

1 EXT. OUTSIDE TRAIN STATION - EVENING**1**

Grace puts her suitcase on the floor and pulls out a letter from her coat.

The letter reads 'One of our workers will pick you up from [factory location] station'

Grace looks back at the sign for the station '[factory location] station' and smiles with satisfaction at her decision.

A friendly woman walks over to Grace, LILY (25) wearing a cream coat with a knee-length pink & cream dress underneath and cream kitten heels. Her hair is curled away from her face. She looks beautiful and makes Grace look underdressed.

LILY

You must be Grace? The newest recruit.

Lily holds out her hand to shake, showing off a small engagement ring. Grace shakes her hand.

GRACE

Yes, Grace Steele. It's a pleasure to be here.

LILY

(giggles)

We'll see if you still feel that way after your first day. Anyway, best to get going.

Lily and Grace start walking away from the train station, making their way through a town with cobblestone paths and semi-detached houses with small front gardens.

LILY CONT

You will be staying in the Colemans' spare room. Lovely people unless they catch you stealing their strawberries. They would have collected you but between Mrs Colemans' back problems and Mr Colemans' knee injury it was easier for me to get you.

GRACE

(concerned)

Are they okay?

LILY

Oh, Mrs Coleman is fine, just time catching up with her. Mr Colemans' knee injury is a thing of legend at least to him. An old war injury which never quite healed. I wouldn't ask him about it for your own sake.

GRACE

A sore subject?

LILY

If only, he'll talk about it for hours.

(impression of Mr Coleman)

"If it wasn't for this knee those Nazis would be running away."

I think we should send him over, maybe he can bore Hitler/the nazis to death. Half the town would be good at that.

GRACE

Well, we can send my Grandparents with them. Should finish them off in a day or two.

Silence between the two women, both not sure how to continue the small talk.

GRACE (CONT'D)

Do a lot of strawberries get stolen here?

LILY

When I was eleven me and my friend Betty- she works at the factory- wanted something sweet and right in front of us were these beautiful strawberries. Betty said it was a message and started picking them. Next thing Mrs Coleman runs out of the house yelling about her 'prize-winning strawberries'. I ran for it but Betty was still standing there, strawberries in hand. Betty's still scared of her, wouldn't even agree to collect you.

GRACE

So they still don't know you were there?

Lily looks at her with an overdramatic innocent face, hand on her heart.

LILY
I don't know what you are talking
about Grace, I'm innocent and will
deny anything said against my name.

Lily smirks/winks/laughs at Grace.

They stop in front of a house with strawberry plants growing out front. She opens the fence, walks up to the door and knocks.

Both Lily and Grace wait.

Grace looks over to Lily.

LILY
(mouthing)
The back.