

LEGENDS OF THE FALL (Susannah and Alfred)

ALFRED

(Enters) I heard the oddest news.

SUSANNAH

(Susannah, seated brushing her hair) Yes?

ALFRED

Tristan is back.

SUSANNAH

Yes, I know.

ALFRED

You know? How do you know?

SUSANNAH

I saw him.

ALFRED

(Angry) You mean to tell me, he had the audacity to come here, just to see you?

SUSANNAH

No. He wanted to see you, but he thought you'd get upset. I think he might be right.

ALFRED

Oh. Well, what did he say?

SUSANNAH

He said to say hello, and congratulations.

ALFRED

(they hug) Silly, me. (laughs) (Susannah laughs too) Well, what do you think? (Susannah laughs again, pretending she knows what he's talking about) (Alfred walks away, sits, starts to unlace his shoes) Come on. It's perfectly absurd. Marrying Isabel. God, she's practically our sister. (This

hits Susannah hard, she had no idea, it's killing her, but trying not to let on) I mean, she can't be more than what? 19?

SUSANNAH

Twenty. (Holding back her tears)

ALFRED

You know what? I can't imagine what the hell is Decker thinking to allow this?

SUSANNAH

(Still fighting how destroyed she is) Well, perhaps he's thinking of his daughter's happiness.
(Sits, brushes hair again)

ALFRED

Happiness? With Tristan? I think you above all people should know how impossible that prospect is.

SUSANNAH

Well, I'm not Isabell.

END