

ACT ONE, SCENE EIGHT

A Harvard Law party. Vivienne and Warner enter.

VIVIENNE

Whitney, darling!

(WHITNEY approaches)

Thank you for hosting this.

WHITNEY

My pleasure.

VIVIENNE

We all needed a break from law school anxieties and worrying about Callahan's internship.

VIVIENNE hands her a bottle of wine.

WHITNEY

Thank you. You can say that again. Please enjoy yourselves, mingle.

WHITNEY wanders off, the consummate hostess.

VIVIENNE

You do know that Whitney's father is next in line to be the Speaker of the House?

WARNER

So you've said.

VIVIENNE

Just think of it: Future presidents may be in this very room.

Warner is silent.

I'm going to track down Robert Coleman and convince him he must join our study group. Apparently his summer house is three houses down from Justice Souter.

(VIVIENNE exits)

WARNER

Great. I'm gonna go get a beer.

ELLE enters the party dressed as a Playboy bunny. She is the only one in a costume.

Proverbial record scratch moment — Music stops.

Everyone is silent, stunned.

Instantly she realizes she's been duped when she sees VIVIENNE and friends giggling hysterically at the sight of her.

One of the students whistles.