you help us avoid it.

Leanna: What can I do?

Oswald: *(Kneeling, he begs the girl)* Help us please!

Leanna: For God's sake, stand up, you're embarrassing me.

Oswald: I won't stand up until you make me a promise.

Leanna: We can talk about it, but in the meantime you stand up.

Oswald: No, the oath first.

Leanna: Okay! What will it be, won't it be someone's death?

Oswald: It will not be death but birth.

Leanna: The birth of whom?

Oswald: We hope the birth of no one.

Leanna: Now I understand what you mean.

Oswald: So, will you help me?

Leanna: I have no idea how I could do it.

Oswald: All I need is a little information.

Leanna: I don't betray my best friend's trust.

Oswald: Not even if it were for her own good?

Leanna: This is to be seen.

Oswald: I'm sure she'll be grateful to you in the future. We just wanted to know the name of the gynecologist who will do the implant.

Leanna: Why don't you ask her?

Oswald: Because she would get suspicious.

Leanna: Sorry, but I can't follow you.

Oswald: Knowing my daughter, I'm sure she would never take advice from me. And since I learned that one of these doctors, despite having a great reputation, makes unimaginable trouble...

Leanna: I guess you want to avoid Tania addressing just this doctor.

Oswald: Just like that!

Leanna: Tell me who he is and I'll make sure it's not really him.

Oswald: *(Caught off guard, he starts searching frantically in his pocket)* I thought I had put that piece of paper right here. Ah! Now I remember: it's in the pocket of another pair of trousers.

Leanna: Look for it calmly and when you have found it we will talk about it again.

Oswald: *(Seeing Rosy arrive)* Just you! Come here.

Rosy: What do you want? Even if the braised meat is not burnt I still have to finish cooking.

Oswald: So it didn't burn?

Rosy: No, you made me worry unnecessarily.

Oswald: Since the meat is not burned, come here! Then I'll help you finish, first we have an urgent thing to solve.

Rosy: What do you want?

Oswald: Do you see that Leanna is there?

Rosy: And with this?

Oswald: She would like to know the name of the person who will make the implant.

Rosy: We had decided not to put the photovoltaic implant. Did you change your mind?

Leanna: Oh my God what a mess you have in this house!

Oswald: *(Turning to Rosy)* I wasn't talking about us, but about our daughter.

Rosy: Do they put photovoltaics to our daughter? But she hasn't bought a house yet and is she already thinking about the heating implant?

Oswald: You never understand anything!

Leanna: Stop it you two! You are freaking me out!

Oswald: *(Imitating the timeout gesture)* Stop everyone! You Rosy take a deep breath and shut up a second!

Rosy: Do you have paralyzed hands?

Oswald: Why?

Rosy: *(Awkwardly imitating her husband's earlier gesture)* You seemed to have become maimed.

Oswald: If you say another word, I make you maimed, because I break both your hands.

Rosy: What a bad temper you have! Don't make me think I married you... okay, I'm silent.

Oswald: Let's stop with this nonsense! We need to tell Leanna the name of the doctor we fear will cure our daughter.

Rosy: Since when is she sick?

Oswald: *(With all the calm possible, even if his patience is reaching the limit)* She's not sick, somebody has to do that thing to her, do you remember?

Rosy: Are you referring to the big pins?

Oswald: Exactly!

Leanna: You are crazy! Are you going to do some voodoo rituals in Tania? I refuse to stay another second in this house. Wrong or not is her choice and you have no right to make her suffer just because you disagree.

Oswald: I had never worked so hard to explain such a simple thing. Nobody wants to hurt her, on the contrary, that's why we do everything possible to help her.

Leanna: With the big pins?

Oswald: Forget these big pins, it's just a way to make my wife understand what we're talking about. We were simply alluding to the assisted insemination that Tania wants to undergo.

Leanna: Ah! Now it's all clear.

Oswald: So Rosy, think carefully: before you washed them, did you look in my trousers pocket if there was a piece of paper with a name written on it?

Rosy: What trousers are you talking about?

Oswald: I am referring to the work trousers.

Rosy: But you've been unemployed for ten years!

Oswald: *(Grabbing her arm)* Don't you remember I wore them a few days ago?

Rosy: Why, did they call you back?

Oswald: Absolutely not... I was just trying them.

Rosy: Why?

Oswald: *(Embarrassed and taken aback, he says the first thing that comes to his mind)* I was getting ready for the Carnival.

Rosy: With warehouse trousers? Such a beautiful mask!

Oswald: Do you have to disguise yourself or me?

Rosy: *(Turning to Leanna)* The only possible mask that comes to mind with that outfit could be that of a thief. In fact when he went to work he always did nothing and took home the salary.

Leanna: It will be for that reason that he is now unemployed.

Rosy: I assure you there were people who did worse than him and still work!

Leanna: However, a disguise of that type seems out of place for our carnival, perhaps for others. For example in...

Oswald: *(Interrupting her)* Please, we're going off topic.

Rosy: However, I never look inside the pockets of your trousers, so if there was something I don't know.

Oswald: So let's do the opposite: you get the name and we check that he is not incompetent.

Leanna: Okay! But now go call me Tania, please.

Oswald: Let's go it right away.

While the couple is going to call the girl...

Rosy: Sorry Oswald, but what name are we talking about?

Oswald: *(Pulling his wife to him, before leaving he answers sarcastically)* We are talking about the name of the Rose, of course! Come on, it's better!

Rosy: I haven't read it, I saw it on television... *(Without giving her time to finish the sentence, the husband drags her out)*

Tania enter the scene.

Tania: Hi Leanna, how are you?

Leanna: Honestly, I'm a little confused.

Tania: Why?

Leanna: It will be the stress of modern life ...

Tania: Do not say that to me! Lately I have been constantly arguing with my parents..

Leanna: Because of your decision to undergo assisted fertilization?

Tania: They can't accept it.

Leanna: You go your way anyway, if that's what you really want. You will see that then they will change their mind.

Tania: Let's hope! Although I'm not very confident.

Leanna: They are just worried for you, maybe they are afraid that the doctor who will do the implant may be incapable.

Tania: I assure you that I have chosen the best.

Leanna: Can I know who he is?

Tania: Why do you ask? Are you also interested in inseminating?

Leanna: Absolutely not! I don't love children that much.

Tania: You never told me that.

Leanna: Maybe because you never asked me.

Tania: Do you think I shouldn't do this?

Leanna: On the contrary, if that's what you want, why not?

Tania: You're the only one who doesn't try to dissuade me.

Leanna: I would never do that, but I want to make sure this doctor is truly competent.

Tania: *(She opens the bag placed on the sofa, takes a piece of paper and shows it to her friend)* The gynecologist in question is called Condom Masterman.

Leanna: This surname is curious, given the profession he exercises.

Tania: It is very funny. *(Putting the note back in her trouser pocket)*

Leanna: Let me ask you a question: did you by any chance find that piece of paper in a carnival costume?

Tania: What comes to your mind?

Leanna: Maybe in one of your father's costumes.

Tania: This would not really be possible. He has never disguised in his life!

Leanna: I get it, it probably fell out of his trouser pocket.

Tania: What trousers are you talking about?

Leanna: I'm talking about the thief's trousers.

Tania: What are you raving about?

Leanna: Don't pay attention to my words, I told you before, I'm just a little confused.

Tania: Honestly, you're making me worry.

Leanna: Don't do it, it's just that... I love you, that's all.

Tania: Anyway, for the avoidance of doubt, this piece of paper was given to me by Alden a few days ago to make the appointment.

The doorbell rings.

Tania: Excuse me, I have to go and open the door.

Leanna: In the meantime, I am going to greet your parents. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Tania: *(After opening the door)* Good morning! You must be Doctor Condom.

Nicholas: is everyone looking for a doctor today?

Tania: How did you say, sorry?

Nicholas: I am Nicholas, a friend of Oswald's and I am not a doctor.

Tania: It's just that I've been waiting ... forget it, I'll go call him right away. In the meantime, make yourself comfortable.

Nicholas: Thank you very much. *(Tania leave the scene)*

Oswald and Leanna enter the scene.

Oswald: Please don't tell her anything, it's for a good cause.

Leanna: I'm not used to being fooled and this also applies to you.

Oswald: I know I was wrong, but please tell me that name.

Leanna: I'll never tell you, even under torture! I heard you talking to your wife that you wanted to cheat me so you won't know anything from me.

Nicholas: Hi Oswald, sorry if I exist!

Oswald: Wait a minute! I get rid of this and then I'm with you.

Leanna: How dare you call me "this"?

Oswald: If you don't want to tell me that name, what should I call you?

Leanna: Leanna, since that's my name.

Oswald: Okay Leanna, but now get out of my way, I need to talk to my friend.

Leanna: But how rude you are! I'm happy to go, goodbye!

Nicholas: What a temper, the young lady!

Oswald: Women, how much patience it takes to bear them! I have two at home with loyal friends and never one who would support me!

Nicholas: Is that why you phoned me? Do you need help?

Oswald: Yes, but I still miss the name. I thought I'd get it from her before you came, but things have gone differently.

Nicholas: I can't understand.

Rosy enters the scene holding a paper in her hand.

Rosy: You say I'm stupid, but look here!

Oswald: *(Who observes, astonished, Rosy with the paper in her hand)* And what is that?

Rosy: It wasn't in your trousers, it was in your daughter's.

Oswald: Let me see! Well done, I'd give you a kiss. *(Thinking back)* Maybe it's better not.

Rosy: *(Offense)* You know what a loss, my dear Rudolph Valentino of the poor!

Nicholas: Your wife is really witty.

Oswald: You wouldn't think the same way if you had to endure her 24 hours a day!

Rosy: Don't be so much sacrificed! Between the two the real pain in the ass is you.

Oswald: Do you see how touchy she is? However this time I have to admit that she hit the bull's-eye, albeit unconsciously.

Rosy: What do you mean?

Oswald: I mean that now you have to do something important immediately: to return this paper to where you found it without letting your daughter see you.

Rosy: Why? If I give it to her, it takes less time.

Oswald: I know, but if you do this, if I promised you to break your hands before, now, I might break your legs too.

Rosy: What an ugly man you are! *(After which she leaves the scene)*

Nicholas: After witnessing this moving love scene, now I would like to know what you want me to do for you.

Oswald: I need a doctor who does artificial insemination.

Nicholas: Look for some names on the internet.

Oswald: But I don't need just any one, but a complacent one, because must be someone willing to say a lot of bullshit.

Nicholas: To who?

Oswald: To my daughter, to make her desist from moving forward with her project.

Nicholas: I'm starting to understand your plan, but I don't know anyone.

Oswald: *(Worried)* Then I'm in trouble.

Nicholas: *(Seeing his friend down in the dumps, he thinks of an alternative solution)* Maybe, I could have the solution: you don't need a doctor, you need an actor. Who better than a professional can play a character?

Oswald: I like the idea.

Nicholas: I also have the right man in mind.

Oswald: Contact him immediately and tell him to work out an effective strategy to change that stubborn girl's mind.

Nicholas: Don't worry, this is a guarantee of success!

Oswald: *(Hugging him)* Thank you my friend. Please, let him come as soon as possible, I would not want the real doctor to come first.

Nicholas: What if it happens?

Oswald: I'll find a way to get him to leave before the meeting with my daughter takes place.

Nicholas: Then there is no time to waste, I get active immediately.

Oswald: Wait a second, I almost forgot! He must pass himself off as Dr. Masterman Condom.

Nicholas: I better write it down, I wouldn't want to forget it. *(After making a note on a paper, he leaves the scene)*

Oswald: What do I do with my wife? Do I tell her or not? Maybe it's better not, she would ruin everything.

SECOND ACT

Same scenography as the first.

The doorbell rings and Rosy goes to open the door.

Rosy: Hi, who are you?

Lucas: I'm Dr. Masterman Condom.

Rosy: Then for me you can leave right away.

Lucas: Yet they insisted so much that I come urgently.

Rosy: The youth of today is always in such a hurry.

Lucas: I wouldn't really talk about youth in this case. *(Believing to be in front of the person who intends to do assisted fertilization)*

Rosy: Why should it be done at what age, at eighteen?

Lucas: I don't say that, but after a certain age, in my opinion, it should be prohibited. *(Alluding to Rosy's age)*

Rosy: *(Who didn't pay much attention to the last sentence and therefore didn't understand the misunderstanding)* Since you are here, though, I'm curious to know how it works. It might be useful for me.

Lucas: I'll tell you, but don't expect too much.

Rosy: Let's leave the preambles aside!

Lucas: Before discussing the benefits, it is customary to list all the disadvantages as well. So, first of all there is the withdrawal.

Rosy: Yes, I know, with the big pins.

Lucas: What?

Rosy: Everyone knows you use pins.

Lucas: Actually...

Rosy: You don't say that to gild the pill, but I know, I'm not ignorant!

Lucas: I never would have allowed myself to think such a thing.

Rosy: Better this way, because I'm also quite nervous.

Lucas: Even if you didn't point it out to me, I get it. So, at this point, it seems right to me to also talk about the pecuniary amount.

Rosy: We can talk about it later, before you tell me how much this thing will cost.

Lucas: If we add up the expenditure of one day in the iperbaric room, that of four days spent inside the steel lung and, finally, that of a week in the underground hospital cave, the total amount amounts to twenty thousand pounds.

Rosy: Oh my God!

Lucas: Of course, the payment must be made in cash and in advance.

Rosy: Thief!

Lucas: How dare you?! I just do my job.

Rosy: And I mine, get out! *(Kicking him in the ass before turning him out)*

Lucas: What bad manners!

Rosy: You were lucky, I assure you that I could have done even worse.

Lucas: So no fertilization?

Rosy: Forget it!

Lucas: Very well, see you never again! *(And he leaves the scene)*

Rosy: It was easier than expected, Oswald will be happy with how I got rid of the doctor, but now I have to think about what to say to Tania. Calm down Rosy, face one thing at a time!

Tania enters the scene.

Tania: Were you talking to anyone?

Rosy: I was talking on the phone to your aunt.

Tania: I recommend: as soon as the doctor arrives, call me.

Rosy: Sure, I would never want you to miss this meeting.

Tania: If you want you can stay too.

Rosy: I'd like that

The doorbell rings and Tania goes to open the door. Doctor Condom enters the scene.

Tania: Good morning, are you Dr. Condom?

Masterman: Yes, I'm..

Rosy: Who are you?

Masterman: Dr. Condom Masterman.

Rosy: It's incredible.

Masterman: Haven't you ever seen a doctor in your life?

Rosy: More often than you think.

Masterman: So why are you so amazed?

Rosy: I don't know what to say is that before...

Tania: Mom, you don't have to talk, you can just listen.

Masterman: You seem a little hesitant. Are you reluctant to the idea ...?

Tania: *(Interrupting)* My mother just has to get used to it. At the end she will be happy too.

Rosy: But I'm not sure anyone else will be, in fact, I think a big mess will happen!

Masterman: I can assure you that we have ultra-secure systems that provide all the necessary guarantees.

Rosy: Except for in-person exchanges!

Masterman: What do you mean?

Tania: I think my mother may be afraid of an exchange of test tubes.

Masterman: That's impossible! Such a mistake has never been made in the clinic where I work.

Tania: So there is no risk that spermatozoa from a donor other than the one with the characteristics I requested can be used?

Masterman: Absolutely not.

Rosy: Since we are talking, what are the characteristics you require?

Tania: I have chosen an African donor.

Rosy: African?!

Tania: Of course, for the simple reason that the strain is robust and healthy.

Rosy: No, the strain is black!

Masterman: Mrs, still with this mentality, I remind you that we are all part of the same world, skin color is not an obstacle, but an opportunity.

Rosy: My daughter, the truth is this: people have prejudices about a single mother with a black child.

Tania: Why keep pointing this out?

Rosy: Because I am a few years older than you and more experience.. People pretend to be open-minded, but deep down they still think as in my day!

Masterman: I don't want to get into these family diatribes, so it's better if we talk about it another time. Clarify between yourselves and then call me.

Rosy: Clarity has already been made: the story ends here! *(Then turning to daughter)* Now I'm going to find your dad and when I get back, I want this man to be gone.

Tania: Look for who you want but I don't change my mind!

Rosy: You may not change your mind, but your home for sure. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Tania: Sorry doctor, but she still has to metabolize it.

Masterman: So, is the decision made?

Tania: We have not yet talked about how much it will cost.

Masterman: Thirty thousand pounds are needed.

Tania: Can the payment be deferred?

Masterman: Absolutely not, payment must be made in advance. If you have no other questions to ask me, I will wait for you tomorrow in my office for the bureaucratic formalities. I have already made an exception to the rule to come here today, I assure you that it is certainly not a custom. I only did it because our mutual friend Alden asked me to. However, now I leave you the forms that you will have to bring back signed.

Tania: *(After receiving the forms)* Thank you. See you tomorrow.

Masterman: Goodbye! *(And he leaves the scene)*

Tania: I'll read these later, first I want to talk to Alden, he didn't tell me the figure was so high.
(And she leaves the scene)

Oswald and Rosy enter the scene.

Oswald: You could have called me.

Rosy: And you could have informed me about your plan.

Oswald: I didn't do it because you always get hold of the wrong end of the stick.

Rosy: I'm not stupid! I had your usual idea, I just wanted to surprise you.

Oswald: It was our daughter who made the surprise, since she wants a black baby.

Rosy: In your opinion there is no way to discolor him?

Oswald: *(Ironically)* Maybe we can soak it in bleach.

Rosy: There must be a way, do you remember how Michael Jackson's skin was lightened? However, if the idea that is in my head now works, maybe we shouldn't worry about it anymore.

Oswald: Let's hear this brilliant idea!

Rosy: Stop being pedantic and listen to me. Don't dismiss my ideas before you have listened to them!

Oswald: Sorry if I don't really trust that you can find the solution. You are not famous for your intelligence. I remind you that you failed school three times.

Rosy: This only happened because I had incompetent teachers.

Oswald: Or because you are tougher than the stones of Stonehenge.

Rosy: Let's forget about this nonsense and get back to us. I will ask Peter to pass.

Oswald: Why?

Rosy: Isn't he a doctor?

Oswald: Yes, but he's our family doctor, so what does that have to do with what Tania wants to do?

Rosy: He will try to make her think. Even if it is not his specialty, a doctor has a lot of medical knowledge, so he will find more compelling arguments to change her mind.

Oswald: I don't think he will succeed.

Rosy: Let me try!

Oswald: Do whatever you want! I will take another path.

Rosy: What do you mean?

Oswald: I want to contact Sonia, she could help me to make our daughter understand some things.

Rosy: Do you think my crazy sister who is obsessed with supernatural forces could help you? Everyone knows that as a child she was recognized as having mental retardation.

Oswald: It is evident that it is a family trait!

Rosy: I haven't been in a mental hospital for two years.

Oswald: In my opinion, however, it would have done you good!

Rosy: *(Making the sign of horns to him)* Smoke them!

Oswald: Now I can rearrange my ideas a bit. In fact, I'll call my sister-in-law right away. *(And leave the scene)*

Tania and Alden enter the scene.

Tania: Come in, there is no one, so we can speak freely. *(After sitting down)* As I told you, I was not prepared for such a figure, honestly I thought a little less.

Alden: I have suggested the best to you. For this kind of thing you don't have to look at savings but at competence.

Tania: I remind you that I have to pay all that money in advance and I don't have it.

Alden: I'll find it for you, don't worry.

Alden: You must know that a friend of mine has a financial shop.

Tania: In this way I will have to pay interest.

Alden: But if I talk to him, he'll charge you a very low rate.

Tania: Then let me know how much would be the amount to be repaid monthly.

Alden: I'm sure there won't be any problems, so you can already sign those forms.

Tania: I don't know.

Alden: You don't want to miss this opportunity ?! I found you the best doctor and the money you need, so why wait any longer?

Tania: You're right! I want to do this thing and therefore I sign. *(After fact done that)* Do you think you can give your friend these forms, or do I have to do it myself?

Alden: Don't worry, I'll take care of it. Then the doctor will contact you to tell you when you need to go to the clinic. *(Taking the forms in question)*

Tania: You are a true friend!

Alden: I will always be there for you, and remember that you made a great choice. But now I have to go.

Tania: Waits! I would like to scan these forms first so that I have a copy to read calmly.

Alden: After signing the forms, you can do whatever you want!

Tania: *(After taking back the forms)* I'll be right back.

Alden: Be quick, because I have other appointments.

Tania: I do it in a moment, just enough time. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Alden: *(He takes cell phone and dials a number)* Hello? This is also done, now you immediately take action for the loan. I'll tell you the exact figure later, but it should be around thirty thousand. ... I know it is little, I look at what I can do, but for the moment let's be satisfied like this. *(As soon as Tania returns, Alden cuts off the communication)*

Tania: All done!

Alden: One last thing: how much do you need exactly? Because the loan installments are based on the total amount to be deferred.

Tania: I would need fifteen thousand.

Alden: You need so much more.

Tania: What do you know how much money I need?

Alden: I think you need at least twice as much. I know from experience. I remind you that my sister Luana has recently given birth and I saw how much she spent on a pram, stroller, cot, diapers and so on.

Tania: So should I take a loan of thirty thousand pounds?

Alden: Sure, since you can give them back without even realizing it.

Tania: You are right!

Alden: So now I'm going, see you soon.

Tania: I am really happy!

Alden: I am too and I will be back to tell you the amount of the installment. Bye! *(And he leaves the scene)*

Tania: For the moment it is better not to divulge the news of my decision, even if I can't wait to do so. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Rosy enters the scene with the mobile phone in her hand.

Rosy: I just don't know how to use this device, it always remains open to me, however for now I put it on the table and then I look at how to do. *(The doorbell ring and goes to open the door)* What are you doing here?

Sonia enters the scene.

Sonia: You have a nice way to welcome your sister! I didn't come for you anyway.

Rosy: You are really touchy! Mine was a simple question.

Sonia: *(Moving her to look at the table)* So move on, because I have to see something.

Rosy: What's so interesting?

Sonia: Spirits, my sister, spirits.

Rosy: And are you looking for them on the table?

Sonia: Yes, because that's where séances are held.

Rosy: But why are you looking for them?

Sonia: To chase them away, it's obvious!

Rosy: *(Intrigued)* And how do you do it? Do you look for them and tell them to leave?

Sonia: Of course not! However if I succeed, you will thank me infinitely. Now, tell me where is your daughter.

Rosy: She's in her room. She locks herself up there not to talk to us.

Sonia: It is precisely for this reason that I have come, to solve this situation.

Rosy: How can you do this?

Sonia: With tribal leaps associated with metaphysical spiritism, incorporated into the clairvoyance of ectoplasm, I'll basically do a simple rite.

Rosy: Who would have taught you?

Sonia: I read, study, apply myself, learn, repair and...

Rosy: *(Interrupting her)* Break the balls.

Sonia: Sometimes that too is needed, dear sister.

Rosy: Was it Oswald who called you?

Sonia: Yes, your husband has asked me to solve the problem that is bothering you.

Rosy: And did he tell yourself to do it with these tribal rites?

Sonia: Not exactly, but everyone has their own method and then the important thing is the final result.

Rosy: What do you want me to say? Worse than that is not possible, so do what you want.

Sonia: You don't have to say, you have to do, move, activate, deactivate, combing...

Rosy: What should I comb, the dolls? Oh relax! Otherwise you drive me crazy.

Sonia: You are not efficient: you have not yet gone to get the toilet brush.

Rosy: The toilet brush?

Sonia: Yes.

Rosy: What do you want to do with that?

Sonia: I have to comb it.

Rosy: Wow what a beautiful ritual!

Sonia: You don't understand.

Rosy: Then explain it to me!

Sonia: Where do you think those are?

Rosy: Who?

Sonia: The spirits, who else?

Rosy: I don't know!

Sonia: In the bathroom, of course! You need to know that it is their headquarters. And the only way to get them out of there is to use the brush treated in a certain way.

Rosy: They are in the most unexpected places! But how can a simple toilet brush chase away presences?

Sonia: You must know that the toilet brush works as a catalyst, attracting them between the bristles.

Rosy: And how do you know all these things?

Sonia: I, unlike others, am prepared.

Rosy: So, in your opinion, my daughter acts like that because there is something or "someone" pushing her in a certain direction?

Sonia: You understood me at once!

Rosy: But why should this toilet brush be combed to work?

Sonia: What is it that prompts a person to take any action?

Rosy: The brain.

Sonia: And where is it?

Rosy: In the head.

Sonia: What is above the head?

Rosy: The hair.

Sonia: And how do you get the knots out of your hair?

Rosy: With the comb.

Sonia: Do you see that is mathematical?

Rosy: For you! Maybe it will be that I had a grade of three in math.

Sonia: How else can you get rid of the trapped spirits from the bristles?

Rosy: I have to be honest, I'm not very convinced, however let's try.

Sonia: Well said, but now let me work! *(Looking frantically around)* It will take me longer than usual, I think several laps.

Rosy: In the room? Because you've been going back and forth for ten minutes.

Sonia: You deconcentrate me, go immediately and get me the inhibitory, murderous, "devastating" weapon!

Rosy: Stop, for God's sake! I'm going to get it immediately. *(And she runs out)*

Sonia: *(Very excited)* I feel the flow coursing through my veins. *(After a few moments she starts staring at the ceiling)* Where are you hiding? Go out!

Rosy: *(Returning with the toilet brush and the comb she observes her sister still intent on staring at the ceiling and begins to look at it too)* I combed it, as you told me to do.

Sonia: *(She puts it on the table and rotates it, uttering incomprehensible phrases. Then with a punch she suddenly stops it)* Now we're all set.

Rosy: That's all?

Sonia: Yes.

Rosy: What happens now?

Sonia: A very simple thing: you have to get out of the way and let me talk to Tania.

Rosy: Do you want to talk to her alone?

Sonia: Yeah, so get off the balls!

Rosy: *(As she leaves the stage)* Who knows who she inherited that nasty temper my sister from!

Tania enters the scene.

Tania: Hi aunt!

Sonia: Hi Tania! Sit down, we need to talk.

Tania: Didn't you come to plead the cause of mom and dad?

Sonia: Of course!

Tania: Then I inform you it's all wasted time, because I have already signed the forms.

Sonia: This does not interest me, since the rite has been done.

Tania: The rite?

Sonia: My darling, we cannot escape destiny, whether we like it or not. At this moment you will struggle to understand my words, but you will see the effects in the future.

Tania: I repeat that I have already signed, so I have started the procedure.

Sonia: Now let's not worry about this, rather tell me how are you and how do you plan to organize yourself?

Tania: Since mom and dad are against it, I'll have to go and live elsewhere.

Sonia: So will you have to move house?

Tania: Unfortunately.

Sonia: Living alone involves many sacrifices, I am living proof of this.

Tania: But you are happy, since you chose it.

Sonia: This is where you are wrong! I didn't choose anything; it's just that I've never found anyone willing to fully understand me.

Tania: You say it, as if you regretted it.

Sonia: Of course, I am sad, desperate, discontented and also very frightened.

Tania: Really?

Sonia: Now that you are young you can't understand, but one day, when you realize that you are already advanced in age, you will wonder how this could have happened.

Tania: We all age, or at least that's what happens to the luckier ones.

Sonia: It's true, but it happens quickly enough that we don't realize it.

Tania: Dad trained you just right.

Sonia: No, Tania, I am speaking to you from personal experience: I highly recommend that you find a partner. Believe me, I felt the deepest loneliness when I was locked up in the mental hospital and I do not wish it to anyone. For the rest, do as you want.

Tania: When I think about what you've been through, my heart squeezes. Fortunately, however, it is now a closed chapter.

Sonia: Only in part my dear, the scars remain for life. Think that I had to make friends with some entity from the afterlife to not feel so alone, so I advise you to find yourself a good boy.

Tania: I'm sorry but I've already been disappointed too many times.

Sonia: Negative experiences are what make you grow. I'm sure there's a good young man around the corner with whom you can share your life and start a family.

Tania: I'll think about it, I promise you!

Sonia: Even if it seems strange to you, you must promise me that you will comply with another small request of mine.

Tania: If I can...

Sonia: It's a little tricky to explain why I'm asking you to do this, so just do it.

Tania: Come on, speak without beating around the bush!

Sonia: In case you decide to move, you will take this toilet brush with you.

Tania: But...

Sonia: You promised me, do you remember?

Tania: Yes, but I didn't think...

Sonia: What does it cost you? Just do it, so you make this poor and desperate aunt of yours happy.

Tania: Okay, it will be done!

Sonia: Now I have to go. Anyway then I come back, I have to check the progress, many times there is a need for a retouch! *(Alluding to the rite. Then she leaves the scene)*

Tania: *(Reflecting aloud)* Of course she never found a husband, she's raving mad!

THIRD ACT

Same scenography of the first two acts.

Oswald enters the scene while he is combing with the same comb Rosy used for the toilet brush.

Oswald: I feel a strange smell in this room, who knows what it is!

The doorbell rings and Oswald goes to open the door.

Nicholas: May I?

Oswald: Sure, come in!

Nichols enters the scene.

Nicholas: I come straight to the point: my actor friend was stunned by the treatment that Tania gave him.

Oswald: If anything, Rosy.

Nicholas: Why does she want to do assisted insemination too?

Oswald: It is exactly the misunderstanding that there was between the two of them, they both thought they were talking to different people.

Nicholas: Ah, now I understand! It seemed strange to me that Tania had that attitude.

Oswald: Why? Has your friend complained about something?

Nicholas: Just that someone kicked him in the ass.

Oswald: Wow! She hadn't told me she had gone that far!

Nicholas: Forget it, it is now a thing of the past! Rather, did the real doctor come?

Oswald: Yes and Rosy spoke to him.

Nicholas: But your role in this house is that of the knick-knack?

Oswald: It's not my fault they always come at the wrong times!

Nicholas: Sorry, but I have to tell you one thing: you need to tell your wife to think more about cleaning the house instead of dealing with such important matters.

Oswald: That woman will have a million defects, but if she has one merit, it is that one of being a clean freak.

Nicholas: Maybe, but I feel a strange stench, indeed the closer I get to you, the more it increases.

Oswald: I feel it too, but I don't understand where it comes from.

Nicholas: Look at the soles of your shoes, you will have stepped on...

Oswald: Look at yours, it's you who come from outside, I haven't been out for two days.

Nicholas: Before I arrived, did you already feel it?

Oswald: Honestly yes... So what will it be?

Nicholas: Spoiled soaps, for example, can give off bad odors.

Oswald: I smell them before using them.

Nicholas: What do you tell me about you? When did you last wash?

Oswald: Ten minutes ago.

Nicholas: But have you changed your underpants?

Oswald: Do you think I wash and then put my dirty underpants back on?

Nicholas: Then it will be the aftershave.

Oswald: It's impossible, I haven't shaved for a week!

Nicholas: I get it: it's the shampoo.

Oswald: I doubt it, while I was soaping myself, I could smell a beautiful fragrance.

Nicholas: What if it was the fault of the lice? My brother was infested with lice and his head stank of sulfur. *(After sniffing Oswald's head)* I was right! It's your head that stinks.

Oswald: And who would have thrown the sulfur on my head?

Nicholas: Your wife, who else? Maybe she saw that you were full of those little animals and in order not to mortify you, at night, she put a little sulfur on your head.

Oswald: However, now I would like to address a more important problem: that actor friend of yours, could he also disguise himself as a real estate agent?

Nicholas: Of course! He is the king of disguises!

Oswald: Then make him come back! But tell him it's vital that Rosy doesn't recognize him.

Nicholas: But with what excuse could he introduce himself?

Oswald: He will have to say that it was I who asked him to come by because I am looking for a house to rent for my daughter. Clearly he will have to say astronomical figures to dissuade her from taking one.

Nicholas: So you want her to stay with you?

Oswald: Of course! Otherwise why would I do all this?

Nicholas: Even if she undergoes fertilization?

Oswald: I object to this decision of hers only because I would like to see her married to a good boy. Children are always a blessing, so I would also keep her with the whole package.

Nicholas: I know you see everything black right now, but remember that at the end of the tunnel, there is always light.

Oswald: So did you know too?

Nicholas: What are you referring to?

Oswald: I'm referring to the fact that she wants a black baby.

Nicholas: Really? But a beautiful milk-and-coffee-colored baby...

Oswald: She doesn't want milk and coffee, but black as coal.

Nicholas: But what is happening to your daughter?

Oswald: I don't know, but this is precisely the point: she wants a child only because she feels she has the right to motherhood and then she also pretends to choose him as she would do with a baby doll in a toy store. I'll have an old-fashioned mentality but I believe that a child is a gift to be accepted in whatever way he is. Anyway it's useless to talk to her, she doesn't listen anyway, so, for the moment, let's start convincing her to stay.

Nicholas: In this case, it's better that I don't waste any more time and go find my friend right away. But, this time, you have pay him.

Oswald: Could two hundred pounds be okay?

Nicholas: Sure. So I'm going, bye!

As Nicholas leaves the scene, Peter enters.

Peter: *(Appearing to be in a bit of a hurry)* Hi Oswald!

Oswald: Hello doctor! I guess my wife called you to...

Peter: *(Interrupting him)* Exactly! So where is Tania?

Oswald: I'm going to call her, but first I'd like you to take a look in my head.

Peter: Why?

Oswald: *(As he approaches, Tania enters and the doctor goes towards her)* I'll explain later, now you can talk to my daughter it's more important.

Tania: Hi doc!

Peter: Hi Tania! So let me take a look at those forms right away, I'm in a hurry, I still have a lot of visits to do.

Tania: Are you referring to those of Dr. Condom?

Oswald: Of course! Mom asked our doctor for a consultation on the decision you want to make.

Tania: It is right.

Oswald: I didn't think you would accept without arguing.

Tania: I think it's a more than sensible request.

Oswald: Very well.

Tania: Dad, can you go get them? They are on my desk, if you can't find them ask mom, she knows where I put them.

Oswald: Okay, I'm going.

Peter: Get moving though, I don't have the whole morning available!

Oswald: I'll be faster than Flash Gordon. *(And he leaves the scene)*

After a few moments Rosy enters the scene with the requested forms.

Rosy: Doctor please, look at them!

Peter: Okay, let's see.

Tania: The part that interests you is at the top.

Peter: You are wrong. The part that interests me is all.

Tania: I meant the one about the drugs you have to prescribe.

Peter: It depends if I'm willing to prescribe them.

Tania: You cannot refuse, you are my doctor.

Peter: Tania, before making this decision did you pause for a moment to think about the consequences of these treatments?

Tania: Aside from the fact that they will allow me to become a mother, I don't see any others.

Peter: You're wrong again.

Tania: You seem prejudiced, in my opinion ...

Peter: Please don't interrupt me, because, as I have already told you, I am in a hurry.

Rosy: I'm sorry, but when you come to us you are always in a hurry and, since this is a very important thing, I would like you to spend more time on it than usual.

Peter: Even if I am hasty, it does not mean that I do not analyze the situation well, which I repeat, it is absolutely to be avoided.

Tania: Why do you say this?

Peter: I care too much about your health to support this project. If you want to go through with it, switch doctors and find someone else willing to prescribe anything, I won't.

Tania: Why do you think these drugs are so harmful?

Rosy: If he told you they are harmful, don't insist!

Tania: The decision is mine.

Peter: Prolonged use of hormones has consequences. I don't understand why a girl still in her prime wants to have a test tube baby. I would understand it if you were a woman close to the age of menopause, who after years of failed attempts, was not getting pregnant. Even if, even in that case, I would advise against it. So for me the discussion is over. Now do as you please and I close with an aphorism that my father always said: "man forewarned is forearmed". See you later! *(And he leaves the scene)*

Rosy: I'm going to report everything to your father. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Tania: *(Thinking aloud)* If he meant to scare me, he couldn't. After all, there are a lot of women undergoing assisted fertilization these days, so it can't be as dangerous as he says. It's just that old guard doctors can't accept medical advances. *(The doorbell rings and she goes to open the door)*

Lucas enters the scene.

Lucas: *(Disguised so as not to be recognized)* Good morning, is Mr. Oswald here?

Tania: Yes, but I think he is busy now.

Lucas: If you are who I believe, it will not be necessary to disturb him.

Tania: I don't think I understand.

Lucas: Are you his daughter?

Tania: Yes, I am.

Lucas: So, let me introduce myself: I am Lucas Green and I am a real estate agent. Your father told me to come by and offer you some houses for rent. He told me you need to move.

Tania: I would not need, I rather believe that I have no alternative.

Lucas: Then I'd like to show you our best offers.

Tania: Please feel comfortable. Maybe if you took off that scarf, I think you would feel less warm.

Lucas: It is better not, I have a very sore throat and I wouldn't want to infect you.

Tania: Right now that wouldn't be the case!

Lucas: And this is one of the terrible ones.

Tania: You look pretty sweaty, won't you have a fever?

Lucas: It could be possible, but I don't think that's the only reason I'm sweating, in this house there is hellish heat.

Tania: It is my mother's fault: she feels the cold very much and always keeps the heating at maximum. But I assure you that it is better to put up with a little than to contradict her.

Lucas: I completely agree!

Tania: Why, do you know her?

Lucas: No, but I suppose. It is the same with my mother, it is not advisable to contradict her!

Tania: Show me something right away, so I start to get an idea of what the real estate market offers.

Lucas takes out a folder of brochures which he starts showing Tania.

Tania: Let me ask you a question: these are basically the prices?

Lucas: Yes. And these are the square footage.

Tania: Given the tiny size, these houses seem quite expensive to me.

Lucas: I assure you that they are the cheapest ones. If you are interested in an inspection, we can arrange an appointment.

Tania: For the moment it is not necessary. I prefer to think about it a bit and then I'll let you know through my father.

Lucas: If so, I just have to say goodbye. See you later! *(And he leave the scene)*

Tania: *(Thinking aloud)* If I want to go through with it, I'll have to raise the loan.

The doorbell rings.

Tania: *(After opening the door)* Hi! You are Alden's sister, aren't you?

Luana: Yes, sorry if I allowed myself to come to your house, but I urgently needed to see my brother. He told me he had to pass by you.

Tania: He hasn't arrived yet, however, you can wait for him.

Luana: Thank you! I will stay a little, if it does not arrive within a few minutes, I take away the trouble.

Tania: I learned that you recently became a mother, so how do you feel in this capacity?

Luana: It is a wonderful feeling. However, if my brother hadn't found the solution to my financial woes, it wouldn't have been possible. And even now if he didn't continue to assist me...

Tania: Do you mean economically?

Luana: Exactly.

Tania: Can't you pay the installments?

Luana: Unfortunately, those are my delight and my despair.

Tania: I also turned to him because I have to bear a rather large expense.

Luana: You made the right choice.

Tania: From the way you talk it wouldn't seem!

Luana: In my case it's just my fault.

Tania: What do you mean?

Luana: I wanted my independence and maybe I took the longest step of the leg.

Tania: Maybe settling for a little less ...

Luana: With a dependent child it is not possible. When you are a mother one day, you will always choose the best for him, regardless of expense. *(After looking at the clock)* I see it's getting late, so I'm off. When Alden arrives, please do me the courtesy to tell him that I have been looking for him and that it is urgent.

Tania: I will definitely do it!

Luana: It was a real pleasure to chat with you.

Tania: For me too, so when you want, come back to see me.

Luana: I'd like that. See you! *(And she leaves the scene)*

Tania: Alden is a good person, thank goodness I have this great friend I can rely on!

Finding the door ajar, Leanna enters the house.

Leanna: I thought I had the privilege of being your best friend, but now I discover that there is someone else is undermining my leadership.

Tania: Hi, come in!

Leanna: So can I know who this Alden is?

Tania: He is an old school friend.

Leanna: Why did you just say you can rely on him? Has he finally convinced your parents?

Tania: Absolutely not. He is useful to me in another way. He gives me a hand financially.

Leanna: If you needed money you could have asked me for it.

Tania: And would you have given me even fifty thousand pounds?

Leanna: I certainly didn't think you needed such a figure. At most, I could give you fifty. But where does Alden get all that money?

Tania: He asks friend of his.

Leanna: So, let me understand: he asks for it to another and then gives it to you. And why would he do it?

Tania: For friendship.

Leanna: Why? Doesn't he want the money back?

Tania: Of course yes, but I can give it back slowly.

Leanna: Be careful! I don't believe much in people's free generosity.

Tania: His sister also had a similar problem and thanks to him she solved it in this way.

Leanna: How do you know it?

Tania: She just told me a few minutes ago.

Leanna: But if this Alden finds money for you and his sister, don't you think he is doing it to make a profit?

Tania: Do you think he would also make money on his sister?

Leanna: There are unscrupulous people, so why not? Anyway, why did you think about asking him for money?

Tania: Because it was he who found me the clinic where I can do assisted fertilization.

Leanna: So, if I understand correctly, first he found you a way to spend and then he found the money.

Tania: Said in this way it sounds strange, even if in practice that is what happened, however I do not see anything unclear.

Rosy enters the scene and interrupts the conversation.

Rosy: *(With the cell phone in hand)* This thing just won't turn off.

Leanna: Hi, what's wrong?

Tania: I'll be back in a minute, I need to make an urgent call. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Rosy: Do you see? She leaves because she doesn't want to talk to me.

Leanna: You have to understand her, it is a difficult time for her.

Rosy: And for me not?

Leanna: Give me the phone, I'll tell you how to do it. You just have to press here.

Rosy: But there is no button.

Leanna: It is virtual.

Rosy: Mah! I don't see anything!

Leanna: I don't know how to explain it to you, it is there but it is not there.

Rosy: It's too complicated. But if I don't press anything, does the person on the other side still hear me?

Leanna: Only in case he has not already interrupted the communication. You see, right now your interlocutor has hung up, so you don't have to do anything anymore.

Rosy: So I can tell how stupid my husband is, without him hearing me.

Leanna: So was your husband on the phone?

Rosy: Yes, he had called to tell me to stop putting sulfur on his head.

Leanna: And you, why do you do it?

Rosy: I don't do it. He's the one who has this stupid belief, like that of having lice.

Leanna: When husband and wife squabble it is wise not to meddle, so I do not pronounce myself, while I want to interfere on the question of Tania.

Rosy: What do you mean?

Leanna: I mean that in my opinion someone is deceiving Tania.

Rosy: Who are you referring to?

Leanna: I 'm referring to her friend Alden. I tried to warn her, but it doesn't seem to me that she gave much weight to my words.

Rosy: Why are you convinced that this person wants to deceive her?

Leanna: Finding the clinic where to go to spend and then the money seems rather suspicious to me.

Rosy: My husband also made the situation worse.

Leanna: Why?

Rosy: He hired a real estate agent to show Tania some houses.

Leanna: Now I understand why she needs so much money!

Rosy: Her father believed that forcing her to move would dissuade her from undergoing fertilization but that rascal convinced her to go on.

Leanna: You unwittingly helped him in his plan, triggering a chain explosion: clinic, house and consequent loan.

Rosy: So he makes money from both the pins and the funding?

Leanna: Exactly! How can we unmask him and let Tania open her eyes?

The doorbell rings.

Rosy: It must be my sister, she said she was coming back.

Leanna: (*Looking at her watch*) It's late, say hello to Tania for me, I have to go.

Rosy goes to open the door. As Leanna is about to leave, Sonia enters.

Sonia: Hello! Are you a friend of Tania?

Leanna: I dare say the best.

Sonia: So wait a minute before you go, I have to ask you a question.

Leanna: What do you want to know?

Sonia: Has she changed her mind?

Leanna: No.

Sonia: I knew! A little tweaking is needed. The propitiatory rite must be more powerful.

Leanna: I don't think I understand.

Rosy: I understand what she's talking about and don't be surprised if she sends us to open the sewer now.

Leanna: The more time I spend in this house, the more confused my ideas become.

Sonia: Don't pay attention to what she says, she's exaggerating! However, you dedicate us another five minutes of your time.

Leanna: What should I do?

Sonia: You have to go to Tania's, grab a pair of her underpants and then bring them to me.

Leanna: I don't know how I could get you her underpants without her noticing.

Sonia: You don't have to do it secretly, you just have to ask them to her.

Leanna: With what excuse?

Sonia: You tell her you need them to seduce a man. Then add that her lingerie is much prettier than yours and that's it.

Rosy: Look, my daughter uses underwear that looks like my grandmother's! Although he should have at least a suit of silk underpants. Ask her for those.

Leanna: If you really insist!

Sonia: Well, go, go! (*Accompanying her to the door*)

Rosy: Do you know that someone is trying to take advantage of her?

Sonia: I know everything.

Rosy: Who told you?

Sonia: My mediumistic world, my intuitions, my magic...

Rosy: (*Interrupting her*) Okay, I get it, that's enough. So how do we unmask that criminal?

Sonia: First of all we have to do the ritual, then we'll talk about it.

Leanna enters the scene.

Leanna: I told her I had to go to a pajama party without any pajamas and she loaned me these.
(Showing underwear)

Sonia: Very good! Now go to the door and make sure she doesn't enter.

Leanna: I get it! I have to be a watchdog.

Rosy: You can be glad she doesn't ask you to put a muzzle on too.

Sonia: Why do you wanna make me look crazy? She just has to be careful that no one enters.

Leanna: I'll hold the handle tight.

Sonia: *(After putting the underpants on the table, she takes a strange object out of her bag and starts to utter incomprehensible words)* ...Now there is only the last effort to be made.

Rosy: And who should do it?

Sonia: *(Pointing at Leanna)* She seems to me the most suitable for convincing Tania to wear them.

Leanna: Aren't you really asking me that?

Sonia: You're the only one she listens to.

Leanna: You broke my balls, solve your weird obsessions by yourself!

Sonia: You said you were her best friend, do you remember?

Leanna: But I'm not willing to do this bullshit.

Rosy: Come on, at least try!

Sonia: It's for her own good.

Leanna: My mental health is at stake here.

Rosy: Don't be melodramatic!

Leanna: *(She moves away from the door, abruptly takes possession of underpants and leaves the scene)* But this is the last, let's be clear!

Sonia: I am sure she will succeed.

Rosy: If the rite is successful, how do we proceed?

Sonia: We will set the trap for Tania's self-styled friend.

Rosy: How do we get him to confess?

Sonia: We have to push him to take a false step.

Oswald enters the scene.

Oswald: What my eyes see: the couple of the century!

Rosy: Shut up! We have a plan.

Sonia: Trying to dissuade her by citing possible loneliness hasn't worked, but we understood that one person is manipulating her to make money at her expense.

Oswald: And did you even understand who he is?

Sonia: Of course! Her friend Alden.

Oswald: Son of a stray dog! Now I'm going to look for him and make him to pass a bad quarter of an hour

Sonia: Nothing more wrong. We have to pretend we know nothing and act cunningly.

Oswald: What would your idea be?

Sonia: The important thing is to maintain positions.

Rosy: It seems to be on the warpath!

Oswald: Shut up a second, which is important!

Sonia: Tania knows that to find the money for the house she will have to increase the loan, so she will contact her friend again and at that point...

Rosy: And at that point...?

Sonia: We leave the phone open and hope for the best.

Oswald: I can't understand.

Sonia: We will take advantage of the fact that Rosy never interrupts her communication when she calls ...As soon as Alden arrives, before opening the door, Rosy will dial my number and leave the mobile on the table. Then she will go to warn Tania of the arrival of that wretch. You Oswald, at the right moment, will call your daughter so that the boy is alone in the room.

Oswald: What do you think will happen?

Sonia: I will be connected on the other side and if in the meantime he makes an inappropriate phone call, I will record his words and we will have the evidence to affirm his bad faith.

Rosy: We must also make sure that he remains seated at the table where I will leave the phone, otherwise you will not hear anything.

Oswald: How do we do that?

Rosy: I'll take care of this.

Leanna enters the scene.

Leanna: Underpant mission completed, goodbye! *(And she leaves the scene)*

Sonia: Now the rite is also completed.

Oswald: Which rite are you referring to?

Rosy: It would be too complicated to explain.

The doorbell rings. Rosy looks through the peephole.

Rosy: The fish has arrived.

Sonia: Everyone to the fighting posts!

Oswald and Sonia leave the scene. After dialing her sister's number, Rosy leaves the phone on the table and goes to open the door.

Rosy: Please, come in, take a seat!

Alden: Is Tania at home?

Rosy: Yes and she is eager to see you, as we are. *(Literally dragging him to the table)* Sit down and have a drink, otherwise I might be offended!

Alden, after a push and pull, gives in and sits down.

Rosy: You just sit there, meanwhile I'm going to call my daughter.

Alden: *Thank you so much. (Alden, however, stands up)*

Rosy: So we didn't understand each other: you have to stay seated! In my home, guests are sacred.

Alden: Okay! Do not be angry. I'll stay here still and good.

Rosy: Now we begin to think. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Alden: Tania is right, her mother is really crazy!

Tania enters the scene.

Tania: Hi Alden!

Alden: Hi Tania! I've made a calculation and I think it would be better to ask for a loan of seventy thousand pounds.

Tania: That's a huge amount.

Alden: For a dignified life ...

Tania: What if instead of renting a house I want to buy it?

Alden: In this case I could introduce you to a friend who sells houses and who could help you.

Tania: My father has already thought of that.

Alden: Your father doesn't know the right people like me. Just think, a few days ago, they showed me a little house nearby at an unbeatable price. One hundred square meters for only two hundred thousand pounds.

Tania: Adding them to the previous ones we would go to two hundred and seventy thousand.

Alden: *(After looking at the tables taken from the briefcase)* The monthly payment would amount to a modest sum of five hundred pounds.

Tania: It wouldn't be a lot. It could also be done. So do we sign the contract?

Oswald: *(Who is eavesdropping, starts shouting)* Tania, run, mom has an illness!

Tania: I'm going to see what happens. *(And she leaves the scene)*

Alden: *(Given the length of the wait, to pass the time, as expected, calls someone)* Hello? Yes, all done. A nice deal of two hundred and seventy thousand euros in installments of five hundred. ...Don't worry, she won't change her mind, this girl is stupid as the rest of her family. She didn't even ask me how long the installments lasted. I know it's pretty much for life, but what do we care? Now sorry, I have to hang up, she's coming back.

Tania: Luckily, nothing serious, she just threw up a little.

Alden: I'm sorry, I hope she gets better soon.

Tania: It seems to me already on the right path, she was so happy.

Alden: Excuse me for telling you your mother is a bit strange.

Rosy, Oswald and Sonia enter the scene.

Oswald: She is a bit strange but sincere with such a big heart, unlike you.

Alden: What do you mean?

Sonia: Just this. *(And plays him the previous recorded conversation)*

Alden: But I...

Tania: Son of a b... (bitch)

Rosy: Stop Tania, bad words in this house are my specialty. You are such a piece of s...(shit)

Oswald: *(Putting a hand in front of his wife's mouth)* Who would have thought that to make a family happy it took at least two years in a mental hospital!

Sonia: And a good propitiatory rite.

THE END