

VAL & DI

SCENE 2

(Di and Val face the audience, addressing an unseen Vivian. Still beautifully dressed, but with a few added accessories and their makeup and hair done, they look like celebrities at an event.)

VAL

(quietly, playfully, seductively)

Hi...

DI

We couldn't help but notice that you've been thinking of us a lot.

VAL

We're the Ds? As in D-DMA? She's Digoxin.

DI

Actually I go by Di. No pun intended.

VAL

And I'm Diazepam, or valium. But I go by Val. Since she's already using Di.

DI

There are others. Mo. Ami. That, um...

(to VAL)

who's that one who does the anti-nausea?

VAL

Oh yeah...

DI

But we're the stars. We're the ones who really finish you off.

VAL

She's heart-stopping. Truly.

DI

Mmm-hmm. And she'll take your breath away.

VAL

(playfully, to DI)

Stop!

(to the audience, simply, but firmly)

Stop.

(VAL and DI freeze for a long beat.)

VAL

It's that simple.

DI

Feels quite natural.

VAL

I love nature.

DI

Me too! Nature is just so...

VAL

Soothing.

DI

Efficient. Nothing goes to waste. And things happen when they're supposed to.

VAL

The seeds sprout. The leaves shed.

DI

When a tree falls down, it doesn't care if it makes a sound.

VAL

Sound is so overrated.

DI

The tree also doesn't care that it takes years to rot from the inside *before* it falls down.

VAL

Falling down is actually underrated.

DI

I like to say, I'm informed by nature, but not bound by its laws.

VAL

And I like to say, you are not a tree.

DI

Anyway, we don't have to sell you. Our work speaks for itself.

VAL AND DI

We're your last best friends.

DI

We kick pain in the teeth.

VAL

We banish fear forever.

VAL AND DI

You can count on us.