

EXT. BUNGALOW-HOUSE - ADELAIDE DRIVE

EVELYN

How are you? I-I've been calling you -
it's alright.

GITTES

-- Yeah?

EVELYN

Have you-- have you slept?

GITTES

Sure.

EVELYN

Have you had lunch? Kahn can ah.. fix
you some dinner--

GITTES

-- where's the girl?

EVELYN

Upstairs. Why?

GITTES

I want to see her.

EVELYN

...she's having a bath right now...

why do

you want to see her?

Gittes continues to look around. He sees clothes
laid out for packing in a bedroom off the living
room.

GITTES

can afford it.

EVELYN

Will you please tell me what
this is all about?

Gittes looks at her -- then takes the
handkerchief out of
his breast pocket -- unfolds it on a coffee
table, revealing
the bifocal glasses, one lens still intact.
Evelyn stares dumbly at them.

GITTES

I found these in your backyard --
in your pond. They belonged to
your husband, didn't they?... didn't
they?

EVELYN

I don't know. yes, probably.

GITTES

-- yes positively. That's where he
was drowned...

EVELYN

What?

GITTES

There's no time for you to be
shocked by the truth. The

coroner's report proves he had salt water in his lungs when he was killed. Just take my word for it, alright? Now I want to know how it happened and why. I want to know before Escobar gets here because I don't want to lose my license.

EVELYN

-- I don't know what you're talking about. This is the craziest, most insane..

GITTES

Stop it!

GITTES (CONT'D)

I'm gonan make it easy for you. You were jealous you had a fight he fell he hit his head it was an accident but his girl is a witness so you had to shut her up you don't have the guts to harm her but you have the money to keep her mouth shut YES OR NO?

EVELYN

... no!...

GITTES

Who is she? And don't give me that

crap about your sister.

Because you don't have a sister.

Evelyn is trembling.

EVELYN

I'll tell you. I'll tell you
the truth...

GITTES

Good. what's her name?

EVELYN

Katherine.

GITTES

Katherine who?

EVELYN

She's my daughter.

Gittes stares at her. He's been charged with
anger and when

Evelyn says this it explodes. He hits her full
in the face.

GITTES

I said I want the truth!

EVELYN

She's my sister -

Gittes slaps her again.

EVELYN

(continuing)

-- she's my daughter.

Gittes slaps her again.

EVELYN

(continuing)

-- my sister.

He hits her again.

EVELYN

(continuing)

My daughter --

He belts her finally, knocking her into a cheap Chinese vase

which shatters and she collapses on the sofa, sobbing.

GITTES

I said I want the truth.

EVELYN

(almost screaming it)

She's my sister and my daughter!

Kahm comes running down the stairs.

EVELYN

Kahn please go back. For God's sake, keep her upstairs, go back!

Kahn turns after staring at Gittes for a moment

then goes back upstairs.

EVELYN

(continuing)

-- my father and I, understand, or
is it too tough for you?

Gittes

He raped you?... Then what
happened?

EVELYN

I ran away...

GITTES

to Mexico?

EVELYN

Hollis came and took... care
of me.. I couldn't see her...
I was 15. I wanted to but I ,
I couldn't... Then... Now I
want to be with her. I want
to take care of her...

GITTES

Where are you going to take her now?

EVELYN

Back to Mexico.

GITTES

Well you can't take the train. Escobar'll be looking for you everywhere.

EVELYN

Well, h-how how about a plane?

GITTES

No, that's worse... You better just get out of here. Leave all this stuff here...where does Kahn live? Get the exact address

EVELYN

All right. Those didn't belong to Hollis.

GITTES

How do you know?

EVELYN

He didn't wear bifocals.

Gittes picks up the glasses, stares at the lens, is momentarily lost in them.

