On the train to New York.

DORIS

They came to the front door.

LYNETTE

When?

DORIS

In the night. You hear the doorbell ring, the first thing you think . . .

LYNETTE

Something bad has happened. Were they in uniform?

DORIS

No, they were in . . . suits. Dark suits.

LYNETTE

They were detectives. And what did they say? . . .

DORIS

They said we have some terrible news. And I said . . . is it about Michael?

LYNETTE

You knew.

DORIS

Somebody shot him. They shot my brother in some bar. He’s in the hospital.

LYNETTE

But he’s alive.

DORIS

Nothing makes sense. People shooting each other.

LYNETTE

Even the president.

DORIS

I went to the Capitol. I waited in line to pay my respects.

LYNETTE

It won’t stop there.

DORIS

What do you mean?

LYNETTE

The president, that’s on the beginning. (Beat) I shouldn’t have told you.

DORIS

What are you saying?

LYNETTE

Do you know why I went to D.C. today?

DORIS

I don’t.

LYNETTE

I’m going to tell you something. My name is Lynette. Lynette Porter. I want you to remember my name. (Beat) Say my name.

DORIS

Lynette Porter.

LYNETTE

Remember what I look like.

DORIS

I should . . . we’re almost at the station.

LYNETTE

If one day you read in the paper that I died. If they say my car crashed, or I burned in a fire. Remember. Whatever you read. It’s not the truth.

DORIS

Why do you say that?

LYNETTE

Because I know things. They can kill presidents. They won’t stop there.

DORIS

Please . . .

LYNETTE

What hospital is your brother in? Where is it located?

DORIS

. . . Lenox Hill. East 75th?

LYNETTE

Lenox Hill hospital is located on East 77th Street.

DORIS

I meant 77th. I was confused . . . (. . .)

LYNETTE

Just read the paper. If you see my picture, you’ll know.

DORIS

I’m sorry if I . . . I just needed someone to talk to.

LYNETTE

Your brother will recover. Just remember what we talked about. It’s important to remember.

DORIS

I will.

LYNETTE

That’s all we can do.