

CASSIE  
Really? ~~Maybe we should start offering guided tours as part of the farm experience.~~

JAMES  
~~I enjoyed myself immensely and I'm sure others would as well.~~

CASSIE  
~~And thank you for helping me with the trees for the children's party. I do hope you'll consider coming.~~

~~They pause near the magazine table.~~

JAMES  
~~It was my pleasure and an excellent way to craft the perfect day...  
(beat)  
The only thing that would make it more perfect is if you would agree to dine with me this evening.~~

~~Cassie is taken off guard for a moment.~~

CASSIE  
~~This evening? Well... Thank you. I guess... I could.  
(beat)  
Where would we go?~~

~~James picks up Cassie's own magazine from the stack on the side table and thumbs through it casually.~~

JAMES  
~~(kidding her)  
Let's see what "This Week in Harvest Falls" might suggest...~~

~~Cassie takes the magazine from him and replaces it on the table.~~

CASSIE  
~~Very funny. Like I don't know my own magazine...~~

JAMES  
~~(smiles)  
All right then. What is the lady's preference?~~

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CASSIE  
~~(thinking)  
Ummm... the Golden Orchard. I think you might enjoy it, I know I would.~~

JAMES  
~~The Golden Orchard it is... 7 p.m.?~~

CASSIE  
~~(grins)  
With bells.  
(turns)  
I'll see you then.~~

~~Cassie exits back towards the lobby doors. After watching her go, James picks up a copy of Cassie's magazine and takes it with him as he heads for the elevator.~~

Start

James enters, magazine in hand, and finds Philip resting in a chair, munching on one of Cassie's cookies, eyes on his tablet. Upon seeing James step in, Philip rises quickly to attention.

PHILIP  
Your highness...

JAMES  
(holds up his hand)  
Relax, Philip...

Philip starts to help James out of his coat.

PHILIP  
If I might ask, sir, how was your afternoon with the young lady?

JAMES  
Unexpected to say the least... I learned a lot of surprising things today. Most of them good.

PHILIP  
Then I may assume things went well.

JAMES  
Yes, I had a very nice visit with Cassie... one of the most amazing women I have ever had the pleasure of spending time with.

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PHILIP  
She is quite pretty, sir, but unfortunately at the very center of the conundrum you currently find yourself in.

JAMES  
Yes. Well, that remains to be seen... things have taken an interesting twist in that arena.

PHILIP  
Indeed?

JAMES  
(thinking)  
Indeed.  
(beat)  
Now, I need a dinner reservation at The Golden Orchard for two at 7 p.m.

PHILIP  
Golden Orchard for two at seven.  
Consider it done.

JAMES  
You won't be going.

PHILIP  
(defeated)  
Again?

JAMES  
Again.  
(beat)  
Sorry.

Philip starts to head off to make the phone call.

PHILIP  
Anything else, your highness?

JAMES  
Yes... see if you can get George on the phone... I need to speak to him.

Philip stops and turns, ill as ease.

PHILIP  
Ah... About that, sir... I forgot... I meant to say something soon as you came in, but... well...

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JAMES  
Oh, for goodness sake, Philip... just cut to the chase.

PHILIP  
Yes...  
(somber)  
Something terrible has happened to George.

Off his look...

CUT TO BLACK.

End

END OF ACT FIVE