

006 PHILIPPINE

I'm over here, Josephine, by the rose bushes. Maman wanted flowers in the dining room.

JOSEPHINE WALKS ALONG THE GARDEN PATH TO FIND HER. THE SOUND OF SCISSORS SNIPPING ROSES

**START >>>**

007 JOSEPHINE

Ah, yes. I see you now! Here we are, eighteen and still playing hide and seek in the garden!

008 PHILIPPINE

Some things never change. Oh, Josephine, isn't this a beautiful day? I always feel so happy in the garden.

009 JOSEPHINE

I'm feeling happy, period!

PHILIPPINE GETS UP FROM KNEELING

010 PHILIPPINE

Does this have something to do with that man your father arranged for you to meet?

011 JOSEPHINE

It does.

012 PHILIPPINE

Then you like him?

013 JOSEPHINE

I like him very much. In fact, we're officially engaged!

014 PHILIPPINE

Oh, Josephine, I'm so happy for you!

SHE HUGS JOSEPHINE

015 JOSEPHINE

Thank you, Philippine.

016 PHILIPPINE

Here, let's sit down on this garden bench. I want to hear everything. What did you think when you met him?

They sit on the bench together.

017 JOSEPHINE

Well, from the very first moment we met, I could tell he's a good man. A kind man. I liked him immediately. And... He's very handsome.

018 PHILIPPINE

(teasingly)

You always wanted to marry a handsome man.

019 JOSEPHINE

Oh, Philippine, I can hardly believe it. I'm engaged to...

(grandly)

Jacques-Fortunat de Savoye-Fallin.

020 PHILIPPINE

Who happens to be the advocate general of the Grenoble parliament!

021 JOSEPHINE

Papa chose well.

022 PHILIPPINE

Does it matter he's so much older than you?

023 JOSEPHINE

Not at all. I know he'll be a wonderful husband. And father.

024 PHILIPPINE

Give me another hug!

THEY HUG AGAIN

025 JOSEPHINE

I just wish you could be as happy as I am.

026 PHILIPPINE

I am happy.

027 JOSEPHINE

You know what I mean.

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028 PHILIPPINE

I've given myself to Jesus.