

EVELYN CALLBACK

HOLMES

Well, there she is! How beautiful!

EVELYN

Thank you, but as your temporary employee- I'm not sure how appropriate the compliment. I thought we going to dinner to discuss protocol when Pitezal returns?

HOLMES

I am a bit concerned by the weather. Should we really go off into the city? What if it blew off your hat?

EVELYN

As long as I still had a head.

HOLMES

Aren't you funny?

EVELYN

We really should discuss things. I'd like time off so I can finally go to the fair.

HOLMES

There's too much to do. You must wait until Pitezal returns.

EVELYN

When will that be?

HOLMES

In the next few days.

EVELYN

I read in the paper this morning they finally opened the Ferris Wheel! What a marvel- how a wheel with such tiny spokes could spin people into the sky. What I would do to be able to engineer something like that.

HOLMES

It's quite something.

EVELYN

Have you seen it?

HOLMES

I was at the dedication ceremony drumming up business.

EVELYN

How could you not tell me this?

HOLMES

You were busy.

EVELYN

Exactly my point. I didn't come to Chicago to be someone's handyman.

HOLMES

Why did you come, then?

EVELYN

I've always wanted adventure. It's only now I'm allowed to have it. I won't be like my mother.

HOLMES

She should have told you that going against the grain can lead to troublesome circumstances.

EVELYN

She did.

HOLMES

She'd probably like it then if I kept your door locked.

EVELYN

Pitch your voice higher and you'll sound just like her.

HOLMES

It is in my interest to protect the safety of my boarders. Let me escort you upstairs.

EVELYN

I can find my own way up. Thank you.

Evelyn heads for the stairs, then:

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Tell me- what was the expression on Ferris's face when he saw his wheel turn for the first time? Was he trepidatious? Confident?

HOLMES

He wasn't there. His wife went in his stead.

EVELYN

He- wasn't there himself? After everything?

HOLMES

Perhaps he thought the whole thing would come crashing down and kill everyone.

EVELYN

...But she was there. Confident?

HOLMES

She was there.

EVELYN

Good night.