

Miss Saigon "Room 317"

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Room 317

(A hotel room)

KIM

good evening, maam

ELLEN

don't turn the bed yet

KIM

I'm not the maid

ELLEN

what do you want then?

KIM

they must have written the room number wrong
I am looking for someone named Christopher Scott
three-seventeen, oh I'm sorry... unless
well, you must be, of course, you're John's wife, are you
not?

ELLEN

oh God, I see
it had to happen
you must be Kim
Chris went to find you
please come inside
no one will hurt you
I'm Chris's wife
my name is Ellen

(KIM doesn't move)

ELLEN

in a way, I am glad I am meeting you first
understand, you were only a name till tonight
I don't know how I'd feel if our roles were reversed
please won't you sit down

KIM

tell me you are lying

ELLEN

we've been married a year, I am sorry, it's true

KIM

he said he'd come to get me

ELLEN

he says he tried to reach you, but what could he do?

KIM

please tell me you're not married
you don't know, you can't know what I've done to be
here

ELLEN

you don't know how he needed a new start

KIM

I feel walls in my heart
closing in
I can't breathe
I can't win

ELLEN

as for the child
you say it's Chris's

KIM

oh yes, Madame
my son is Chris's
I had a dream for my son to belong
and not live his life in the streets like a rat

ELLEN

we aren't rich, but we'll shoulder our load
Chris and I are totally together on that

KIM

then you must take Tam with you

ELLEN

take a child from his mother, impossible Kim

KIM

you will take Tam with you
then he'll get what I wanted for him

ELLEN

but Kim, your child needs you

Chris is married to me, we want kids of our own

KIM

Tam's chance lies with you now, not with me

BOTH

no!

can't you see

it won't work

it can't be

KIM

if you're saying that because you've made him change
his mind

Chris must go away and leave me and his son behind
if you're saying that because my husband has another
wife

my child has no future, like the dust of life
he must come tonight to my place
tell me so to my face

(KIM exits)

ELLEN

I don't want this

I didn't come here

to meet a girl

who loves my husband

I came here to help, but what do I do?

now, after this, what do I . . .

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