

VIVIAN

You don't want a family?

CHARLOTTE

I'm just having such a good time with my work and with you; I don't want to stop.

VIVIAN

I can't imagine not having a family; I've always seen myself as a mother.

CHARLOTTE

I think I only did before...before you. But now. I don't know, I see so many other possibilities. I don't have to be a part of that life. I don't have to have children. I don't have to have a husband.

VIVIAN

Why, Charlotte!

CHARLOTTE

No, I mean, I understand that I have to have a husband because I am already married but...if he didn't come back...I wouldn't have to re-marry. I've figured out how to earn money, albeit somewhat small. I could probably learn to take care of myself. But, more importantly, I would already have the person I was truly destined to be with at my side. You.

(beat)

That's a hateful thing to think about my own husband.

VIVIAN

It was a beautiful thing to say about me. But you have to remember, you're not having these thoughts because you actually want them to die. Or for the war to continue. So it's not truly hateful.

CHARLOTTE

I'm pretty sure James would disagree.

VIVIAN

(stops brushing)

There are many things that James would disagree with, I think.

(SHE seductively runs a finger down CHARLOTTE's neck)