

Insert the following text after "*SNUFF* roars like the *MGM lion*." on page 23:

CLAIRE:

What really happened that made you so paranoid of mistakes? A boy didn't walk in on you in the restroom. Something more happened. Tell me!

SNUFF:

(after a moment; solemn)

You're right. Something more did happen.

CLAIRE:

Tell me.

SNUFF:

You wouldn't understand.

CLAIRE:

Try me.

SNUFF:

(after a long moment)

When I was seventeen, I got into a car accident. I was paralyzed from the waste down.

CLAIRE:

(after another moment)

I'm so sorry.

SNUFF:

Now do you understand?

CLAIRE:

No, I don't.

SNUFF:

I knew you wouldn't. I became paralyzed! I couldn't live the rest of my life as a cripple! My life would have been over.

CLAIRE:

No, it wouldn't have. You think just because you have a disability your life is over? Just think about all the people with disabilities who have accomplished so much. What about the musical virtuosos Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder? They couldn't see, but they made up for it in what they could hear. Or Beethoven. He composed some of his best masterpieces when he was deaf. What about the genius of Helen Keller? Even with her being deaf and blind, she was able to give lectures and advocate for better treatment of the blind. Or Stephen Hawking. He has to use a wheelchair and can only talk with the aid of a voice synthesizer, yet he's considered one of the greatest minds of our time. And what about Christopher Reeve?

SNUFF:

All Christopher Reeve did was raise false hope.

CLAIRE:

Nonetheless, after becoming paralyzed, he raised millions of dollars for spinal cord research. One of our greatest presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, lead our country during World War II and helped create the United Nations, all from the seat of his wheelchair. These are just a few of the inspiring people our world has known. They made a difference in the world. Those people wouldn't let a disability stop them from making a valuable contribution to society. They used their disability as motivation to do good. They turned a disability into capability.

SNUFF:

Are you done yet? How could I make a contribution when I couldn't even get myself out of bed?

CLAIRE:

You--

SNUFF:

You're wrong. I'm better the way I am now. It was all just a mistake.

CLAIRE:

Mistakes are meant to happen. That's life. But not every thing you think is a mistake actually is a mistake. You just can't know.

SNUFF:

I know that talking to you right now is a mistake. I know that granting you that interview was a mistake! I'm going to undo the interview and it'll be as if it never happened.

Insert the following after Scene 8:

SCENE 9

A solo light comes up on Snuff, who is not in the office or the workroom. She is now wearing normal clothes unlike her former attire. However, that is not the most noticeable difference from before. She is seated in a wheelchair. And she is smiling.

SNUFF:

"Thus humble let me live and die,
Nor long for Midas' golden touch;
If Heaven more generous gifts deny,
I shall not miss them much, --
Too grateful for the blessing lent
Of simple tastes and mind content."

Blackout.