

SIDE for HARVEY, ESTHER, ARTHUR, and MILDRED

MILDRED: (laughing) Don't sound so excited, Harvey! Or we'll have to ditch you two and make new best friends!

ARTHUR: Oh please, Mildred. At our age? We don't have time to make new friends! Besides, with our minds going the way they are, even our old friends are new friends! (laughing)

ESTHER: And that is why it's so important to get together! We need to keep our minds sharp so we can remember all those great times!

HARVEY: Esther, I'm tired of remembering old times!

ARTHUR: Me too!

MILDRED: Oh for god's sake, you can't remember what happened 5 minutes ago!

ARTHUR: What are you talking about?! (MILDRED and ARTHUR laugh)

ESTHER: Honestly Harvey, what are you talking about?

HARVEY: I'm talking about life, Esther! Or, the lack there is of it for us anymore. All we ever do is sit here in these rocking chairs, on this porch, sipping lemonade and watching life go by!

MILDRED: I find watching things very satisfying. The internet has some great stuff!

HARVEY: Well, I'm tired of it! I've been on this planet 95 years and this is the best there is? Bah!

Harvey throws glass of lemonade into a nearby fountain.

ESTHER: Harvey! Why did you throw your nice glass of lemonade into our lovely fountain? Oh what a waste!

MILDRED: Not a waste, Esther – a revelation! I've been dying for a fountain of lemonade close by. Now I never have to get up to refill!

HARVEY: Ugh! See! You've all lost it! That need for life! For excitement!

MILDRED: Well, if I may – outside of me, you all never had that much excitement anyway!