

EMMA

EMMA #1

Stefan watches others nodding agreement. He sees Emma stand, gather her courage.

EMMA My family came from Oklahoma ten years ago, runnin' from the lynchings. My husband died, fighting for this country. But now, they up and changed the law. You got this color skin and they won't let you in no more.

Stefan takes it in, deeply moved.

All's I'm saying is, we got lots of hurts between us - all of us here. And I don't know what we can do to change all that. But I do know the more we do nothing, the more nothing changes.

EMMA #2

1 A.J. & SUSAN'S LIVING ROOM

EMMA Ma'am?

SUSAN Yes, Emma?

EMMA I'm not wanting you to think I'm ungrateful. But I've been thinking on it and -

SUSAN Not you too, Emma? If it's about your wage, we could probably afford a little more.

EMMA But Ma'am, I've been here for seven years and not once did you offer me a raise.

SUSAN If you go out, I can't promise A.J. would take you back. You have to think about your child.

EMMA It's my Joey I'm thinking about. He needs to see when the call came, his mother stood up and answered.

Emma nods righteously, leaves Susan dumbstruck.