

The Will

Thriller · Scene for 4 · 5 min · Female role · Adult · Advanced

(A notary's office. The notary opens a sealed envelope. Three heirs wait.)

LE NOTAIRE

Before the will, your father left a letter. He asked that it be read first. I quote.

LE NOTAIRE

"If you are gathered to hear me, then I am dead. And if I died before winter, then it was not my heart."

CLARA

...What?

LE NOTAIRE

"One of you already knows. I am changing my will this Monday. Only that one had a reason to stop me."

HUGO

This is morbid. He was raving, at the end.

RÉGINE

Papa never raved a day in his life. And today is Monday.

(A silence. Each one calculates, not daring to look at the others.)

LE NOTAIRE

The letter ends thus: "Note who, in the room, is not surprised."

(Three faces turn, very slowly, towards the only one staring at the floor.)

CLARA

...Hugo. Why won't you look up?

What you can do with it

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