BRENDAN - ROSE SIDE 1

BRENDAN’S APARTMENT. - NIGHT

We hear the Barcarole from his boom box. Rose stands at Brendan’s doorway. Box in hand.

ROSE
Hi. My turn to apologise.

BRENDAN
Come in. Come in.

He turns off the music. The Woman is sitting in her armchair in Brendan’s apartment. The Letter box is open and the harmonica beside it. Rose steps in.

ROSE
I didn’t want to disturb...

BRENDAN
No. I was just looking out the window...

ROSE
My brother...

BRENDAN
Oh yeah. He was very nice.

She hands him some American chocolates.

ROSE
These are Hershey’s. American.

BRENDAN
You shouldn’t-

ROSE
Stop. My brother, he’s overprotective and I was a bit quick with you when you stopped by.

BRENDAN
No. No. You were lovely. Thank you again. The lot is perfect. Would you like a cup of tea?

ROSE
I’m working in the morning. I should go.
WOMAN
No, don't go. Don't let her go.

BRENDAN
Or whiskey.

WOMAN

ROSE
No thank you. I'll have some tea then.

Brendan goes to make her some tea with Woman following. Rose goes and looks out the window.

ROSE
You can see the Stop and Shop from here. It's a good place to watch your car.

WOMAN
She's got lovely hair. Brendan and a nice figure.

She starts looking through his Cds.
He puts the Kettle on the stove and turns the stove on.

BRENDAN
Milk, sugar?

ROSE
It's fine black or honey. If you've got honey.

WOMAN—
Yanks always make it a little awkward, don't they?

Brendan looks for honey.

BRENDAN
(To Rose)
No honey. I can run down to the store.

Rose admiring the box on the table.

ROSE
No, No. Fine. I'm fine.

Brendan comes out of the kitchen.
ROSE
That is a lovely box.

Brendan nods ok and she opens it.

BRENDAN
It's just letters.

ROSE
From a girlfriend?

BRENDAN
Four letters from my mother and one from my sister.

ROSE
Oh that is so nice. Wow. And you keep them in a box.

WOMAN
I should have written more. But I didn't even know if you got them. Coz you never wrote back did ya?

ROSE
How often do you get to see them?

BRENDAN
Well I haven't been home since I left, am, five years ago.

ROSE
Oh, I see.

BRENDAN
(Embarrassed)
And we haven't written in a little while.

ROSE
Don't you call her?

WOMAN
Tell her.

A car siren goes off and Brendan jumps up to look out the window.

ROSE
It's not yours is it?
Sitting beside her

ROSE
Can I ask you a question?

BRENDAN
Oh yeah.

ROSE
What do you see when you look at me?

BRENDAN
I see -

ROSE
Do you see the portwine -

BRENDAN
Not really. I mean I know it's there but -

ROSE
How can you not see it?

BRENDAN
Because it doesn't matter I think.

ROSE
Are you making fun of me?

BRENDAN
No.

ROSE
I've never had a boyfriend. You know. Isn't that sad? (Pause) Listen. I'll go. I have an early start

BRENDAN
You don't want tea?

ROSE
I'll go.
Rose walks out.

BRENDAN
(Says after her)
Can I ... I'll be at the Stop and Shop tomorrow. I have to get some honey and stuff.