

Scene 7, Suzie is reunited with her high school chum, Pussy Whetmore. Pussy, an alien scientist, has stopped by Suzie's home in the middle of the night, only to find Suzie and her husband Dick, peacefully at home. Or are they???

PUSSY

It's nice to see you again, Dick. Suzie, I was coming to check on you after the party, and I don't mean to alarm you in any way, but as I approached this neighborhood, my detecto-meter began to vibrate, and my keen scientific sensibilities were aroused. I made a quick sweep of the surrounding area and here in your living room, and this may sound strange- but I have readings that there is indeed some paranormal activity taking place in this vicinity.

DICK

What are you saying? That there have been UFOs in my house? Now that's pure hogwash!

PUSSY

I'm saying that there is a possibility that alien life forms have recently made contact within the earth's atmosphere, and my readings detect compatibility with this immediate geographical area.

SUZIE

You mean, right here in Pleasure Valley?

PUSSY

These are preliminary readings, and I must conduct more scientific research, but yes, it's a distinct possibility.

DICK

I mean no disrespect, but aliens in Pleasure Valley- it's nothing short of preposterous. And I would appreciate you not startling my wife with these ridiculous notions. UFOs in Pleasure Valley- I'm going up to bed. Good evening, Pussy, and good luck! Coming honey?

SUZIE

In a minute, dear.

(Internal monologue moment: each character remains frozen in place, facing the audience and in position several feet from each other. Spotlight on each character only when HE/SHE is "speaking".)

PUSSY/VOICEOVER

I should have expected they would react this way. They can't possibly understand the enormity of this discovery. And if Suzie wears that perfume again, it will take every fiber of my being to prevent me from ripping her clothes off. UFOs are here! UFOs are here! UFOs are here!

SUZIE/VOICEOVER

I don't know what's real anymore. Was Reverend Fowler actually here? Was I on a game show? Could I have dreamed that up? I feel so strange. What's happening to me? Is Dick ever going to go upstairs so I can be alone with Pussy? Did I just say that?

DICK/VOICEOVER

I hope those cookies I hid in my underwear drawer are still there.

(Lights and action back to normal, DICK exits to bedroom)

PUSSY

I'm sorry if this seems far-fetched, Suzie. But I am concerned for you, for all of Pleasure Valley.

SUZIE

I appreciate that, Pussy. But what could possibly happen in Pleasure Valley?

PUSSY

I don't know, but something is, I can sense it. Good night, Suzie.

SUZIE

Good night, Pussy. Thank you for checking up on me. That was considerate of you.

(SUZIE squeezes PUSSY's hand.)

PUSSY

My pleasure. It's sure going to be nice getting reacquainted. That's if the alien life forms don't get here first. Sweet dreams.

(PUSSY exits. SUZIE closes the door – beat, then crosses into the kitchen. She places the case on the table in front of her.)

SUZIE

I don't know what this is, but no matter how long it takes, I'm going to figure it out. And then, I will sell it to every resident of Pleasure Valley!

(She laughs maniacally. BLACKOUT)

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