

SCENE 6: Mrs. Time

(Early morning outside an antique shop: "Mrs. Time." ELLIE, GRETCHEN, and HANNAH race in. GRETCHEN videos ELLIE downing a shot of espresso. She crumples the paper cup.)

ELLIE
Seven shots of espresso in four minutes!

GRETCHEN

You're scaring me.

ELLIE

Push send! Go go go go go!

(GRETCHEN does.)

HANNAH

We got the Cubs cap?

ELLIE

Check.

HANNAH

Bears ball?

ELLIE

Check.

HANNAH

Bulls jersey, puck from the Blackhawks, White Sox socks?

GRETCHEN

Check, check, check!

~~(PARKER and WELLS enter.)~~

~~WELLS~~

~~You guys are tied with Savannah for the lead!~~

ELLIE

We need the hourglass.

HANNAH

Ellie. We have checked every secondhand place in the city. I don't think we're gonna find that hourglass. What time is it?

ELLIE

(sees shop sign)

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GRETCHEN

(giggles)

That's funny. "Mrs. Time." Oh my god I'm so tired!

ELLIE

A watch shop. Of course. The hourglass was sold to a used watch shop.

(puts her face to the window)

Oh god, I see it! It's right there!! Look look look—

(taps on the window)

Hey! Mrs. Time! Mrs. Time! Open up! You got some customers out here!

(MRS. TIME enters and opens the door.)

MRS. TIME

It's very early!

GRETCHEN

(giggles)

She tells time.

ELLIE

Hi. This will sound crazy, but I need to buy that hourglass in the window.

HANNAH

Ellie, we can't buy clues.

ELLIE

Not buy. Borrow! I'll bring it back.

MRS. TIME

(beat)

No.

ELLIE

Please!

MRS. TIME

No.

ELLIE

Listen! I know how hard it is to run a business. I know what it feels like to work a sixty-hour week and then get hit with a tax bill that wipes out your profits for the quarter. From one small business owner to another, this favor matters. Please let us borrow it.

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