

SCENE 2

(Night. Two weeks later. The interior of Henry's house, which Alice has inherited. She is living there at the moment, unsure of what she will do next.)

The stage reveals the main room of the ranch house. The full moon lights the room softly. Alice emerges from the bedroom carrying an oil lamp.)

ALICE:

Even my sleep is troubled.
Henry willed me his ranch,
And I like it here.
But at night,
Sometimes my dreams turn dark.
My last dream was dreadful!
Someone was inside the house!
I tried to cry for help.
But no sound left my mouth.

Calm down.
It was only a dream.
It felt so real.
But it was just a dream.
Calm down.
I know I am alone.

(Victor emerges from hiding.)

VICTOR:

You are never alone, my beauty.

ALICE:

My God! You monster!
How dare you invade my home?!

VICTOR:

I will dare anything to see you.
Your face invades my dreams.

ALICE:

Leave this house!
I despise you!

VICTOR:

I will leave. I won't hurt you.
But first I must plead my case.