

James and Elizabeth

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a short monologue can be used to do an audition. can also be used for a dialogue if u wish to fill the spaces where elizabeth will speak.



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James and Elizabeth. Spaces indicate where Elizabeth should be speaking, and thus appropriate pauses are essential.

James: Ah Elizabeth, youâre here! Back so soon? It has been such a busy day.

Donât bother trying to hide your face. Iâve already seen the tears that stain it.

James: [comforting] Now-now. I didnât mean it harshly. Tell me what is bothering you.

James: [confused] Youâve been to see the doctor. What on earth for?

James: The pains in your stomachâ [malicious] What did he say? Did he give you the news? [Pause then surprised] Oh, such a slip of the tongue. How should I know what he said?

James: [slight undertone of mocking] He said that youâd lost the baby? Preposterous!

James: [irritated and eager] Of course Iâm upset! Keep going!

James: [confused] He said that it died of natural causes? [angry] how could such a reputable man lie o you so blatantly?

James: [irritated] itâs obvious heâs lying to you! I should know. I threw the pill in your drink myself. [another awkward pause and again surprised] Oh my, another slip. I donât know what Iâm saying. It must be the heat.

James: [insulted] No, it wasnât! I couldnât! How could you even think such a thing?

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James: [soft and slow] Then again. I couldn't bare the thought of my Elizabeth carrying another man's child in her womb. My womb.

James: [maniacal and loud] Fine, I admit it! I killed that thing in you. It was so easy.

James: [mockingly and filled with hatred] My dear, you seem to be misinterpreting me. You never were pregnant. A pregnancy is a wonderful gift, born of love, a child of wedlock. Yours is a monster summoned from a heated night with a servant. Or should I say WAS?

James: [maniacal and mockingly] You haven't even heard the best yet! That pill has killed you inside. You will never bare a child. It has cleansed you.

[crazy laugh. Suddenly stops when looking at Elizabeth]

James: [panicked, soothing, afraid] Elizabeth? There's no need for that. [back away] Stop it! Put down the knife, Elizabeth! No. Elizabeth! [running] No.

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