

EMERSON
We don't need a butler.

ROSE
Will Branch is in my house.

EMERSON
Rose, will you stop saying that?

WILL
Am I late?

ALL
No.

EMERSON
I haven't had time to explain everything to everyone. It's been a crazy evening.

WILL
I brought these for...

No one moves.

WILL (CONT.)
Okay. (WILL clears his throat) This happens all the time.

WILL flashes a beautiful smile.

ROSE giggles.

MARIE
I'll take those and put them in some water.

MARIE takes the flowers, finds a vase, and
puts the flowers into the vase.

EMERSON
Rose, go back to your room and wait for your pizza.

ROSE
But, I'd rather be here.

Rose...
EMERSON

Fine. (waving) Bye, Will.
ROSE

ROSE exits into her room.

Collyn, why don't you work on dinner?
EMERSON

Hum? What?
COLLYN

Dinner?
EMERSON

Dinner. Yes. (smiling at WILL) It won't take me any time to throw together dinner.
COLLYN

Mmmmm. (leading WILL to the couch) Would you like to sit down? I was really surprised you were free to do this.
EMERSON

COLLYN follows WILL and EMERSON to the couch. WILL sits on the couch. EMERSON sits in a chair. COLLYN sits on the couch close to WILL.

I'm taking a little break.
WILL

I didn't know soaps let you do that.
COLLYN

He's in Antarctica right now.
MARIE
(entering and sitting on the couch close to WILL on his other side)

Real-ly? COLLYN

For six months. WILL

Six months?! MARIE

I'm doing research. WILL

MARIE
I knew you were gone but I didn't know it was for six months.

WILL
It won't be six months in real time. You know how soaps are...one day you're having a baby...a year later he's going off to college.

COLLYN
That's true. I missed a month and didn't recognize anyone.

WILL
So you're a fan?

COLLYN
One of the biggest.

MARIE
Me, too. I'm a fan, too.

WILL
Would you like me to sign something for you?

COLLYN
(running off to get a piece of paper)
Oh, would you?!

WILL pulls out a pen he carries just for these occasions.

MARIE opens the maids costume and shows
him her bra.

MARIE

Just sign anywhere.

EMERSON

Mother!

MARIE

What? He doesn't mind. (to WILL) You don't mind, do you? (to EMERSON) I'm sure it
happens all the time.

WILL signs MARIE's bra.

COLLYN

I found a magazine. Sign right here.

WILL

That's not me.

COLLYN

I'll just paste your head on him later.

WILL hesitates and then signs.

MARIE

So you're free until Days of Night calls?

WILL

I'll make guest appearances. They're working on a new story line for me. It seems the
fans weren't very happy about my leaving.

COLLYN

Anything you can talk about?

WILL

It's all very top secret.

MARIE

Are they bringing Celeste back?