

RICK (Quiet)  
You're like his stepmother. These women holding on to all the purse strings.

ELIZABETH

No. We worked too hard to save that. I'm sorry. I'll meet you both after work. If your father loves you, he'll get you the ticket up there.

(She goes.)

RICK (To us)

We stopped by the bank. I withdrew the money. He took it.

PAUL

Let's celebrate!

(ELIZABETH appears.)

ELIZABETH (To us)

I went to a money machine to get twenty dollars and I couldn't get anything. The machine devoured my card. I called up the emergency number and the voice said my account was closed. They had withdrawn all the money and closed the account. I went to that apartment on Fifth Avenue. I told the doorman: I want my money. I work tables. I work hard. I saved. I'm here trying to get to meet people. I am stranded. Who do I know to go to? "The quality of mercy is not strained?" Fuck you, quality of mercy.

(She goes.)

RICK appears.)

RICK (To us)

He told me he had some of his own money and he

wanted to treat me. We went to a store that rented tuxedos and we dressed to the nines. We went to the Rainbow Room. We danced. High over New York City. I swear. He stood up and held out my chair and we danced and there was a stir. Nothing like this ever happened in Utah. And we danced. And I'll tell you nothing like that must have ever happened at the Rainbow Room because we were asked to leave. I tell you. It was so funny.

And we walked out and walked home and I knew Elizabeth was waiting for me and I would have to explain about the money and calm her down because we'll get it back but I forgot because we took a carriage ride in the park and he asked me if he could fuck me and I had never done anything like that and he did and it was fantastic. It was the greatest night I ever had and before we got home he kissed me on the mouth and he vanished.

Later I realized he had no money of his own. He had spent my money—our money—on that night at the Rainbow Room.

How am I going to face Elizabeth? What have I done? What did I let him do to me? I wanted experience. I came here to have experience. But I didn't come here to do this or lose that or be this or do this to Elizabeth. I didn't come here to be *this*. My father said I was a fool and I can't have him be right. What have I done?

(He goes into the dark.  
LARKIN and KITTY appear.)

LARKIN

Kitty and I were at a roller disco two clients opened.

