1 INT. AIRPLANE - DAY

TITLE: 10 Days Before Thanksgiving

Seated all the way in the back, in the last row of economy, are MOIRA and JOHNNY Rose. Moira has the window, Johnny the aisle and the seat between them is blocked off. Johnny has on a COTTON FACE MASK, while Moira wears a full on GAS MASK and DISPOSABLE GLOVES. She appears to be in a deep sleep, resting on a NECK PILLOW.

MOIRA

(deep, Darth Vader-like breathing)

CHILD (9), curious and wearing a SURGICAL MASK, stares wideeyed at Moira from across the aisle. Johnny takes notice and nudges Moira awake.

> JOHNNY Moria, honey, wake up. You're scaring the children.

MOIRA Six feet, disgruntled pelican! (then) Oh, John. Have we arrived yet?

JOHNNY We're a few hours out.

MOIRA

Remind me, what's on our itinerary?

JOHNNY

Once we get to town, we'll head straight to the motel to selfquarantine. Stevie already has our room key set aside and waiting. If all goes to plan after the ten days are up, we'll go to David and Patrick's for Thanksgiving. I hear Patrick has quite the feast planned.

MOIRA

Tell me John, what are we going to do locked away in a motel room for ten days?

JOHNNY It's only ten days, Moira, we'll manage. And, I have some exciting 1

renovations to show you. We've given the room a full face lift! I've asked the kids to stop by on our last day to show them. It's really something! The flooring is-

MOIRA

That's great, sweetheart.

JOHNNY

All the rooms should be finished by early Spring... that is if Roland quits taking cinnamon bun breaks every hour.

MOIRA

Cinnamon bun breaks?

JOHNNY

Because occupancy is down due to the pandemic, most - if not all - of our daily cinnamon bun delivery goes straight down Roland's gizzard.

MOIRA

Well why don't you just cancel the delivery?

JOHNNY

I've tried. Stevie's tried. Ivan's quarantine hobby is testing out different flavors in his cinnamon bun recipe. The residents at the Rosebud - i.e. Roland - are his taste testers. He's been sending them over, free of charge, for months.

MOIRA Well isn't that lovely of him. (beat) You know what's odd, John? I haven't had but one fan encounter since we left the house.

JOHNNY I can't imagine why, dear.

CUT TO:

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2 EXT. ROSE APOTHECARY - DAY - TO ESTABLISH

TITLE: 1 Day Before Thanksgiving

The SIGN on the front door reads, "OPEN FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP <u>ONLY</u>. NO EXCEPTIONS!"

CUT TO:

3 INT. ROSE APOTHECARY - DAY

Alone in the store, DAVID is pacing around the register area while on his CELL PHONE.

DAVID What do you mean you're not coming to Thanksgiving? Patrick has been cooking for days!

CUT TO:

4 EXT. BUS STATION - DAY

ALEXIS, looking fabulous as always, appears out of place at the deserted, rundown bus station. She's wearing a COLORFUL, COTTON FACE MASK lowered under her chin as she talks into her CELL PHONE.

ALEXIS

David, I didn't say I'm not coming to Thanksgiving. I'm just going to be a little later than expected. My ride broke down and I had to find other arrangements.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DAVID and ALEXIS

DAVID Other arrangements? What does that mean?!

ALEXIS

Calm down, David. This is nothing like that time I was stranded off the coast of Bali after Mark Ruffalo's yacht broke down and Indonesian pirates offered us a ride. But ended up taking us captive instead.

DAVID Again, what are these other arrangements?

ALEXIS

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I'm taking the bus.

DAVID

Oh my god!

ALEXIS

David, I'll be <u>fine</u>. I'm wearing my mask, I have enough hand sanitizer to sterilize five rest stop bathrooms and plus, I literally just got a rapid test. I'm negative.

DAVID You better be negative after you get off that *bus* and see me- I mean the family!

ALEXIS Fine. I'll get another rapid test in Elmdale before I come over.

DAVID

Yeh, do that. Oh, and dad wants us to stop by the motel before dinner. Something about a surprise?

We hear a KNOCK on the front door. A female CUSTOMER (mid 20's), bundled up but not wearing a mask, waves in at David.

DAVID That's my last curbside pickup of the day. See you tomorrow.

CUT TO:

5 EXT. ROSE APOTHECARY - DAY

MASKED and bundled from the cold, David comes out the front door holding a ROSE APOTHECARY BAG. The customer is standing on the sidewalk less than six feet away, much to David's dismay.

DAVID

Hello.

Rather than handing the BAG to his customer, David keeps his distance, gently places it on the ground between them and immediately backs away.

DAVID (CONT'D) Thank you so much. 5

The customer goes for the BAG, which makes David awkwardly scamper backward to maintain six feet.

CUSTOMER I'm so glad you guys are still open. You have the best candles.

While the customer talks to David, they rummage through their BAG, take out a SOY CANDLE and give it a long sniff.

CUSTOMER Mmmm, it's like an orgasm for your nose.

At this point the customer is standing right in front of the store door, blocking David's only exit. He has no choice but to small talk until they leave.

DAVID

We appreciate your business, especially in these unprecedented times. Happy Thanksgiving.

Still rummaging, the customer takes out a MINI HAND SANITIZER.

CUSTOMER Of course! Ooo, what's this?

DAVID

Complimentary hand sanitizer. It's a pandemic special. Comes with every order. Happy Thanksgiving.

CUSTOMER Oh, wow! You know, that's a really good idea.

DAVID We thought so. Happy Thanks-

CUSTOMER

Ah-chooo!

Out of no where the customer sneezes directly into their free hand. Mortified, but trying to maintain a sense of professionalism, David's eyes grow wide.

DAVID

Bless. You.

The customer squeezes some HAND SANITIZER into their hands and rubs them together.

CUSTOMER Well, this came in handy, didn't it? Thanks again. Happy Thanksgiving!

Finally, the customer goes on their way, leaving David still mortified on the sidewalk.

CUT TO:

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6 INT. ROSE APOTHECARY - BATHROOM SINK - DAY

Hunched over the sink, David vigorously scrubs his hands.

DAVID A, B, C, D, E, F, G...

CUT TO:

7 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - OFFICE - DAY

STEVIE, wearing a COTTON FACE MASK, is behind the front desk with her feet up on the counter reading a BOOK. ROLAND, who looks like he gained a few pounds since we saw him last, is sitting on the couch across from her in front of a PINK BOX OF CINNAMON BUNS, stuffing his face. His SURGICAL MASK is lowered under his chin.

The OFFICE PHONE RINGS a few times.

Neither of them move to answer it.

ROLAND (mouth full of cinnamon bun) Aren't you gonna answer that?

Stevie doesn't look up from her BOOK.

The PHONE continues to RING throughout their conversation.

STEVIE It's your turn.

ROLAND Um, answering phones isn't a part of my job description.

Stevie still doesn't look up from her BOOK.

STEVIE Neither is gorging yourself on cinnamon buns. They're supposed to be for the guests.

Roland wipes some stray cinnamon sugar from the corner of his mouth and puts his MASK back in place. He glances at the invisible watch on his bare wrist.

> ROLAND Well, would you look at the time. These renovations won't *reno* themselves. (talking to a cinnamon bun) I'll be back for you in a hour.

Roland gets up off the couch and leaves the office. Reluctantly, Stevie puts down her BOOK, lowers her MASK and picks up the PHONE.

> STEVIE Hello Mrs. Rose.

> > CUT TO:

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8 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - MOIRA AND JOHNNY'S ROOM - DAY

The room, although renovated since we last saw it, is a disheveled mess. You can tell Johnny and Moira have been quarantining there for the past ten days. The GARBAGE CAN is overflowing with old TAKEOUT CONTAINERS. The kitchenette is covered with what one can only assume is FLOUR and discarded BOXES OF BANANA BREAD MIX. There's a YOGA MAT and mismatched FREE WEIGHTS in the corner. The SHEETS have been tie dyed. There's a life-size PYRAMID OF TOILET PAPER flanking the bathroom door.

With the ROOM PHONE to her ear, Moira sits on the edge of the queen-size bed. Johnny is in the background doing a JIGSAW PUZZLE on the table.

MOIRA There you are Stevie. I was worried you'd run off and forgotten about us.

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN STEVIE AND MOIRA

STEVIE I could never for get you, Mrs. Rose.

MOIRA Well, good because I have our daily list of provisions. Is your pen poised?

STEVIE Oh, I have it right here.

Stevie places the RECEIVER on the desk, picks up her BOOK and continues reading.

CUT TO:

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9 INT. DAIVD AND PATRICK'S KITCHEN - MORNING

TITLE: Thanksgiving Day

The kitchen is covered with UNCOOKED INGREDIENTS strewn about the counters ready to be made into a delicious Thanksgiving meal. There's a few SIDE DISHES already prepared off to the side.

PATRICK, wearing an adorable APRON and looking like he hasn't gotten a wink of sleep, stands over an UNCOOKED TURKEY. He's seasoning it with his bare hands when David walks into the kitchen.

DAVID

Look at you, my little Bobby Flay. I just wanna fa-<u>lay</u> you right down-

Hyper focused, Patrick continues seasoning without looking up at David.

PATRICK Can we skip the fa-lay jokes, I'm on a tight schedule.

DAVID Good morning to you too. Did you get any sleep last night?

PATRICK I got a solid hour and a half.

DAVID

Okay, stop. You've been prepping this meal for days. It's not worth it if it interferes with your daily skincare routine. And those dark circles are proving my point.

Patrick stops seasoning and looks at David.

PATRICK

This is our first time hosting Thanksgiving as a married couple, David. I just want everything to be perfect.

DAVID There's no such thing as 'perfect' this year, it's 2020.

PATRICK This is the one thing I can control this year. And I'm gonna make it perfect. Even if it kills my skincare regimen.

DAVID Okay. But it's your face's funeral.

Patrick moves away from the turkey and reaches out to David's face to bring him in for a kiss. Before he makes contact, David stops him.

DAVID I know you're not thinking about touching *this* face with *those* turkey hands.

Patrick smiles, puts his hands behind his back and kisses David.

DAVID So, are you ready to swing by the motel? Dad wants to show us all something.

PATRICK Let me just put Fernando here in the oven. We have to be back in <u>three</u> <u>hours</u> to take him out.

Patrick carefully puts the TURKEY in the oven.

DAVID You named the turkey Fernando?

PATRICK Yes, I did.

DAVID We've got to get you out of this kitchen. You've gotten too close to that bird. David puts his hands on Patrick's shoulders and leads him out of the kitchen.

CUT TO:

10 EXT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - JOHNNY AND MOIRA'S ROOM - MORNING 10

As David and Patrick get out of their CAR, Moira and Johnny come out of their room all bundled up from the cold. Everyone is mask-less and awkwardly stand more than six feet apart, not sure if they should get any closer.

> JOHNNY They're here! Oh boys, happy Thanksgiving!

DAVID Happy Thanksgiving! How are you both feeling?

MOIRA Despite being sequestered in a motel room for the last ten days, we're doing just fine. How are you two?

PATRICK We're great!

MOIRA Are you sure? You don't look so good, Patrick.

Patrick gives David a look.

DAVID We're both fine, trust me.

JOHNNY

Well, what are you doing all the way over there then? Get over here and give your old man a hug.

The awkward hello is over as Johnny and David go in for a hug. Patrick and Moria embrace too.

JOHNNY Where's Alexis?

DAVID On her way. She's getting another rapid test in Elmdale first. (beat) Can we go inside? It's freezing out here.

JOHNNY No, let's wait for Alexis. I want to show you all together.

DAVID

Seriously?

MOIRA Really John, it's bitter out here.

JOHNNY

I'm sure she won't be long. We've worked so hard on these renovations and I want to see the look on both your faces when you see what we've done to our old home.

DAVID

If she doesn't get here within the next five minutes, I can assure you my face will be angry with frostbite.

PATRICK

While we wait, Moria, what's the latest on the reboot of Sunrise Bay?

David shoots Patrick a "Why are you on his side?" look.

MOIRA

There's not much to tell really. Production was halted earlier this year and isn't due to pickup again till after the holidays... Potentially, that is.

JOHNNY But, honey, tell them what else you've been working on.

MOIRA Oh, yes. I'm on Cameo!

David and Patrick give each other a confused look.

DAVID

Cameo?

MOIRA Yes, David it's a site where celebrities send personalized video messages to common folk.

JOHNNY I'm her camera operator.

PATRICK What kind of video messages?

DAVID Tell me it's nothing like OnlyFans.

MOIRA Oh, I haven't heard of that one. Maybe I should be on there too?

DAVID

No!

PATRICK You don't want to do that.

LATER

Everyone is sitting silent on CHAIRS outside the room, looking frozen and annoyed. Alexis still hasn't shown up yet. Patrick glances at his WATCH.

> PATRICK (whispering to David) It's been over an hour. I'm getting worried we won't be back in time for Fernando.

> > DAVID

Okay, that's it. I'm going inside.

David gets up and opens the motel room door.

MOIRA

David!

JOHNNY Don't David!

CUT TO:

11 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - MOIRA AND JOHNNY'S ROOM - AFTERNOON 11

David enters the room, followed by Johnny, Moira and Patrick. He surveys the space, looking at the new layout.

DAVID

This is it? <u>This</u> is what you made us wait over an hour outside in the freezing cold to see?!

PATRICK What David means to say, Mr. Rose, is that it's incredible. Are the floors hardwood?

JOHNNY Thank you for noticing, Patrick. They're actually a laminate meant to look like hardwood. Much more practical and cost-effective.

Suddenly, Alexis enters the motel room. She removes her mask as she looks around the space.

ALEXIS

Happy Thanksgiving! Oh wow, Dad these renovations look great. Is that hardwood flooring? Fancy!

JOHNNY

Alexis!

MOIRA How did your rapid test go? Do you have the plague?

Alexis takes off her COAT.

ALEXIS

Would I be here with my mask off if I did? No Mother, I'm negative.

Johnny, Moira and Patrick give her a hug.

DAVID

About time.

ALEXIS

Stop, David! I told you I was going to be late.

DAVID You owe me a facial. I had to wait over an hour outside in the freezing cold for you. My skin is so dry.

ALEXIS

What are you talking about? You're the one who made me get another

rapid test, thus making me even later than I already am.

DAVID

Thus-

David's CELL PHONE RINGS.

He takes it out of his pocket and points at Alexis.

DAVID This isn't over.

David answers the PHONE and walks to the corner of the room.

DAVID Hello. (long pause) Excuse me, what? (pause) Oh my god. <u>Oh my god</u>!

The family looks over at David, concerned.

DAVID (CONT'D) Well, what am I supposed to do now? (long pause) But I'm here with my whole family. (long pause) Okay.

David hangs up the PHONE and puts it back in his pocket. He looks over at the family, all of whom are staring back at him in anticipation for what he's about to say.

> DAVID I've been exposed to someone who tested positive for COIVD-19.

> > ALEXIS

Oh my god!

PATRICK

Oh, David.

Moira runs to the opposite end of the room, grabs her GAS MASK and frantically puts it on.

MOIRA David, you need to leave right now. Get out of my room!

JOHNNY Moira, honey, please. DAVID

That's real nice. Well, joke's on you because if I have anything, I would have exposed you all by now.

JOHNNY This isn't a joking matter, son.

PATRICK

David, what did they say exactly?

DAVID

I don't know. Me and anyone I've been exposed to in the past 48 hours have to self quarantine. And then get tested in the next few days just to be sure.

Everyone falls silent, processing the information. Moira takes off her GAS MASK.

JOHNNY

Okay, this doesn't necessarily affect our immediate plans. We were all planning on staying the weekend at your place anyway. Why don't we head over there now, have a nice Thanksgiving dinner and after the weekend's over, all get tested?

MOIRA

No. No one is leaving this motel room.

PATRICK But Fernando's in the oven and it's almost time for him to come out! We have to go-

MOIRA No one is leaving this motel room, I say!

ALEXIS

(to Patrick) Did you just say there's a *person* in your oven?

DAVID He named the turkey.

MOIRA We cannot leave and risk exposing our pathogens to unsuspecting passerby. It's as good as murder!

JOHNNY

Hey now, no one is murdering anybody. Don't you think you're being a little overdramatic, dear?

MOIRA

No John, I'm completely levelheaded.

PATRICK

But what about Fernando? He's going to burn the house down if we don't leave. And I still have to-

MOIRA Enough about Francisco!

DAVID

Fernando.

MOIRA I'm sure Stevie can scamper over and take it out.

Moira goes over to the MOTEL ROOM PHONE and picks up the receiver.

CUT TO:

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12 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - OFFICE - LATE AFTERNOON

Stevie is sitting behind the desk, reading the same BOOK she was yesterday. Her MASK is sitting on the desk next to her.

The OFFICE PHONE RINGS.

Stevie looks at the PHONE, but hesitates to answer. She gets up and goes to the office window to take a peek outside. She sees David and Patrick's lone CAR in the parking lot and goes back to the desk.

> STEVIE She's your problem now, David.

She picks her BOOK back up and begins reading as the phone continues to RING.

CUT TO:

13 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - MOIRA AND JOHNNY'S ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON 13

Moira sits on the bed with the PHONE to her ear, while Patrick stands nearby waiting with bated breath. Johnny and Alexis are on the couch. David is pacing near the kitchenette.

Moira puts down the PHONE.

MOIRA No answer. Shall we ring Jocelyn next?

PATRICK Yes, good idea.

Patrick sits down next to Moira as she dials Jocelyn's number.

CUT TO:

14 INT. JOCELYN AND ROLAND'S HOUSE - LATE AFTERNOON

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JOCELYN's in the kitchen holding the PHONE up to her ear with her shoulder while in the middle of mashing POTATOES. She's got on a BEDAZZLED APRON. There's also a SMALL MOUNTAIN OF BREAD LOAFS off to her side on the counter.

JOCELYN

Oh Moira, Happy Thanksgiving! Are you enjoying your time back in town?

INTERCUT PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MOIRA AND JOCELYN

MOIRA Happy Thanksgiving to you too. Not quite. Could you be a dear and sashay over to David and Patrick's to remove the turkey from the oven? David's infected us all with "you know what" and we can't leave our motel room.

David gives Moira an annoyed glance.

JOCELYN Oh my goodness, I'm so sorry to hear that! Are you all okay?

Patrick has his ear right next to the phone at this point listening in on the conversation.

MOIRA Yes, we're fine. PATRICK (yelling into the phone) But Fernando won't be if you don't get over there soon!

Moira holds her hand over the RECEIVER, gives Patrick a look and scoots away from him.

JOCELYN Was that Patrick? Hi! Okay sure, I'll head over there in a jiffy and drop it off at the motel. See you in two shakes of a turkey leg!

MOIRA Wonderful, see you soon!

Moira puts down the PHONE.

MOIRA (to the room) Problem solved.

JOHNNY Excellent!

ALEXIS One of them, anyway.

Alexis gives David a look. David sneers at her.

PATRICK I hope Fernando isn't burnt.

MOIRA If he is, blame it on David.

David throws up his hands in exasperation.

CUT TO:

15 INT. ROSEBUD MOTEL - MOIRA AND JOHNNY'S ROOM - EVENING 15

Patrick is pacing by the door and biting his nails.

PATRICK This is taking much longer than two shakes of a turkey leg. She should be here by now. Do you think there's a problem with Fernando?

DAVID

Can we please stop referring to our turkey as if it was a human being?

ALEXIS I think it's kinda cute.

David shoots Alexis a look.

We hear a KNOCK on the window and see Jocelyn clad in a BEDAZZLED MASK waving from outside. The family gathers round the window as she shouts through the glass so they can all hear her.

JOCELYN Hi Rose's! So, bad news about your turkey. It was burnt to a crisp by the time I got there.

PATRICK I'm sorry, Fernando.

JOCELYN But don't worry, I called in some reinforcements.

Jocelyn disappears from the window and TWYLA's MASKED face pops into view.

ALEXIS Oh my god, is that Twy?

TWYLA

Happy Thanksgiving Rose's! Jocelyn told us all what happened and we couldn't let you spend the holiday without a nice, home-cooked meal. So, compliments of Twyla's Cafe Tropical, here's a brand new turkey.

Twyla holds up a TAKEOUT BAG.

JOHNNY Oh, Twyla, thank you so much.

Patrick still looks heartbroken over losing Fernando. David notices and rubs his back.

DAVID (to Patrick) If it'll make you feel better, I'll let you name this one too.

Patrick gives David a smile and puts his arm around his waist.

MOIRA Twyla, what did you mean when you said, "Jocelyn told us *all*?"

Suddenly, RONNIE'S MASKED face pops into the window, replacing Twyla's. She's holding a CASSEROLE DISH.

DAVID

Ronnie?

RONNIE

I had an extra sweet potato casserole lying around. But this is not for you David, it's for Patrick and everyone else.

BOB'S MASKED face pops up next, replacing Ronnie. He's holding a LARGE PLASTIC CONTAINER.

BOB I brought yams! They're Gwen's recipe.

A MASKED RAY with a TIN-FOIL COVERED BOWL appears at the window, replacing Tom.

RAY How are you doing Rose's? I made you my famous green bean casserole! It's a family recipe handed down from generation to generation. Enjoy!

Ray pops out and a MASK-clad Stevie appears in the window holding a CAN OF CRANBERRY SAUCE.

STEVIE I'm so sorry I missed your call earlier. I-I was in the bathroom.

DAVID Likely story.

STEVIE I brought you some canned cranberry sauce. It's better than the homemade stuff anyway.

Stevie disappears and is replaced by a MASK wearing Roland holding a CASSEROLE DISH.

ROLAND I didn't make this. It's the stuffing from your kitchen. You should have seen that turkey! Man, it was smoking like-

Jocelyn scoots Roland out of the window. She's holding a BASKET stacked with loaves upon LOAVES OF BREAD.

JOCELYN

I also wanted to give you some of my homemade sourdough. I've got a mountain of it back at the house. Bread baking has been one of my many quarantine hobbies.

MOIRA You're all too kind. Thank you for saving us in our hour of need.

JOHNNY Yes, thank you all!

JOCELYN Wait, no one brought dessert. Gosh darn it, I'm so sorry!

IVAN (O.S.) (Eastern European accent) I bake dessert.

IVAN appears in the window wearing a MASK and holding a BIG PINK BOX OF CINNAMON BUNS.

JOHNNY Ivan! Thank you. I've been craving one of your cinnamon buns.

IVAN These have chocolate and cherry flavor.

ROLAND (O.S.) I don't think I've tried that kind.

From the window, we can see Roland take the BOX out of Ivan's hands.

ROLAND You don't mind if I take these off your hands, do ya Johnny? You've got enough food out here.

Roland doesn't wait for an answer and walks off with the BOX OF CINNAMON BUNS. We can see Jocelyn through the window yelling after him.

JOCELYN Rolie, give those back. You don't need any more cinnamon buns!

FADE TO BLACK.

AS CREDITS ROLL WE PLAY A FEW OF MOIRA'S CAMEO VIDEO MESSAGES TO HER FANS.

FADE IN:

16 INT. MOIRA'S HOME IN CALIFORNIA - DAY

All we can see are Moira's mouth and chin in frame. She's way too close to the camera.

MOIRA Happy, happy birthday Rosalita from Ann Abror, Michigan. This is Moira Rose, from Sunrise Bay, wishing you another joyous and jubilant year of life. (to herself) How do you stop recording? John! John! How do you shut this-

FADE TO:

17 INT. MOIRA'S HOME IN CALIFORNIA - DAY

Moira is sitting on a couch in front of a window. She's backlit, so we only see a foreboding dark figure.

MOIRA Hello Mimi! Your granddaughters, Jessica and Shelby, pooled their weekly allowance to buy you this very special get well video, from yours truly, Moira Rose. Poor dear, I hope your hip heals up soon. Wishing you a speedy recovery! (long pause) John is it off?

FADE TO:

18 EXT. MOIRA'S HOME IN CALIFORNIA - DAY

Moira is standing in front of a tall hedge in the backyard. She's warming up her vocal cords, but doesn't realize the

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video has started.

MOIRA Eeeeeee. Oooooooo. Aaaaaaah. Eh-hem! Are you ready John?

JOHNNY Ready and... action!

FADE TO BLACK.