

**JASMINE.** Kim. This is home now. You're a dead pairing, like all of us. Whatever you're thinking, you'd best forget it. You're never going to leave. Your family won't come, they have to forget you. You remind them of bad things, about themselves. You think they want that?

**KIM.** I have a little sister.

**JASMINE.** Maybe she'll come. Maybe not. They'll know when she's read.

*(JASMINE goes.)*

*(Home, a bright morning. The FATHER enters with EVE, who's holding a balloon.)*

**EVE and FATHER.** Surprise!

*(EVE hugs KIM.)*

**EVE.** Kimmy, Kimmy, Kimmy, Kimmy, Kimmy!

**KIM.** Don't, you'll mess my hair! Silly.

**EVE.** It's your big day! Hug.

**KIM.** I can't, the shuttle is here, I'll be late.

**EVE.** Hug!

**KIM.** Oh, you goose.

*(KIM hugs her.)*

**EVE.** What's a goose?

**KIM.** It's an animal. From the old days. Four legs, feathers. Quack, quack, quack.

**EVE.** You are so smart. You'll be an astronaut.

**KIM.** Because I know what a goose is?

**EVE.** Astronauts are smart. I bet that's what you get. Astronaut.

**KIM.** Do you know what an astronaut does?

**EVE.** Something smart.

**KIM.** Well, I should get going.

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