## The Antlers

"Please, curtains in. Start us off...You swing first. Sorry. I don't know what I said, but you're crying now again, and that o nly makes it worse. Let me do my job. let me do my job.

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"Please. please calm down. Steady out, I'm terrified. Sorry, I want us to ally, but you swing on little knives. They're only s harp on one side. Let me do my job. Let me do my job.

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"Sylvia, can't you see what you are doing? Can't you see I'm sc ared to speak, and I hate my voice 'cause it only makes you ang ry. Sylvia, I only talk when you are sleeping. That's when I te ll you everything. And I imagine that somehow you're going to h ear me..."